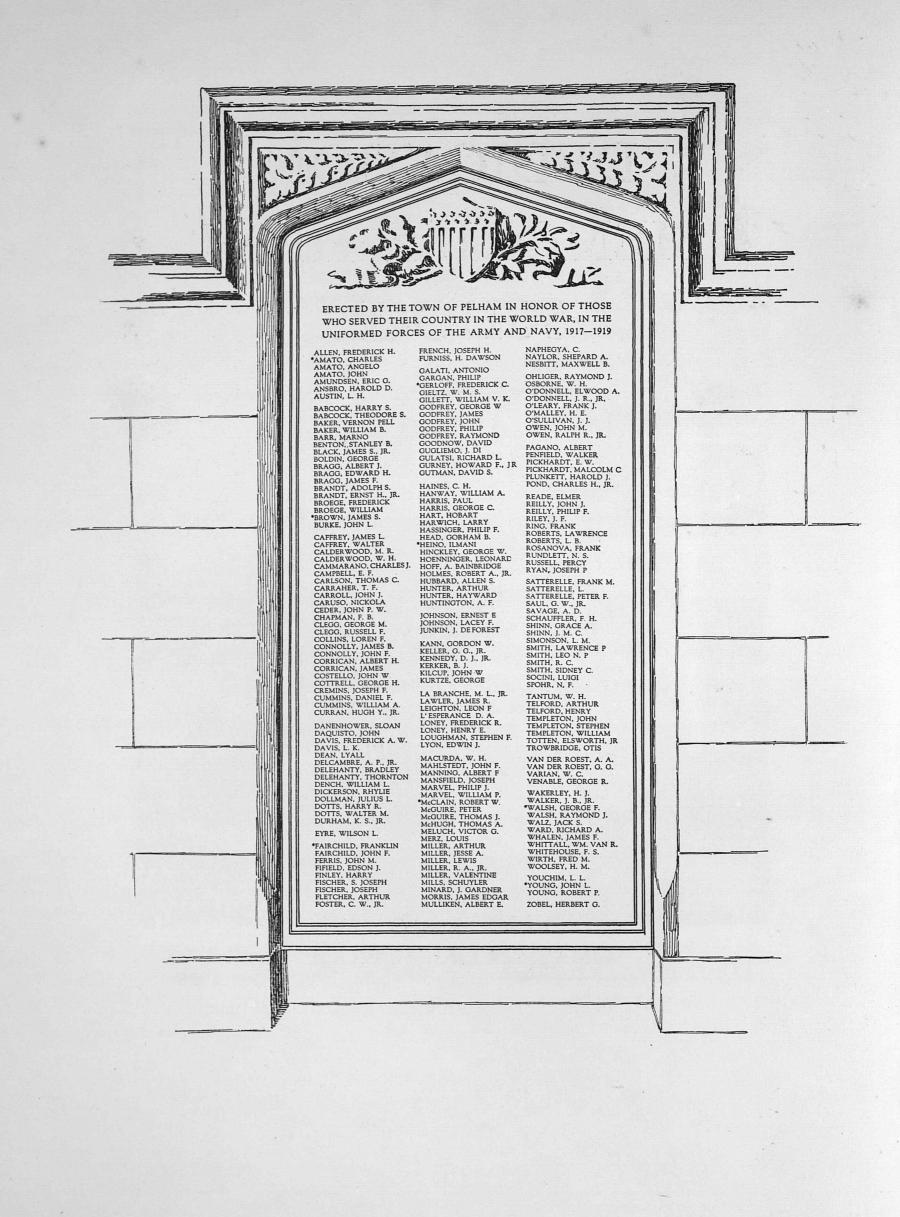


"Honor Here The Ideals For Which They Fought"

## DEDICATION MEMORIAL HIGH SCHOOL



PELHAM, NEW YORK MAY SIXTH, MCMXXII





HE building dedicated tonight had its beginning in the appointment of the School Extension Committee in February, 1917. This Committee employed the services of Dr. George D. Strayer and others of Teachers' College as experts, and upon their report the present site was selected. Subsequently the district authorized three appropriations totaling \$373,000 for the site and construction of the building. The

Board of Education decided that this building should be a permanent memorial to the men and women who went out from the Pelhams to take their places in the great war, and tonight it is so dedicated as the Memorial High School.

Because of war-time conditions building operations were delayed, and it was not until September 16, 1919, that President James turned the first shovelful of earth toward the construction of the building.

The corner stone was laid on the day of the Home-Coming Celebration, October 18, 1919, under Masonic auspices. On the same day the athletic field of seven and one-quarter acres was dedicated as Roosevelt Field, on which was raised a great flag-pole bearing a bronze tablet commemorating this event. This flag-pole is the gift of a member of the Board of Education.

The construction of this building doubtless covered the most trying period in the history of building operations. Delays through labor troubles and slow delivery of materials postponed the occupation of the building until September 19, 1921, when it was still incomplete.

The large quantities of attractive native stone available on the property, of which the walls of the building are constructed, had its influence in determining the style of architecture employed. The architectural style of the Memorial High School is Collegiate Gothic, and was chosen because it is a traditional style of institutions of learning, and because it permits of massed windows, desirable for instructional rooms. The treatment of



the tower was made to emphasize the axis of the building and to define its main approach.

The Academic Department of the Public Schools of the Pelhams was admitted to the University of the State of New York on January 25, 1911, and was registered as a high school on March 4, 1915.

The steady growth of the Academic Department is indicated by the fact that in 1911, the date of admission, the registration was 27, and in 1915, the date of the issuance of the High School Charter, the registration was 83. During the first year in the history of this new building the registration, including the Junior High School, will exceed 440.

The total registration for this ten-year period in our schools has increased from 396 to over 1100, while the only increase in school accommodations is the Memorial High School building.

## **PROGRAM**

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## THOMAS J. JAMES, PRESIDING

President of the Board of Education

Invocation .		•			Rev. J. McVickar Haight
Solo "Lest We Forget	<i>"</i>				Knight MacGregor
Address .	•	·			Hon. Benjamin L. Fairchild
Presentation of Color Representing		m Post			Kneeland S. Durham, Jr. American Legion
Acceptance .	•		•		John T. Logan
Presentation of Bible				•	Harold S. Archer
Representing Winyah Lodge No. 866 F. & A. M.					
Remarks .					
	Historia	an of th	be Tou	vn of P	Pelham
Unveiling of Memor	ial Tab	let		•	Hon. Charles G. F. Wahle
Roll of the Gold Star	s.		•		Major David A. L'Esperance
Taps	•		1.00		Sergeant Stanlon
Prayer					Rev. Lewis Gaston Leary
Singing of "America,	" the la	ıst star	nza		The Audience
Presentation of the Building to the School District L. Ogden Thompson Chairman of the Building Committee					
Acceptance on behalf	of the	Distri	ict		Thomas J. James
Dedicatory Address			•		Hon. James W. Wadsworth
Singing of "The Star	Spangle	ed Ban	ner''	•	The Audience
Benediction .					Rev. Herbert H. Brown

Music by Twenty-second Infantry Band, Governors Island Col. F. L. Faison, Commanding

