

## The Round Table

### Table for Lawmakers

#### Wood Class to Make Project; Expect Completion by June

Round Table is finally going to get a table for its meetings. They have been anticipating this for quite some time and it is now being realized.

Earlier in the year Round Table sponsored an eighth grade mixer from which they received \$20 and PTA contributed \$15 to complete the necessary funds.

One corner of Mr. Langford's room will be set aside as headquarters for Round Table exclusively and the new table, when finished will be placed there. All meetings and Round Table business will be carried on at this place. Mr. Langford hopes to carry out this theme with shields hung on the wall.

A committee has approached the wood classes about making the visualized table. Definite plans haven't been made but the committee would like it to be big enough for all of the officers to sit around it. There has been discussion of inscribing the names of all the boys who worked on the project on one part of the under side of the table. In another place would be put the names of this year's officers since it is their idea.

It is hoped that the table will be finished and in use by the end of this year.

This article appeared in the Tower on January 26, 1955. It describes the plan that a table be constructed to be used for meetings of the Round Table officers. The hope was expressed that the table be completed by the end of the year.

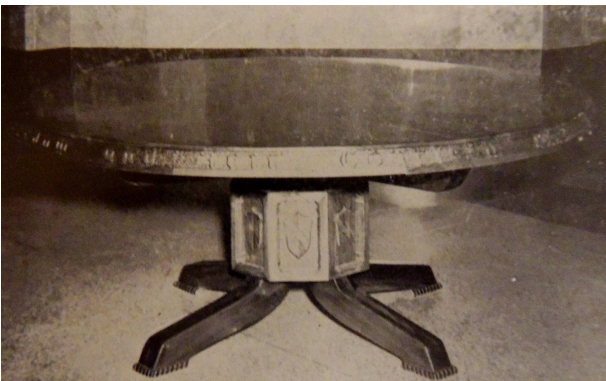
According to Jerry Leslie (SE'56), the original plans for the table did not materialize. The table was not completed by the end of the 1955 school year, and it was never used for meetings. However, most Southeast graduates will agree that the table came to represent much more than envisioned by the original plan.

Jerry was a student in Bernard Barisas's wood class. He remembers that during his junior year, Mr. Barisas and his students began work on the table. Made of walnut, pieces were cut down and shaped. Details were carved by hand. The table was beautifully finished. It took over a year to complete. Although the plan was to place the table in Mr. Langford's room for Round Table officer meetings, the finished table was too impressive for that. It was placed on display in the center of the Rotunda where it remained for decades.

Over the years, the table has been known as the Round Table. Thousands of students passed through the Rotunda, but the Round Table was not touched or defaced. It has held a place of honor and respect in the Castle, representing everything noble and good about the Knights of the Round Table.



The Round Table is currently on display in the Alumni Room as shown in this photo from a 2012 Return to the Castle event.



An early photo of the Round Table