

Attorney Leggat heads Academy Trustees

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WESTFORD) John F. Leggat former chairman of the School Committee and town moderator was elected president of the Trustees of Westford Academy at the 187th annual meeting of the board. He succeeds the late Richard W. Hall.

Mr. Leggat, who has made his home at 5 Boston Road for over twenty years, has a law office in Lowell where he was former president of the Lowell Bar Association. He is active in the United Fund and other agencies and is presently chairman of the Board of Trustees of Lowell General Hospital.

He has a long Westford background as his grandfather, Thomas H. Elliott, once owned the farm where the Old Oaken Bucket restaurant is now located. Uncles Robert H. and Herford N. Elliot were successive residents of the land on Hildreth Street across from Prospect Hill.

Former secretary of the trustees for a number of years, his place has now been taken by Mrs. Bette Hook, for twenty-five years a popular teacher at the Academy.

F. Kennard Fletcher, former selectman and a long time local resident, has been named vice president. His grandfather, Herbert F. Fletcher, served as a trustee 55 years until his death in 1956.

A. Dana Fletcher, re-named treasurer and his new assistant will be Mrs. Eileen Anderson, a member of the Class of 1935 and who has been a trustee for the past two years.

New Scholarships

It was announced the two new scholarships had been added each in the amount of \$2,000. Proceeds from these funds are invested and will apply toward

yearly scholarships starting in 1981.

Mrs. Barbara Hildreth Parkhurst, an active member of the Class of 1936, has given the sum in memory of her parents, Arthur G. and Bertha Norris Hildreth. He was a former school committee member, trustee and teacher. Mrs. Hildreth was active in town affairs and taught at the Academy.

The other scholarship is in the memory of Richard W. Hall, who died unexpectedly in April after serving one term as president of the board. He was a retired chief engineer of C. G. Sargent & Sons and active in Masonic work and the Golden Age Club.

Allister F. MacDougall, a past president, was leted when it was announced that he had served on the board for 45 years and would be 89 years on July 18.

Financial Duties

While the trustees no longer participate in the management of the school, they function as guardians of funds of over one third million dollars, accumulated over the years. Among this year's graduating seniors, \$12,000 was distributed to 78 students to aid them financially to attend schools of higher learning.

Distribution of the scholarships were made through the scholarship committee of which Mrs. Hook is chairman, and Alan W. Bell and A. Dana Fletcher working with Mrs. Mary Westcott, Academy guidance counsellor.

This year's distribution was helped greatly by a fund of \$15,000 set up for the defunct Nabnasset Boosters Club plus an annual communications award of \$400 or more provided by one of the trustees.