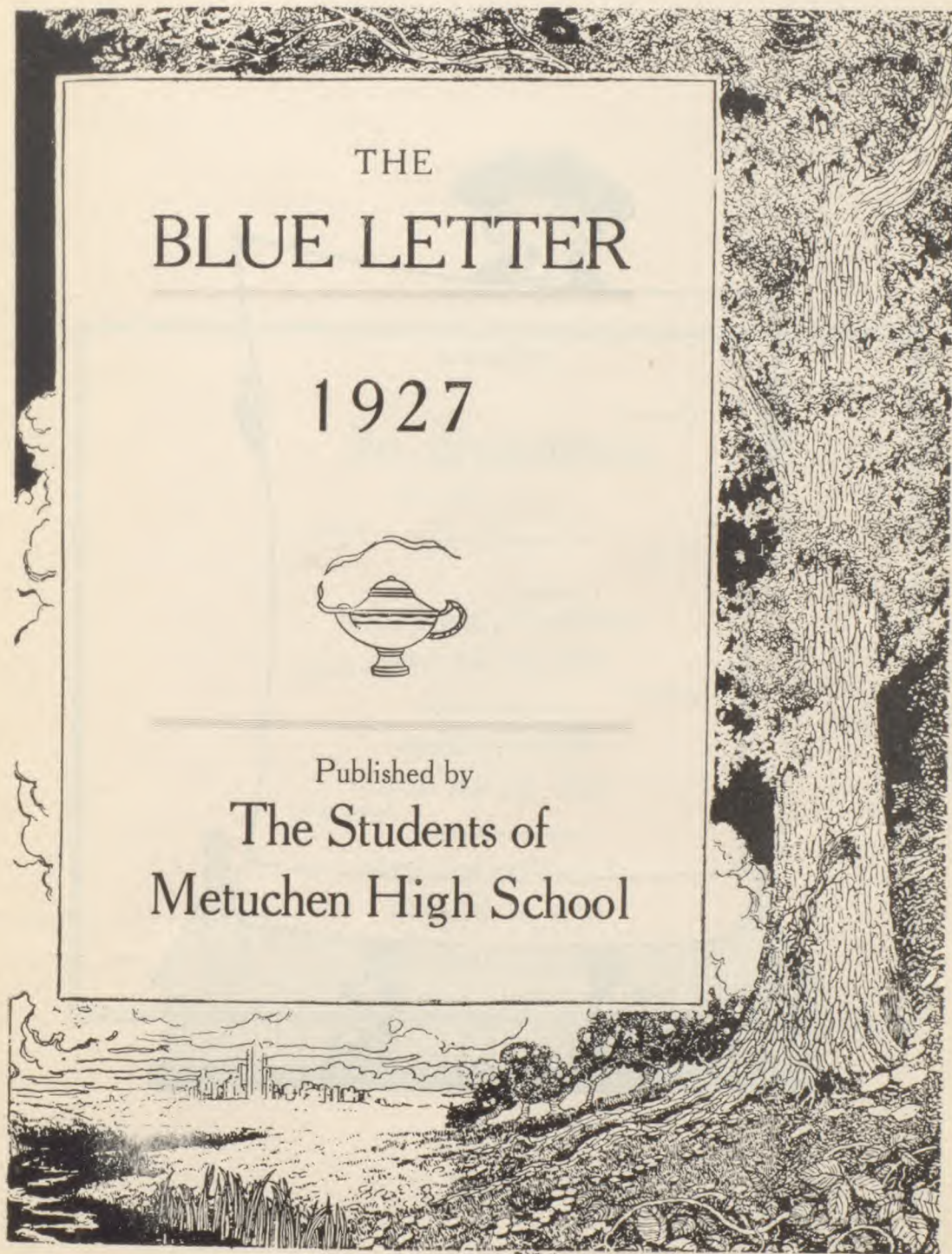


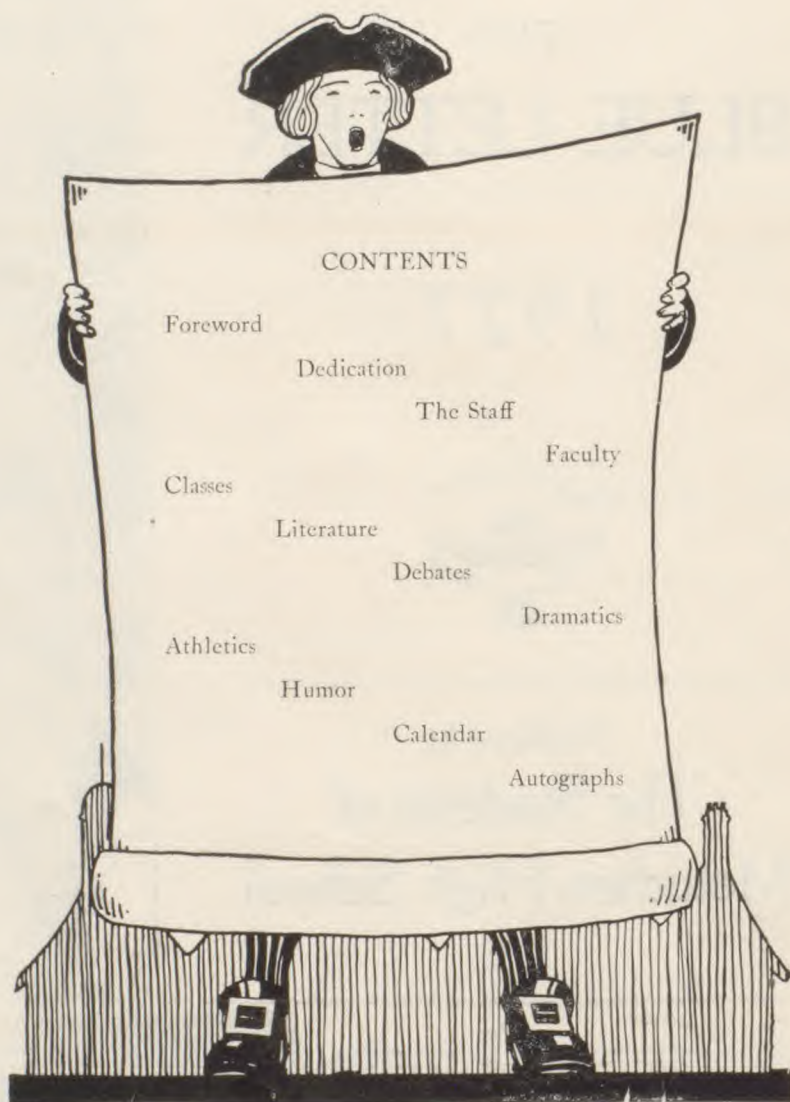
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In Memoriam

ANGELINA di LORENZO

Died July 23, 1926

HENRY LETSON

Died May 28, 1927

WILLIAM FROHLICH

Died July 26, 1926

FOREWORD

Recognition is hereby given to all those who in any way contributed to the success of the 1927 "Blue Letter."

The time and effort involved in preparing this Annual can only be appreciated by those who worked on it.

Metuchen High School may well be proud of the interest shown by the student body in perpetrating its history.

THE BLUE LETTER



This book is dedicated to Miss Thelma Dickson, who for four years has served faithfully as a faculty advisor for "The Blue Letter" and whose unselfish service is appreciated by the entire student body.

BLUE LETTER STAFF



DONALD HOMMELL *Editor-in-Chief*

EUGENE CARNEY *Humorous Editor*

GRAEME BROWNING *Literary Editor*

BEATRICE KUNTZ *Business Manager*



1927 PROGRESS

During the past year several important changes have been made in Metuchen High School. Although these changes are only a few of the many that must and will take place within a few years, they have played an important part in raising the standards of our school and have made conditions much better for the students themselves.

The first of the great changes was the installment of a physical training department. While it has only been in operation for a year the results have been exceptional. Every member of the High School should take an active interest in this work and do all in his power to put our physical training work on a par with that of other schools.

The foundation of our Student Government was laid in April. To date this organization has been a decided success. The students and faculty have taken an active interest in the success of the plan and as a result the Student Government policy seems to have taken a firm root in the High School. Of course, we must realize that it will take years to build up a real student organization such as would like to see in Metuchen High School and one that will be as good as those found in other high schools in the state.

In order to accomplish this great understanding it will take the combined efforts of all the students with the perfect co-operation of the faculty. If you have not taken an active interest in the Student Government and other school activities this year come back to school in the fall with the idea to help create a better school spirit and to strive to make Metuchen High School one of the best, if not the best, school in the state.

—The Editor.







MR. T. G. VAN KIRK, *Superintendent of Schools*

MR. E. E. SPOERL, *Teacher of Mathematics and Physics*

MISS T. E. DICKSON, *Teacher of English and Mathematics*

MISS A. F. MCKAIG, *Teacher of Latin and Chemistry*

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MISS O. REINERT, *Art Teacher*

MISS I. BRYCE, *Physical Training Instructor*

MISS J. B. FELL, *Domestic Arts Teacher*

MISS E. PIERSON, *School Nurse*

MISS E. EGOLF, *Secretary*

FAREWELL

After years of patient study
We at last have reached the day
When across life's briary valley
Each must choose a lonely way.

Now no more with hands united
Shall we strive to make our own,
What of knowledge lies around us
Each must study now alone.

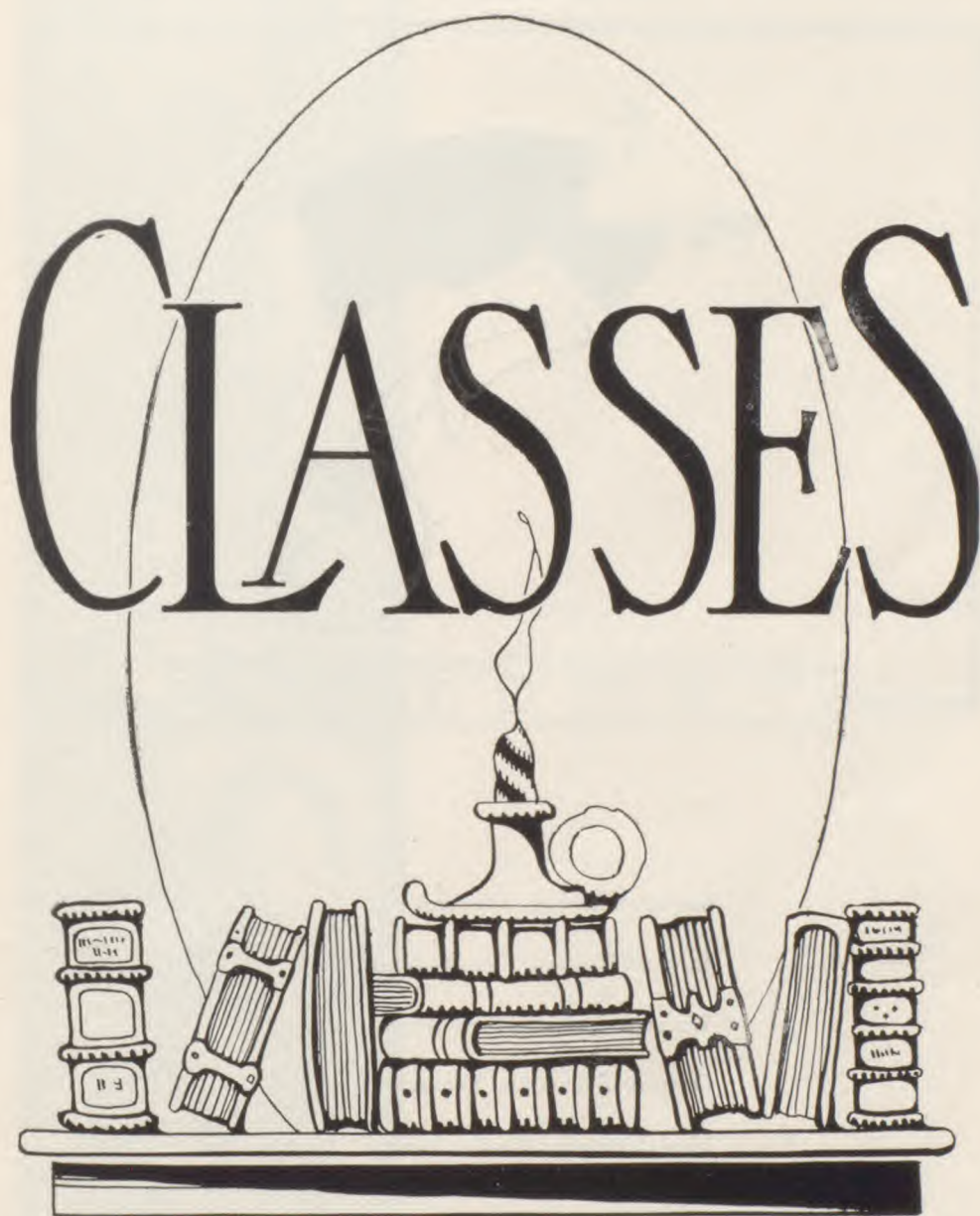
Where the thorns of life grow thickest
Wisdom's fairest flowers grow,
Fearlessly with hands outstretched
Eagerly shall each one go.

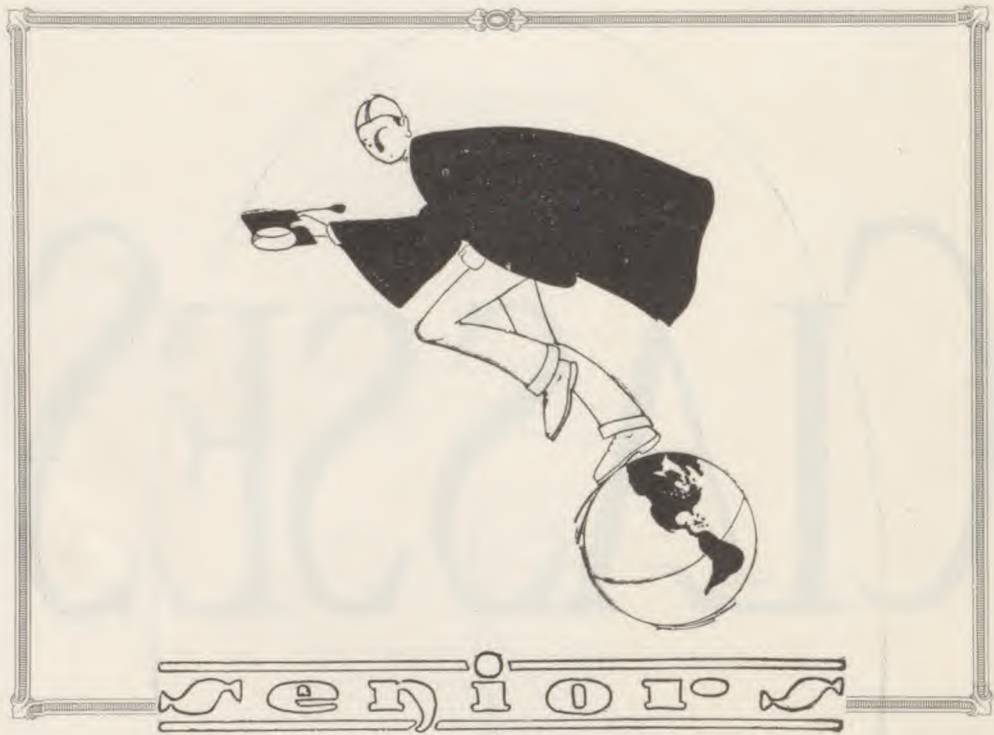
Then farewell, dear faithful teachers,
Trusty guides upon our way
'Tis with sorrow that we leave you
On our graduation day.

Farewell, to you dear schoolmates,
All our school days now are passed,
But their deeply stamped impressions
On our minds shall ever last.

May we meet again hereafter
When we reach the gates of heaven,
Faithful teachers and loved schoolmates
And the class of '27.

—*M. Critchley*, '27.





BEATRICE KUNTZ, *President*

EUGENE CARNEY, *Vice-President*

WILLIAM SILENCE, *Secretary*

GRAEME BROWNING, *Treasurer*

MISS CAMPBELL, *Faculty Advisor*

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S

GRAEME BROWNING

"I could not quarrel with a slight mistake."

Class Pres. (2) (3) Annual Staff (3) (4) Class Treas.
(4) Football (4) Baseball (4) Senior Play (4) Chief
Justice S. G. O. (4).

Rutgers



EUGENE CARNEY (Gene)

*"O there's nothing half so sweet in life as love's
young dream."*

Cheer Leader (2) (3) Dramatic Club (3) Football
(4) baseball (4) Senior Play, Student Government
(4) Class Vice-Pres. (4) Pres. A. A. (4) Annual
Staff (4).

Rutgers



MAY CRITCHLEY

"Women are coquettes by profession."

Dramatic Club (3) S. G. O. Jury (4) Glee Club (4).

Ashley Hall



HESTER FOX (Foxy)

"I am weary of small town stuff."

Police Patrol (4) Senior Play (4) Asst. mgr. An-
nual campaign (4) Dramatic Club (4) Glee
Club (4).

Newark Normal

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9
2
7

CAROLINE GOODWIN

*"The brightest bird upon the bush
Hath not a lighter heart than she."*

N. Y. School of Music



M
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S

DONALD HOMMELL (Doc)

"You just ask me."

Basketball (2) (3) (4) B. B. Capt. (4) B. B. mgr. (4)
Football (3) (4) Debating (3) (4) Annual Staff (1)
(3) Editor Annual (4) Dramatic Club (3) Sec. A. A.
(4) Senior Play (4) Member-at-large Senior Class (4).

Rutgers



OTTO JENSEN

"Let what will be, be."

S. G. O. (4) Member-at-large Senior Class (4)
Asst. bus. mgr. Senior Play.



MARY JOHNSON (Mowie)

"Love will rule you, love will fool you."

Class Sec. (2) Basketball (3) (4) Dramatic Club (3)
Tardy Rep. (4) Orchestra (4) Senior Play (4) Dra-
matic Club Play (4) Glee Club (4).

N. J. C.



BEATRICE KUNTZ (Beat)

"Her sunny smiles drive care away."

Class Pres. (1) (4) Orchestra (1) (2) Annual
Staff (2) (3) Class Treas. (3) Dramatic Club (3)
Bus. Mgr. Annual (4) Mgr. G. B. B. (4) Senior
Play (4) Vice Pres. S. G. O. (4).

Beaver



1
9
2
7

MILDRED MARKANO (Milly)

"Say what you will."

High School Recorder (3).

Drakes



GEORGE E. OSBORNE

"Much I know, but to know all is my ambition."

Mgr. Football (3) Senior Play (4) Ed. H. S. Recorder
(4) Debating (4).

College

WILLIAM SILENCE (Bill)

"Bill dearly loved a pleasant joke."

Orchestra (2) (3) (4) Dramatic Play (2) Class
Vice Pres. (3) Class Sec. (4) Senior play (4).

N. Y. U.

HELENE SPEAR ("H")

"Sugar and spice and everything nice."

Class Sec. (3) Senior Play (4) Asst. mgr. G. B. B.
(4) Glee Club (4).

MILDRED LIGHE

"Quiet but industrious."

Newark Normal

DANIEL WHALEN (Danny)

"A quiet lad, but a good one."

Orchestra (1) (2) (3) (4) Dramatic Play (2) Senior
Play (4) Councilman S. G. O. (4).

Coleman's

HISTORY OF THE CLASS OF '27

FRESHMAN YEAR

There are Polish histories, Czecho-Slovakian histories, Russian histories and Jugoslavian histories, but they are all dull compared to the history of the Class of '27. For many months we were vexed by the rebukes of the upper classes as to our excessive ignorance. But not until we descended to the lowest depths of the school (the "gym") and held a class party, did we show our "makings" as everybody enjoyed themselves. Even the Juniors and Seniors who crashed in on the party acclaimed it one of the most enjoyable parties of the year.

SOPHOMORE YEAR

Sophomore year is just like Wednesday, neither at the beginning nor at the end. We weren't upper classmen and yet we weren't the famous Freshmen any longer; just in the middle. However, that didn't affect us, for we still surpassed all other classes, especially in pecuniary matters. As Freshmen we were "nouveau riche," but as Sophomores we were less nouveau and more riches (particularly after our candy sale). But all our money went towards "eats" and hiring a few trucks for a straw ride. We can truthfully say that a good time was had by all, for one is sure even the Junior and Senior boys who raided us, stuffed our gas tank with tomatoes and fruits and kidnapped half our girls, also enjoyed themselves.

JUNIOR YEAR

The third year of our memorable career was characterized by several great events. The most noted of these was the selection of our class rings and pins. The girls organized a "Girl Reserve Club" and held the meetings at the "Y" where they spent many pleasant afternoons devoted to discussions on modern topics. But Ah! who can forget the memorable Sunset Dance? It was a huge success socially but financially—well, in other words the refreshments and decorations cost more than the money we collected. Money, Ah! that was the question which confronted us. We had to raise money somewheres for our Junior-Senior Banquet, so we had a cake, candy and later a sandwich sale. Those partaking of that banquet of the "daintest morsels" have never been able to enjoy a meal since, because of the memory of the feast.

SENIOR YEAR

As we dutifully reflect upon the past Senior year, the year we spent in a sincere voluntary grind for graduation, we see our accomplishments and productions thru L'Allegro eyes and the sudden disbanding of our class with Il Penseroso eyes. In order to make up for our past inactivity we Seniors produced "Adam and Eva," a vivacious comedy which showed our hidden talents. And so the four full years of high school which watched us grow and develop are concluded. As budding tulips close each evening to reopen the following morning refreshed by a night's rest, so our class has had its nights of rejuvenation and its days of glory. Now our flower is about to disintegrate, leaving nothing but the lone stalk. Yet its fragrance will linger forever.





THE CLASS OF 1928

MARYON ATWOOD, *President*

CHARLES LETSON, *Vice-President*

NORMA MACLOCKLAN, *Secretary and Treasurer*

MISS LE FEURE, *Faculty Advisor*

CLASS OF 1928

Harold Bloomfield
Leslie Clyde
William Dinka
George Graham
Kenneth Haas
*James Hegan
Bertram Humphries
Edward Leiss
Charles Letson
Fred Meyer
Robert Pierce
Egbert Rule
Warren Reh fuss
Isidore Schwartz
Robert Schenck
Cameron Spear
Arthur Wainwright
William Zahn

Betty Allison
Alice Anderson
Marvon Atwood

* Left School

Marie Carney
Connie Casad
Ellen Dower
Isabelle Fennon
Loula Ford
Bernice Fugle
Esther Gerlufsen
Thelma Hutchinson
*Elizabeth MacClurg
Norma MacLachlan
Marion Mundy
Virginia Nielsen
Vivian Nielsen
Eleanor Platt
Frances Sinclair
Jane Spear
Betty Wallace
Betty Gallagher
Henrietta Veghte
Ruth Woodcock
Louise Daly
Roxanna Weeks

JUNIOR CLASS HISTORY

The Juniors, Class of '28, have made for themselves a rep,
Because they have such a great deal of energy and pep.
All our good times and success we owe to Miss Le Fevre,
She led us through our Junior year, Oh, how we hate to leave her!
When in September, Mr. Herb gave forth the call "Football,"
The Junior boys answered voluntarily, one and all.
When Miss Bryce and Mr. Herb declared they needed tryouts badly,
The Junior boys and girls responded to basketball gladly.
Our first event was a strawride, we all had loads of fun,
And in spite of crowded conditions, it was enjoyed by everyone.
In November we gave a party, to celebrate Halloween,
We ate and drank 'till late at night, it was a happy scene.
Talk about our cake sales, they're great,
And everybody thinks they've first rate.
Little money buys much cake,
When the Junior Girls begin to bake.
The Junior-Senior Banquet is our greatest event this year,
We hope the Junior prophecy will not bring Seniors many tears.—J. SPEAR.



CLASS OF 1929

HARRY DEWENDER, *President*

HELEN ROSS, *Vice-President*

BETTY BROWNING, *Secretary*

WALTER HEROLD, *Treasurer*

MR. HERB, *Faculty Advisor*

On a crisp September evening the Sophomores enjoyed their one social event of the year, a straw ride to Princeton.

CLASS OF 1929

Ralph Alcan
Edward Ardolino
Charles Bacha
Harry Dewender
Charles Fauroat
Clyde Fitch
Walter Herold
*Joseph McCue
Sanford Morris
Burleigh Osborne
*Austin Phaire
Arthur Wypler
John Zahanek
*Herman Cohen
Betty Browning

Marie Bruno
Yetta Cohen
*Lillian Di Lorenzo
Louise Fennon
Dorothy Hopkins
Ruth Madison
Angelina Marzella
Florence McClure
Helen Meeker
*Julia Muir
Lillian Powers
Jennie Procyk
Lorena Roll
Helen Ross
*Adelaide Smith
Violet Whitaker

* Left School



CLASS OF 1930

HENRY LETSON, *President*

EDWIN TUCKER, *Vice-President*

KATHERINE AYRES, *Secretary*

DOROTHY POTTER, *Treasurer*

MISS MCKAIG, *Faculty Advisor*

The customary straw ride was held in the early part of the year. Needless to say, everyone had a good time. The Freshmen have had many representatives on the High School teams throughout the year.

CLASS OF 1930

Walter Atwood
 *Otto Brodtman
 Paisley Carman
 *Sherman Crowell
 Harry Dalsgard
 Walter Dudasco
 George Fugle
 Chandler Gatewood
 Sam Glanfield
 Otto Gunst
 Wilson Hancock
 John Kilgannon
 Howard Krogh
 Lawrence Kuntz
 John La Rowe
 Powell Lawrence
 Henry Letson
 James Markano
 *Matthew Muir
 George Olmezer
 Brinton Osborne
 Elmer Rapp
 Albert Roll
 James Sciroto
 Joel Tucker
 Kenneth Wait
 John Wale
 Clifford Wester
 Thomas Winter
 Margaret Allsopp
 Katherine Ayres

Marion Billman
 Myrtle Blakely
 *Isabel Bonis
 Mary Brootman
 Sylvia Brody
 Shirley Brown
 Evelyn Cobbs
 Irene Cobbs
 Anna Comito
 Eleanor France
 *Lorna Hancock
 Grace Humphries
 Jean Humphries
 Janet Letson
 Jean MacLaughlin
 Mary Maglione
 Florence Messeroll
 Mildred Messeroll
 Wilma Mundy
 Margaret Nelson
 Marjerie Phillips
 Dorothy Potter
 Louise Reed
 Marjorie Schenck
 Ella Slavicek
 Jane Shaneberger
 Lillian Stahl
 Id. Volk
 Marjorie Wood
 *Alberta Wypler

* Left School



CLASS OF 1931

The class was organized early in September. They chose the following officers:

DONALD CRAIG, *President*
 GEORGE RAPP, *Vice-President*
 PHYLLIS REED, *Secretary*
 HOWARD BROWN, *Treasurer (1)*
 GRACE WITTNEBERT, *Treasurer (2)*

They also selected the Sweet Pea as the class flower, and the class colors, Blue and Gold.

The class gave a party at Halloween and another on Valentine's Day. In March the Eighth Grade girls served the Parent Teacher Association with refreshments. A number of students from the Eighth and Seventh Grades made a trip to New York, and visited the Museum of Natural History. The students have served as tellers of the Thrift Club at the Commonwealth Bank, throughout the year. In addition to these, the Eighth Grade has been active in all school projects.


According to custom, they will present at graduation a class play, "America in the Making." They will also present the school with a gift of valuable books for the library.

CLASS OF 1931

Howard Brown
 Ralph Bryant
 Victor Calantoni
 Gerard Coffey
 Donald Craig
 Clement Fairweather
 Henry Fullerton
 William Johnson
 Fred J. Koster
 George Lawless
 Joseph Leiss
 Harold Meyers
 Ignatous Peters
 George Rapp
 Alfred Ribinski
 Oscar Roswall
 Albert Schuler
 Richard Seggel
 John Shine
 *Thomas Stevens
 Steve Slyboda
 Joseph West
 *George Jacob

Margaret Allsopp
 Marie Clare
 Anna Cornell
 Olive Gunst
 Margaret Halpin
 Irene Lawrence
 Margaret MacClurg
 Catherine Maher
 Lileth Markano
 Sophie Modecki
 Sophie Mamckowitz
 Teresa Mount
 Evengeline Mundy
 Marion Mundy
 Gladys Nielson
 Phyllis Reed
 Anne Schuler
 Rose Schwartz
 Eleanor Stevens
 Edithe Wainwright
 Betty West
 Adel Whalen
 Grace Whittenbert
 Dorothy Randolph

* Left School



THE SILENT CITY

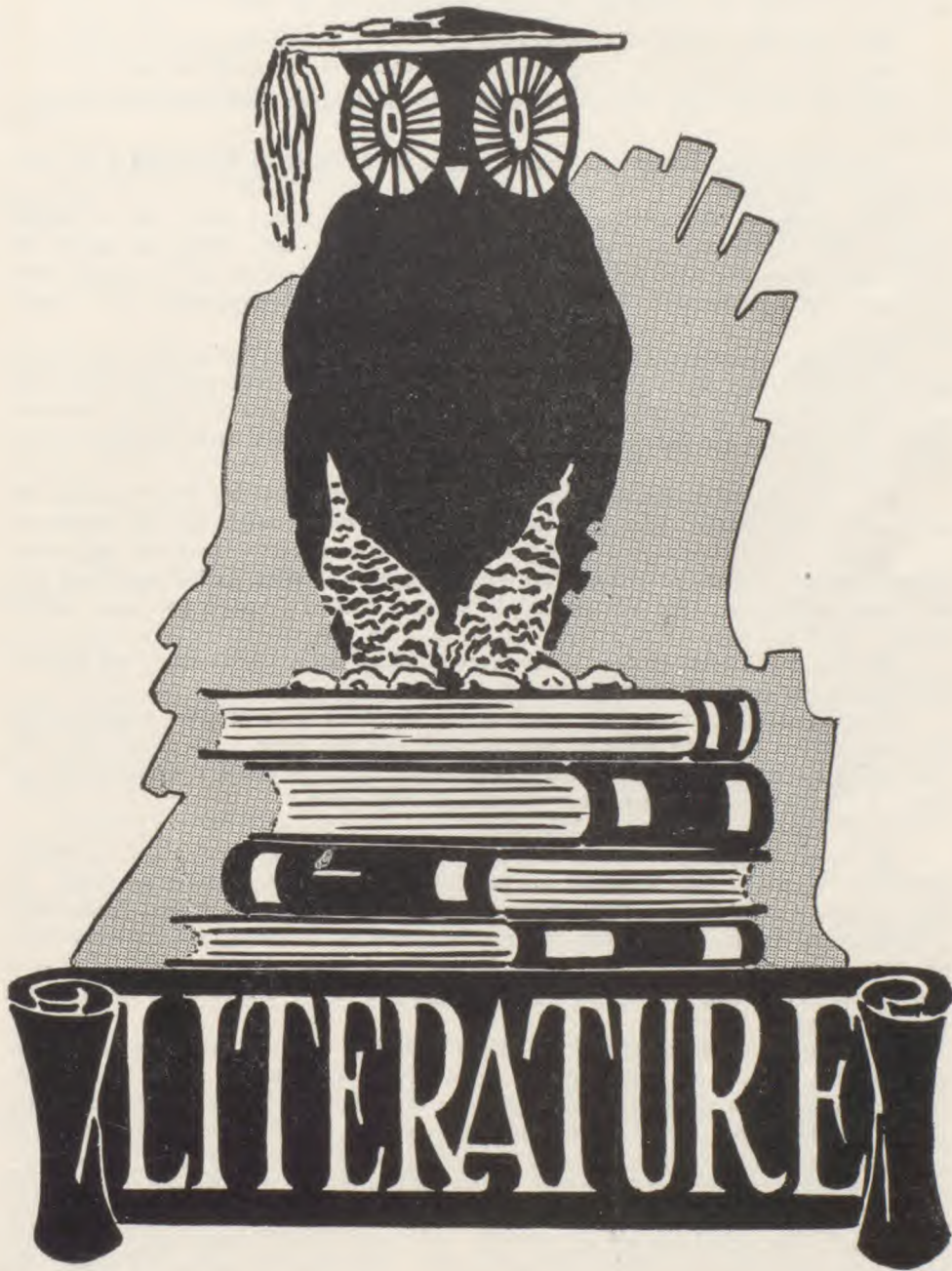
The dull gray day
Is fast fading away
And the wind begins to sigh,
There's a ghastly look
In every nook
And it makes me want to die.

The dim moon beams
Burst through it seems
Into the old village graveyard,
They light the way
Where the dead do lay
In the old forlorn graveyard.

The moon does speed,
And it takes the lead,
Away into the West,
But still I wonder
And I ponder
Of those in peaceful rest.

The day now dawns, another day,
And I hate to move away
For my heart grows full of pity.
But I'll never regret
Nor shall I forget
The dim old Silent City.

—*Daniel Whalen*, '27.



THE HERO

"Hello, is this Percy? Yes? Well, Percy dear, this is Mrs. Linden. I just saw a man, he looked liked a tramp, go into my new house that's being built next to yours. Would you go over and see if everything's all right and make him get out?"

"But—but Mrs. Linden, it's quite dark, you know," said Percy.

"But you're so brave, Percy, I'm sure the man would run when he saw you."

"Yes, but not the right way," said Percy under his breath. "All right, Mrs. Linden, I'll go."

"Thank you, dear, I knew you would. Please let me know if everything is all right afterward. Good-by."

Percy hung up the receiver, got his flashlight and looked about for a suitable weapon. He didn't want a revolver, he was afraid of the nasty things and besides he didn't know where one was. He decided on the poker, he had often read of people being murdered with a poker and it had always seemed to do the job thoroughly, so he would use a poker.

He picked his way carefully through the grass. He had his "tux" on and he wasn't going to ruin it for a fussy old lady. Why wasn't his father home, so he could go instead of him when he wanted to go to a dance in a half hour. Why in the deuce couldn't she have chosen Bob Brown. He didn't go to dances and he certainly was fresh enough to scare any tramp away.

Why, the other day Bob had had the cheek to insinuate that he, Percy Calden, was a conceited young jackass. The idea! And that he was afraid he might ruin his complexion if he played baseball or football (vile games). He even went so far as to suggest that he use Palmolive soap to "keep that schoolgirl complexion." Well, he had squelched him, he thought with pride. He had responded "When I became a man I put away childish things." Bob had gone off in a hurry red in the face, too.

He arrived at the house, stood in the doorway (there was as yet no door) and shouted: "If there is any one in here, come out."

It was as silent as a tomb. He called again. A sort of snore or grunt rewarded him. He ashed on his light and made his way gingerly into the house. He flashed the light into all corners and then called, "You'd better come out, I'm armed and you might get hurt. I wouldn't like to commit any violence, so come on."

"There," thought he, "that will bring him."

He heard a creaking of boards as if someone was advancing further into the house. Heavens! Would he have to go all the way in? He held the poker in one hand, the light in the other and looking from left to right walked through all the rooms. There were a lot of rooms on the bottom floor, it was a bungalow so, of course, all the rooms were on the one oor, but there was an attic and a ladder led up to it. He stood at the foot of it and called: "I'm losing patience with you, I'll get you in the end so come down." He heard a snicker.

He mounted the first rung of the ladder and then went up five steps, holding on for dear life. There was a great clatter above. Not a step further would he go! He tried to go down but was caught. Why did the carpenters leave nails jutting out of the walls? Careless men! He gave a jerk and heard a ripping sound! A second later when he had just gotten off the ladder, he heard a terrible crash, a deadly quiet and then horrors! a groan, terrible! What had happened? Percy made a wild plunge for the door, tripped over a plank on the floor and fell flat. "Oh," he thought, "I've surely broken a leg or maybe both arms." He picked himself up carefully and found himself intact and his legs still going. He took advantage of this and used them. The groaning had started again. He reached home breathless. He happened to see himself in the mirror so he immediately went to the phone, called Mary and told her he wouldn't be able to go to the dance, he was in no condition. He had just been running a burglar out of a neighbor's house. It had been

quite a chase. Oh, yes, of course, he got him out in the end but after considerable battering. She would understand, of course.

This off his mind he remembered his promise to Mrs. Linden, so he called her.

"Hello, Mrs. Linden? This is Percy."

"Yes, Percy?"

"Well, I scared the man away."

"The man? What man?"

"The tramp, you know, you asked me to go over and get him out of your new house."

"Why, Percy, I'm afraid somebody played a trick on you. I surely didn't—"

But this was enough for Percy. He dropped the receiver and weakly muttered, "Bob Brown."

Betty Browning, '29.

A VISIT TO THE TRENTON INSANE ASYLUM

An amazing quiet fell over the halls of the institution as Gene Carney and Doc Hommell Charlestoned up and down the corridors to the strains of "Shake That Thing," a ballad of their own making. They were suddenly discovered by a keeper and waltzed back to their cells with cries of "Hey! Hey." It seems that Gene and Doc on a visit to their friend, George Osborne, the tenor of the asylum, just went crazy over the place and decided to stay. Mildred Markano, their shy nurse, says that the case is hopeless.

Mary Johnson is on a week-end visit after having a break with Freddie. She usually recovers by Monday morning.

On a tour of inspection we passed through the kitchen where Otto Jensen and Dan Whalen were indulging in a little knife play. There had been an argument over the genuineness of Dan's English accent.

Going a little further we found Silence in a non-breakable cell, such a measure being necessary to protect the building as Bill had already destroyed three perfectly good padded cells.

In the musical department we found Zahn and Mundy still playing "Baby Face," while the rest of the band was having a field day as the keeper had announced open competition.

Down in the stables we found Wise Councilor, poor old horse. He'd gone coo-coo from over-work.

Upon leaving Sanford Morris, Bob Schenck and Osborne sang "Home Sweet Home." We decided to go home while we were still free citizens.

B. Gallagher.

F. Meyers.

THE SUPREME ACHIEVEMENT

Slowly he drew away from her. His arms dropped from about her and were quiet at his side. Suddenly his hands fixed themselves in a death-like clutch on the chair. She looked on in surprise. What a change! He shook all over, his eyes bulged and stared, his breath came and went like high and low tide. It seemed as though he tried to crawl under his collar. He shuddered. All was horror. Then, slowly he relaxed and peace once more entered his soul. He arose once more a man while she looked at him, for never before had a man acted like that. She said nothing but waited expectantly.

"At last!" his cry was one of victory, "I have succeeded in yawning with my mouth closed."

—Charles Bacha, '29.

Last Will and Testament of the Class of '27

We, the class of 1927 of the Metuchen High School, being fully matured and of sound mind, and acknowledging the blessings bestowed on us by our Creator, our faculty, and our predecessors, and having now arrived at the end of our high school career, and wishing to turn our experience to the benefit of those who follow in our foot-paths, do hereby publish and declare this to be our last Will and Testament. And may the example set by the Class of 1927 be an inspiration and guide for many future generations. We hereby bequeath all our material possessions to these beneficiaries to have and to hold as their own: To our respected friends and advisors, the faculty: Miss Campbell, our advisor: The right to chaperone all future faculty play rehearsals.

Mr. Van Kirk: The right to use Bostonian in place of Wise Counselor.

Mr. Spoerl: A flock of Mary Johnson's puppies.

Miss McKaig: Exclusive right to Mr. Herb's smiles.

Mr. Herb: A bottle of hair restorer and razor blade.

Miss Le Fevre: The right to pout and yet look cute.

Miss Fell: Some baking powder to raise a better Domestic Science Class.

Miss Dickson: Our best wishes for a speedy recovery.

Miss Reinert: A Ford coupe all her own.

To the Junior Class, as a whole, we leave the front door and all accepted privileges of the Senior Class.

President Zahn: A little more self-reliance. He is so shy. Also a bottle of liniment. This is a sure cure for all pains.

To Isadore Schwartz: We leave a derby. May it rest in peace on his ears.

Miss Betty Allison: The right to sponsor the Letson family.

Miss Ruth Woodcock: The right to prevent Harry Oliver from cutting any ice with anybody else.

Miss Marie Carney: Leadership of Rector Street.

Miss Eleanor Platt: The right to come to school in a different roadster every day. Watch out for the Packards, "Babe"!

Leslie Clyde: Three cakes of Palmolive soap so that he may continue to keep that school girl complexion.

Fred Meyers: The right to wear a flannel shirt, vest, sweater, coat, and galoshes all at the same time and 35c to get a haircut. Princeton on a rainy day.

Edward Leiss: A bottle of Griffith's dry cleaner to eradicate grease spots.

Miss Norma Maclachlan: The right to keep the best disposition in the High School.

Miss Esther Gerlufsen: A foreign missionary for a husband and the right to lecture from the pulpit.

Charles Letson: The right to coach all football and basketball teams from the sidelines, also a high-hat.

George Graham: A movie contract with Mack Sennet's bathing beauties.

Betty Wallace: Occasional position of sub: on the basketball team. You've done your share of bench-warming.

Bud Humphries: The right to captain next year's chess team. Also the right to sit in grocery stores with the rest of the applesauce.

Miss Betty Gallagher: The right to wear a smile next year.

Miss Jane Spear: Helene's part as vampire in the next Senior play.

Willie Dinka: Jensen's job as class prize-fighter, small but powerful.

Miss Henrietta Veghte: A wheel chair for next basketball season. Crutches are out of style.

Neilson Twins: The right to remain single. Two can live as cheaply as one.

Miss Roxanna Weeks: A set of books entitled, "Santa Clause's Adventures in Wonderland" and "Dan McGrue's Adventures in Abrabian Nights."

Miss Marion Atwood: Since Miss Atwood has lately shown us something unique in the art of hair cuts we also feel the desire for originality and leave Marion the novel position of class snake charmer and living skeleton.

Miss Connie Casad: A fifty trip ticket to West Point, one way.

Harold Bloomfield: We leave "Bull" the privilege of chaperoning dates between Mary Critchley and Don Hommel.

Marion Mundy and Alice Anderson: Right to collect Rutgers students at the Rivoli.

Loula Ford: Chief position on cruelty to animal league. Wrong use of Anderson's horses.

Ellen Dover: The right to always be the third party.

Honey Wainwright: The right to wear a jazz-bow and get away with it.

James Hegan: Right to come to school one week and stay home the next two. Also the right to supply the girls with chewing gum.

Bob Schenck: The right to giggle whenever he wants to.

Frances Sinclair: We leave a string so that she can tie her suitors to prevent them from getting away after their first date with her and a standing invitation to the Delta Phi House.

Cam Spear: A little book entitled "How to win pretty girls with Chrysler cars. Look out for Rector Street.

Warren Rehfuß: Right to act like a gentleman when in presence of teachers.

Bernice Fugal: The right to attend all Eastern Star Dances by herself.

Isabel Fennon: Right to find herself a nice, rustic country shiek.

Haas: A pair of binoculars to look over the girls in study hall.

Lulu Pierce: The right to award some of his feminine charms to Isabel Fennon and to acquire some masculine ones of his own.

Rule: The right to come to school with a red nose every day.

In witness whereof, this twentieth day of May, in the year of our Lord One Thousand Nine Hundred and Twenty-seven, we do hereby cause our class seal and finger-prints to be set upon this, our last legal document.

Class of '27.

JUNIOR PROPHECY

Excitement reigned on board the S. S. Metuchen. Mr. Donald R. Hummell and Mrs. Donald Critchley Hummell were, for once, since the ceremony, awakened from their daze by the whiz of a plane making its non-stop flight from New York to Paris. They were blinded by a flash of red and purple as the plane swooped down upon the deck.

Hester Fox, as she stepped out, was talking a blue streak (a colorful scene) to Otto Jensen whom she found as a stowaway in the plane.

After much ado about nothing (meaning Otto being found in plane) Jansen informed Hester of his mission—to start a revolution in Russia. Otto works on commission. Hester becomes hysterical and Dr. Browning enters in haste with a package of life savers, follow-

ed by Beatrice Kuntz, who is about to take affairs in hand. Miss Kuntz is touring the world giving lectures on "How to Run a High School."

They picked up a "Metuchen Recorder" and the head lines flashed the following: George Osborne startles all Europe by collapsing in the attempt to reach high C. Mr. Osborne will sing, appearing any time and any place.

On June 17, 1940, as the boat bumped into the dock, Helen Spear was hurled into the outstretched arms of Graeme Browning who was still arguing since Senior English class days. Helen has at last granted the winning of the argument to him. She has finally consented to marry "Daddy" Browning in spite of his awkwardness in wooing the "Troyish" or "Toyish" Helen.

En route from the place of disembarkation, namely, Piscataway, they boarded a train where they met Mildred Tighe and Daniel Whalen bound for dear Ireland, where they will live, laughing forever after. Danny writing short stories and Mildred wondering what it is she liked about Whalen.

At last Paris! Lo, there is a short, wiry, little man who is mayor, customs' officer and chief of police, Eugene Carney. But Paris is not the city of his pride, and joy, it is Florence, Italy. 'Twas ever thus!

In the city of wine, women and song we hear of Mary Johnson trying to obtain her third divorce from Fred Meyers because he did something she found out about.

Mildred Markano and Caroline Goodwin have set up a candy shoppe on the highway in Gay Paree at which we can buy delicious candy kisses.

Alas! The mission on which Hester Fox set out must be accomplished.

William Silence is alone in Paris and she heard that on one occasion this very same william was found out alone and it was dark! Hester flew to his rescue, "Yoo—hoo," said Guilliome as he spied Hester. "Wait a minute—I can't speak—I'm laughing so!"

A WOMAN AT THE WHEEL

If traffic's checked for many blocks
If horns do sound and bumpers lock
With bumpers, you can bet your sox
A woman's at the wheel.

When taxi drivers dodge and sweat
And big cops weep and people get
All set to jump, then you can bet
A woman's at the wheel.

A woman's voice and a woman's smile
May ease dull care, and a woman's guile
May bring us joy, but look out while
A woman's at the wheel.



ORGANIZATIONS

STUDENT GOVERNMENT



WILLIAM ZAHN

The student government began this year with the idea of creating a deeper sense of responsibility among the students.

The most important part of its work was the systematising of passing in the halls.

The duties in chapel were taken over by the organization.

Then, too, the tardiness situation was taken over.

On the whole the student government organization had a fine year and we are looking forward to greater things next year.

OFFICERS

W. ZAHN, *President*

B. KUNTZ, *Vice-President*

G. BROWNING, *Chief Justice*

B. ALLISON, *Recorder*

E. CARNEY, *Chief of Police*

STUDENT COUNCIL

Senior—

W. Silence
D. Whalen

Sophomore—

C. Fitch
H. Dewender

Junior—

C. Letsen
F. Meyer

Freshmen—

J. Tucker
H. Letson

Eighth Grade—G. Lander

Seventh Grade—N. Rapp

JURY

High School—

M. Critchley
C. Casad
C. Tucker
R. Schenck

Grades—

G. Wittnebert
E. Fairweather
W. Moore
R. Bohlke

POLICEMEN

High School—

O. Jensen
H. Fox
N. MacLachlan
E. Rule
V. Whitaker
G. Humphries
E. Ardolino
G. Fugel

Grades—

J. Phillips
I. Rule
F. Koster
B. Wathan

TARDY REPRESENTATIVES

M. Johnson
R. Alcan
W. Dinka

D. Potter
A. Schenck
G. Branfield



DEBATING TEAM

The 1927 Metuchen High School debating team selected by the faculty consisted of Donald R. Hommel, Robert Schenck, Clyde Fitch, George E. Osborne, alternate, and Miss Hazel E. Le Fevre coach.

Immediately following the selection of the team, preparations were made for the opening debate, which was held with Freehold High School at Freehold. The question which was debated was: "Resolved, That the Philippines be granted their immediate independence." Metuchen desired to uphold the negative side of the question.

As the day of the debate drew near it became apparent that Metuchen was to have just as good a team this year as in years past. The debate was held at Freehold, March 17. The arguments presented by the team were sound and logical. Never did victory seem more certain. But the team failed to convince the judge and he cast his vote in favor of the affirmative side, upheld by Freehold.

This eliminated Metuchen from further league debates but the team was not easily discouraged. A debate was arranged with the team representing the Royal Arcanum. The debate was held in the High School Auditorium on April 11. This time the High School team was not to be denied for they, with the forceful arguments of the speakers, received the unanimous decision of the judges over the Arcanum team.

The team was of the same high standard as all previous teams. Neither they nor their coach can be blamed for the defeat in the opening debate. The team did everything in its power to win but fortune was against it. Donald Hommel, captain and rebuttal speaker, spoke in such a convincing and superb manner that Professor Reager of Rutgers who was the judge, stated that Hommel was the best extemporaneous speaker he had ever heard among high school debaters.

It may be well to state that in the debate with Freehold only one judge was employed. This was in accordance with the suggestion of the Rutgers Interscholastic Debating League.

The prospects for next year are very bright and it is hoped that the team will add another banner to its already numerous list.



THE DRAMATIC CLUB

OFFICER

FRED MEYER, *President*
 DONALD HOMMELL, *Vice-President*
 GRAEME BROWNING, *Secretary*
 NORMA MACLACHLAN, *Treasurer*

The first production was given on December 21. The show consisted of three short sketches. The first was "Nize Baby."

THE CAST

Mrs. Moskowitz,	Eleanor Platt
Mrs. Tittlebaum,	Betty Allison
Mrs. Goldschmidt,	Henrietta Veghte
Mrs. Rosenblatt,	Jane Spear
Isadore Rosenblatt,	Marie Carney
A Peddler,	Robert Pierce

The next was a one act play entitled "The Dressing Gown."

THE CAST

Peter Peabody, the father,	Robert Pierce
Maria Peabody, his wife,	Frances Sinclair
Miriam Peabody, their daughter,	Mary Johnson
Angus Kirk, her suitor,	Robert MaGuinness
Cumber, the butler,	William Zahn
Sarah, the maid,	Grace Humphries

The third was also a one act play entitled "Two Crooks and a Lady."

THE CAST

Miller, the crook,	Fred Meyer
Lucille, the maid,	Betty Gallagher
Mrs. Simms Vane, the lady,	Isabel Fennon
Miss Jones, her companion,	Elizabeth MacClurg
A Police Officer,	Robert Schenck
A Detective	William Zahn

These three sketches netted \$36 for the treasury of the club.

THE FACULTY PLAY

Did the student body get a kick out of the faculty play? Well! you ask us. Just you ask us. Why, some of the girls were lame for a week after it. You see it went over so big and was so gripping that about twelve of the girls who had expected to razz the play and had taken chairs way down to the front of the house and placed them almost under the stage didn't even notice that every time they moved they scraped their knees on the edge of the platform. From the time a faculty play was mentioned until after the first curtain rose we thought the whole affair a huge joke. We honestly didn't think the faculty would ever get the time to do it and we don't know yet how they did. They surely must have rehearsed long after we were asleep for the night. But did it they did, and did it splendidly. Out of an audience of over 200 we didn't hear a single poor criticism. We not only had the great pleasure of seeing a real New York show produced on our own stage, but the student body profited to the extent of about \$95. The dramatic property room has profited by \$25 and the Blue Letter by \$71. We do hope the faculty will do it again next year.

CAST OF "MEET THE WIFE"

Gertrude Lennox,	Hazel Le Fevre
Harvey Lennox,	Carl Ross
Victor Staunton,	J. Arthur McKaig
Doris Bellamy,	Adele McKaig
Philip Lord,	Elmo E. Spierl
Alice,	Josephine Fell
Coach,	Maude T. Campbell

SENIOR PLAY

We chose "Adam and Eva" for our senior play, as it seemed best suited for our class to produce.

Helen Spear was the heroine, a truly modern girl. She gave an excellent rendition of the part.

Graeme Browning made a delightful "Adam," who was a truly masculine person.

"Lord Andrew" was ably portrayed by Daniel Whalen.

Eugene Carney played "Mr. King," Eva's father, very successfully. He suited the part to a "T."

Beatrice Kuntz as "Julie Dewitt" and William Silence as her husband, "Clinton Dewitt," made a very amusing couple.

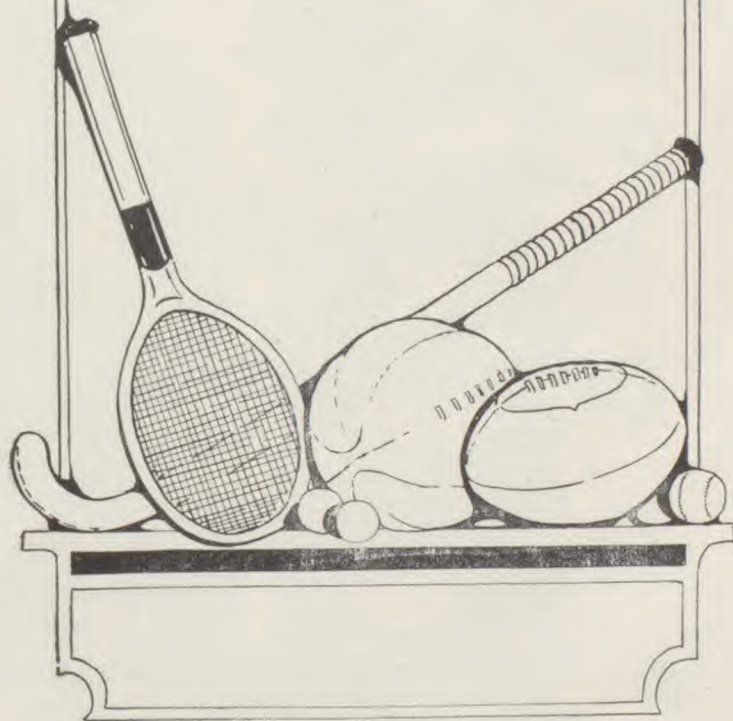
Every family, especially a rich one, has its "hangers-on." "Aunt Abby Rocher" and "Uncle Horace Pilgrim" were interpreted very appreciatively by Hester Fox and George Osborne.

The maid's part, "Corinthia," was played very realistically by Mary Johnson.

Donald Hommell took the part of the learned Dr. Delameter extremely well.



Athletics





FOOTBALL TEAM

The Football Team had a bad season this year, due to the loss of Mr. Herb as coach after the first game. The team was handicapped throughout the season by lack of weight and should be congratulated on the showing they made under such circumstances. We wish to thank Mr. Kingman for his help as coach after Mr. Herb was taken ill.

THE TEAM MEMBERS

Donald Hommell—Was a good center and could be distinguished by his rushing the line.

Edward Leiss—A stonewall guard who was always there when it came to stopping the opposing backs.

Egbert Rule—A plucky quarterback and a vest pocket edition of his brother.

Sherman Crowell—A fast guard who was always on the spot.

Graeme Browning—A heavy tackle who always broke through.

Eugene Carney—The ninety-pound end who could pick them out of the air.

Paisley Carman—A fast back who carried the ball for many gains.

George Graham—One of our fastest linemen when he was willing.

George Fugel—The fastest man on the team.

Charles Letson—Red Grange wasn't the only one who could dodge.

Fred Meyer—The man with the long throw and keen eye.

Burleigh Osborne—A tackle who could always be depended on.

Arthur Wainwright—Another small man who should be congratulated on his showing.

William Zahn—The Galloping Ghost who held down a wing position.

Arthur Wypler—The man who was first down on the kick.

The team—A bunch of plucky fellows who stuck out the season under setbacks.

SCHEDULE

Score

Date	School	Where Played	M.H.S.	Opp.
Oct. 1.	Perth Amboy	Home	0	6
Oct. 8.	New Brunswick	Away	0	19
Oct. 15.	Princeton	Away	0	47
Oct. 23.	Linden	Away	0	33
Oct. 29.	South River	Home	0	15
Nov. 5.	Woodbridge	Home	0	6
Nov. 25.	Toms River	Away	0	7
Total			0	143



BASEBALL TEAM

The Baseball Team has undoubtedly been the most successful of the High School teams this year.

Starting out with practically no experienced material, Coach Herb turned out a team that has turned in three victories, two of them being in the county league.

In the early part of the season the team appeared to be entirely incapable of winning games, but in the later part the team showed a decided improvement both in playing as well as spirit and as a result two successive league victories were turned in.

As the "Blue Letter" goes to press there are several games left to be played and the prospects are very bright of winning some of these.

Captain Rule was the mainstay of the team, holding down third base and being one of the leading batters during the season.

Arthur Wainwright played a snappy game at short and bat equally as well.

Bertram Humphries pitched many excellent games and won many strike outs.

George Graham held down many positions, his usual one being that of catcher. His wing to second was exceptionally good.

Edward Leiss played many "stretching" good games on first and surely could swing the bat.

Graeme Browning played second and could be depended upon to do his duty.

Eugene Carney played centerfield and made some very sensational catches during the season.

Charles Letson played third base or right field and proved to be a dependable player.

Wilbur Fugel in left field played a steady game.

Arthur Wypler played a wonderful game at catcher but injuries kept him out of the game during the greater part of the season.

George Fugel held down the "hot corner" and also played in the field. George was a heavy hitter!

Willie Dinka, our big man, played a great game in the field and made up for his size by added speed and pep.

Much credit is due the subs who worked hard preparing the varsity for the games.

SUMMARY OF SEASON

Metuchen	12	Woodlawn	14
Metuchen	10	Zarepath	5
Metuchen	5	South River	6
Metuchen	1	Carteret	6
Metuchen	1	South Amboy	9
Metuchen	1	New Brunswick	6
Metuchen	5	South River	6
Metuchen	3	Perth Amboy	16
Metuchen	16	Carteret	15
Metuchen	3	South Amboy	2



BASKETBALL TEAM

Top Row—George Fugel, Arthur Wainwright, William Zahn, Robert Schenck, Egbert Rule.

Bottom Row—Mr. R. C. Herb, coach, Donald Hommell, captain.

BOYS' BASKETBALL

The Boys' Basketball Team did not enjoy a very successful season, due to the lack of varsity material. Although the team was small they made up for their handicap with added pep and fight.

The prospects for next year's team are very bright, due to the fact that only one man will be lost through graduation.

Captain Donald Hommell played his best at center and was high scorer for the season.

Egbert Rule proved to be a real player of the fighting type and was of great benefit to the team at forward.

Arthur Wainwright held down the other forward position and, paired with Rule, made many fine plays during the season.

William Zahn was one of our best guards although handicapped by a bad knee during the greater part of the season.

Charles Letson was undoubtedly one of our best players. Charles played guard most of the time and was one of our defensive powers.

George Fugel played a steady game at guard and although it was his first year at the game he proved to be one of the best players we have.

Much credit is due the second team for the support they gave the team during the season. Most of these players will get a chance to make the team next season.

SUMMARY OF SEASON

Alumni	46	Metuchen	18
Rahway	25	Metuchen	11
Woodlawn	22	Metuchen	53
Grigney	25	Metuchen	8
Princeton	16	Metuchen	16
Linden	40	Metuchen	10
Rahway	27	Metuchen	19
Linden	50	Metuchen	20
Tottenville	34	Metuchen	24
South River	46	Metuchen	22
Woodlawn	16	Metuchen	19
Bound Brook	42	Metuchen	28
Tottenville	32	Metuchen	48



GIRLS' BASKETBALL

The 1926-27 Girls' Basketball Team had a very unsuccessful season, due to the lack of varsity players. However, they must be congratulated on the fine spirit, which was displayed throughout the season.

Miss Bryce is to be complimented on her splendid coaching.

Many of the games were lost by close margins and had our team been more experienced they would undoubtedly have won most of the games.

Captain Marie Carney was the mainstay of the team. Marie scored practically all of the points and instilled a fighting spirit into the team members.

Mary Johnson proved to be a very good guard and could be depended upon to get the ball out of the opponents' area.

Henrietta Veghte, Mary's running mate, played a hard game.

Isabelle Fennon, jumping center, could be depended upon to get the jump every time.

Jane Spear as side center was a very good passer and the best scrapper on the team.

Roxanna Weeks proved to be a worthy substitute.

Betty Gallagher was a fine little player and will be of great help to the team next season.

Betty Allison proved to be a worthy player of the finest type.

Eleanor Platt, our big guard, was a power on the defense.

SUMMARY OF SEASON

Metuchen	15	South Amboy	27
Metuchen	21	Woodbridge	28
Metuchen	8	Somerville	42
Metuchen	29	Y. M. C. A.	11
Metuchen	18	Roselle Park	35
Metuchen	19	South River	26
Metuchen	21	Roselle Park	47
Metuchen	26	Somerville	35
Metuchen	15	North Plainfield	54
Metuchen	17	South River	33
Metuchen	12	Perth Amboy	37
Metuchen	24	North Plainfield	25
Metuchen	6	Perth Amboy	28

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OUR ILLUSTRIOUS SENIORS

Now here's Graeme Browning
He's bashful and quite nice
He was the hero in our play
But that doesn't cut much ice.

And just a word about H. Spear
Her name sake comes from Troy
She says she'd like to be masculine
But she's too nice to be a boy!

Next in line comes little May
So pretty and quite shy
She treats all the boys so very nice
But makes them wonder why.

We take our hats off to Gene
He's the undisputed King
Even if he is quite small
That doesn't mean a thing.

Don Hommell, champ basketball player
Also our Senior debator
But when it comes to a dimpled young blonde
We'll admit he's no woman hater.

You can't help liking Beatrice Kuntz
She's nice and so petite
She's most popular in our school
For short we call her Beat.

Ho! Here's Bill Silence
He has a permanent blush
The girls say, "Ah, we love you."
And Bill just says, "Oh slush!"

Not to slight Miss Goodwin
Has two dimples on her face
Every time you look at her
Her smiles light up the place.

Don't forget Dan Whalen
He's quite the English Dude
Don't mention that fact to him
He'll say, "Old chap, you're off your food!"

Hester Fox is some girl
Her laugh is pretty hot
Wouldn't it be nice if Bill and she
Would buy a house and lot.

Otto Jensen is some boy
He's just a country lad
You should see him defend our door
He doesn't do so bad.

We can't forget Mildred Tighe
She seldom says a word
Mr. Herb tells her in history
To be seen and not be heard.

Here's Mill Markano
Works as hard as can be
Some day a boy will come along
Well, you just wait and see.

I almost forgot Mary Johnson
She is some heart breaker
Some times she tries to act so sad
But she's just a little faker.

Last of all comes Osborne
He's some boy you bet
When he tries to sing alone
He sounds like a whole quartette.

AN ADVENTURE ON MUNDY

One day Robert Schenck shot an arrow at a Violet, though he really should have used a Spear to Pierce it in the heart.

After this incident he was Meeker and took a Roll which had been Browning in the oven. We said Letson one else have it, and he put it on a Platt-er as he knew the Rule of etiquette. Mary Johnson said lets Ford the stream while we eat our Graham crackers and we Al-lison-ed to her. May Critchley Fell in and Spoerled her new Brown dress. She said she didn't mind because Winter was coming and she had already torn it on a piece of Wood. We arrived in Silence on the other side and found a Bloomfield of Herbs. Clumsy Isabelle fell in the Meyer and the eventful Mundy ended with a great deal of Whalen.

Anon.

THE PSALM OF RADIO

Radio is my hobby, I shall want no other,
It maketh me to stay home at night,
It leadeth me into much trouble,
It draweth on my purse,
I go into paths of debt for its namesake,
Yea, though I understand it perfectly, it will not oscillate,
Its concerts and speeches comfort me,
Yet, it will not work in the presence of mine enemies,
I anoint the coils with shellac,
But the tube spilleth over,
Surely the radio bug won't follow me all the days of my life
For if it does, I will dwell in the house of poverty forever,

OUR FACULTY

The first in line is our principal
Who all around him looks,
Then points right at us students
And says, "Get those song books."

The next I'll name is Mr. Spoerl
His hobby is school spirit,
We students all start into blush
As soon as he gets near it.

The next in line is Mr. Herb
The best of sports is he,
But when we haven't studied
He's terrible to see!

Miss Campbell is another one
Who knows a lot of tricks,
She is a "Jack" of every trade
Even to painting bricks.

Now Miss McKaig is the teacher
Who always knows her stuff,
In science she's a wonder—
I think I've said enough.

Miss Dickson is a good one
As everybody sees,
And when it comes to algebra
She knows her x, y, z's.

Our English teacher is a new one
Miss Le Fevre is her name,
She does get mighty cross sometimes
But we like her just the same.

Miss Reinert draws and sings and plays
Indeed, she's very clever,
We couldn't find one fault with her
Indeed, we couldn't ever.

Miss Bryce likes wands and clubs and balls
And we have lots of fun,
Down to the gym each day we go
And she sure makes us run.

Miss Fell is our sewing teacher
And it is quite a scream,
To see our faces when she says,
"You must take out that seam."

Mrs. Morgan teaches all the boys
How to make things of wood,
And we'll admit
That she is very good.

Miss Egolf is the last one
That I am going to mention,
She has some slips of paper
That usually mean detention.

M. Wood, '30.

A QUEER DISH

Just the story of a young bride who asked her husband to copy off a radio recipe she wanted. He did his best but got two stations at once, one of which was broadcasting the morning exercises and the other the recipe. Thi is what he took down:

"Hands on hips, place one cup of flour on the shoulders, raise knees and depress toes and mix thoroughly in one-half cup of milk. Repeat six times. Inhale quickly one-half teaspoonfull of baking powder, lower the legs and mash two hard boiled eggs in a seive. Exhale, breathe naturally and sift into a bowl.

"Attention! Lie flat on the floor and roll the white of an egg backward and forward until it comes to a boil. In ten minutes remove from the fire and rub smoothly with a rough towell. Breathe naturally, dress in warm flannels and serve with fish soup.

ANOTHER BLACK BOTTOM VICTIM

"Such a pretty girl! And why did you kill her?" asked the sweet old lady, as she paused on her way to the market to question the young man who, with smoking revolver in hand, was viewing his victim.

The boy, for he was hardly more, despite his great strength and silent mien, stepped out of the pool of blood and carefully wiped the vivid gore from his shoes before he spoke thusly: "Ah, I lost all patience with her. The kid was too dumb to live, anyway." He paused to polish and pocket his revolver, light a cigarette and clean his finger nails.

"I tried to teach her! Ah! How patient I was! But, then, I guess her feet were too big. The kid couldn't learn the "Black Bottom! But any jury will acquit me, you know."

But the old lady had crept out of sight, for neither did she know the "Black Bottom."

THE SNOWBALL FIGHT

A snowball pounded on my shoulder
I turned in time to see
A group of ragged schoolboys
Pegging snowballs just at me.

I stood my ground and fired back
I missed, and missed, and missed,
From the boys I heard a sound
Which hissed, and hissed, and hissed.

I had hit the minister in the head
And he bounded down on me,
He pulled my ear so very hard
That my tears, they made a sea.

He pulled me to my dear old mother,
And told her all he knew,
That night she told my dear old father
And then I got the "shoe."

—Daniel Whalen, '27.

HIGH SCHOOL BIG BUGS

First of all is President Zahn
He really is high hat,
If you want to know all about him
Ask Betty and Babe Platt.

Maryon Atwood is always happy
Around the boys she is quite snappy,
Freddie tickles her emotion
And Bully is her one devotion.

Next comes Willie Dinka
Although he is so small,
He makes up for his shortness
'Cause he thinks he knows it all.

Next in line is Harry Dalsgard
He is so very tall,
If he gets any higher
We won't see him at all.

And now we come to Florence McClure
She is the high school vamp,
Whenever she plays hooky
Mr. Van Kirk calls up the Camp.

Charles Letson is the high school sheik
He has an awful line,
He comes dressed up most every day
So the girls will think him fine.

Loula and Alice are quite a team
They run in all horse races,
The way they chase to school each day
Is really quite outrageous.

"Honey" and "Peanuts" are the school athletes
Although they are quite small,
When it comes time for the games to start
They sure can beat them all.

Marjorie Phillips is a freshman
She is quite sly it seems,
She sits all day in the study hall
And dreams, and dreams, and dreams.

Bully's name fits him exact
He is one great big scamp,
Whenever any girls come 'round
He tries them all to vamp.

Now Jane and "Pais," they are quite thick
We don't mean they are dumb,
But every time Jane come around
We notice "Pais" does hum.

And there's a couple in this school
Of each other are fond,
We'll give you just three guessts
Of course, its May and Don.

Mary and Fred are another couple
Who are always having a fight,
But it really doesn't amount to much
For they make up the next night.

There is a certain boy in school
He thinks he knows it all
He may be dumb, he may know some
But for him Grace did fall.

There is a girl in our school
She is a "frivolous Sal,"
Her name is Milly Markano
She certainly is a nice gal.

Ralph Alcan is well known around
Because he is a printer,
He certainly was a big help
Around the school this winter.

Now here's a boy who's always busy
Of course you know we mean Izzy,
When he rides his bike around the town
He tries to run the girls all down.

There is a girl named Mundy
She rides with Eddie every Sunday,
We know he is so very tight
He shuts off the gas to say goodnight.

Johnny is the school midget
He also leads the cheers,
Some say he is acrobatic
Seems a lot for his few years.

Ruth Madison's another girl
A blonde she is and dizzy,
She walks to school every day
With a sheikess whose name is Lizzie.

Graeme Browning as a leading man
Really was quite peppy,
If they had run the play three nights
He might have done some stepping.

Eddie A. is very nice
 We might as well be frank,
 He thinks there's not another girl
 Who comes up to Majrorie Schenck.

Babe Platt, it seems, is quite a flirt
 She picks them short and tall,
 She says, "My Cow," and "Oh, you nut,"
 When for her they begin to fall.

Another one in the big parade
 Is little Shriley Brown,
 She shoots elastic bands all day
 And has the best Southern accent in town.

Marie Corney.

Jane Spear.

YET TO BE SEEN IN METUCHEN HIGH SCHOOL

Betty Gallagher not fixing her hair.
 James Hegan not combing his hair in the middle to balance his brains.
 Henrietta not complaining.
 Marie Carney not chewing gum.
 Babe Platt paying her way to a game.
 Bloomfield acting like a gentleman in the presence of ladies.
 Betty Allison with 2 from 4,000.
 Sanford Marris not bragging.
 Pierce in the midst of boys instead of girls.
 Kenneth Haas with his hair flat on his head.
 Mary not talking to Fred.
 Browning not arguing with Miss LeFevre.
 George Graham not half asleep.
 Beatrice Kuntz not wandering around.
 Clyde Fitch not talking.
 Artie Wypler not making a show.
 Charlie Letson wearing the same suit for 2 days in succession.
 Harry Dewender not talking authority.
 Loula Ford getting to school on time.
 Bill Zahn not talking business.
 Silence not with Hester Fox.
 Osborne in school a whole day.
 Florence McClure not flirting.
 Mr. Spoerl not collecting money.
 Schenck not getting everything backwards.
 Norma MacLachlan not studying.
 Paisley Carman fully dressed.
 Bud Humphries not talking about Dot Potter.
 George Fugel not fighting.
 Don Hommell not with May Critchley.
 Maryon Atwood walking to school with her brother.
 Ralph Alcan on the football team.
 Willy Dinka not "wise-cracking."

THROUGH THE MIRROR

Most Studious Boy	Bill Silence
Most Studious Girl	R. Weeks
Biggest Boy Bluffer	Geo. Graham
Smallest Boy Bluffer	E. Carney
Girl Bluffer	B. Gallagher
Sheikiest Sheik	F. Meyers
Most Handsome Boy	A. Relic
Most Attractive Girl	Choose Your Own Weapons
Biggest Flirt	Julia Muir
School Pygmy	C. Casad
School Giant	H. Dalsgard
Best Natured Girl	Hester Fox
Most Boyish Girl	Babe Platt
Most Girlish Boy	"Lulu" Pierce
School Pest	J. Hegan
Most School Spirited	D. Potter, B. Browning, V. Whitaker
Most Entertaining	Carney
Biggest Boy Cut-Up	H. Bloomfield
Biggest Girl Cut-Up	Florence McClure
Laziest	Geo. Graham
School Politician	Hommell
Wittiest	Gene Carney
Best Mixer	Osborne
Most Original	Willy Dinka
Best Giggers	Fox and Silence
Liveliest	E. Rule
Sir Walter Raleigh	R. Alcan
Best Humored Boy	O. Jensen
Best Humored Girl	C. Goodwin
Future Edison	G. Osborne
Heart Breakers	Meyers and Muir
Classmates	Donald and May
Best Boy Athlete	Rule
Best Girl Athlete	M. Carney
Most Likely Bachelor	L. Clyde
Keeping that School Girl Complexion	W. Silence
Most Popular Boy	E. Carney
Most Popular Girl	B. Kuntz
Best Boy Attendance	E. Meyers
Best Girl Attendance	M. Johnson
Most Truthful	M. Nelson
Faculty Darling	R. Alcan
Girl Hater	H. Bloomfield
Boy Hater	M. Markano
Red Grange	G. Fugel
Rudolph	C. Letson
The Old Soak	F. Meyers
Drug Store Cowboy	W. Dinka
Indoor Athlete	R. Schenck
Living Skeleton	M. Atwood
Girl Magnet	B. Gallagher
School Vampire	H. Spear

Smoothest Boy	P. Carman
Organ Grinder	Eddie Tucker
The Monkey	Margaret Nelson
Authority	Bill Zahn

STUDY HALL

In study hall
 We study all
 With all our might and main,
 It is a grind
 But we don't mind
 We labor not in vain.

In study hall
 Of course we all
 Abhor the slightest noise,
 We never talk
 We don't throw chalk
 Deep silence is our choice!

We never sass
 In study class
 We would not think of such,
 And rubber bands
 O my, my lands
 Those things we would not touch.

Eleanor P.
 And Betty G.
 Are friends of Mr. Herb,
 They never seek
 Consent to speak
 And never do disturb.

A heaven blessed
 With peace and rest
 So is our study hall,
 Still teachers say
 We are too gay
 They love us not at all.

The shades of night were falling fast,
 The "Guy," he stepped on it and sped past,
 A Crash! He died without a sound,
 They opened up his head and found—Excelsior.

"No, Fred, I'm afraid I can't marry you."

"Oh, Mary, just this once!"

A davenport is good for two things, one of them, to add to the beauty of the room. If anyone doesn't know what the other is, just ask Ralph Alcan. He will, no doubt, be able to enlighten you!!!

UPSTAGE STUFF

"The Big Parade,"	Marion Atwood	Lulu Ford
	Babe Platt	Ellen Dover
"Savages Under the Skin,"		Bill Silence and Ralph Alcan
"Fog Bound,"		Geo. Graham
"The American Tragedy,"		Mary Johnson and Ford Meyers
"Honeymoon Lane,"		Woodbridge Avenue
"Afraid To Love,"		George T. Osborne
"The Model from Paris,"		Betty Gallagher
"The Nightingale,"		George E. Osborne
"The Devil in the Cheese,"		Alice Anderson
"The Desert Song,"		"All Shieks bring tents, we furnish sand"
"Man Trap,"		H. Spear
"It,"		Bull Bloomfield
"So Big,"		Gene Carney
"The Barker,"		Mr. Herb
"House of Shadows,"		Metuchen Movies
"Right You Are,"		Bill Zahn
"Matinee Idols,"		M. Schenck and E. Ardolino
"The Nervous Wreck,"		Fred Meyers
"Her Cardboard Lover,"		Bully Bloomfield
"The Boy Scout,"		Eddie Leiss
"The Unknown Cavalier,"		Ralph Alcan
"Knockout Reilly,"		Don Hummell
"Hearts Are Trumps,"		May Critchley
"The Show Off,"		Frances Sinclair
"For Heaven's Sake,"		Bob Pierce
"The Strong Man,"		Butcher Schwartz
"The Virgin Man,"		Bill Silence

Is he dumb? Listen, he wanted a double garage built when his father bought a twin-six.

Thweet Young Thing: "I want thome adhethive plathter."

Druggist: "What thickness?"

Thweet Young Thing: "Don't mock me, thir."

"This restaurant is very cheap!"

"How's that?"

"Well, I got a cup of coffee, a piece of pie, and an overcoat all for fifteen cents."

Old Lady: "Surely a man like you could get a job in some business."

Tramp: "What, and sacrifice my career?"

Alcan: "So that girl you were out with last night was a Quaker?"

Bloomfield: "I don't know whether she was a Quaker or not, but she knew her oats."

Helene to Betty: "Will you please get away from that mirror and give someone else a chance? What do you think it is, an hour glass?"

Barber: "Hair cut, sir?"

Silence: "Yes, but don't make it too short, I don't want to look effeminate."

Old Lady: "You can't be so poor, my good man, if you wear spats."

Tramp: Ma'm, these is suede wid de bottoms worn off."

"How difficult it is to escape the pitfalls of Sin when even the music has traps."

Traveler: We must be getting near a town, honey, we're hitting more people."

Miss Le Fevre: "Well, Frances, make a sentence with the word sanctuary."

Sinclair: "Sanctuary much for the buggy ride."

Bystander: "Good heavens, you've killed the wrong man."

Chicagoan: "What of it?"

A novelty for Miss Campbell!

Helene: "Look at the striking young waiter."

Bert: "Tres chic, n'est-ce pas?"

Helene: "Tres sheik is right."

Inquisitor: "What kind of a dress did Betty Gallagher wear at the party last night?"

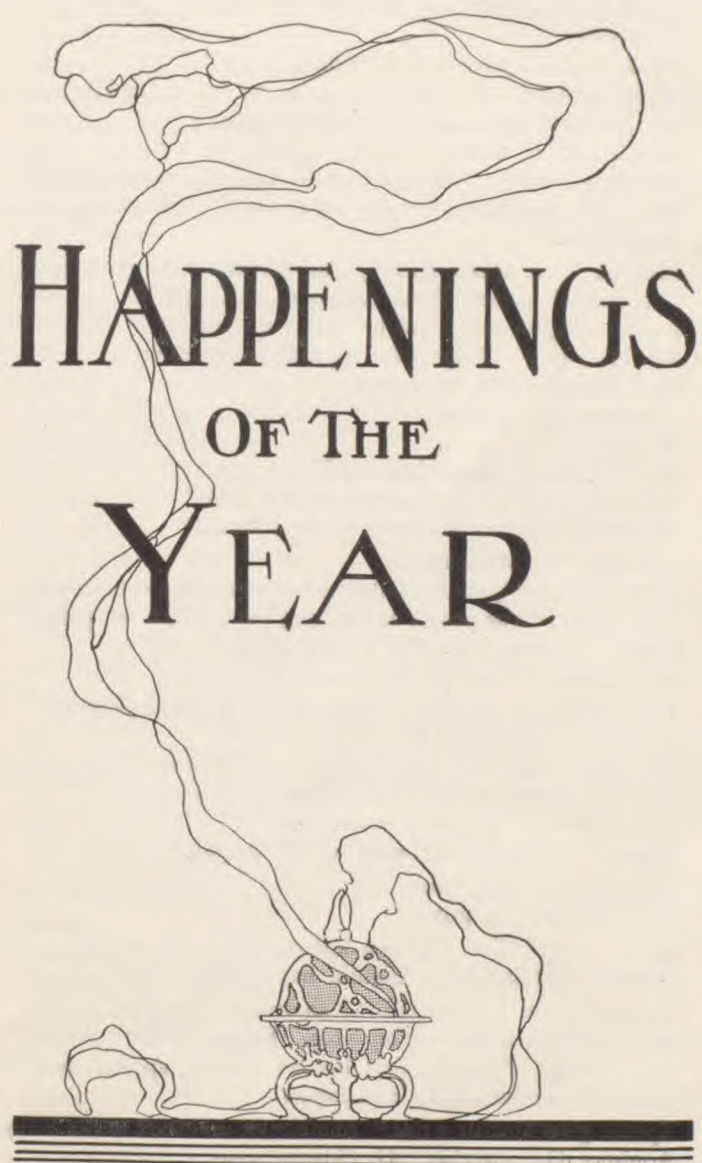
Other: "I don't know, but I think it was checked."

Two people were missing from the Presbyterian Choir last Sunday night. Maryon Atwood took their place!!

A FEW POPULAR NUMBERS

THE HURDLE SONG,	"I can't get over a girl like you"
FOUR WHEEL BRAKES SONG,	"For we'll break the news to mother"
THE MEAT SONG,	"Butcher arms where they belong"
SCOTCH LULLABY,	"Hold me tighter in your arms"
DIRTY SONG,	"Muddy Waters"
DEDICATED TO GEO. GRAHAM,	"Sleepy Head"
FRED MEYER'S TEN COMMANDMENTS,	"Let the lower lights be burning"
FIRE BUG SONG,	"Keep the home fires burning"
THE ASTHMA SONG,	"Yes sir asma baby"
THE SPINACH SONG,	"In a little Spinach town 'twas on a night like this"





- Sept. 8 Horses! Horses! We're off! School begins!
 Sept. 9 Meeting of football candidates.
 Sept. 10 Work begins!
 Sept. 14 Meeting of Athletic Association.
 Sept. 15 Mr. Herb in history: "Columbus came over in three ships." Big man this Columbus!
 Sept. 17 Mr. Humphries gives talk on "School Spirit."
 Sept. 18 Marion Atwood falls down and shakes up the entire High School!
 Sept. 21 Mr. Molineux gives address to student body.
 Sept. 23 Annual staff is elected.
 Sept. 25 History is written! Everyone shows up for football practice!
 Sept. 27 Mr. Herb and Mary Johnson have season's first debate in history. Open competition.
 Sept. 28 Miss Le Fevre speaks horribly for the first time.
 Oct. 1 First football game. Perth Amboy 6, Metuchen 0.
 Oct. 4 Annual alligator story told by Mr. Von Kirk.
 Oct. 6 Mr. Herb goes to hospital for appendicitis operation.
 Oct. 8 New Brunswick 18, Metuchen 0.
 Oct. 11 Columbus Day exercises.
 Oct. 12 Big holiday!
 Oct. 13 Mr. Kingman new football coach!
 Oct. 14 Miss Campbell, "Where is your French book?"
 Hommel: "Down at Danford's Rose Room!"
 Oct. 15 Princeton 47, Metuchen 0.
 Oct. 18 Young Schwartz gives his daily demonstration of a contortionist.
 Oct. 20 Mrs. Cooke: "You people are nothing but a bunch of sponges!"
 Carney: "Squeeze me, I'm a little sponge!"
 Mrs. Cooke: "I accept your challenge!"
 Oct. 21 Five-round bout—Battling Humphries vs. Knockout Schenck!
 Oct. 23 Linden 33, Metuchen 0.
 Oct. 25 Mr. Spoerl tells us he heard Julius Caesar over the radio last night!
 Oct. 27 Osborne decides to sing at the Armistice Day exercises.
 Oct. 28 Miss Le Fevre: "He wrote at random."
 Carney: "I thought he wrote at Philadelphia."
 Oct. 29 Metuchen 0, South River 15.
 Mr. Herb sees the game.
 Nov. 1 Blood thirsty Alice Anderson kills a bee on the window. Miss Le Fevre mentions that she is in English, not biology.
 Nov. 2 Dramatic Club is organized. Plan tryouts for plays.
 Nov. 4 Mary Johnson teaches history class. Enough said!
 Nov. 5 Mrs. Cooke: "Carney, your lips are moving up and down!"
 Carney: "I'm just saying my prayers!"
 Nov. 8 Epstein gives Sinclair a ride! Another victim added to her string!
 Nov. 10 Armistice Day exercises. G. Osborne sings.
 Nov. 11 Holiday!
 Nov. 12 C. Goodwin wanted to know where Middlesex County was!
 Nov. 15 Butcher Schwartz sits still successfully in physics class for five minutes.
 Nov. 19 George Graham tells us they make sweat shirts in sweat shops.
 Nov. 24 Thanksgiving program. Mr. Van Kirk announces vacation!
 Nov. 25 Toms River beats us in football, 6-0.
 Nov. 29 Mr. Spoerl tells Hegan chewing gum is made of horse hoofs and bugs.
 Dec. 2 Mr. Van Kirk sees some absent faces in chapel.

- Dec. 6 Mr. Herb: "What do they live on down South?"
Hommell: "Mostly watermelons!"
- Dec. 8 Mr. Spoerl: "I bet there's a lot of Irish in here!" (Carney passes door)
"There's one now!"
- Dec. 10 Silence in math class: "Suppose you had a triangle with more than three sides?"
Mr. Spoerl: "Catch it and put it in a cage!"
- Dec. 13 Dinka faints in study hall! We wonder what girl he looked at?
- Dec. 15 Epstein: "What is an ox?"
Hester: "A female cow!"
- Dec. 17 Miss Le Fevre: "Pay attention, Helene, it's a long walk home!"
Helene: "It's all right, I have my roller skates!"
- Dec. 20 Girls lose to South Amboy, 27-15.
- Dec. 23 Christmas Day exercises! Everyone is disappointed because school closes!
- Dec. 25 Double header at the "Y." Boys, 18; Alumni, 46. Girls, 29; Y. W. C. A., 11.
- Jan. 4 Mr. Herb: "Carney, are you sure it was Senator Smith?"
Marney: "Well, it wasn't his grandmother!"
- Jan. 6 Rahway 25, Metuchen 11.
- Jan. 7 Girls travel to Woodbridge and lose, 28-21.
- Jan. 10 Miss Le Fevre: "This is a recognized high school!"
Silence: "Who recognized it?"
- Jan. 11 Boys beat Wardlaw, 53-22.
- Jan. 13 Mr. Herb: "Carney, what are you doing with that book?"
Carney: "Oh, just touching it up!"
Mr. Herb: "Yes, and I'll touch some of you fellows up, too!"
- Jan. 14 Girls lose to Summerville.
- Jan. 15 Boys have accident on way to Rutgers Prep game.
- Jan. 17 Mr. Herb comes to school bouncing a golf ball!
- Jan. 20 Metuchen loses to Princeton, 36-16.
- Jan. 21 Girls lose to Roselle Park.
- Jan. 24 Exams are on.
- Jan. 25 Bob Schenck is found with a different sock on each foot.
- Jan. 28 Mr. Herb: "Helene, you've chewed that same piece of gum for two weeks!"
- Jan. 29 Boys lose to Linden, 40-10.
- Jan. 31 Miss Campbell asks Cameron to get in his desk!
- Feb. 2 Girls lose to South River, 26-19.
- Feb. 4 Seniors are working hard on their play. Silence refuses to hold hands with Beatrice.
- Feb. 8 Metuchen loses to Linden, 50-20.
- Feb. 11 Lincoln's Day exercises.
- Feb. 12 Boys lose to Alpha Gamma Phi, 46-21.
- Feb. 15 May Critchley at beginning of class, "Are we going to have that lady here?" (Substitute sits in rear of room!)
- Feb. 18 Marion sits down in her seat without looking and finally discovers that Willie Dinka was there first!
- Feb. 21 George Washington's Birthday program.
- Feb. 22 Boys lose to Bound Brook.
- Feb. 23 Debate tryouts.
- Feb. 24 Jensen tells Mr. Spoerl you shouldn't say apex, you should say two pecks!
- Feb. 25 Senior play, Adam and Eva.
- Feb. 28 Girls lose to North Plainfield.
- March 2 Mr. Herb, to pupil who answered back: "You always have to get your two cents in!"
Pupil, "Aw, make it a nickel!"

- March 3 Boys beat Tottenville, 48-32.
 March 7 Girls serve free lunch and lose to Perth Amboy, 37-12, at the Y. M. C. A.
 March 9 Silence blushes in English class.
 March 14 Baseball practice.
 March 16 Connie Casad is called "Army Woman."
 March 17 We lose debate to Freehold.
 March 21 Beatrice Kuntz admits she is ten pounds lighter.
 March 24 Schwartz wants to know how you tell which side of a box is the end.
 March 25 Carney: "RRRRRR."
 Mr. Herb: "I'm not going to argue with you!"
 March 29 All the boys go to the show in New Brunswick.
 March 31 Mr. Herb: "Mary, you came here to pay attention, but not to me!"
 April 5 Metuchen loses to Woodlawn, 14-12.
 April 6 Carney is caught studying in chemistry class.
 April 8 Miss Le Fevre and Browning have another debate.
 The boys beat Zarapath, 10-5.
 April 11 Mr. Herb: "England and Great Britain were good friends at this time!"
 So they were!
 April 12 We lose hard game to South River.
 April 14 Freddie and Mary make up again.
 April 18 Miss Le Fevre: "I don't know myself!"
 Jensen: "I'll introduce you!"
 April 21 Hester comes to school saturated with perfume!
 April 22 Rain! Game with Amboy is called off!
 April 26 We lose to Carteret, 6-1.
 April 28 Rule: "Can you find the volume of everything?"
 Mr. Spoerl: "Yes."
 Rules: "Well, find the volume of a voice!"
 April 29 South Amboy wins, 9-1.
 May 2 Mr. Herb tells us there is an over-supply of "I don't know" in history class.
 May 3 Boys lose to New Brunswick, 6-1.
 May 4 Student government holds court. Several victims are convicted!
 May 6 South River again beats us, 6-5.
 Budd gets hit in the ear!
 May 9 Everyone has spring fever.
 May 10 Perth Amboy beats us in baseball, 16-3.
 May 13 Mr. Herb: "What was the conduct of the Southern leaders?"
 Millie: "They were raving! They were real mad!"
 We beat Carteret, 16-15.
 May 16 Seniors start working!
 May 17 We beat South Amboy, 3-2.
 May 20 Juniors give Seniors a banquet.
 May 24 Rain and more rain! Baseball game called off.
 May 26 Field day!
 May 22 We lose to Perth Amboy.
 Decoration Day exercises.
 May 30 Holiday.
 June 1 Senior examinations.
 June 2-3 Rutgers' entrance exams.
 June 6-7 Senior exams finished! Everyone is nervous.
 June 10 Class exams start.
 June 15-17 Nerve-wracking suspension!
 June 18 It's here!

L'ENVOI

When all is gone
And you stand alone,
Forgotten by your friends,

When your friends are gone
But not forgotten,
And you live on to the end,

When you find life is an empty cup
Which will fall and surround you with splinters,

Then and only then,
Will you know that you are your own best friend.

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