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OF THE

METUCHEN HIGH SCHOOL

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B L U E L E T T E R

Because they will always remain such an active and important part of our school life, we, the Senior Class, dedicate this book to Miss Evelyn V. Crowell and Mr. Phillip S. Seitzer. The lessons they have taught us in sportsmanship were taught by wholesome and understanding companionship—without which, we feel, our education would not have been complete.



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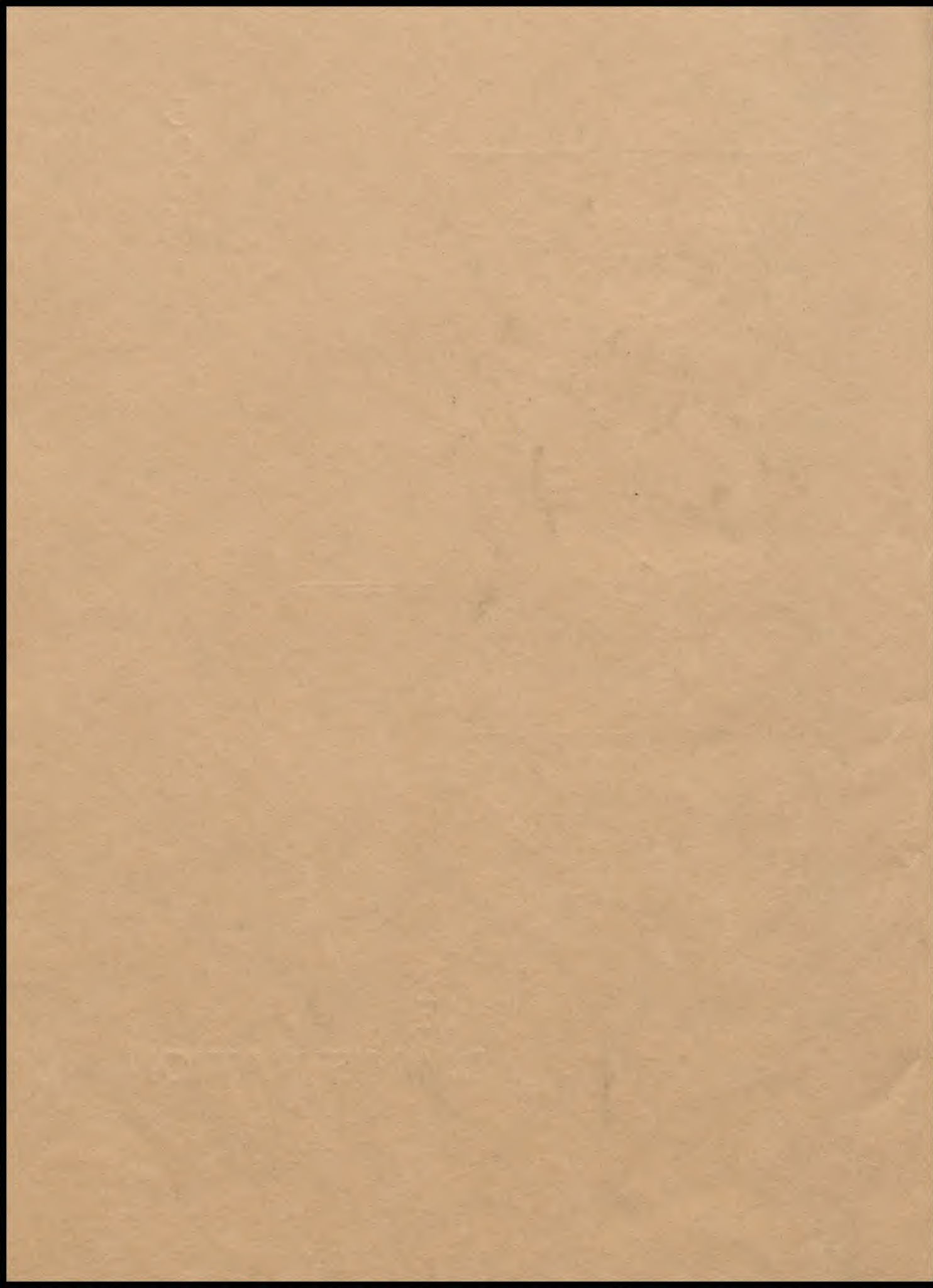
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BOOK I



THE
ADMINISTRATION



METUCHEN BOARD OF EDUCATION

Mr. Albert C. Gerber, President

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Mr. Sherwood Mundy

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Mr. Thomas McKeown

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The governing body of the Metuchen school system is a Board of Education composed of nine members elected by the registered voters of the borough for terms of three years each. The annual election is held the second Tuesday in February and three members are chosen at each election.

Organization of the board takes place at an organization meeting which follows promptly after the election, and at which a president and vice-president are chosen for terms of one year.

The functions and chief interests of the board of education are perhaps best illustrated by the names of the standing committees. These committees are as follows: Finance and Insurance, Teachers, Buildings and Grounds, Health, Safety and Welfare, Athletics, Supplies, Student Activities and Public Relations.

These committees discuss within their respective membership those subjects which fall within their particular sphere of interest, and report their conclusions to the board as a whole for final consideration.

For several years, regular meetings of the board have been held on the second Tuesday of each month in the Franklin school.

It is quite understandable that a community service such as a school system, which touches intimately such a large percentage of residents, should become the focus of a great deal of community interest—sometimes an expression of considerable disapproval, occasionally one of mere apathy. Through it all, however, the board member conscientiously labors to provide for the children of the community maximum educational opportunities within the means of the community's taxpayers.

The board of education stands as a classic example of the workings of the democratic system, where the people themselves, through representatives of their own choosing, carry on one of the very important functions of self-government.

L. Anker: Upsala College, A.B. N.Y.U.
German, English.

F. Arnold: West Virginia Wesleyan, A.B.
Rutgers Univ., Univ. of Wisconsin, Math.

J. Bailer: Univ. of Pittsburgh, B.S. N.Y.U.,
M.A., Social Science.

H. Conklin: Montclair Teachers' College,
A.B., French.

E. Farrell: Trenton Normal, Rutgers
Univ., B.S., M.Ed., English.

M. Fennessy: N.J. Teachers' College, Rut-
gers Univ., B.S. Ed., English.

M. Graham: Trinity College, A.B., Co-
lumbia Teachers' College, M.A., French.

L. M. Haitsh: Upsala College, A.B.,
Eng.

E. Mundy: N.J.C., A.B., Eng., Geog.

P. Neilson: Rutgers Univ., B.S., Colum-
bia Teachers' College, M.A., Science.

A. Palmer: Univ. of Pennsylvania, A.B.,
Columbia Univ., M.A., Science.

E. Platt: Pembroke College, Brown Univ.,
A.B., Social Science.

W. P. Smith: Lafayette College, B.S.,
Rutgers Univ., M.Ed., Mathematics.

O. Sparkes: Mansfield State Normal
School, B.S., Rutgers Univ., M.Ed., Math.

M. E. Hilley-Swank: Temple Univ., Univ.
of Pennsylvania, Rutgers Univ., Comm.

A. E. Wurgler: Univ. of Nebraska, B.S.
Ed., Omaha Univ., Rutgers Univ., English.



M. Leis—Sec.



To those erudite members of our faculty we designate our sincere ap-
preciation and gratitude. They have guided us through our school life and
have seemed more like us than like members of another world. They have
all made definite impressions on our minds which will remain with us
throughout our lives.



V. Cook: Trenton State Teachers' College, B.S., Science.

S. Cooke: Trenton State Teachers' College, B.S., Columbia Univ., Librarian.

E. V. Crowell: Arnold College, B.S.P.E., Rutgers Univ., P.E.

I. F. DeFrates: Emerson College, A.B., Univ. of Pennsylvania, English.



R. C. Herb: Lebanon Valley College, A.B., Rutgers Univ., Social Science.

W. B. Jackson: Colgate Univ., A.B., Columbia Teachers' College, M.A., Science.

B. Kuntz: N.J. Law School, Beaver College, Rutgers Univ., Commercial.

H. Lawrence: Trenton State Teachers' College, B.S., Commercial.



F. Richards: Mansfield State Normal, B.S., Rutgers Univ., Social Science.

G. Schenck: Rider College, B.C.S., Commercial.

P. Schmidtchen: Rutgers Univ., B.S. Ed. M.Ed., Social Science.

P. Seitzer: Springfield College, B.P.E., N.Y.U., M.Ed., Physical Education.



A. Zabel: Trenton State Teachers' College, B.S., Rutgers Univ., M.Ed., Eng.

E. C. Saville: Trenton State Teachers', B.S., Music Ed., Columbia Univ., Music.

Dr. J. Witmer: Pennsylvania College, B.S., L.I. College Hospital, M.D.—School Doctor.

I. Fennon: Fitkin Memorial Hospital, R.N.—School Nurse.



E. Jorlette—Clerk.

Elmo Spoerl
New York University
B.A., M.A.
High School Principal



METUCHEN PARENT TEACHER ASSOCIATION

Mrs. H. Gordon Drysdale, President
Mrs. Elmont Bedell, 1st V.-Pres. Mrs. Jacob Kornblatt, Sec.
Miss Harriet Conklin, 2nd V.-Pres. Mrs. Edwin A. Risler, Treas.

The Parent Teacher Association has only one aim and that is to advance the cause of Child Welfare, mentally, morally, physically and financially.

This "Aim", it has been found, is best achieved by remaining absolutely non-sectarian, non-commercial and non-political.

Therefore, every one of the two million and more members comprising the National, State, County and Local associations is morally obligated to adhere to this policy in every way and to work individually or collectively with one question uppermost in mind at all times, namely, "Will what we are about to do promote the common welfare of all youth?"

An affirmative answer results in an organization which stands as a tremendous force for good in the world.

Doctor Arthur LaRoe, President of the International Anti-Narcotic Society, at one of our outstanding High School Association meetings said, "The heart of a Nation is its youth".

Surely any power that sincerely strives to keep this heart pure and undefiled, and therefore healthy and happy, is rendering a service of inestimable value.

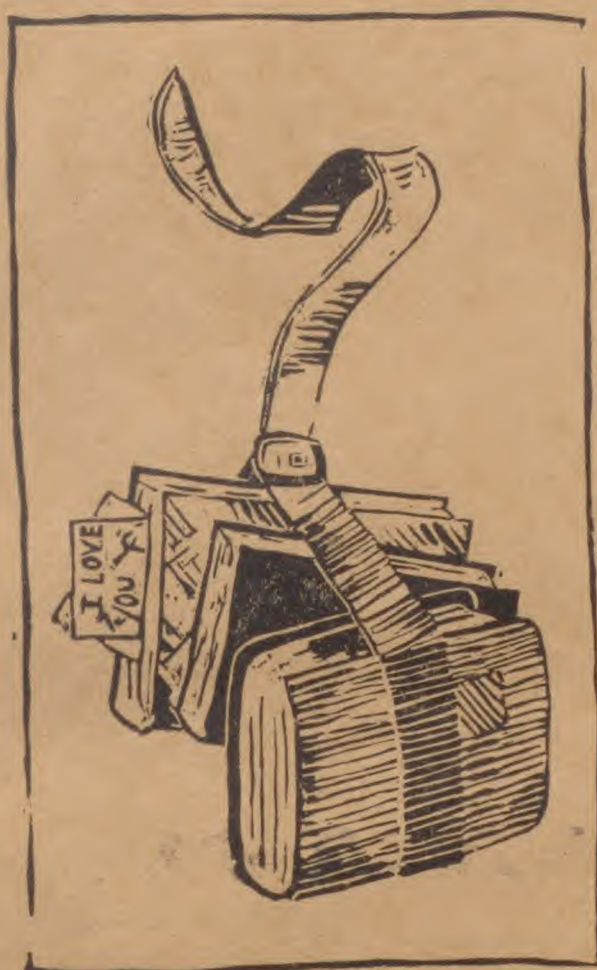
The High School Parent Teacher Association has attempted to live up to this ideal and contribute its share to the impressive whole by—

1. Presenting a program designed to bring parents and teachers into a more social accord.
2. Presenting a program which has endeavored to bring to the general public as a challenge vital subjects of the day dealing with youth. "Community Safety from Moral and Physical Hazards" was our slogan for the year.
3. Raising funds for and administering the Student Aid Fund which has assisted two students needing visual attention.
4. Giving the sum of forty-five dollars to the school for visual education.

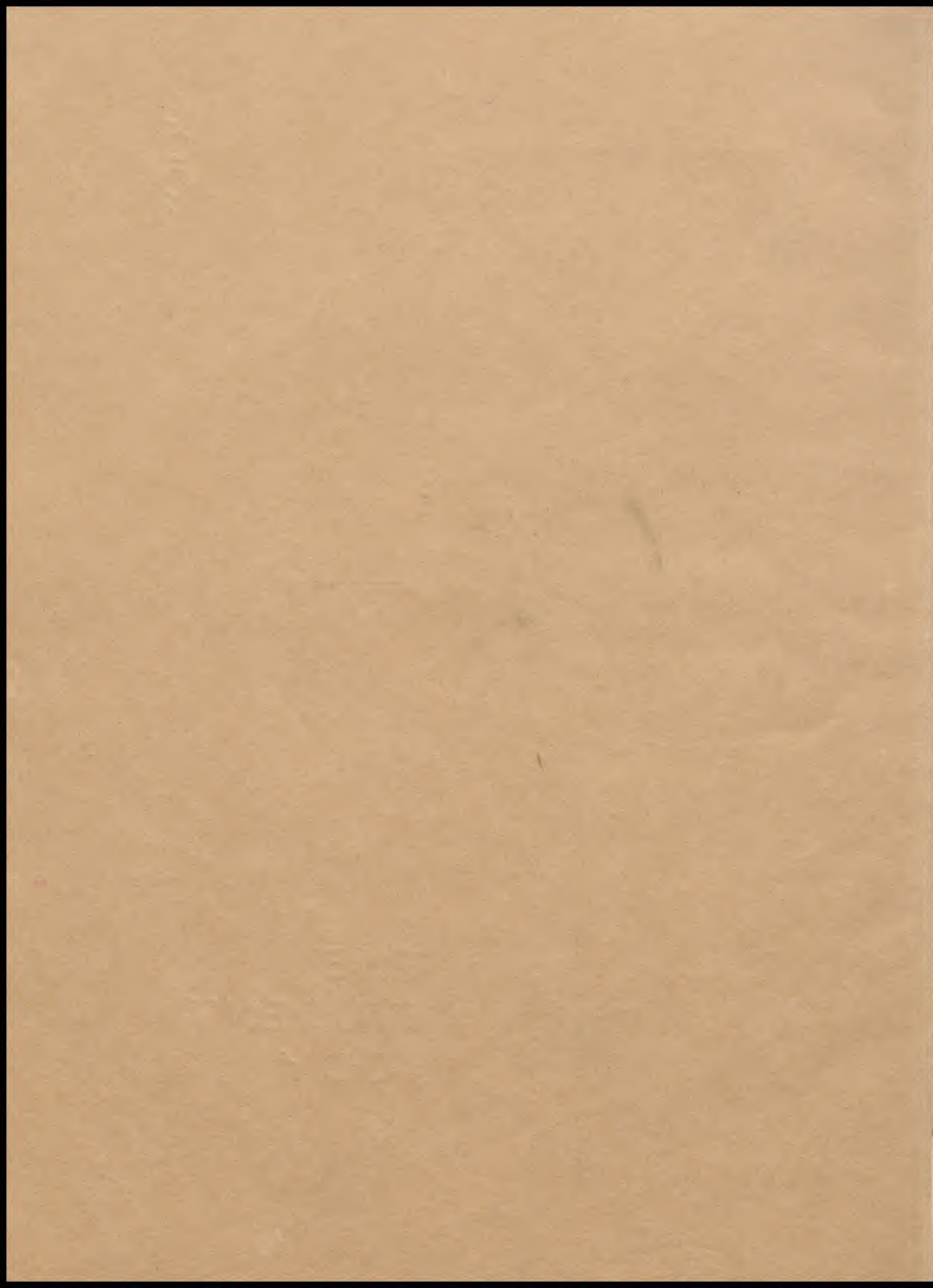
With the fine cooperation of Mr. Elmo Spoerl, Principal, and the students, the April meeting, with student demonstration of photography, projectors and film, carried the theme of the year's financial project to a satisfying climax.

The High School Association wishes to thank all who have in any way contributed toward making this year a successful one.

BOOK II



THE
STUDENT
BODY



CLASS OF '39



Mattie Allsopp

"Matches"

"Truthfulness is Godliness."
Basketball 2-3, Glee C. 4,
G.A.A. 4.

Martha Azain

"Marty"

"Dreams, the visions of a busy
brain."

Glee C. 4, Middionettes 4,
History C. 4.



Edward Bamman

"Ed"

"Manners are stronger than
laws."

Ger. C. 3-4, Library C. 3-4,
Footlighters C. 4.

Theodore Barabutes

"Ted"

"I will be lord of myself."

Track 2-4, Hi-Y 4, Astron-
omy C. 3-4, Fr. C. 3, Blue Let-
ter 4.



Margaret Bartha

"Martha"

"Accuracy is essential to beau-
ty."

G.A.A. 2-4, B. Ball 3-4,
Rep. 4.

Edith Bauman

"Shrimp"

"Whatever advice you give—
be short."

Glee C. 1-2, B. Ball 2-3,
History 2.



Donald Bierne

"Burns"

"He who treads softly, goes
furthest."

Football 2-4, Track 3, Cap.
4.

Louise Bisogne

"Wee"

"Good things should be prais-
ed."

B. Ball 2-4, G.A.A. 2-4,
Tumb. C. 3, Blue Letter, 4,
Rec. Staff 4.



Donald Brunstetter

"Duck"

"Be slow of tongue, and quick
of eye."

Astronomy C. 3-4, Blue Let-
ter 4.

Warren Carlsen

"Wassy"

"Good humor is always a suc-
cess."

Varsity C. 4, Tennis 3-4,
Hall Patrol 2-4, Hi-Y 2-4.



Alan Christensen

"Al"

"A good heart is better than
all the heads in the world."

Astronomy C. 3-4.

Albert Christoffersen

"Al"

"No one is wise enough by
himself."



Jean Cordery

"Jean"

"A light heart
lives long."

Bl. L. 4, Tumb.
3-4, G.A.A. 2-4,
B. Ball 1-4.

Alberta Crowell

"Berta"

"A lovely girl is
above all rank."

Tri-Y 2-4, Bl.
Letter 2-4, Foot-
lighters 4, Sr.
Play.

Alma Daniels

"Danny"

"Silence is gold-
en."

Review Staff
1, B. Ball 2, Re-
corder Staff 4,
Bl. Letter 4.

Lois Denecke

"Lo"

"I am a part of
all I have met."

Ch. Leader 3-
4, Bl. Letter 4,
History C. 3,
Middionettes 3,
German C. 3-4.

Warren Dickson

"Red"

"I saw and lov-
ed."

Football 3-4,
Basketball 4,
Tennis 3-4, Hi-
Y 2-4, Varsity
C. 3-4.

George Dietz

"I am a citizen
of the world."

Varsity C. 2-
4, Basketball 3-
4, Orch. 4, Glee
C. 4.

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Agnes Doak

"Betty"

"Live for some-
thing."

Middionettes 4.

Elizabeth Drake

"Betty"

"Common sense
is very uncom-
mon."

Bl. Letter 4,
History C. 3,
Middionettes 3,
German C. 3-4.

Michael Dudas

"Mike"

"Happiness is
unrepented plea-
sure."

Basketball 3,
Manager.

Arline Dunlap

"Sporty"

"Men of few
words are the
best men."

John Evans

"Jack"

"The hand that
gives, gathers."

Track 1-4, Hi-
Y 2-4, Astron-
omy C. 3-4, Stu-
dent Gov't. 3-4,
Hall Pat. 3-4,
Sr. Play.

**Raymond
Farrington**

"Ray"

"Be not confi-
dent and affirm-
ative."

F. Ball 3-4, B.
Ball 3-4, Track
3-4, Hi-Y 3-4,
Varsity C. 3-4.



Nancy Fortner

"Nan"

"Patience and gentleness are power."

Tri-Y 2-4, Ch. Leader 3-4, Bl. Letter 4, B. Ball 1-4, G.A. A. 2-4.

Daniel Freeman

"Nick"

"Politeness is the flower of humanity."

Football 3-4, Varsity Club 4.

Janet Godby

"Jan"

"A good resolve will make any port."

Latin C. 3, Library C. 3, Middionettes 3-4, Bl. Letter 4, Footlighters 4.

Margaret Goodhue

"Peggy"

"Beauty lives with kindness."

Orchestra 4, Glee Club 4.

Robert Hale

"Jack"

"He who exerts himself unnecessarily is a fool."

Hall Pat. 2, Base B. Mgr. 2-3, Hi-Y 4, Ger. C. 3, Pb. Spk. 4.

Henrik Hansen

"Henny"

"The poet sees the truth."

Fr. C. 2, Ger. C. 2-3, Astronomy C. 4, H. S. Recorder 3-4, Glee C. 4.

M

Alyce Hargreaves

"Skiz"

"Who is it can read a woman?"

Tumbling C. 2-3, Basketball 2-3.

Bette Hayden

"Bett"

"Love is more just than justice."

B. Ball, 2-4, Tri-Y 2-4, G. A.A. 2-4, Astronomy C. 3-4, Footlighters 3-4.

John Heller

"Frank"

"To be great is to be misunderstood."

Stu. Gov't. 3-4, Bl. Letter 4, Fr. C. 2-3, Library 3, Hist. 3.

Jack Herrick

"Jack"

"Silence is deep as eternity; speech is shallow as time."

Hi-Y 2-4, Astronomy C. 3-4, Hist. C. 3.

Jean Hill

"Hilly"

"Literature is the thought of thinking souls."

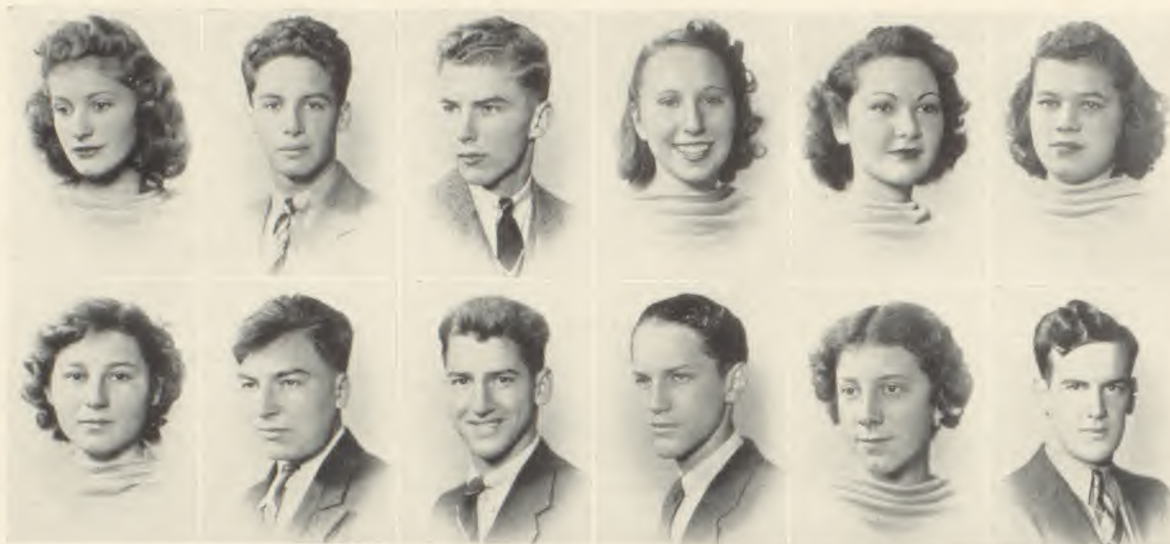
F. Lighters 4, Harmonica C. 2, Middionettes 2-3, Bl. Letter 4, Pb. Spkg. 4, Photo C. 4.

Alma Hokanson

"Hoky"

"I awoke one morning and found myself famous."

Tri-Y 3-4, G.A.A. 2-4, H.S. Rec. 4, Bl. Letter 4, Middionettes 2-3.



Thelma Hume
"Thel"

"The only victory over love is flight."

Tri-Y 2-4,
Tennis Mgr. 2-3,
G.A.A. 2-4,
Cheer Leader 3-4,
Tumb. C. 3,
Bl. Letter 4, Student Gov't. 4.

Robert Hume
"Bob"

"The Eagle, he was lord above, and Rob was lord below."

Tennis 1-3, F. Ball 2, Track 4, Varsity C. 1-4.

Edward Hunter
"Ed"

"Humor is the harmony of the heart."

F. Ball 3-4, B. Ball 3-4, Varsity C. 3-4, Hi-Y 2-4, Tennis 3-4.

Jeanette Hutchinson
"Hutch"

"Love is an egotism of two."

B. Ball 2, Fr. C. 2-3, Ger. C. 3-4, Middletonettes 2-3.

Marion James
"Pigeon"

"The woman that deliberates, is lost."

B. Ball 2-4, Tumb. C. 3-4, C.A.A. 3-4, Photo. C. 2.

Pauline Kachan
"Paulie"

"From bounty issues power."

French C. 3, Footlighters 4.

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Sylvia Kolodner
"Syl"

"To choose time is to save time."

B. Ball 1-4, G.A.A. 2-4, History C. 3-4, Middletonettes 3-4, Recorder Staff 2.

James Kovacs
"Jim"

"Sweet music —Sacred tongue of God."

Orchestra 1-4.

Arthur Latham
"Art"

"Lingering labors come to naught."

Football 2-4, Baseball 2.

Robert Layburn
"Bob"

"Eloquence is vehement simplicity."

Astronomy C. 3-4, Bl. Letter 4, Student Gov't. 3, Sr. Play.

Ruth Leis
"Ruth"

"Learning adds a precious seeing to the eye."

Footlighters 3-4, B. Ball 2-4, Stu. Gov't. 1-4, Bl. Letter 4, German C. 3-4.

Mark Longobardo
"Babe"

"Let exercise alternate with rest."

Football 3-4, Track 3-4, Varsity Club 3-4.



Arthur Lovelace

"Lovey"

"I learn life from the poets."

Astronomy C. 3-4, Track 3-4, Football 4, French C. 2, Blue Letter 4.

Walter MacLachlan

"Mac"

"Popularity is power."

Track 1-3, Football 1-3, Basketball 2, Varsity C. 2-4, Jr.-Sr. Prom 3.



George Martin

"George"

"Always a happy smile."

French C. 3, Hi-Y 3-4, Recorder Staff 4, Glee C. 3-4, Jr.-Sr. Prom. 3.

Margaret McKay

"Marge"

"No heart opens to sympathy without letting in delicacy."

French C. 3, Glee C. 4.



Frances McLane

"Fanny"

"Vanity is the quicksand of reason."

German C. 3-4, Footlighters 3-4, Glee C. 4.

Percy Milligan

"Doc"

"Nothing is so dear and precious as time."

Hall Patrol 1-4, Safety Patrol 2-4, Orchestra 1-4, Blue Letter, 1-3, Dramatic C. 1.

M



Evelyn Mills

"Evie"

"Virtue is beauty."

Glee C. 3-4, Blue Letter 4.

William Morris

"Bill"

"There are some defeats more triumphant than victories."

Football 4, Basketball 4.



John Pappalardo

"Papp"

"Let every man mind his own business."

Aviation C. 2-3.

Anna Patrick

"Ann"

"Joy rises in me, like a summer's morn."

Basketball 3-4, Student Gov't. 4, Blue Letter 2-4, G. A. A. 3-4, Glee Club 3, Footlighters 3-4.



Lawrence Phelan

"Larry"

"A smile with intent to do mischief."

Track 3-4, Jr.-Sr. Prom, Science C. 1, Photo C. 1-2, Railroad C. 3.

Elinor Rainford

"Ele"

"She that is slow to anger is better than the mighty."

Middionettes 3-4, Library 3-4.



Della Read
"Del"

"Be silent and safe — silence never betrays you."

Stu. Gov't. 3-4, Library 3, Footlighters 4, Astronomy C. 4, G. A.A. 4.

Leland Rock
"Lee"

"My eyes make pictures when they are shut."

Elsworth Rosenberg
"Rosie"

"Why should the Devil have all the good times?"

High school Recorder 4, Astronomy Club 3-4.

Frederick Schaffhauser
"Sheff"

"All the world loves a lover."

Football 3-4, Basketball 3-4, Track 4, Varsity C. 3-4, Baseball 2-4.

Alfred Schuster
"Al"

"I did not care one straw."

Ger. C. 2-3, Recorder 4.

Eleanor Schwalje
"Swal"

"Service is no heritage."

Cheer leader 3-4, Tri-Y 2-4, French C. 3, G. A.A. 2-4, Basketball 2-4.

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Anna Scirotto
"Ann"

"Charms strike the sight, but merit wins the soul."

Blue Letter 2-4, Footlighters 3-4.

Raymond Scruggs
"Ray"

"Beware of the desperate steps."

Football 2, Baseball 1-4, Track 3-4, Varsity Club 4, Recorder Staff 4.

Doris Sinclair
"Sinker"

"Her reasoning is full of tricks."

Blue Letter 1-4, Tumbling 2-3, Basketball 1-3, G.A.A. 2-3.

Ella Solomon
"Go, Go"

"Singeth a quiet tune."

Tumbling 3, Harmonic Club 3-4.

Harold Sonn

"The quarrels of lovers are the renewal of love."

Hi-Y 2-4, School Vice-Pres. 3, Pres. 4, Jr.-Sr. Prom 3, Blue Letter 4, Astronomy Club 3-4.

Anne-Marie Sporre

"Great thoughts come from the heart."

Middionette C. 3-4, Latin Club 3, Library Club 3, Blue Letter 4, Footlighters 4.



Annie Stephens

"Ann"

"Her ways are ways of pleasantness."

Middionette C. 4.



Harrell Strickland

"Tex"

"There is no great genius without a tincture of madness."

Ger. C. 2, Astronomy C. 3-4, Bl. Letter 4, Public Speaking 4.



Douglas Tattoon

"Doug"

"Wit and wisdom are born with a man."

Tennis 3, Hi-Y 2-4, Bl. Letter 4, Hist. C. 3, Fr. C. 3, Class President 4.



Augustus Thompson

"Gus"

"Art subdues the strong."

Baseball 2-3, Football 2-3, Track 2-3.



Dorothy Thompson

"Tommy"

"What I value most there will my heart be."

Tumbling 2-3, G.A.A. 2-4, Orch. 3-4, Blue Letter Ed. 4, Tri-Y 2-4.



Theresa Toth

"Toby"

"Is not true leisure one with true toil?"

B. Ball 2-4, G.A.A. 3-4, Footlighters 3-4, Bl. Letter 4, Glee C. 3-4.

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Wally Turikain

"Turk"

"Men must work,"

Hall Patrol 1-2, Photo C. 2.



Elizabeth Tutt

"Tuttie"

"Of my merit."

Recorder Staff 2-4, Blue Letter 4.



Ruth Vanderhoof

"Vandy"

"A witty woman is a treasure."

B. Ball 1-4, Tri-Y. 3-4, Cheerleaders 3-4, G.A.A. 2-4, Student Gov't. 4, Bl. Letter 4.



Irene Venett

"Renee"

"Sing away sorrow, cast away care."

Tumbling 3, B. Ball 3-4, G. A.A. 3-4, Recorder Staff 3, Glee C. 3-4, Footlighters 3-4.



Mildred Vollmar

"Millie"

"Work first, then rest."

Middionettes 3-4, Library C. 3-4.



Andrew Weirup

"Pepper"

"These little things are great to little men."

Football 2-4, Baseball 3-4.



Lillian Smith

"Lill"

"Joy is a sweet voice."

Vincent Wojciechowski

"Wojie"

"A world where nothing is had for nothing."

Football 3-4, Baseball 3.

Ruth Whelan

"Skippy"

"On pleasure she was bent."

Glee Club 1, Basketball 1-4.

Eleanor Wolf

"El"

"I am the most concerned with my own interests."

Footlighters 4, Blue Letter 4.

Ernest Whitman

"Ernie"

"Love is a beautiful dream."

Baseball 3, F. Ball 2, Stu. Gov't. 1-4, Hi-Y 2-4, Glee C. 4, Hall Patrol 1-4.

Elizabeth Zimmerman

"Bette"

"She was good as she was fair."

Tri-Y 1-4, Glee Club 4, Blue Letter 2-4, Stu. Gov't. 2.

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Metuchen, we present to you
The Class of '39
Ninety-one so staunch and true,
Our youth, and in their prime.

Doctors, lawyers, writers, chefs,
Citizens to be,
Stepping out, you are the ref's—
Will they gain victory?

Success and failures, joys and tears
Are written in this book,
The leaders of the coming years,
From out these pages look.

Give us a chance, is our request,
Help us as we try,
We're starting now to take the test
Farewell, Metuchen High.

Henrik Hansen

SENIOR HISTORY

Senior Histories have always impressed us as being cut and dried affairs and although we stress no claims to being the live wire class of M. H. S. we do admit that we haven't exactly been sleeping on our feet.

As a Freshman group, and as youngsters, we were delighted with the two sessions plan. The commercial groups attended in the afternoon under the leadership of President Ruth Peters. The college preparatory group attended in the morning, and our present Senior class administrator, Douglas Tatton, received his early training as president of the freshman morning group.

The following year found us as typical sophomores, the only difference being that we were just a little bit too sure of ourselves—with the consequent result that not much work was accomplished. We did attend class meetings, however; maybe it was because of our manly president, Harold Sonn.

Our reputation as scatter-brains was firmly established when we reached the junior year. Somehow or other the Junior Dance never materialized—(our hearts were in it but—'nuff said—)

It might have been the inspiration of the mighty seniors or even the so-earnest appeal of our president, Ed Hunter, but somehow or other, we managed to achieve that traditional enterprise, the Junior-Senior Prom. Oh, yes, we do admit that the decorations were sort of helter-skelter and that the orchestra wasn't Artie Shaw; but it was May and if we didn't do another thing in our whole four years, we did bid a bon voyage to the class of '38 in a way that won't soon be forgotten.

In September we returned conceited seniors with a whim for the social whirl and no mind for work.

With the vim and vigor with which we usually are accredited, we set about to elect Doug Tatton, class president. Elections over, work established, our next attempt was the Senior Dance. We all were mercenary enough to anticipate a nice full treasury. I guess we all dreamt too much—nobody did anything about it. Tickets were printed, somebody saw to it that a few were sold and then some bright person was kind enough to realize that those few people might be rather lonesome in such a big auditorium. It all comes down to the final afternoon—the usual committee made the usual visit to the office and received the usual answer. Determined, the senior class went to work,—for a change. Fortunately we managed to scrape up enough money to provide company for our chaperones and keep the orchestra off the breadline. With sheepish grins we acknowledged that full treasury which carried all of twenty cents. Bright Seniors!

With a great deal more serious thought behind it, the Senior play went into rehearsal. Fortunately it was so managed that the class was well represented on committees and cast.

Our main achievements over, we sit back with anxious anticipation and wonder what is next to befall us. However, our spirits are, for the time, somewhat dampened when we realize that soon we will have joined the ranks of "Those who were".



JUNIOR GIRLS

CLASS OFFICERS

President—Arthur Wickberg

Vice-President—James Rossi

Secretary-Treasurer—Richard Hale

"Sophisticated Seniors", a title that has been passed down for years to the new senior class will next year be yours. On the last lap of that long journey, you can't help thinking back over the years and feeling a little empty inside. Next year what?

In spite of your feelings, you'll be sitting on top of the world. Dances, plays, football, basketball and all of them leading up to that one big moment—graduation. Another class will go on in the history of M. H. S.—gone but not forgotten.

First row—A. Mott, M. Sporre, F. Styverson, B. Leis, H. Neun, R. Fuchs, E. Reynolds, B. Moss, V. Lausten, R. Wuest, H. Petercsak.

Second row—M. Stevens, M. Boytch, R. Graf, L. Booth, D. Tate, R. Zack, S. Saley, B. Laday, E. Weber, P. Hermensen, E. Witko, R. Jindrcek, E. Lang, E. Perrino, H. Pastor, B. Osborne.

Third row—J. Connors, R. Lamp, R. Eosso, V. Olsen, G. Recktenwald, L. Sinclair, M. Neun, H. Yatko, T. Featherson, E. Thomas, R. Laing, W. Kanis, S. Saley, N. Kansol, K. Moore, C. Tobehn, E. Wener, E. Mohring.

Fourth row—D. Phillips, E. Estoppey, S. Sorg, H. Lehlbach, G. Smith, M. L. Crowell, Miss Haitisch, J. Muha, K. Malan, B. Rolfe, C. Venett, L. Baumann, B. Arronet, E. Jarema.

Fifth row—S. Halvorsen, R. Koscielniak, G. Burke, R. Hollis, R. Jensen, M. Lang, B. Layburn, E. Syro, R. Kidder, D. Hughes, A. Jones, C. Clarkson.



JUNIOR BOYS

FACULTY ADVISERS

J. Bailer

L. Haitsch

M. Graham

It looks as though a good year is in store for these boys. The senior year is always the best in high school and the junior boys will be the "high school men of next year". Particularly fine have they shown themselves to be in the field of sports and next year's teams will profit by the ability of the team members.

First row—H. Deck, E. Mayo, B. Krog, E. Risler, H. Orr, W. McGonegal.

Second row—R. Peterson, T. McKeown, J. O'Malley, C. Rhodes, D. Giles, W. Thornall, R. Wright, W. Koncur, W. Stork, P. Cantamessa, B. Kiefer.

Third row—R. Hale, H. Nelson, G. Slaight, J. Connors, R. Davis, F. Neilsen, A. Fletcher, F. Meany, F. Ganguimi, R. Meyers, D. Breen, A. Alatary, J. Hazlitt, W. Hansen.

Fourth row—A. Montalbano, D. Levine, L. Kraus, A. Sorenson, J. Rossi, Mr. Bailer, Mr. Graham, A. Wickberg, L. Tagliaboschi, R. McGuinness, E. Crawford, A. Toth.

Fifth row—J. Morion, M. Jaros, G. Rink, W. Stateman, L. Kornblatt, M. Ellis, W. Saley, M. Wargo, L. Bruno, L. Bruno, D. Breen, J. Holton.



SOPHOMORE GIRLS

CLASS OFFICERS

President—Donald Koyen

Vice-President—Louis Finnuchio

Secretary-Treasurer—Virginia Peters

Last year in the election of freshman class officers the boys won out with Donald Koyen as class president. That did not discourage the girls. With the boys' help, of course, the most prominent members got together and held a cake sale which proved to be a great success. They gained the reputation of being ambitious and peppy. Here's hoping they will always keep it.

First row—R. Searle, M. Goodman, B. Testa, L. Semenchuck, I. Hansen.

Second row—J. Thompkins, R. Kentos, P. Dana, J. Herrstrom, I. Magyar, E. Zeffer, M. Magyar, V. Davis, M. A. Bjorensen, J. Epting, S. Gryniak, A. Seiglehooffer, C. Zamparella.

Third row—M. Carlas, F. Gaudet, E. Whitman, A. Scarpelli, B. Fisher, R. Westcott, G. Defilipo, H. Donahue, M. Stumpf, A. Poulsen, R. Poulsen, A. Smith, A. Booker, P. Bohnsack, V. Peters, L. Boulia, D. Roig, D. Dimler.

Fourth row—A. Gerber, N. Carver, J. Raff, L. Ritchie, M. Horn, V. Hutchinson, E. Adams, B. Rittiar, Mrs. Swank, Mr. Lawrence, Miss DeFrates, V. Collman, R. DeNapoli, O. Zack, N. Pavaluck, R. Vanallen, R. Allen, V. Scruggs.

Fifth row—E. Twitchill, O. Koncur, B. Jones, J. Anderson, G. Tyrell, I. Lowman, M. Kachuck, M. Volls, G. Bien, A. Cheche, N. Semenuk, B. Bauman, H. Sorgento, V. Sanctis, D. Drake, N. Maynard.



SOPHOMORE BOYS

FACULTY ADVISERS

W. Smith

P. Schmidtchen

M. Swank

I. DeFrates

H. Lawrence

Donald Koyen, the Sophomore Class President, has proved to be a successful one. He has been their president for the last two years because of the splendid leadership he has shown. Many sophomore representatives took part in high school sports. Here's hoping they'll succeed in whatever they undertake.

First row—J. Halpin, L. Pispecky, A. Reeder, O. Fisher.

Second row—W. Birdsall, W. Risler, W. Fedirko, R. Thmopson, J. Thomas, J. Howe, S. Yelencsics, E. Rainford, E. Reick, M. Yatzko, R. Crowell, F. Frederics.

Third row—J. Schwalje, D. Koyen, W. Clausen, Q. Dietz, E. Freedman, W. Heffner, J. Kovacs, J. Mosgay, D. McKeown, H. Jersak, W. Pravada, G. Kabobik, P. Dorsey, F. Scarpelli, A. Pollacko, S. Ceche, W. Brunstetter, J. Powell.

Fourth row—R. Homann, W. Corneilsen, P. Tithoro, E. Kasmarek, R. Reynolds, D. Taylor, Mr. Schmidtchen, Mr. Smith, C. Petsch, C. Wagal, B. Allsop, C. Gehrum, B. Nabak, C. Pascall.

Fifth row—J. Salamone, G. Kubik, A. Hansen, D. Waring, G. Potash, J. Hughes, W. MacLaughlin, R. Hokanson, R. Losey, A. Lawrence, P. Sceeper.



FRESHMAN GIRLS

CLASS OFFICERS

President—Bart Trokovich

Vice-President—Eugene Meaney

Secretary-Treasurer—Grace Rule

Last year's eighth grade girls are the High School Greenies this year—even to their gym suits. Off to a good start in high school life, we are looking forward to them as the future promoters of high school activities.

First row—I. Hansen, V. Gubick, G. Diering, O. Meski, A. Sofield, A. Lilly, M. Haley, V. Lilly, G. Trollens, T. Beiler, F. Thompson, M. Mann, M. Miller, C. Brune.

Second row—J. Quinn, K. Skrutowski, G. Davis, R. Stookey, H. Scruggs, A. Berry, R. Boyce, J. Trembly, B. Rock, A. Tomkins, C. Price, D. Voohrees, H. Pravada, E. Nielson, A. Scarpelli, E. Farrell, D. Birdsall.

Third row—D. Thompson, E. Hatos, E. Allen, P. Long, Miss Conklin, Miss Anker, D. Ganns, D. Tate, M. Dzuiba, L. Deni, W. Moscowitz.

Fourth row—B. Steegar, R. Kramer, G. Rule, C. Holcomb, F. Roxbury, G. Martin, M. Lowe, G. Hanson, J. Macklin, C. Kolein, D. Davis, E. Hicks.



FRESHMAN BOYS

FACULTY ADVISERS

W. Jackson

V. Cooke

H. Conklin

L. Anker

It doesn't seem possible that these boys were last year's eighth graders. Leaving school last June, they were young in actions, appearance, and thoughts. By September they had become a group of young men, eager to start their high school career. This class is a credit to Metuchen High School and, to the sophomores of next year, we wish the best of luck.

First row—F. Risola, A. Heaven, J. Brinkman, C. Timper, C. Ribinsky, H. Springer, E. Beck, G. Barabutes, D. Moss.

Second row—C. Reck, F. Toth, R. Gondola, P. Gubik, K. Osborne, E. Soden, G. Abry, W. Liebeck, J. Kohn, B. Luse, M. Solomon, H. Vanduser, B. Trokovitch, W. Hummer.

Third row—P. Lindsay, C. Tutt, T. Barbar, E. Grey, J. Bubenick, L. Cordery, P. Sterling, S. Tremeres, T. Walp, H. Knowle, R. Morris, D. Hume, E. Rosac.

Fourth row—L. Ehnebuske, J. Thac, D. Miles, L. Smith, E. Richards, R. Guntz, Mr. Jackson, Miss Cook, R. Gibbs, J. Dendis, H. Hughes, L. Lauson, M. Getz, R. Wickberg.

Fifth row—G. Ganns, D. Terhune, L. More, G. Sersick, C. Miller, T. Cuba, T. Grey, E. Kabobik, R. Knexek, I. Kornblatt, S. Walp, E. Meaney, J. Halpin.



EIGHTH GRADE

FACULTY ADVISERS

A. Zabel

M. Fennessey

O. Sparkes

CLASS OFFICERS

President—Douglas Hicks

Vice-President—Olin Denecke

Secretary-Treasurer—Jean Rupp

The sound and sight of the Trumpet calls our attention to one of the important groups of our school—the eighth graders. We commend them on their united efforts and good results of *The Trumpet*, their newspaper, and welcome them as next year's freshies.

First row—M. L. McDonald, E. Maynard, J. Wickman, L. Adams, J. Wood, V. Fahringer, M. Weinberger, G. Fitz-Gerald, R. Cobbs, S. Fredericks, E. Roig, B. Powers, J. Rupp, R. Swords, K. Phelan, B. Reynolds, V. Sorenson, G. Goodman, E. Macklin.

Second row—P. Tomkins, J. Torio, V. Wasolka, L. Risler, D. Hollander, M. Terhune, B. Halvorsen, D. Remensnyder, P. Drake, B. Smith, F. Rolfe, T. Jenson, D. Hicks, B. Thompson, D. Hill, B. Booker, J. Marcisyn, J. Pipik, D. Wernik, L. Cosgrove,

Third row—B. Hickman, C. Takacs, B. Fortner, B. Bedel, R. Lowe, C. Crowell, I. Waring, W. Reh fuss, D. Zigmont, L. Doak, H. Shoebridge, M. Birdsall, R. Rogers, B. Thomas, J. Kramarich, B. Hendel, P. Orr, M. Barksdale, D. Packard, V. Hoyer, S. Trasky, J. Sherin.

Fourth row—N. Frenson, N. Falkinstrom, P. Bolan, L. Ignacki, A. Linsay, J. Peck, L. Valenta, R. More, D. Bensco, Miss Fennessey, Miss Zabel, Miss Sparkes, Mr. Richards, H. Vincent, J. Schultz, G. Slaky, B. Lamparter, N. Abbott, R. Jones, K. Eller, B. Bruno.

Fifth row—B. Poulson, A. Dickson, J. Shuman, R. Torio, A. Bauman, C. Boedinghouse, D. Rink, D. McKerihan, E. Timper, F. Rectenwald, J. Hayden, V. Alatary, W. Tutt, K. Day, M. Crane, H. McKeown, O. Denecke, F. Cullins, D. Fletcher.



SEVENTH GRADE

FACULTY ADVISERS

P. Nielsen

E. Mundy

A. Wurgler

CLASS OFFICERS

President—Robert Evans

Vice-President—John Tagliaboski

Secretary-Treasurer—Mary Lou Kramer

The beginning of this year found a new adventure in store for the ex-sixth graders. They no longer remained in one room, but passed from class to class. The freedom of high school ways and the fact that they were on their own alarmed them a bit at first, but the seventh graders have proved to us that they are worthy of the trust put in them and can be depended on to uphold the aims and honor of Metuchen High School.

First row—B. Donnan, V. Donnan, S. Giles, A. Daly, G. Leedy, N. Dyremose, A. Thomas, A. Larsen, T. Acuri, R. Horne, W. Dana, H. Osborne, T. Eosso, T. Hollis, J. Edwards, R. Evans, P. Zamperelli, F. Masaid, J. Chapman, E. Oksin, R. Barnum, R. Heller, B. Cortright, A. Rosenvinge.

Second row—A. Peterson, E. Butler, P. Uchin, G. Tate, S. Ignacki, E. Popovitch, E. Holcombe, J. Lamparter, H. Levine, C. Hokanson, E. Haley, H. Bruno, H. Weringer, S. Nielsen, K. Altorfer, K. Arrojo, W. Thomas, R. Dietz, A. Fretz, B. Blindow, D. Wallace.

Third row—M. Johnson, N. Gibbs, M. O'Connell, V. Hall, R. Green, J. Kazmarek, E. Skyberg, J. Meade, B. Whitman, E. Johnson, M. Tate, H. Sallitt, J. Gunst, S. Crowell, D. Johnson, G. Salamone, J. Collins, J. Mayo, G. McLaughlin, J. Englert, D. Hokanson, J. Scruggs.

Fourth row—S. Hewston, J. Miller, M. Jessen, E. Tremblay, W. Beck, F. Hoops, J. Fisher, P. Letsinger, S. Crowell, Mr. Nielsen, Miss Wurgler, Miss Mundy, P. Nelson, J. Bauman, J. Smith, R. Lake, J. Tagliaboschi, K. Farrington, D. Regan, B. Weinberger, C. Hawley, P. Ruegger, R. Paulus.

Fifth row—J. Rogers, R. Drake, E. Jones, R. Frohm, M. Cantamessa, J. Maggs, C. Lewis, M. Kramer, A. Reeder, P. Connors, G. Torrio, C. Bonis, R. Thatcher, A. Donato, L. More, L. Ryan, E. Poandl, E. Johnson, E. Rasmussen, M. Bien, D. Waring.

SENIOR WILL

In order to enter the outside world as contented people, we, the Senior class of nineteen hundred and thirty-nine, do bequeath all our worldly goods and memories to our remaining friends and heirs.

First, to our Principal, Mr. Spoerl, we leave our thanks for teaching us the difference between right and wrong.

Second, to the Faculty, our hopes for your success in squelching rousing classes from '40 on—

Third, to the Freshmen we say, "Work harder; you're Freshmen no longer—"

Fourth, to the Sophomores we say, "Someday—"

Fifth and last, we leave to the Juniors, individual thoughts.

ATKINSON ALATORY—Mrs. Cooke. BLANCHE ARRONET—The right to follow in her sister's footsteps. LOUISE BAUMAN—Solitude, peace, and quiet. LILLIAN BOOTH—A telephone. DANIEL BREEN—A silencer. LAWRENCE BRUNO—Speed! LUCIEN BRUNO—The right to blow up the lab. once a day. GERTRUDE BURKE—A box of rouge. PETER CANTAMASSA—A bottle of ink. BETTY CAMPBELL—A pair of low-heeled shoes. VICTOR CHERIPON—The right to be called SPIKE! JEANNE CONNORS—Her home room. JOHN CONNERS—A "CONNOR'S EIGHT". CHRISTINE CLARKSON—A growing tonic. EDWARD CRAWFORD—A new pair of suspenders; give the old ones a REST. MARY LOUISE CROWELL—The right to become a debutante, and act as such. CHRISTIAN DALSGARD—The right to act bored. ROBERT DAVIS—A Public Service bus ticket. HARRY DECK—The right to be as versatile as brother Louis. ELEANORE EDWARDS—A megaphone. RITA ESSO—The right to be an Amazon. MELVIN ELLIS—A plain sweater. ETHEL ESTOPPEY—A real engagement ring. ALEXANDER FLETCHER—A come-hither look. ROSE ANNA FUCHS—A certain Senior boy. FRANK GENGEM—A job as lifeguard. DE WITT GILES—The right to compete with the 8 ft. 6 in. boy wonder from Kansas. RUTH GRAF—An English accent. RICHARD HALE—A book on horses. SYLVIA HALVORSEN—A good hearty laugh. JOHN HANSEN—A newspaper. JOSEPH HAZLETT—Yeast Foam Tablets. PAULA HERMANSEN—Some day her prince will come (maybe he's here). MARY HIFKO—Enjoyment. RUTH HOLLIS—A man. JAMES HOLTON—The ability to keep out of mischief. DOROTHY HUGHES—Henna-Pack. ELEANOR JAREMA—Another president. MICHAEL JAROS—More birds to stuff. RUTH JENSEN—A new hair do. RUTH JINDRACEK—Silver roller skates. ANNA JONES—A new girl scout pin. WALTRAND KANIS—A German accent. NORMA KANSOL—A new suggestion. RITA KIDDER—Pep, Vim, and Vigor. WALTER KIEFER—The right to hitch-hike. WALTER KONCUR—A certain Senior girl. LLOYD KORNBLATT—A toothache. RUTH KOSCIELNIAK—A new color scheme. LOUIS KRAUS—More touchdowns for next year. ROBERT KROG—Boxing lessons. BETTY LADAY—The right to talk. RUTH LAING—The U. S. Navy. RUTH LAMP—The right to be somebody. MARY LANG—Wave set. ELEANOR LANGE—A motorcycle. VIRGINIA LAUSEN—Curls for her blonde hair. BETTY LAYBURN—Vivid Lipstick.

HELEN LEHLBACK—A color to go with her hair. BETTY LEIS—The right to be the valedictorian of her class. DAVID LEVINE—A box of Wheaties. RICHARD McGUINNESS—An Irish Colleen. WILLIAM McGONEGAL—A course in Public Speaking. THOMAS McKEOWN—A little more spunk. CATHERINE MALAN—A soap box. JAMES MALLEY—The right to make some noise. VESELKA MATRICK—A powder puff. STERLING MAYO—A pair of long pants. FRANCIS MEANEY—A railroad. DICK MEYERS—A noise maker. EVELINE MOHRING—Welsh's Grape juice. ANTHONY MONTALBANO—A garage. CATHERINE MOORE—A hair ribbon. BARBARA MOSS—A hostess gown. JAMES MORGAN—A career like Frank's. ALMENA MOTT—Some pep. JANE MUHA—Anything she wants. HELEN NEUN—A new spirit. MARGIE NEUN—A high pitched voice. VICTOR NIELSEN—Something novel. VIVIAN OLSEN—A job as a private secretary. HORACE ORR—The right to be a second Rachmaninoff. BLANCHE OSBORNE—Ear muffs—to drown out the noise! FRANK PASECK—A red head. HELEN PASTOR—A movie contract. BETTY PERRINO—Honors in typing. HELEN PETERCSAK—The right to grow up. ROBERT PETERSON—A new argument for German class. DOROTHY PHILLIPS—A new pair of lungs. YVONNE POWELL—More time. THERESE REKTENWALD—A smile. ELEANOR REYNOLDS—Her sister's success. CHARLIE RHOADES—His pal. MARY RICHARDS—The right to be strong and silent. GEORGE RINK—The right to be absent four times a week. EDWIN RISLER—A new football uniform. RAMON RODRIQUEZ—The ability to control his temper. BARBARA ROLFE—A little variety. JAMES ROSSI—A hall patrol member. SOPHIE SALEY—A book of answers for the questions Will asks. WILLIAM SALEY—A long wait—to remove some of the freshness. LOUISE SINCLAIR—Yards and yards of Corderoy. EVA SIRO—The right to have straight hair. GILBERT SLAIGHT—A girl who will remain true. GRACE SMITH—New fields to conquer. ALVIN SORENSON—Oak poison. SHIRLEY SORG—Somebody else's football hero. MARGOT SPORRE—Her sister's disposition. NORMAN STATEMAN—A book of poems. MARY STEVENS—Her sister's neatness. WALTER STORK—More time to study. FRANCIS SYVERTSEN—A serious thought. ALFRED TAGLIABOCHI—A break. DOROTHY TATE—A basketball. ELEANOR THOMAS—A hope chest. WILLIAM THORNALL—Lessons in posing. CHARLOTTE TOBEHN—An alarm clock. ANDREW TOTH—A pigeon farm. CHRISTINE VENETT—Something outstanding. BETTY VROOM—The privilege of blushing in public. EVELYN WEBER—Silk stockings. EVELYN WINES—A little superiority. ARTHUR WICKBURG—A screen test. ROBERT WRIGHT—The right to become a second Artie Shaw. RUTH WUEST—A new position on hall patrol. HELEN YATCZYN—A new shade of lipstick. ROSE ZAKALUZYNY—A big question mark. DONALD BREEN—The right to be relieved from football exercises.

So now we close, and bid adieu,
 We hope that we've brought joy to you.
 We hope you all were satisfied
 (You cannot say we haven't tried)
 We thank you for the fun we've had,
 Now comes the parting—be not sad.
 In 1940 we all will be
 Alumni members—you and me.

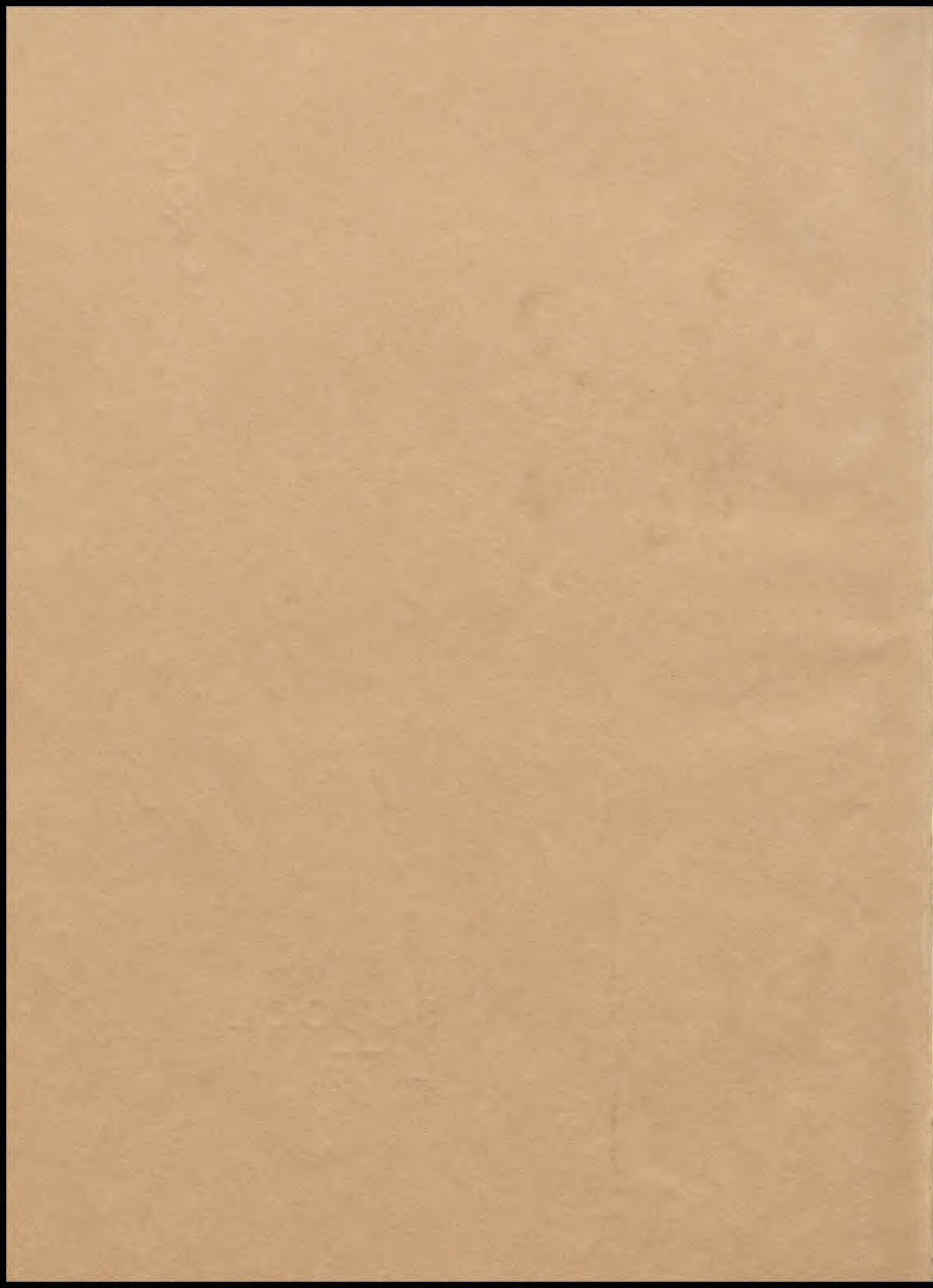
THE SENIOR ALPHABET

- A is for Azain, a maiden so fair,
Bright sparkling teeth and black shiny hair.
- B is for Bierne, a nice quiet lad,
In work and in play he isn't half bad.
- C is for Carlsen (or Courier News);
His smile and his dimple will chase out your blues.
- D is for Dickson, a fiery "red",
But it's not in his heart—it's more in his head.
- E is for Evans of Senior Play fame,
For being an actor—he's gained quite a name.
- F stands for Farrington (yes, little Ray),
And that little junior thinks he's O Kay.
- G is for Godby, for short call her "Jan";
She'll make a good wife for some lucky man.
- H is for Hoky, who is a reporter,
(Her picture is found with the Hi-School Recorder).
- I stands for Irene (you don't know whom yet),
To end your suspense we will tell you—Venett.
- J is a letter which here stands for James,
It's funny how people like using first names.
- K is for Kovacs, conscientious and true;
He'll fiddle to fame before he is through.
- Longobardo begins with an L;
He's big and he's stocky, and one we know well.
- M is for Milligan, a senior, no doubt;
It's '39 Perce, time to go out.
- N is for Newton, our Yankee Doodle Boy,
He's a southern gentleman, (oi, yoi yoi).
- O is for old, which we'll all be some day,
Let's hope that good fortune will soon head our way.
- P is for Patrick who shares in the work,
Her duties, we're sure, she never will shirk.
- R stands for Robert (Bob Layburn to you),
A really nice fellow, stout-hearted and true.
- S is for Sonn, a born politician,
When the House is in session you'll find him out fishin'.
- T is for Tatton, smart, square and tall;
He sure can pick partners who are very small.
- U is for "umph" which we all possess,
We may become famous (of course that's a guess).
- V stands for Vanderhoof, an outstanding fem,
And if we may say so, she is quite a gem.
- W's for Whitman who was thrilled with the will
That last year was left him. (Why he's got it still.)
- Y is for you, so that no one's left out,
This list's now unanimous, without a doubt.
- Z is for Zimmerman, a belle of our class,
A typical senior and a fair little lass.

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III



SCHOOL
LIFE



JUNIOR MAY 23

NEW YORK PLAYBOY KONKS COP

Just a Jitterbug

Robert Hume, better known as "Beau", was accused today of beating up a policeman in N. Y. during the New Year's Eve celebration at Times Square—said Beau Hume, "I wasn't trying to disfigure him, he merely got in the way of my jitterbugging".

The case was tried before Circuit Court Judge J. R. Evans. Appearing as witnesses for the defense were: Alan Christensen, Dan Freeman, and Andrew Weirup, all of New York.

The defendant was represented by the eminent criminal lawyer, Mark Longobardo.



CELEBRITY MILLS GIVES BON VOYAGE PARTY

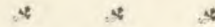
Miss Evelyn Mills, glamour girl of 1941, gave a going away party for Margaret McKay, famous dancer. Miss McKay left for Europe on the new Rock Liner, Bartha. A party of Miss Mills' friends which included Ted Barabutes, Jean Hill and Larry Phelan, Eleanore Wolf, Frances McLane, and Ann Patrick were shocked at the disappearance of Toby Toth's famous pearls. The pearls, however, were discovered by Hank Hendel, well known criminologist. Hank found the pearls in the fruit dish. He concluded they had been lost while Miss Toth was eating grapes.



PERSONAL APPEARANCE

Alberta Crowell, Bette Zimmerman and Harrell Strickland, of the famous radio serial "Uncle Tex's Cabin" made a personal appearance today in the MacLachlan Palace. It

is learned from their two managers, Jack Hale and George Dietz, that they will remain two weeks.



UP AND DOWN HAIR STYLE

Peirre D'Argent, better known as Duck Brunstetter, well known Paris creator of the up and down hair sweep, appeared at the beauty salon of Madame Denecke. Jack Herrick and Bob Layburn assisted M. D'Argent. He demonstrated his new style on the attractive model, Jeanette Hutchinson.



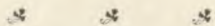
PHOTOGRAPHER DISCOVERS MODEL

Doris Sinclair, of Sinclair Studios, Inc. told the press today of the new find, Miss Thelma Hume. Miss Sinclair says she is the perfect model of 1941. Miss Alyce Hargreaves was formerly employed by Sinclair Studios.



PLAY TO BE GIVEN NEXT TUES.

"Home Life", an original masterpiece by Miss Dorothy Thompson, is to be given next week at the local theatre, through the courtesy of Ed Baumann, owner.



NEW DAY NURSERY TO OPEN HERE

Miss E. Schwalje of this city announces that plans are being made to open "The Joyce Day Nursery".

As this is the first attempt to start an institution of this kind in our city, it should help the housewives while doing their spring cleaning.

John Pappalardo, famous aviator, sets new flying record.

PROPHECY

1941

MR. JOHN HELLER ELECTED PRES. OF STOCK EXCHANGE

The New York Stock Exchange elected Mr. John Heller as President of the Board of Directors.

Those re-elected to office were as follows: Henrik B. Hansen, V. Pres., Michael Dudas, Sec., Harold Sonn, Treas.

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STEEL WORKERS ON STRIKE

Raymond Scruggs led a band of strikers into a battle with police yesterday. It resulted in bloodshed.

Dr. Farrington of Roosevelt Hospital reports the foreman, E. Whitman, of the Kovacs Steel Co., is in a very serious condition.

The N. L. R. B. appointed Ed. Hunter to investigate the cause of the strike.

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DETECTIVE AGENCY REVEALS

The Tatton Detective Agency revealed yesterday that they have clues, vital to Serg't Milligan of the local police, concerning the disappearance of Elmer Zilch of this city.

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NEW LAUNDRY TO OPEN IN TOWN

William Morris and E. Rosenberg, announce that they have united to form the "Morsen Laundry Company".

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LOCAL MAN PRODUCES PICTURE

Fred Sheff has just produced a new picture entitled "Yesebble", starring the glamorous Bette Hayden.

This picture will be released shortly by "The Wojie Film Company", of Hollywood, California.

FAMOUS AUTO TEAM WINS IN- DIANA SPEEDWAY CLASSIC

"Red" Dickson and "Wassy" Carlson, of this city, won the Indianapolis Speedway Classic yesterday. Due to the daring driving of these two fellows, they were able to come from behind at the last two laps and win by a hundred yards.

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RUNNER SETS NEW RECORD

Don Bierne, formerly of M. H. S., established a new record today in Madison Square Garden. This sensational runner broke the world's record for the mile.

Donald Bierne, called "Burns" by his intimates, ran a mile in three minutes.

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BEST SECRETARIES

Jean Cordery, Louise Bisogne, Ruth Leis, Martha Azain and Alma Daniels were all awarded prizes for being the foremost secretaries of their time.

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NEW UNION

A new union has been started. As yet, we know little about it but we do know that the "Rug Cutters Union" is headed by Ruth Whelan and Alma Hokanson. This union is trying to make a law requiring all ice cream parlors to have bigger and better ash trays.

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HEP CATS BAND

"Art" Latham, leader of the "Hep Cats" all girl band, played at his Alma Mater last Friday. The band consists of: A. Doak, B. Drake, E. Bauman, M. Allsopp, N. Fortner, M. Goodhue, D. Read, E. Rainford, A. M. Sporre, I. Venett, and E. Tutt.



What is it that makes the school? It can't be based on any one factor, for without the students a school would not be alive and could not possibly function and without the head or administration it would cease to be a school, for then all order and means of learning would be absent.

Yes, students and teachers are taken for granted, and when both are forgotten, it is the old red brick building that will remain in our memories as "school". That is why it is so good to return every September; it is a sense of belonging that we feel as we once again clutter up the familiar halls of M. H. S.

None of us admit this rapturous feeling—we are too full of complaints of the year's work ahead and of the happy summer left behind. Also, we do not like to be classed as sentimentalists, but even so, it is good to see an old friend, an old book, and last year's homeroom. In fact, we know of one senior girl who was seen sneaking into Mr. Herb's room 27 for a glimpse of a certain desk to see if those initials were still there.

Some say you can tell a senior by that protective coat or covering, which you can't put your finger on or can't see, but which you know is there just the same. And it is exactly so. Without being snobs they are just different from the rest. (That's what comes from a mellow old age

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and a head full of knowledge.) However, the Seniors of '39 did not carry their title with an air of scorn—they were too surprised to find themselves at last in the final stage. In fact, not much difference was noted between the senior group and the freshmen except that the freshmen get smaller every year. (Someone ought to coin that expression.)

As soon as we had once more accepted the building as "ours" for another year, there was next that one person who changes from year to year as little as the building does. We know him not only as the executive at his desk but as the friend, interested in our jokes as well as our work. He started us off this September in the customary manner when we gathered as a student body for the first assembly of the new school year. It wasn't so much what he said that warmed us up and threw us into the usual spirit of M. H. S. but it was his genuine sincerity of being back and greeting us that left such a warm feeling in our hearts. And so it will always be with Mr. Spoerl, our principal.

Several changes in the administrative body of our school made it possible for Mr. Spoerl to have an able cooperative. And although he is unfamiliar to many in our midst, others will remember him from elementary school days. We are fortunate in having two such friends and advisers as Mr. Spoerl and Mr. Roos.

It's always interesting to look over the new teachers and get the low-down on the old ones. This September we had plenty to talk about. We missed several familiar faces from last year's faculty and as is the way of gossip, we had much to say about the new ones.



The "roof-garden gang" and if you aren't acquainted with the expressions of the elite we will explain to you commoners just who they are. The "roof-garden gang", or the "pent-house pretties" as they are sometimes called, are that group of senior girls who find life so spacious and luxurious in their attic home room, the typing room. We even heard that these sophisticates were introducing a bill in Congress to provide elevators for this section of the building. However, the bill was vetoed and president Sonn stated that the banisters were wide enough to slide down. So of course, the next natural follow-up of these bright minds was soap-box orations on woman suffrage. All this political business took place when the "gals" weren't discussing the new Clark Gable of the faculty—you know whom we mean, the one with the brown eyes who makes your heart flutter when he looks at you. And happy were the lads this year, for they too had a brand new faculty darling. She has made history as the first woman teacher to get that honored whistle that isn't really a whistle, but an exclamation and means so much. And as one male hall-patrol member puts it: "Gee—I almost nabbed her for cuttin'. I thought she was a student!"

And so it goes. Metuchen High has a happy school life. We think the main reason for this is because students and teachers have reached a

satisfactory level of understanding. It is understood that the classroom is for work but at all other times student slang is understood and acknowledged by teachers, and faculty English is respected and accepted by students. But both are translated by that universal language of friendship. Speaking of faculty and teachers, what popular mathematics teacher does not owe his popularity to his jokes?

Probably the most significant factor in promoting loyalty and inspiration for the old Alma Mater in any school is that of Sports. And of course, cheerleaders lead the way for that much needed "pep"! Metuchen's system of Varsity and Junior Varsity squads of cheerleaders promotes a great deal of friction, for girls will be girls. But Metuchen High wins out anyway because this friction in turn promotes competition between the two squads and as a result both work harder. This is why, we might add, Metuchen boasts one of the finest squads of cheerleaders in the state. Perhaps most to be remembered of the Varsity squad is the great squabble over the helpless doll mascot, Junior. Junior holds many tender secrets in that straw heart of his. Though still a baby, the prime of his life was in '38, beginning that night at the away game with Jamesburg. He alone knows of his true whereabouts and his real parents. Now two seasons old, Junior remains a tradition to some and a memory to others. His legal guardians request that he be left to Miss Crowell, in the hope that she will adopt him and care for him in the way that they tried to.

Even though appearances put it that way, cheerleading isn't all glory. At this point we think it appropriate to include a poem submitted by Ethel Estoppey, a member of the Junior Varsity squad cheerleaders:

TO A FUTURE CHEERLEADER



My dear future cheerleader
How much you don't know,
How hard is the path
That you'll have to go!
But you will try out
With your heart full of pride
For the joys and the aches
That will be on your side.

Yes, you ache and you ache
But you never should tell
For there's a tradition
That you must be well.
You go on the stage;
If you make a mistake
Then home you will go
And blame it on fate!

You ruin your health,
And you stay up too late
To finish the homework
That just had to wait



Until you had practised
And tried hard to do
Those cartwheels and twists
That fool only you.

You pay for your sweater
You pay for your socks,
And then you find out
You must buy culottes.
You skimp and you save
But it isn't enough.
To be parents of cheerleaders,
Must surely be tough.

You'll cheer when you win
You'll scream when you lose,
You may be a victim
Of the other team's boos.
But you will go on
It must really be fate.
Please make up your mind
Before it's too late.

What better sport to open the school year with than football. Weeks before the first game our boys kicked the pigskin around the field and took part in back breaking exercise with only hope for a victorious season and a personal desire for those sixteen quarters that would earn them their letter.

The first game found ideal weather for football. It was Saturday, October first and warm-up period found Springfield Regional and Metuchen High both intent on victory.

Our five letter men from last year—Ed Risler, guard; Ashty Traynham, center; Fred Schaffhauser, tackle; Ray Farrington, halfback; and Jim Rossi, halfback, together with the rest of the backfield, put up a hard fight. In spite of their serious playing, Springfield crashed through our line in the



last quarter for another touchdown, leaving the score Metuchen 0, Springfield 12. The football season wasn't successful as far as victories go. However, the boys learned more about football and more important they learned how to lose. That is why even in defeat Metuchen is far superior to other schools.

There is nothing that will start the feminine heart to flutter like a smudgy-faced and panting football hero. Maybe it's because he appeals to the maternal instinct. At any rate, while he is dressed in that ever-so-wonderful football uniform, he is an earthly god.

One of the outstanding contenders in this line is that he-man captain of the '38 squad, Ed Risler. Powerful in brain as well as brawn, he kept his team together

and fighting in even the blackest moments of despair. We salute Ed Risler, one of our most all-around-athletes and wish him luck in continuing his fine playing for next year!

Forty-nine boys answered Coach Phil Seitzer's call for football candidates early in September at the initial workout. In spite of the early start, however, there remained only two weeks before the opening fracas with Springfield Regional on October 1. Early drills stressed conditioning and fundamentals but as time marched on the tempo increased and practice sessions became more intense.

One, not too bright, factor had much to do with the destiny of the 1938 squad and this was the scarcity of veteran material. As a result, the coach was faced with the problem of forming an almost completely new backfield. Don't be under the impression, however, that "green" material was prevalent, for it wasn't. Numerous fellows gained much practical experience on the Junior Varsity grid in 1937.

Veteran material returning for their second year were Ed Risler who guided the Blue and White charges through the current campaign, Ash Traynham, Fred Schaffhauser, Jim Rossi, and Ray Farrington.

With the results of the season being one win and one tie, Metuchen acknowledged not a very eventful or successful season. This fact, nevertheless, did not alter the applause given to our boys as they were awarded letters. Of the senior boys Ray Farrington.





Fred Schaffhauser, William Morris, Mark Longobardo, Ed Hunter, Warren Dickson, Dan Freeman, Andy Weirup, and Vinie Wojciechowski received letters. Among the Juniors were: Walter Stork, Bill Thornall, Louis Kraus, Captain Ed Risler, and James Rossi, and of the Sophomore class, Alvin Lawrence and Alvin Kahree received letters.

There are always some supporting functions of a good sports season, and in M. H. S. the girls as well as the boys do their part.

Because she found that girls took just as active a part as boys in entering school sports, Miss Crowell decided that the girls should have a functioning sport organization that would correspond, somewhat, to the varsity club. With this in mind, she went about setting up entrance requirements for all girls. It was decided that a girl would have to make 100 points in her gym work and extra curricular sports before she could become a member. The charter members elected officers and wrote up a constitution, naming their organization The Girls' Athletic Association, commonly referred to as the G. A. A. With the aim for promoting school spirit and a side desire for raising money, the club sold football and basketball pins to spectators at games. In the spring of '38 they presented "Steerage", a physical education exhibit which is still favorably commented on.

This year the association presented a rousing hill-billy corn husking bee. The scene was laid in a farmyard and barn and square dances, games, and calisthenics were held. It was cleverly and interestingly done and every act was skillfully prepared.



Running closely along the same lines is the Varsity Club, an organization for letter men. Made up of the letter men of all sports, the members of the football team who are not members of basketball, supervise the basketball competitions and sell ice-cream and candy at



all games. Money raised is put into a fund and used at the end of the term to buy sweaters for senior varsity members who have earned their letters in at least two sports for three years.

Members of this organization are: Ed Risler, President; Jim Rossi, Secretary; Mark Longobardo, Treasurer; Walter Maclachlan, Vice-President; Ray Farrington, Dan Freeman, Art Lovelace, Fred Schaffhauser, William Morris, Warren Dickson, Warren Carlsen, George Deitz, Louis Krause, Alvin Lawrence, Bill Thornall, Don Bierne, John Hansen, Ray Scruggs, Ed Hunter, Theodore Barabutes, Michael Dudas, Mr. Schmidtchen, Faculty Adviser.

On an otherwise cheery March afternoon, four well-known members of the faculty trooped out on the basketball court with a grim do-or-die air, determined to overwhelm a team made up of various members of the Varsity Club. The faculty, led by that well-known figure, "Star" Arnold, clad in purple trunks, went into a spirited warm up. Mr. Arnold showed an uncanny ability to cage the ball from all corners of the court. He was staunchly supported by "Zip" Lawrence, "Speed" Seitzer, and "Beaver" Schmidtchen.

These four teachers were confident of their ability to completely swamp any five students. However, the opponents revealed their sportsmanship by insisting that a fifth member be added. Walt Maclachlan was rushed into the lineup and the game started with a bang. Yes indeed, quite a bang. Mr. Arnold, during one of his brilliant dribbles down the floor, ran full tilt into "Mid-get" Farrington. Result: Mr. Arnold fell down. Meanwhile, Bill Thornall drew first blood for the V. C. After Mr. Schmidtchen had cleared the hair from his eyes and Mr. Lawrence had regained his breath, the teachers buckled down for the rest of the quarter. When the smoke cleared away, Lo and Behold,





the V. C. had scored three more baskets in spite of the faculty's iron wall defense.

A substitute team entered the game and during the entire last quarter, struggled to maintain the brilliant example set by their teachers, but it was no use, the final score was 40-14 in favor of the V. C.

Amid the plaudits of the crowd the triumphant faculty trotted (or should we say limped) off the floor.

Metuchen High's student government is modeled after that of the United States. What other system could be more democratic than this one? It provides for almost every student taking part in the legislative affairs of the school. Two senators from each grade are chosen for the Senate, and each homeroom is represented by one member in the House of Representatives. President Sonn is ably assisted by a cabinet of five members. These people take charge of hall patrol, noon dances, and assembly programs. This year commendable work was done in arranging and carrying out the inter-changing of assembly programs with Dunellen High School. These programs were enjoyed by both schools and helped us to become better acquainted with life in another high school.

Noon dances this year were always popular. In the beginning, dancers were able to enjoy that added zest in music that an orchestra is able to provide. We sure did enjoy the Swing Band and we were sorry to have it break up so suddenly. Even the shy members of our school turned out at the noon dances and we think that our dancing instructors, Miss Crowell and Mr. Seitzer, were largely responsible for this. Dancing lessons in the gym every Monday and Tuesday were compulsory and, needless to say, there were many girls who were happy about the whole thing—and many very unhappy boys.



The Student Government was appreciated by M. H. S. faculty and students because the members did more than just their jobs. At Christmas time the school was thrown into the true Christmas spirit by a huge tree, purchased and decorated by the cabinet. It is hoped that this will be the start of an annual tradition.

One of the things we like to remember about our high school days is the auditorium and the many different ways in which it is transformed.

Did you go to the Alumni Dance, and do you remember how suitably it was decorated? It was the first time we can remember not dancing under crepe paper streamers. Instead of the weird blue and green lights that so unflatteringly shine in our faces, we were eased into a pleasant, friendly atmosphere by the use of palms and indirect lighting. In fact, we can't remember a better dance held in the gym.

Everybody wondered when the Student Government had become so rich. The entire atmosphere was that of a ballroom, similar to the Waldorf and the orchestra could very easily be ranked with the big name bands. But those of us who arrived at the early hour of eight remember a certain faculty member who was in the very depths of despair as she looked at the three couples on the floor and remembered the florist's bill, the printer's bill, and the orchestra's salary. We also remember a very worried senior lad who wished his name hadn't been signed to the orchestra contract. His wallet burned at the very thought of it.



But by ten o'clock everyone's fears were well calmed.

Invitations were sent to all Alumni from 1921 to 1938. We know that everyone got "a big kick" out of the whole affair.

Psychologically speaking, music does much to make a group

react in a certain way. Probably that is why we can account for the buoyant spirit of the student body every Friday morning at assembly time. At that hour, the orchestra is in "full swing" and conductor Arnold of the Faculty leads off with a stirring march.

The orchestra takes honors this year for being the first school group to organize and function. We back this statement with the recollection of the first day of school and remember that the orchestra greeted us even then. Of course they will agree with us when we say that there were several discords and that as a group they weren't so strong as they are today. The orchestra has come a long way since September seventh. The members have gained much more real knowledge of music and the school has profited from the standpoint of appreciation and enjoyment.

Another milestone worthy of mention here is the purchase of new instruments. Persons interested in learning to play a musical instrument have been given the opportunity. These people are progressing rapidly and Mr. Arnold hopes for a larger and more complete organization ready to start off a new school year in the fall.

But whether it be a dance, basketball game, or just an assembly program, the gym is always the same. Most of us remember it best at bas-



ketball season when the bleachers and stage are banked with breathless spectators and the floor is brilliant with the blue and white of Metuchen and the colors of the opponents.

The first part of December found sports enthusiasts eagerly watching maneuvers and actions of candidates for the basketball squad. Of approximately forty candidates only twenty-three were chosen to represent the school in this sport.

As was the case in football, Coach Seitzer was again hampered by the lack of veteran varsity material. The lone hold-over was in the person of lanky Bill Thornall, six feet, three, varsity center. However, the efficient coach dug his hand into the "grab-bag" and produced several previous junior varsity men as well as two newcomers.

Although the team did not emerge the victor in any too many games, they were always "tops" in spirit and sportsmanship. The peak of the season was probably reached after the second Highland Park fray in which the locals duplicated their earlier victory to sweep the series with the rival school.

On January tenth, the opening game of the season proved a particularly interesting one for it found the boys lined up against their teammates of '38. Although called the Alumni game, the team was composed of members from last year's varsity. Both teams were "off" which seems to account for the exceptionally low score of 17-12.

The Alumni team had been playing scheduled games before this date under the name of the Y. M. C. A. Juniors. They had attained a large string of victories this season and were definitely too much for the high school boys.

The lineups for this game included Herb Jensen, Gordon Drysdale, Charlie Owsik, Anthony Yelencsics, Ed Wachter, Merlin Gaudet, and Johnny Szur, of the Alumni and Jim Rossi, Jack Hayden, Fred Schaffhauser, Ray Farrington, Bill Thornall, Bill Morris, Ed Risler, Warren Carlsen, Ed Hunter, and George Dietz of the Varsity.

"Locker Room Chatter" Schaffhauser: "Come on fellows, get out of that shower-room — Risler and I have a date."

Rossi: "Did you see that guy foul me?"

Farrington: "Hey, Fellas,



did you see me make that basket?"

Carlsen and Hunter:
"Gosh, the bench was hard tonight."

Thornall: "I can't talk boys — (pant, pant) — I'm winded."

The one thing that puzzles us about those two live-wire organizations, the Tri-Y and the Hi-Y is the friendly rivalry which exists between them. Their desires point in the direction of joint activities. Something has been done along these lines and the main trouble seems to be in the fact that the boys turn wearied backs on anything that looks like work. This year their active little heads were full of ideas that would bring credit to their names and more work to their friends of the Tri-Y. To date, a dance and musical are planned for the future, with the Tri-Y doing the writing, producing, and probably the acting. On occasions, the girls have served as cooks and waitresses for stag banquets staged by the Hi-Y. It does seem as if the "gals" of the Tri-Y have resigned themselves to the fate of the well-known "sucker". Even though they are considered school organizations, these clubs are recognized by the Y. M. C. A. To become a member a boy or girl must first be a member of the "Y". Then, a girl member is voted upon by the rest of the club. A boy is usually given a bid to become a member.



Wholesome companionship with school mates after school hours is one of the most profitable factors gained from clubs of this type. Besides the planning and carrying out of interesting and instructive activities, both clubs do much in the way of welfare work at Christmas and Thanksgiving time.

One Saturday night in October, the two clubs held a social at the "Y". Those who were so inclined had the pool at their immediate disposal and a grand ducking party followed, led by "Fish" Denecke, who was nattily attired in a pink lastex suit. While this was taking place, Ed Hunter was showing his ability as a contortionist atop the pool table and Bette Hayden and Dot Thompson tied themselves into knots on the tumbling mats. After each sport had been exhausted, everyone met upstairs and began the strenuous exercise of the evening—jitterbugging. The swing band tuned up and sallied forth

with "A Tisket, A Tasket", and the swingsters settled down to an evening's fun.

Adviser Crowell of the Tri-Y began to feel the pangs of hunger creep on and at the mention of food there was a mad scramble for the kitchen. Cake and sandwiches were served along with coffee-colored water. This repast concluded a mad evening of fun by those wacky clubs, the Hi-Y and Tri-Y.

NOTICE:

TRYOUTS FOR SENIOR PLAY START MONDAY

Another thing we like about our school is the great book of tradition that is followed every year. Senior plays are definitely tradition at M. H. S. It is the affair that all seniors look forward to before production and point to with pride after production. To a certain group of seniors it means a great deal of work and study and to Mr. Bailer, the director, it is a continuous headache.

The usual run of plays for amateur and high school groups are light and entertaining. Of course, there were several of this type under consideration by the committee. Along with these was a difficult mystery play entitled "Cock Robin". Its plot was so unusual, that the group was fascinated by it and finally decided to make "Cock Robin" the Senior Play production of 1939.

The action of the play took place between four o'clock and ten o'clock P. M., of a single day. The entire scene represented the stage setting of a group of amateur players, the interior of an English grog-shop of the eighteenth century.

Settings were novel because of the change in act two. In the first act, the setting was viewed from the front of the theatre. The second act found the same setting viewed from the rear of the stage, looking toward the imaginary audience. It was the play within the play factor that made the production both difficult to understand and to enact. However, difficulties along this line were smoothed over by the fine acting and suitable characterizations. For example, Jack Evans played the part of George McAuliffe, a hard-boiled stage director. Jack assumed this air very naturally and carried it off with an easy manner. Frank Heller, whom we all know as the school politician, took the part of Julian Cleveland, a middle-aged lawyer. Harold Sonn, who in private life carries off his love affairs quite well, played the part of Richard Lane, a young man of thirty, in love with Carlotta. Arthur Lovelace, accomplished along the lines of acting enacted Hancock Robinson (Cock Robin), a self-centered conceited man of about thirty-five. Berta Crowell, our inde-





pendent little senior, was in the play as Carlotta Maxwell, an attractive young woman of twenty with a mind of her own. The play was well cast. Everyone gave an excellent performance. Doris Sinclair as Maria Scott afforded most of the humor. Other top-rate performances were given by Fred Schaffhauser, Ruth Leis, Ernest Whitman, Jack Hale, Bob Layburn, and Ruth Vanderhoof. Thelma Hume and Ray Farrington did admirably well as prompters.

As we go to press, the track team of '39 is just beginning to stretch its muscles in spring practice. The boys are out to prove that last year's record was not an accident. Although graduation took three of the biggest "stars", Shields, Rogers, and Yelencsics, this year's team, headed by Captain Donald Bierne, a second Cunn-

ham, is prepared to do great things. Their "winged feet" are stretching for the second leg of the Tri-county trophy and they are sharpening their spikes to avenge last year's defeat by Highland Park.

We cannot look ahead and foresee the events of this track season. However, due credit might be given here to last year's team. Three names loom out as we recall last year's events in this sport. Art Lovelace's name will always be associated with the broad jump, Eugene Shields with the pole vault, and Anthony Yelencsics with the 440 yard dash.

Typical of last year's season was the dual meet with Jamesburg. Sweeping seven big events Metuchen came in an easy victor with the score of 80-24. Jamesburg scored victories in two of the sprints, the half-mile and the 880 yard relay. But the seven firsts, and every second and third place made this contest practically a one-sided match.

We hope that history repeats itself this year.

Speaking of track, reminds us of the poor managers who work so hard and derive so little glory from any sport. Because they give most of their time, energy, and devotion to the team and members, to them we dedicate this poem.

"TO THE MANAGERS OF METUCHEN HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS"

(In recognition of their faithful performance of sports duties)

Hurray! It's a touchdown—Metuchen has scored,
Our rooters all cheer and all shout,
A yell goes up as the other team's "floored".
Metuchen's ahead—no doubt.

Hurray! It's a basket—Metuchen's ahead,
Let's "raise the roof" with a cheer,
They've played themselves sick; Highland Park is half dead;
For us a vict'ry is near.

Hurray for Metuchen, our miler has won;
First place in the meet is in sight;
A rally this evening; we all will have fun
A "hot" time in this town tonight.

But behind these victories, away from the throng
Yes, "Far From the Maddening Crowd"
Stand the hours of work of our managers strong,
We salute them with cheers that are loud.

Of course it is impossible to mention throughout this entire book every club and organization. It is our hope that the ones we have chosen, represent our school and bring to you a clear picture of school life at Metuchen High. While there is still space, we should like to mention several other organizations which are typical of our school.

The Photography Club is successful mainly because its members are those who carry photography as their hobby. Besides learning the fundamentals of this science, members derive much enjoyment from taking novel pictures of their friends and surroundings.

Perhaps the aim of the Recorder Staff best describes its work. Their aim is: to acquaint Metuchenites with the interesting activities of the school, through a high school column in the local Metuchen Recorder. Journalistic style is discussed at meetings, and for those following the line of Journalism, this club is worthwhile.

When the word "Middionette" is spoken, respect and admiration naturally follow. For this group of high school girls have earned a reputation and a name for themselves that won't easily be forgotten by any high school student. This group does so much good in the world, we wonder what direct pleasure they derive from their organization. However, we know that pleasure for them starts when they are doing something that will make some one else happy. It is a group of which M. H. S. may well be proud.

Under the able direction of Miss Mundy, the Junior French Club progresses merrily along. The aim of the club is easy to see. They strive to bring French customs and French ideas into the lives of their members. They are preparing themselves for the study of French in high school.

One of the first clubs to be organized since the early years of our school is the History Club. With their adviser, Mr. Herb, the club delves into the highways and byways of history. The meetings are both interesting and educational to all because of occasional speakers and illustrated lectures.

We feel that the following page needs a little explaining. Those of you who take biology might recognize the figure in the picture as the dummy, who stands on the shelf in Room 18.

Oswald, as he is so named, was adopted by the Blue Letter Staff at the time their endeavors had just begun. At first, he was dressed up and laughed over, only to be pushed back on the shelf when everyone left at the

early hour of three-thirty for their homes. But as the work progressed and staff members were still working at five o'clock, Oswald, the dummy, began to take on a significant meaning for the Blue Letter Staff.

It all started on one of those wild and wacky afternoons. To everyone outside of Room 18, it was a perfectly normal, unexciting day. But one step over the threshold of the science room and you found yourself in a mad house.

The next puzzle would be to actually find out who was the maddest of the bunch. And while you are standing there trying to solve that question, you will be in grave danger. A book is "konked" on your head, for no particular reason, of course, but just because the konker has nothing better to do. A girl grasping a handful of papers breezes past you with that vacant stare in her eye. Blissfully unaware of all the confusion about him, sleeps a staff member, much too long for the table upon which he reclines. A weary typist looks up from a scribbled mass of words and shakes her head in despair. A mite of a girl walks around with a three-yard ruler to rule off six inches of paper. In the corner sits a poet, eyes ablaze with inspiration. He is trying to make himself heard. It is of no use. The din increases. You are attracted by a clamoring group in the center of the room. The noise from this point is the loudest. The nucleus seems to be—ah! It is the master of Room 18. In his present condition he is unrecognizable. First a smile crosses his countenance, then a frown. All the while he shakes his head "yes" and often "no". Sometimes he just stares. Finally he pushes through the mob; his mice must be fed. The mob disintegrates. The room becomes quiet. A smoky haze settles over the bended heads.

Instead of konking heads, the boy with the book reads for ideas. The girl with the papers has found her misplaced file and the vacant stare has left her eye. The sleepy staff member is wide awake over his drawings. No longer weary, the typist has deciphered her paper and is typing away. Three yards of ruler is shoved aside, for six inches and straight lines are being drawn by the small girl. It is an awe-inspiring sight, but you are still puzzled. You cannot account for the sudden change. Your eyes follow the gaze of another worker. She is staring reverently at Oswald. And as you stare too, it suddenly dawns on you why everyone is working. One half of Oswald is skeleton and raw material, the other half is man—the finished product. Every worker present has glanced at Oswald and noticed the same thing. Through their eyes, he has taken the form of the Blue Letter. The first part is a skeleton. Much refinement and development must take



place before it is ever to reach the final stage—the finished product. Just as disease and germs destroy the institution of man, so do inactivity and laziness destroy the body and frame of a publication.

You jump with a start, Oswald is smiling at you. Yes, it's best you get out of this place as quickly as possible, for it might get you too.

And thus our work is finished. We sincerely hope that this section has brought to your minds the days at Metuchen High. To those of you already departed from these dear halls, we hope it has awakened memories. If this has been achieved, our aim is successful.

In closing this section on school life, what better verse would describe our feelings toward our school?

ALMA MATER
(Old Metuchen High)

by

Carl H. Galloway

Sing the praise of Old Metuchen High,
Alma Mater, tried and true;
Emblem of our hopes, our fondest dreams,
To thee we pledge our love anew.
Blue and White, where honor leads the way
The foe shall ne'er thy fame deny;
Loyal hearts forever to thy name shall sing—
Alma Mater, Old Metuchen High.

Days of dreaming; days of work and play;
Days of youth, of flow'rs, and May;
Cherished hopes may fade, nor dreams come true,
But memories of youth are gay.
Strive we shall to win where honor calls,
Nor let vain hopes our faith impair.
Alma Mater, loyal hearts shall praise for aye—
Old Metuchen, fairest of the fair.

SENIOR HIT PARADE



Having Myself A Time	Senior Year
Thanks For Everything	Mr. Spoerl
Alexander's Ragtime Band	Swing Band
It Took A Million Years	To get thru High School
Lambeth Walk	Senior Lane
As Long As We're Together	"Sheff" and "Jeanette
A Room With A View	Room 23
Could You Pass In Love?	Dan Freeman
Bambina	Al Christianson
Change Partners	Noon Dance
Day After Day	School
You Must Be Ever So Ever So Quiet	The Library
Do You Remember Last Night?	Monday Morning
Deep In A Dream	Senior English Classes
Dancing Lady	Margaret McKay
Everybody's Doin' It Now	The Shag
Ferdinand The Bull	School Cop
I've Got A Guy	Berta
I Sent A Letter To My Love	The Postoffice
Just A Kid Named Joe	Mr. Bailer
Loveland In The Wintertime	Roosevelt Park
Last Night A Miracle Happened	Did My Homework
Let's Stop The Clock	Study Hall
Little Lady Make Believe	Agnes Doak
Music Maestro Please	Mr. Arnold
Little Tenderfoot	Jean Hill
Monday Morning	90 Sleepy Seniors
Now It Can Be Told	June 16
More Than You Know	Exams
One Day When We Were Young	Freshmen
Oh! How I Hate To Get Up In The Morning	Lee Rock
Penny Serenade	Elsworth Rosenberg
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Remember	High School
Shame! Shame!	"69%"
Simple and Sweet	Annie Stephens
Say It With Music	High School Orchestra
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If It's The Last Thing I Do	Ruth Leis
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Undecided	Ed Hunter
Trusting My Luck	Skippping School
Love Is Where You Find It	Doris Sinclair
You're A Natural	"Wassy"
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That Certain Age	Nancy Fortner
My Heart Belongs to Daddy	Mr. Jackson
They Say	Our Dear Faculty
Hold Tight	Diploma
Teachers Pet	Frank Heller
When They Played The Polka	Harold Sonn
The Wedding of Jack and Jill	Ernie and Eleanor
While a Cigarette Was Burning	Costa's
You Never Know	The Answers
We Speak Of You Often	Class of "38"
Who Blew Out the Flame	Fire Drill
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8	6 Leonardo
6	6 Scotch Plains
0	20 North Plainfield
0	27 Manasquan
0	6 Highland Park

BASKETBALL—'39

M.	Opp.
22	17 Scotch Plains
30	27 Highland Park
26	18 Scotch Plains
25	19 Highland Park
46	28 Woodbridge
12	17 Alumni
20	24 Dunellen
26	42 Hoffman High
27	41 Hightstown
17	30 Princeton
30	41 Dunellen
28	30 Woodbridge
31	45 Hoffman High

Lettermen, Tennis—'38

Robert Hume, Capt.
George Dietz
John Radakowits
Clarence Wachter

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Jack Rogers
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George Muha
Edmund Wachter
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Donald Bierne
Ted Barabutes
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2	6 Highland Park
0	5 Westfield
2	5 Jamesburg
16	8 Hoffman
14	1 Dunellen
3	5 Highland Park
6	5 Westfield
3	2 Jamesburg
8	10 Hoffman

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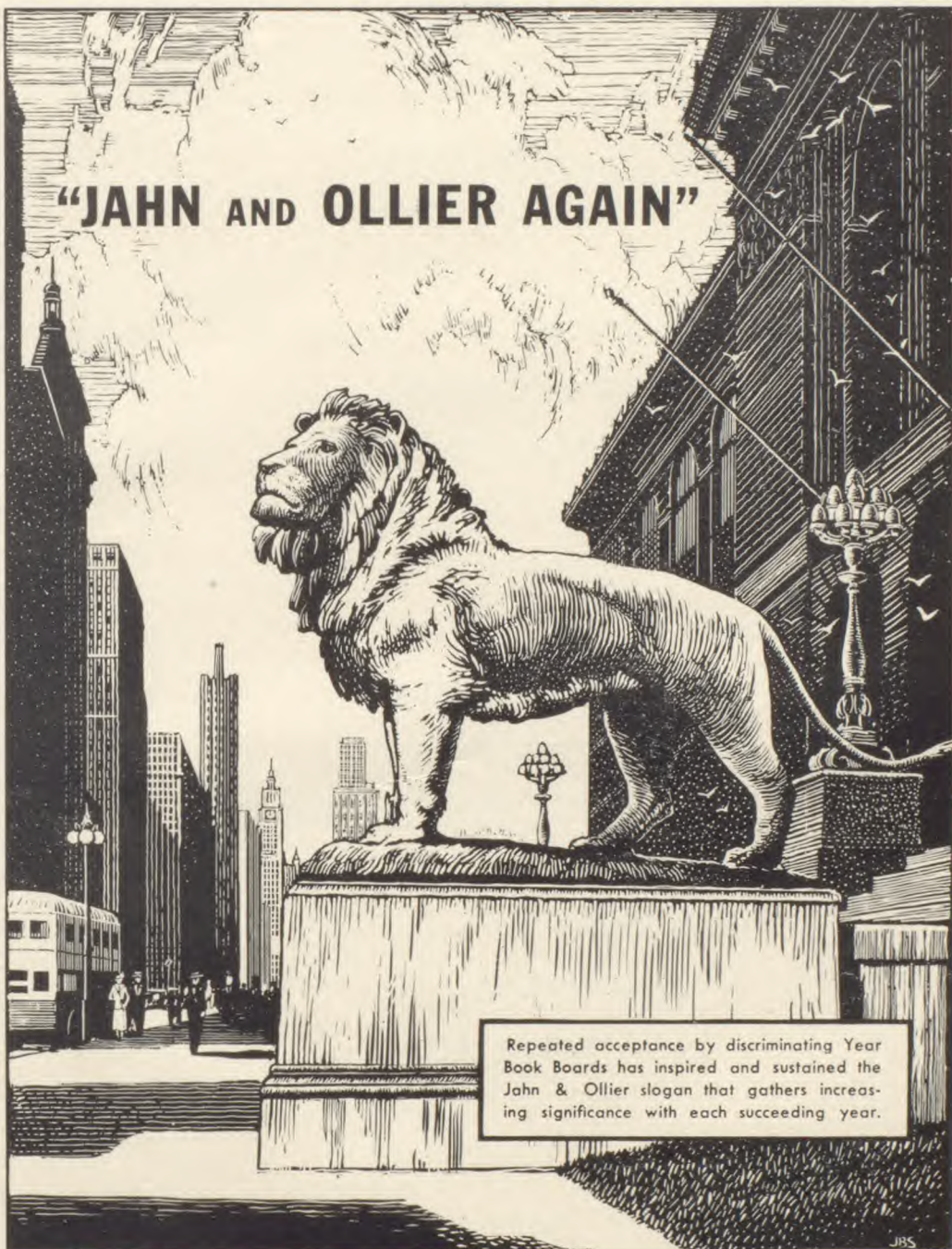
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