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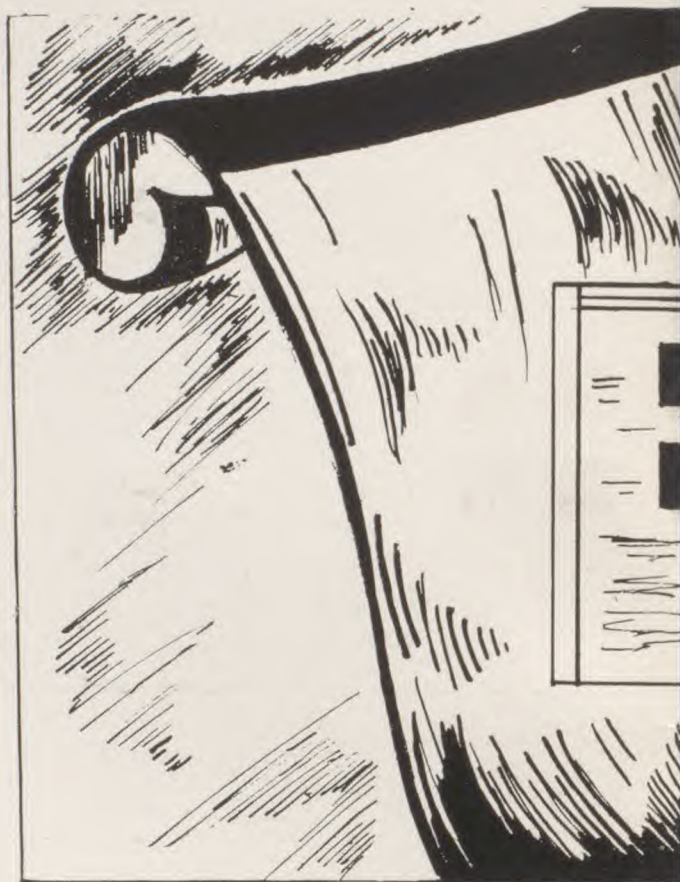
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OF METUCHEN HIGH SCHOOL

FOREWORD

We believe the life of the high school graduate of 1943 presents a situation unlike that of graduates before or of those to come. We face a future filled with uncertainty, but with manifold opportunities; the immediate past has been filled with a conflict of emotion caused by the entrance of beloved teachers and students into the service. But there remains from this uncertainty and from these varied emotions a recreated spirit—a fighting spirit which promises strength for victory in this world struggle.

We shall all remember these war years, yet we may not always remember the happy times we had in high school, packed with fun and activity despite the gravity of the world situation. Because past happiness is a promise of future joy, we must preserve these gay memories. So, as a record of this period of high school life, we present to you the Blue Letter of 1943.



IN ORDER TO FORM A MORE

Present

METUCHEN, NEW JERSEY



PERFECT PICTURE OF OUR LIFE

The '43 Blue Letter

For Liberty and Order

THE STUDENT GOVERNMENT

The present form of student government in our school has worked successfully for the past five years. It is patterned after our own national government.

We have a President and his Cabinet, a Vice-President, a Congress and a Supreme Court.

The members of Congress are selected as follows:

Each class elects two members for the Senate while each homeroom elects one member to represent it in the House of Representatives.

The teachers appoint certain students to the Supreme Court. There are nine judges in all. The Court takes care of traffic disturbances and minor misbehaviors on the part of the students. The Hall and Safety Patrols work in connection with the Supreme Court.

Our President, Louis Pastor, selects a Cabinet which helps him perform the various duties of office. This year the President has enlarged his Cabinet from nine to eleven members. They include Secretary of Interior, Elizabeth Timper; Secretary of School Spirit, Dorothy Hollender; Attorney-General, Thomas Slattery; Secretary of State, Peggy Drake; Secretary of Treasury, Bill Kilgannon; Secretary of Foreign Affairs, Isabelle Waring; Secretary of Safety, David Packard; Secretary of Assemblies, Mary-Lou MacDonell; and Recording Secretary, Louetta Burggaller. The Vice-President is Gloria McLaughlin.

Our government participates in various interscholastic activities, such as the New Jersey Association of High School Councils.

This type of government not only acquaints the students with the meaning and functioning of a democracy but it prepares the students for their jobs as citizens for work in the future.

Long may our democracy continue in our school, because then it may continue in our land.



DEDICATION

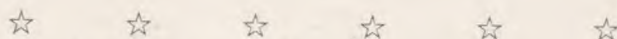


Metuchen High School Students Now Serving Their Country

Since that never-to-be-forgotten day, December 7, 1941, when the long dreaded war became a reality, we have experienced many changes in our ways of living. We have been aware of the presence of war most strongly in its demand for fighting men. All of us know the sorrow, mingled with pride which we have felt when father, brother, friend, or teacher left to defend actively the only way of life in which we Americans can live contentedly.

To dedicate the Blue Letter of 1943 to the men and boys now in service is to express, to a very infinitesimal degree, the honor and pride we feel when we say, "*These* are our boys." For, although they know that they may have to suffer, yes, even give up their lives for Democracy's cause, they show a great willingness to sacrifice all that they hold most dear.

For us, they have left the safety of normal living; for them, we can only say, "Until we meet again, may God bless you and keep you from all harm."



The Legislators

MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

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 supervisor of service stations



SHERWOOD MUNDY, *President*

PROVIDING FOR THE

The public school system in the United States is one of the best examples of practical democracy. All children, of whatever color, creed or nationality, are admitted freely and equally. Those of opposing political faith are, at the same time, offered the same unrestricted education in the same classrooms. Each, limited only by his own desire to learn and by his individual innate intelligence, has the same opportunity afforded to him to gain for himself and, ultimately, for the benefit of the nation as a whole, that education which forms one of the foundation stones of our strength.

Upon those who have received these benefits rests the responsibility of preserving our free public schools, one of the fundamentals of democracy in action.

The Administrators



MR. SPOERL

COMMON GOOD—

There is one person whom we have always sought for advice and encouragement during trying times. Now, as before, we realize the great part which our principal, Mr. Spoerl, plays in both our school life and our personal life. The many problems of the high school student seem to disappear with comparative ease under his guiding hand. The results which he has attained in making our school one of the finest in the state and in helping many students to a successful life are more than sufficient evidence of his importance and value not only to our school, but to our community as well.

It would be impossible ever to repay our principal for his many years of enduring service; we can only say, "Thanks, Mr. Spoerl."

The Judiciary

"INSURE DOMESTIC

L. ANKER: Upsala College, A.B.; New York Univ., M.A.; Montclair State. German, English.

M. BROWNLEE: Trenton State, B.S. Music.

F. BUCKELEW: Rutgers Univ.; Montclair State, B.S. General Science.

S. COOKE: Trenton State; Rutgers Univ., B.S. Librarian.

E. CROWELL: Arnold College, B.S.P.E.; Rutgers Univ. Physical Education.

E. DENNY: Rider College, B.S. Commercial.

M. DIETZ: Rider College, B.C.S. Commercial.

A. ELLIOTT: Univ. of Nebraska, B.Sc.; Columbia Univ., M.A. Mathematics.

E. FARRELL: Trenton State; Columbia Univ.; Rutgers Univ., B.S., Ed.M. English.

M. FENNESSY: Newark State; Middlesex County Jr. College; Rutgers Univ., B.S., Ed.M. English, Social Science.

J. GARDNER: Rutgers Univ.; Trenton State, B.S. in Ed. Biology, Chemistry.

R. GENTILE: Montclair State, A.B.; Columbia Univ. Social Science.

B. GOODSTEIN: Beaver College; New Jersey Law. Commercial.

M. GRAHAM: Trinity College, B.A.; Columbia T. C., M.A. French.

L. HAITSCH: Upsala College, B.A.; New York Univ. English.

G. HARRISON: Lafayette College, B.S.; Columbia Univ., M.A.; Rutgers Univ.; New York Univ. Chemistry, Physics.

R. HERB: Lebanon Valley College, B.A.; Penn. State; Rutgers Univ., Ed.M. Sociology.

G. KENNEDY: Trenton State, B.S. English.



TRANQUILLITY"

R. KINNEY: Newark State; Columbia Univ.; New School of Fine and Industrial Arts, B.S. in Ed. Art.

A. LORITZ: Drexel Institute of Technology, B.Sc. in Home Ec. Economics.

M. LUXEBURG: Roanoke College; Rutgers Univ., B.S. Social Science, Mathematics.

J. MARCASON: Trenton State, B.S.; Rutgers Univ. Industrial Arts.

E. MOOK: New Jersey College for Women; Rutgers Summer School, B.A. Civics, Geography, Aeronautics.

P. NIELSEN: Rutgers Univ., B.S.; Columbia T. C., M.A. Science.

E. PLATT: Pembroke College; Brown University, A.B. American History.

G. POLHEMUS: Trenton State, B.S. English.

M. REID: Trenton State, B.S. History, Geography.

P. SEITZER: Springfield College, B.P.E.; M.Ed., New York Univ. Physical Education.

O. E. SPARKES: Mansfield State; Rutgers Univ., B.S.; Penn. State; Columbia Univ. Mathematics.

M. HILLEY-SWANK: Temple Univ.; Univ. of Penn.; Rutgers Univ. Commercial.

E. TALBOTT: West Virginia Wesleyan College; Penn State, A.B. Public Speaking, English.

E. THOMPSON: Cornell Univ., A.B., A.M.; Sorbonne, Paris. Latin.

J. D. WITMER: Penn State College, B.S.; Long Island College Hospital, M.D. School Physician.

M. ROSS: Newark Memorial Hospital. School Nurse.

E. EGOLF: Administration Secretary.

M. LEIS: Secretary to Mr. Spoerl.

A. DOBBINS: Trenton State, B.S. World History.



Senior Class History

"Pardon me, is this the corridor leading to the library? Excuse me, but do I have to go to the office to get a late pass, or shall I go to my homeroom first?" These are the voices of a new, polite freshman class. It's the class of '43, relishing the pleasure of talking to SENIORS in the year 1939.

Yes, we were that mild unassuming group who were beginning an important step in our high school lives. It wasn't too long though, before we got "hep to the jive" of activity.

Under the "super" leadership of our president, Bill Thompson, we sponsored a "balloon" noon dance and gave delectable "eats" as prizes. Was it a success? Naturally, for we were the class of '43.

Our sophomore year started off with a bang with plans for a "Soph Hop." Bob Runyon presided over our group and "gloated" with us over a monumental J.V. basketball team (which consisted of all sophomore boys); later, he shared our sorrow when told of the definite postponement of the dance, because of a severe epidemic of German Measles.

Our disappointment vanished, however, when we started a new school year. Bob was re-elected president and our two gigantic enterprises, the "Stardust Prom" and the Junior-Senior Prom, produced excellent results.

As seniors, we began a memorable year in the fall of 1942. We carried on our jovial spirit, never forgetting those of us who had joined the armed forces, but would, with us, forever remember the "swell" days at Metuchen High.



Students To-day



CITIZENS TO-MORROW

METUCHEN HIGH SCHOOL

LA VERNE ADAMS

Gray green eyes . . . a mind on the move . . . an enviable waistline and tailored slacks. French, Footlighters, B. and W. Service Center, Hall Patrol, Middionettes.



VERNON ALATARY

"Itch" . . . Those wavy locks . . . always a bow tie and a smile. Teen Town.

ANN BAUMANN

"Butch" . . . Sweater and skirt combin. . . short and sweet, with an impish grin . . . Harry James devotee. Tri-Y, Cheerleader, Basketball, Blue Letter, G. A. A., Latin, French, Sr. Play.



MARILYNNE BEAGLE

"Beag" . . . bland, industrious; those uptilted blue eyes; views life with a good-natured smile. Recorder, Hall Patrol, Glee Club, Blue Letter, B. and W. Service Center, Teen Town, Stud. Gov't.

BETTY BEDELL

A perpetual smile . . . "Hamburgers with, please" . . . "Gleeps!" . . . addicted to airplanes and Navy. Cheerleader, Basketball, Tennis, Blue Letter, Footlighters, Tri-Y, G. A. A., German.



CAROLYN BOEDINGHAUS

"Cez" . . . half-pint . . . unsurpassable accomplishments . . . lives and breathes fun. Glee Club, Footlighters, Sr. Play, G. A. A., Tumbling, B. and W. Service Center.

LOUETTA BURGALLER

Call her "Lou" . . . sweaters, saddles and hairbows . . . a good word for everyone and means it. Teen Town, Cabinet, Blue Letter, B. and W. Service Center, Comm'l Servers, 4 A's.



DORIS CADMUS

"Herky" . . . contagious grin . . . can bull session indefinitely . . . girl for your woes. Tri-Y, Blue Letter, Sr. Play Comm., Jr. and Sr. Prom.

ELIZABETH ANN COOPER

"Coop" . . . journalism . . . an indefatigable editor . . . ask her about music. Recorder, Latin, German, Photography, Blue Letter, Basketball, Glee Club, "Time Out."



PAUL CORDERLY

"Shorty" . . . or "Buy a Defense Stamp" Corderly . . . rosy cheeks . . . "Come on now!" . . . laughing eyes. Sr. Play, Varsity, Teen Town, Plane, Hall Patrol, Jr. and Sr. Prom.

CLASS OF NINETEEN FORTY-THREE

MARVIN CRANE

"Don Juan Marv" . . . "Where is Marvin?" . . . wavy hair . . . original book reports . . . easy laugh.
Hall Patrol, French, Latin, Biology, Basketball.



MARION DAVIS

Chestnut hair . . . big brown eyes . . . never a nasty moment . . . really friendly.
Glee Club, G. A. A., Footlighters, Stud. Gov't, Blue Letter; Basketball, 4 A's, "Time Out."



DONALD DAVIS

"Dixie" . . . a tendency to blush . . . red hair . . . strutting walk . . . that hidden secret look.
Intramurals, Jr. Varsity, Hall Patrol.



HELEN DERVECH

"Dark Eyes" . . . top-notch for friendliness . . . soda-jerker de luxe.
Latin, Blue Letter, Hall Patrol, Jr. and Sr. Prom, B. and W. Service Center.



ALEXANDER DERVECH

"Coochie" or "Mr. Vecchitto" . . . a whole football team . . . a friend to all.
Latin, Sr. Play, Hall Patrol, B. and W. Service Center, Blue Letter, Basketball.



AUDREY DICKSON

"Red" . . . demure efficiency . . . those dazzling firelocks . . . conscientious.
Blue Letter, Footlighters, Teen Town, 4 A's, Recorder, B. and W. Service Center.



LILLIAN DOAK

"Lil" . . . perpetual giggles . . . loves cowboy songs . . . big smile for everyone.
Safety Patrol.



MARGARET DRAKE

"Peg" . . . affable . . . industrious . . . third finger, left hand . . . a sincere personality.
Blue Letter, Stud. Gov't, Footlighters, 4 A's, Teen Town, B. and W. Service Center.



BRUCE DRYSDALE

"Spate" . . . basketball fiend and whiz . . . happy-go-lucky Romeo . . . rations his smiles too?
Football, Basketball, Track, Varsity.



CHARLES DUDAS

"Charlie" . . . ear next to radio . . . Elton Britt fan . . . enviable big brown eyes . . . easy smile.
Safety Patrol.



METUCHEN HIGH SCHOOL

MAE EVANS

"Coffee" . . . sparkles for fun and lcky . . . effective grooming.
Blue Letter, Footlighters, Comm'l Servers, B. and W. Service Center, Teen Town, Stud. Gov't.



VIRGINIA FAHRINGER

"Ginny" . . . completely natural . . . "Yeah!" . . . Chien-yu fingernails . . . good-natured charm.

NORMA FALKENSTROM

Cherubic expression and slanted eyes . . . completely charmingly silly . . . commentable.
French, Latin, B. and W. Service Center.



EDNA FAQUIER

"Ed" . . . those bloodcurdling screams in gym . . . "Geez" . . . a pixie grin.
B. and W. Service Center, Blue Letter, Comm'l Servers, Sr. Play Comm.

DORIS FENDT

Dark hair . . . outwardly reserved, but flashes a ring . . . B. and W. Service Center.



HELENA FIERRO

"Sis" . . . endowed with responsibility . . . "Gee whiz, kids!" . . . on the go . . . utterly friendly.
4 A's, Blue Letter, First Aid.

GERALD MORTON
FITZ-GERALD

"Tim" . . . loves cars . . . boisterous laugh . . . long legs and busy hands.
Library, Hall Patrol, Glee Club.



BETTY FORTNER

"Bet" . . . an ever-pleasant smile . . . consumes modern novels . . . independent thinker.
Orchestra, Footlighters, Glee Club, French, Blue Letter, Biology.

NORMA FENSON

"Frens" . . . outstanding ability . . . natural punster . . . posters and more posters.
Blue Letter, Sr. Play, "What's New," Glee Club, Jr. and Sr. Prom Comm.



BARBARA HALVORSEN

"Bobbie" . . . dresses with a "Mademoiselle" motif . . . "This French kills me!" . . . active.
Blue Letter, Tri-Y, G. A. A., Latin, Jr. and Sr. Prom.

CLASS OF NINETEEN FORTY-THREE

WILLIAM HENDEL

"Bill" . . . fulafun . . . secret ambitions . . . hail fellow, well met.



BETTY HICKMAN

"Trixie" . . . subtle, winning ways . . . that "petite jeune fille" look . . . "just-so" hair. Cheerleader, Tri-Y, Blue Letter, G. A. A., Basketball, Jr. and Sr. Prom.



ANN HOKHOLD

Nothing can stop the Army Air Corps . . . goddess blonde hair . . . "Think so, huh?" . . . lunch time bull sessions. Teen Town.



DOROTHY HOLLENDER

"Der Fuehrer" . . . finds math a necessary evil . . . sincerely mischievous . . . "Listen to me!" . . . "My Bill." Cheerleader, Cabinet, Stud. Gov't., Tri-Y, Sr. Play, Blue Letter, G. A. A.



EDYTHE HOWE

Calm and self-possessed . . . spends hours reading . . . a gentle manner all her own. Glee Club, Library, Comm'l Servers.



VINCENT HOYER

"Vin" . . . that blond hair . . . rusty thoughts . . . Normandy Beach . . . cheery greetings . . . Zoot hat. Class Pres., Stud. Gov't, Sr. Play, Footlighters, Hall Patrol, Photography, Biology.



LEONA IGNACKI

Favorably conservative . . . call her "Iggy" . . . beats a path to the art room . . . always optimistic. Library, Latin, French, Basketball, Blue Letter, First Aid, Sr. Play, Language.



THEODORE JENSEN

"Ted" or "Swede" . . . "Get it?" . . . debates in math . . . busy, thoughtful thoughts. Football, Varsity, Hall Patrol, German, Photography.



WILLIAM KILGANNON

"Bill" . . . or "Rabbit" . . . A smooth dancer . . . "Still water runs deep!" Football, Intramurals, Track, Stud. Gov't., Teen Town, Varsity, Glee Club.



GLORIA KOERBER

Haunted by typing and shorthand classes . . . an unexpected laugh . . . bee-hive efficiency. Footlighters, Glee Club, Library, Blue Letter, Comm'l Servers, B. and W. Service Center.



METUCHEN HIGH SCHOOL

JOHN KROG

"Johnny" . . . wavy hair, but strictly he-man . . . track star . . . easy-going manner . . . bow ties.
Track, Basketball, Varsity, Intramurals, Football.



PEGGY LA GATTUTA

"Peg" . . . exuberant . . . "Ye gods!" . . . effervescently fun-loving, non-curricular enthusiast . . . N'est pas?
French, Language, Tri-Y, Blue Letter, Footlighters, Sr. Play, Jr. and Sr. Prom.

DONALD LAYBURN

"Don" . . . or "Dingle" . . . thinking of Army Air Corps . . . Casanova kid . . . strawberry eyelashes . . . "wanta hear a joke?"
Football, Varsity, Hi-Y, Hall Patrol, French, Jr. and Sr. Prom.



RUTH LOWE

Don't call her "Ruthie" . . . unsurpassable personality . . . a knack for knitting . . . favorite theme . . . "Anchors Aweigh!"
Tri-Y, G. A. A., Blue Letter, Glee Club, Photography, Footlighters, Jr. and Sr. Prom.

MARY LOU MACDONELL

"Mac" . . . chief cog in assembly programs . . . check and double check for success . . . verve.
Footlighters, Sr. Play, Stud. Gov't, Tri-Y, Blue Letter, Jr. and Sr. Prom.



LORETTA MOLCHAN

A word for everyone . . . potential T. N. T. . . . gifted with gab.
Glee Club, 4 A's, Comm'l Servers.

ANNA MAJOR

Better known as "Annie" . . . constantly fears sprung quizzes . . . reads magazines avidly.



JOSEPH MARCISYN

"Ichy" . . . always boisterous . . . a million friends . . . wants a million more.
Golf, Intramurals, Basketball (Mgr.), Teen Town.

HARRY McKEOWN

"Bert" or "Chocolate-bar Harry" . . . those sport jackets . . . tie too tight . . . "I'm sorry, Mr. Herb."
Hi-Y, Latin, Tennis, Stud. Gov't, Sr. Play, Orchestra, Varsity, Blue Letter, Hall Patrol, Footlighters, French.



ANNA McLANE

Silken, coppery curls . . . a poet's delight . . . enthusiastic over life in general.
B. and W. Service Center.

CLASS OF NINETEEN FORTY-THREE

ALICE JEAN MUNDY

"Red" . . . M. H. S. personality . . . always last in gym . . . "Hi ya!" . . . smiles for everybody.
Glee Club, Hall Patrol, Library, Sr. Play.



BETTY JANE NEWMAN

"Shorty" . . . high-pressured sales talks . . . "Hit you in the head!" . . . those flashy shirts.
Sr. Play, Blue Letter, Jr. and Sr. Prom, Library.



PIERSON ORR

"Pete" . . . happy-go-lucky . . . A sharp character . . . "Got a cigarbutt?"
Track, Basketball, Sr. Play, Footlighters, Varsity, Hi-Y, Jr. and Sr. Prom.



DAVID PACKARD

"Dave" . . . long and lean . . . that fainting act . . . corny humor . . . "Yeah!" . . . saxy jazz.
Hi-Y, Orchestra, Glee Club, Stud. Gov't, Sr. Play, Track, Hall Patrol, Footlighters, French, Latin, Jr. and Sr. Prom.



LOUIS PASTOR

"Ozark" . . . our school leader . . . his very own rumor . . . a smooth looker.
Stud. Gov't. Pres., Safety Patrol.



JANE PECK

"Ginny" . . . windblown, glowing appearance . . . that enviable mirror . . . unflinching ambition.
Glee Club, Sr. Play, First Aid, Jr. and Sr. Prom, B. and W. Service Center.



MARYANN PEINS

"Pinsy" . . . dreamy, poetic moods . . . quiet conversationalist . . . warm . . . understanding.
Footlighters, Blue Letter, Language, Latin, German, Library, Astronomy.



PAUL RAINSFORD

"Boonesville" . . . getting stuck in English class . . . burns up a court . . . a friend to all.
Football, Basketball, Track, Hi-Y, Varsity, Hall Patrol, Class Vice-Pres.



WINNIE REHFUSS

Peter Pan prankster de luxe . . . an unquenchable curiosity . . . a well directed affection to the Navy.
Library, Stud. Gov't., G. A. A., Basketball, First Aid, Blue Letter, Hall Patrol.



DORIS REMENSNYDER

Danube blue eyes . . . a wistful, seductive manner . . . "Well, really!" . . . Consistently true . . . "Doug."
Cheer leader, Tri-Y, Sr. Play, Basketball, G. A. A., Latin, First Aid.



METUCHEN HIGH SCHOOL

BEATRICE REYNOLDS

Better known as "Bea" . . . really friendly . . . "Oh, my goodness!" . . . even-tempered. Footlighters, Teen Town, Blue Letter, 4 A's, B. and W. Service Center.



VIRGIL RICHMOND

A quiet passion for books . . . the silent type . . . out of this world.

DORIS RINK

"Stinky" . . . lightning fast on the gym floor . . . puppy-dog friendliness. G. A. A., Footlighters, Stud. Gov't., Teen Town, Hall Patrol.



LOUISE RISLER

"Riz" . . . our chief . . . deliberates at bridge . . . never a gent-less occasion. Cheerleader, Tri-Y, Blue Letter (Ed. in Chief), Tennis, Sr. Play, G. A. A., Latin, Footlighters, French.

RUTH RITTSTIG

"Ruthie" . . . our latest acquisition . . . quiet, but sparkles a ring . . . eager.



ROBERT RUNYON

"Claw" or "Preacher" . . . (prefers the former) . . . dapper man . . . anchor bowler. Tennis, Basketball, Football, Varsity, Hi-Y, Stud. Gov't., Hall Patrol, Footlighters.

JEANNE RUPP

That scrubbed look . . . modern career girl . . . "Oh, definitely!" . . . ask her about Marlboro. Blue Letter, Tri-Y, Stud. Gov't., Footlighters, Glee Club, Sr. Play Comm.



JACQUELINE SCHUMANN

Red, red lipstick . . . New Jersey jitter bug . . . above all, a funster. Glee Club, Recorder, 4 A's, Comm'l Servers, Science.

ALFRED SCHNEBBE

"Schneb" . . . wiz at math . . . statistician's mind . . . brilliant underneath the innocence. Biology.



THOMAS SLATTERY

"Slats" . . . "have you seen my man?" . . . rum and maple . . . a slow easy drawl. Track, Recorder, Hi-Y, Stud. Gov't., Sr. Play, B. and W. Service Center.

CLASS OF NINETEEN FORTY-THREE

VIRGINIA SORENSEN

"Ginny" . . . even-tempered . . . a hard go-getter beneath the timidity.
Blue Letter, Teen Town, 4 A's, B. and W. Service Center.



JAMES STAHLNECKER

"Jim" . . . a ready laugh . . . faithful to that "O. A. O." . . . speaks with a lilt.



MARGARET TERHUNE

"O'Toole" . . . a "witt-o-crit" take me down to the sea . . . Grade A jokes.
Cheerleader, Footlighters, Glee Club, Tri-Y, Blue Letter, Hall Patrol, Stud. Gov't., Basketball, Teen Town.



ROSE TESAURO

"Rosie" . . . clamour-girl . . . the inevitable two-some . . . bright color combinations.
4 A's, Glee Club, Comm'l Servers.



MARGARET TIETCHEN

"Marge" . . . smiling through it all . . . worries unnecessarily.
Comm'l Servers, Teen Town, Blue Letter, 4 A's.



ELIZABETH TIMPER

"Lizzy" . . . or "Timp" . . . self-possessed . . . knows what she wants . . . gets it . . . sharp appearance.
Footlighters, Stud. Gov't., G. A. A., Basketball, B. and W. Service Center, Teen Town, Blue Letter, Golf Mgr.



ROSE TORIO

Her private world . . . un-intruding . . . roller-skating revelry.
Hall Patrol, 4 A's, B. and W. Service Center.



NANCY TUFARO

"Nan" . . . sweet and submissive . . . fills-the-bill . . . perennially a dreamer.
Glee Club, Library, Comm'l Servers.



WALTER TUTT

"Tutt" . . . a friendly grin . . . vague . . . Stepin Fetchit perambulation.



ISABELLE WARING

"Izzy" . . . M. H. S. genius . . . all-around, incomparable personality . . . bridge-wise.
Stud. Gov't. Vice-Pres., Tri-Y, G. A. A., Blue Letter, Recorder, First Aid, French, Latin, Library.



METUCHEN HIGH SCHOOL

MURIEL WEINBERGER

"Moo-Moo" . . . a home-run hitter . . . an incendiary temper at times . . . well liked.
Latin, Footlighters, German, Tri-Y, Sr. Play, Cheerleader, Basketball, Stud. Gov't., Biology.



DONALD WERNIK

"Don" . . . three-letter athlete . . . diversified interests . . . personality plus . . . Bob Hope humor man.
Basketball, Football, Tennis, Varsity, Stud. Gov't., Sr. Play, Footlighters, Hall Patrol, Library, Latin.

JANE WICKMAN

Memories of Blue Letter photography days . . . impending jokes . . . an ever present, ever pleasant smile.
Footlighters, Blue Letter, Teen Town, Recorder, B. and W. Service Center, Glee Club, Basketball.



MARILYN WOODBERRY

Fantods of femme frivolity . . . photographs like a dream . . . nimble fingers on a keyboard.
Glee Club, Orchestra, Hall Patrol, Footlighters, Sr. Play, Blue Letter, school accompanist.

ROLAND WUEST

"Chink" . . . a hopeful grin . . . his terpsichorean technique . . . eyes right! . . . indulges in P. A. D. discussions.
German, Hi-Y, Basketball, Biology, Golf.



ELIZABETH YATSKO

"The kid" . . . a general rash or rash for bubble gum . . . weakens to jewelry and "Esquire."

DOROTHY ZIGMONT

"Zig" . . . "number ple-a-as" . . . really wavy hair . . . goes dancing, bowling, and Navy.
Glee Club, Teen Town, Blue Letter, Middionnettes, B. and W. Service.





SERVING THEIR COUNTRY

Nine members of the class of '43 have foregone graduation to answer the call of Uncle Sam. When we see the service flag on the Borough Hall lawn we see behind nine of the blue stars the M. H. S. fellows who used to laugh the serious things off. When we welcome them back now in Army khaki or Navy blue we admit a new feeling of pride. But old impressions persist too, and we remember they're still our boys.

We still remember George Abbott blushing at the slightest provocation, Stanley Fredericks tow-

ering over everybody, and Bill Layburn providing powerful opposition on the football team. Classroom memories remind us of Bob Smith who dodged classes, or Bob Aulicky with his crew cut, or Joe Pastor with his easy smile. Dick Hill, who loved a joke, now tells it "to the Marines." We still see Robert Gray's freckles even beneath an overseas cap, and Bob Thomas' blue eyes, now scanning new horizons.

Yes, in training camps America over, they are the pride of M. H. S.

Coming of Age

JUNIORS

Jack Smith was the president of the junior class this year with Ken Altorfer assisting him as vice-president, and Adele Rosenvinge as secretary and treasurer. Due to restrictions on social activities this year the junior class did not have its usual busy winter season. However, the class did manage to plan a junior dance in the spring.

The main event for the year was the annual Junior-Senior Prom on May 21st.

Three boys of this class have left for service in the armed forces. They are Frank Hoops and Harold Osborne in the Navy, and Howard Kaysen in the Army.

SOPHOMORES

The sophomores elected Joan Brendel as their president, Bob Hicks as vice-president and Dorothy Wilson as secretary-treasurer.

The class has had no major activities to date but as the Blue Letter goes to press plans are being made for a sport dance in May.

Already two of the members of the class have enlisted in the service: Howard Cochran in the Navy, and Daniel Long in the Marines.

A vase of flowers was contributed by the class to the mother of Helen Uhrin, a classmate, whose brother lost his life while at an Army camp.

FRESHMEN

This year the officers for the Class of '46 were Howard Schwalje, president; Erika Elling, vice-president; and Anna Sieber, secretary-treasurer. The freshmen participated in many student activities, thereby proving their school spirit. They were active in such enterprises as "Time Out," The Blue and White Service Center, Red Cross, The Language Club, and the girls were especially responsible for the reorganized Middionnettes. A sunset dance was successfully held on February 19th.

JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL

Although the Junior High School pupils have just launched forth on their high school career, they already have many outstanding accomplishments to their credit.

They have sponsored several noon dances to help cover the cost of badges for their Hall Patrol.

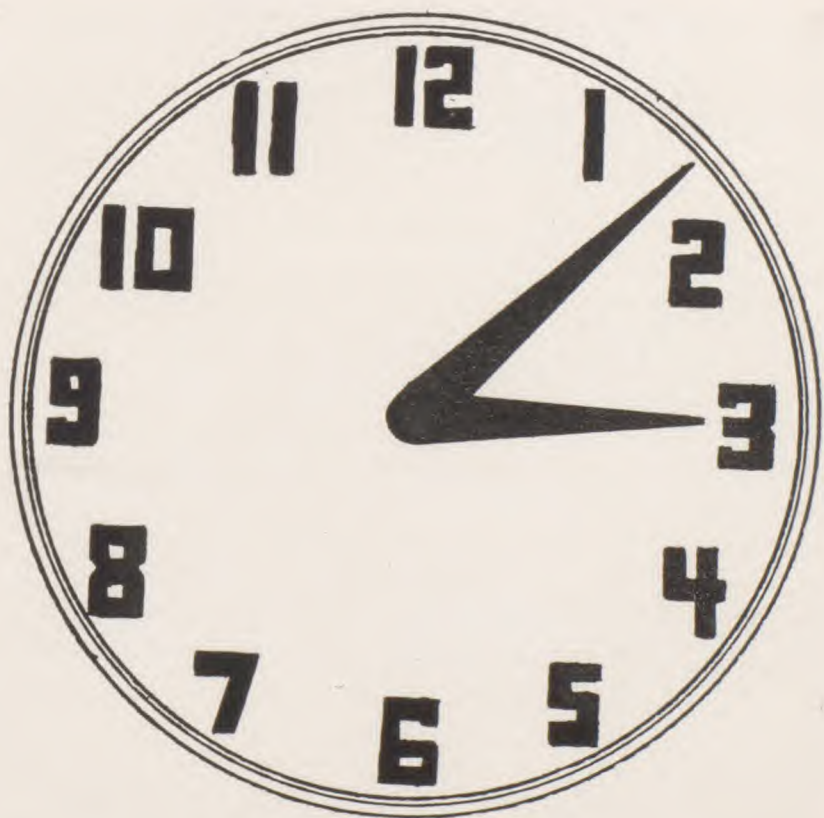
The seventh and eighth grades are under the able leadership of Melvin Schwalje as president and Don Kahn as the vice-president.



THE SENIORS VOTE

Most popular boy . . . Paul Rainford.	Class Hang-Out . . . Costa's.
Most popular girl . . . Dorothy Hollender.	Favorite magazine . . . Esquire.
Handsomest boy . . . Vincent Hoyer.	Most ambitious boy . . . Louis Pastor.
Prettiest girl . . . Doris Remensnyder.	Most ambitious girl . . . Isabelle Waring.
Cutest boy . . . Bruce Drysdale.	Most musical boy . . . David Packard.
Cutest girl . . . Ann Baumann, Peggy La Gattuta.	Most musical girl . . . Marilyn Woodberry.
"Faculty Darling" . . . Marilyn Woodberry.	Boy blusher . . . Donald Davis.
Wittiest boy . . . Donald Wernik.	Girl blusher . . . Doris Remensnyder.
Wittiest girl . . . Margaret Terhune.	Best boy dancer . . . Bob Runyon.
Live-wire boy . . . Donald Wernik.	Best girl dancer . . . Louise Risler.
Live-wire girl . . . Peggy La Gattuta.	Favorite orchestra . . . Harry James.
Boy most likely to succeed . . . Dick Hill.	Best Broadway play . . . "My Sister Eileen."
Girl most likely to succeed . . . Isabelle Waring.	Favorite Broadway actress . . . Helen Hayes.
All-around boy . . . Paul Rainford, Dick Hill.	Favorite radio program . . . "Make Believe Ballroom."
All-around girl . . . Dorothy Hollender, Betty Bedell.	Best picture of the year . . . "Mrs. Miniver."
Boy with best personality . . . Paul Rainford.	Favorite columnist . . . Walter Winchell.
Girl with best personality . . . Dorothy Hollender.	Favorite comedian . . . Bob Hope.
Most studious boy . . . Alfred Schnebbe.	Year you think war will end . . . 1944.
Most studious girl . . . Isabelle Waring.	Favorite type of music . . . Swing.
Event best remembered by Class of '43 . . . Senior Play.	Favorite radio commentator . . . Lowell Thomas.
Favorite branch of service . . . Navy.	Most important political event of the year . . . Meeting of President Roosevelt with Prime Minister Churchill at Casablanca.
Class Theme Song . . . "Don't Get Around Much Any More."	

ACTIVITY TIME . . .



The House Lights Dim

THE FOOTLIGHTERS

The Footlighters, Metuchen's own dramatic group, had a semi-active season this year, due to the absence of its former faculty adviser, Miss DeFrates, and the late appointment of another teacher in her place. However, the club, under the direction of Miss Talbott, did succeed in presenting the annual holiday play, "A Made-to-order Christmas," which provided laughs for everyone. The cast included Vincent Hoyer, David Packard, Dorothy Hollender, Thomas Slattery, Louise Simms and Goodwin Peck.

An enjoyable one-act melodrama was also given before the student body under the direction of Mr. Luxemburg. "Curse You, Jack Dalton," included David Siebert, Charles Knigge, Jeanne Rupp, Norma Frenson, Jean Pascall, and Gloria Babcock.

Officers this year included President Muriel Weinberger; Vice-President Maryann Peins; Secretary Audrey Dickson; and Treasurer Josephine Smith.

THE CHRISTMAS PLAY

On the last school day of 1942 the student body spent an enjoyable assembly period watching the presentation of a modern comedy, "Made-to-order Christmas," given by the Footlighters under the direction of Miss Talbott.

The cast consisted of Dorothy Hollender, Vincent Hoyer, Louise Simms, Goodwin Peck, David Packard and Tom Slattery. The play concerned a cynical bachelor who had stopped at a shop guaranteed to furnish anything, had ordered a Merry Christmas with all the trimmings, and then had forgotten all about it.

On Christmas Day his order arrived, including a tree, presents, children full of the Christmas spirit, and a pretty girl. The play, like all Christmas plays, had a happy ending and we went home to the holidays in the proper spirit.



and the Curtain Rises

THE SENIOR PLAY

This year, the senior class of Metuchen High School presented a comedy, "What a Life," by Clifford Goldsmith, as its annual treat.

"What a Life" portrays the life of a typical high school student who constantly gets into trouble although he tries to be a good model pupil, for his family's sake, if not for his own. However, it seems that his efforts are lost and he excites a riot in the small town high school where he is a student.

Bert McKeown gave an excellent performance as Henry Harcourt, the misguided student, with Marilyn Woodberry as his girl friend; Don Wernik featured as Henry's opponent in both love and history; Dick Hill played Mr. Bradley, a tired and confused principal who

tried to guide Henry in the right direction, but all in vain; Dave Packard was the policeman who solved the mystery Henry caused; Doris Remensnyder and Vincent Hoyer offered restrained romantic interest; and various other students, teachers and parents were played in an animated manner by other cast members.

Many seniors worked backstage on the scenery, property, coaching, and make up. The ticket committee sold out the house and created a new peak for a financial success for a senior play, while the ushers assisted ably on the "big night."

Miss Talbott directed the play and it was through her help and guidance that the seniors were able to say that the production was a huge success—both dramatically and financially.



Recording the Story

BLUE LETTER

The war greatly complicated the work of the 1943 Blue Letter staff but also inspired them. Changes in layout had to be made and the responsibilities of the individual staff members were greater this year. But, in spite of all handicaps, they have produced an outstanding record of a year which will long live in the memories of the student body.

The Editor-in-Chief, Louise Risler, was on the job, doing everything at all times. Information about all the activities was supplied by the members of the Narrative Committee under Jeanne Rupp. Numerous pictures were taken due to the industrious work of the members of the Photography Committee under Audrey Dickson. The ads in the back of the book were all sold by the members of the Advertising Committee under Peggy Drake. The finances, selling of the publication, and typing of the material were taken care of by the members of the Business Committee under Norma Frenson. The creative ability of the Art Committee with their chairman, Leona Ignacki, enabled us to have all the art work you see throughout the book.

The faculty advisers had a larger job than ever before as each one had to guide the work of more than one committee. Miss Haitsch, General Chairman, was adviser to the Art and Photography Committees. Miss Anker was adviser to the Business and Narrative Committees, and Mrs. Polhemus was adviser to the Advertising and Business Committees. Miss Farrell was adviser to the Narrative Committee.

NEWS CASTERS

The student body showed a special enthusiasm for journalism this year by editing and supporting three school publications: High School Recorder, "What's New" and "Time Out."

The Recorder Club keeps every one informed about the activities of the high school by writing news items for the Metuchen newspaper, the Recorder. Elizabeth Ann Cooper is the Editor-in-Chief. The reporters write articles about clubs, interesting projects or activities, the library, assembly programs, faculty socials, dances, student government activities, and sports events. A special group of members type all the articles for weekly publication in the boro newspaper. The group meets every Tuesday with Miss Fennessy, the adviser.

The seventh and eighth graders have been publishing their newspaper, "What's New" every marking period for six years. The pupils do all their own writing, typing, art work and mimeographing. News of school activities, original stories, poems, editorials and special features are part of the contents of the paper. The staff of reporters and editors was headed this year by Joseph Perry, Editor-in-Chief. Miss Kennedy is the faculty adviser.

A new publication called "Time Out" made its appearance in Metuchen High School this year. A group of journalistic students formed its staff with Marilyn Woodberry as Editor. The paper contained, among other things, news of activities in the high school and original stories. Miss Kinney is the faculty adviser.



And We're Free to Join—

LIBRARY CLUB

The Library Club is an organization designed to be of service to all students who use the library.

The club members work in the library, repair books, type, and do many other things. Their social activities include parties and trips. This year the club sponsored Book Week and many book contests, including a special Victory Book Week.

The officers are President Leona Ignacki, Vice-President Gloria Koerber, and Secretary-Treasurer Nancy Tufaro. Mrs. Cooke is the club's adviser.



THE LANGUAGE CLUB

The old French, Latin and German Clubs have combined into the Language Club. Miss Anker, Miss Thompson, and Mr. Graham, the faculty sponsors, and William Weinberger, President, Dora Estelle Waring, Vice-President, and Adele Fullerton, Secretary-Treasurer, led a group greatly interested in the language, customs and activities of people in other lands. Members participated in dramatics, singing, dancing, a Christmas party, a Roman banquet and a spring picnic. Talks and movies on Germany, France, Spain and Rome were enjoyed.



PHOTOGRAPHY CLUB

The Photo Club had a new faculty adviser this year, Mr. Gardner. Under his leadership and that of Richard Brossey, President, John Leseye, Vice-President, Edward Beck, Secretary, and Thomas Hollis, Treasurer, the members gave a dance, submitted pictures to the Blue Letter, made posters, and planned a contest a month with a grand exhibit of final winners. This useful and interesting extra-curricular activity improves the photographic work of the individual members and provides a means of keeping a permanent record of high school days.





JUNIOR SCIENCE CLUB

Joseph Perry as President, Arthur Pohle as Vice-President, Ernest Pape as Treasurer, and Bruce Freeman as Secretary, led the Junior Science Club with the purpose of stimulating interest in science, developing special fields of science and constructing equipment and models. Under the guidance of Mr. Nielsen, the members saw films on aviation, heard lectures on chemistry and aviation, and planned an assembly, several field trips, and a visit to the Museum of Science and Industry.



THE WRITERS' CLUB

In order to afford students in the junior high an opportunity for self-expression and for the development of their literary propensities, a Writers' Club was formed under the direction of Miss Gentile. The members elected Joyce Buchanan as President, Betty Ann Zypfers as Secretary-Treasurer, and Wynetta Devore as Chairman. They wrote poetry, critically evaluated it in informal discussions and submitted some to "What's New." All their work was collected so that later it might be bound together into an anthology.



JUNIOR COUNCIL

The officers of the Junior Cabinet this year included President Malvin Schwalje, Vice-President Donald Kahn, and Council members Evelyn Turner, Charles Griffin, William Sheehy, Robert Barrett, Joan Ruttiger, Joyce Buchanan, and Marjorie Kler. The council worked on a new constitution based on that of the high school and including a new Judicial Department. Robert Barrett was chosen Chief Justice of the Junior Supreme Court and Mary Cobbs, Carol Mook, Byron Smith, Bonnie Ann Drvsdale, Arthur Pohle, and John Witmer were appointed as associate judges. Miss Gentile was faculty adviser.



4 A CLUB

Membership in the 4 A's is available to all commercial students.

Its purpose is to act as a supplementary unit to the library by offering to all students special booklets and projects to aid them in their class work. These booklets and projects are made by the club members or obtained from outside sources.

The officers are Louetta Burggaller, President; Mae Jones, Vice-President; Loretta Molchan, Recording Secretary; Jacqueline Schumann, Corresponding Secretary; and Helena Fierro, Treasurer. Mrs. Swank is adviser.



THE 'FIRST AID EMERGENCY SQUAD

A group of senior girls—including Louetta Burggaller, Betty Newman, Peggy La Gattuta, Helena Fierro, Marion Davis, Doris Remensnyder, Doris Cadmus, and Isabelle Waring—formed a squad of First Aiders under the supervision of Miss Crowell this year. These girls had completed their Red Cross standard requirements and were working for their advanced certificates. They practised every Monday afternoon in order to be prepared to give First Aid treatment should any emergency arise in the school or in the town.



RED CROSS SEWING CLUB

A number of girls decided they wanted to do some work for the Red Cross. Under the guidance of Miss Loritz, a Red Cross Sewing Club was formed for the patriotic purpose of making and sewing garments which the American Red Cross distributed where needed. Meetings were held after school on Mondays and the membership was left open to all students interested in such an important service.

"THEY ALSO SERVE"

Here we seek to give honorable recognition to two outstanding service clubs: Teen Town and The Blue and White Service Center.

Teen Town was started in the winter of 1941, as a charitable organization. In the spring of 1942, the members, with Miss DeFrates, decided to start a War Stamp and Bond Drive. It was introduced to an enthusiastic student body and in those few spring months the girls sold more than \$1000 in bonds and stamps.

In the fall, one entire homeroom took over the task of collecting money for stamps and bonds every Tuesday. Mrs. Mook has been the faculty adviser this year, and progress has been steady. From September up to March 1st more than \$5300 worth of stamps was sold.

The other outstanding proof of true American citizenship in our school is The Blue and White Service Center. It was organized by Mrs. Goodstein and several commercial students in the fall of 1942.

The plan followed is simple. The members—now from every department—buy, wrap, and send such articles as candy, peanuts, a novel and a mending kit, in packages to Metuchen servicemen. All the names of the Metuchen men in the service have been listed for drawing. Boxes go each week to ten lucky fellows. Two letters go out with each package, one to the serviceman, and one to his family. Replies of thanks have come from all over the world.

This organization deserves great praise. Not only shall we never forget the Metuchenites who have given so much for America but they will not forget the bit of encouragement from us, directed their way by The Blue and White Service Center.

THE BLUE AND WHITE SERVICE CENTER



TEEN TOWN



"The Air Shall Be

GLEE CLUB

The Glee Club this year was made up of a group of fifty high school students who met on Monday and Wednesday noons to sing and enjoy good music. Mrs. Brownlee sponsored the organization which contributed to school activities on several occasions. The members sang for the Christmas program held in the auditorium, and also on the evening of the senior play, when Gloria McLaughlin and Josephine Scruggs sang solos.

A special group was chosen to sing at a B.I.L. meeting of March 18th. Among the songs rendered at that time were "Norwegian Child's Prayer" by Kountz, "Invitation to a Holiday," by Drigo, and "Luxembourg Gardens."

Plans for the spring activities of the Glee Club included a spring concert, featuring Marilyn Woodberry. On April 2nd a spring concert was given as an assembly program. The orchestra and Glee Club both participated and community singing was a highlight.



Filled with Music"

ORCHESTRA

For three successful years the orchestra has played regularly for the students entering and leaving assemblies on Fridays. This year it continued to provide music under the new direction of Mrs. Brownlee.

The group this year was smaller than that of previous years, but was just as active. Membership was open to all pupils in the high school able to play an instrument.

The orchestra participated in the Christmas assembly program, and played selections for the senior play in December. At that time Robert Ritter, a member of the orchestra, played a piano solo.

In the early spring the members of the orchestra were busy getting ready for a spring concert. As this article was going to press they were rehearsing The National Anthem, "Song of India," "Mecicali," and "The Stars and Stripes Forever."



Here and There . . .

Just glimpses here and there—glimpses of things you'll never forget. Little things that meant a lot when they happened, and under the surface, mean a lot because of what they represent. Remember, seeing Mr. Spoerl outside his office? Remember, going to the basketball games, frowning, but feeling a thrill anyway? Of course, standing outside in the morning and at noon discussing irrelevant problems was a necessary thing. And the noon dances? No, you won't forget these things; they're indelibly impressed in your memories.



Gridiron Glory

Late in September thirty fellows donned football uniforms to prepare for a tough season ahead. The team began the season with a bang in the first quarter of the first game with Sayreville when it compiled five first downs. What happened during the rest of the game was a different story; Metuchen, with a green team lacking pass defense, ended on the wrong end of a 28-0 score.

However, there was a "hot time in the old town" on the night of October seventeenth when the team brought back glad tidings of its 20-0 victory over Rumson. Yelenscics, Rainford, and

followed with the extra point. Lambertville came up with a touchdown in the beginning of the second quarter but failed to make the extra point.

The second score was brought about by a 15 yard pass from Yelenscics to Wernik in the second quarter.

Jim Bent, 185 pound back, commenced a 55 yard drive in the third quarter when he plunged over from the four yard line to score the third touchdown of the most colorful game of the season.

Lambertville scored once more in the last period,



Wernik tallied in the first quarter of the game to insure the well earned but surprising victory.

It was a warm Saturday afternoon when the team took the field against Scotch Plains. Our opponents managed to put over a touchdown in the last minute of play to break a scoreless deadlock. The final score was 6-0 in favor of Scotch Plains.

The encounter with Lambertville two weeks later was a good exhibition of the team's offensive power. Metuchen received the kickoff and marched down the field seventy yards, for the first score of the game. Ray Somlock scored; Vinnie Behen

but when the final gun went off, Metuchen was on top, 20-12.

Don Wernik made the All-State second team and, to quote Mr. Harrison, "He is the best Group II player in the State."

Twenty-two players received letters and were commended on the success of the season by Mr. Harrison and Ed Risler, whose able guidance brought the team through the season with great success.

Let's hope that, if there is football next year, the season will be as great a success as the past one.

BASKETBALL

"We won the game we really wanted to win." This statement was made by the members of the basketball squad when commenting on the past season. This winning game was played against Rutgers Prep, the only team that suffered a loss at the hands of the "Bulldog" Cagers.

Although the season consisted of only twelve games it lasted from December twenty-eighth, when the teams played against St. Mary's in a benefit game for the U.S.O., to March fifth.

Jack Smith and Bill Blindow comprised the main scoring combination at the forward berths. Jack Smith highlighted in the game against Plainfield High when he scored seventeen points.

The Plainfield game was the last one for our reliable center, Dick Hill, who traded a high school career for a Marine uniform, to play in a tougher game. Bob Runyon was assigned to take Dick's place. Although this was a new position, he filled in quite well, showing his ability in many a game.

Don Wernik and Dick Bandics filled in as guards. Other members of the team were Pete Orr, Jim Bent, and Bob Barnum.

Lack of reserves was the main reason for the unsuccessful season.



J. V. BASKETBALL

The junior varsity basketball team was low on victories this year but high in stamina.

The lone win was over Rutgers Prep. Although the game with Scotch Plains ended in a loss for the Bulldogs, it was the best played of the season. One thing the team lacked was spark; the players were not aggressive enough.

While on the road many coaches complimented the team for its clean-cut playing.

Martin Maurer, Bill Murphy and Henry Bruno gave every indication that they are potential varsity material for next year.

Red Davis was the best all round player on the team.

To sum up, we quote from the J. V. coach, Mr. Luxemburg: "Although the season was not too successful, the boys learned a lot about basketball."

Spirit and Stamina



VARSDITY CLUB

As most students know, the Varsity Club is made up of lettermen of every sport in our high school. Donald Layburn was the president this year and Robert Runyon, secretary-treasurer.

Bob Aulicky, Dick Hill, Bruce Drysdale, Paul Rainford, Robert Runyon and Don Wernik received sweaters this year and ten seniors, pins.

The club has contributed a subscription to the magazine, "Scholastic Coach" to the library.

The Varsity Club is under the guidance of Mr. Buchelew.

HI-Y

This year Hi-Y functioned entirely as a Y.M.C.A. activity sponsored by the Y. secretary, Mr. Pineo. The officers were Pierson Orr, President; David Packard, Vice-President; Donald Regan, Secretary; and Jack Sherin, Treasurer. This club planned a party and a dance held at the "Y," and also hoped to collect sufficient funds to award a scholastic prize to a senior who had maintained a high standing throughout his high school years. The members elected, Pierson Orr, and Donald Regan, to attend the Model Legislature at Trenton as representatives of Metuchen.

TRACK

Captained by Le Roy Smith, the track team of 1942 was undefeated in dual and triangular competition. Metuchen won permanent possession of the "Little Four Conference Track Trophy" and also a set of new Middlesex County records in the mile and two-mile relays.

Le Roy Smith took first place in the National Interscholastic Indoor Championship in the 1,000-yard run.

Bill Kilgannon, John Krog, John Andrews, Tom Barber and Ronald Beresford established new high school records, and Charles Boyle, Le Roy Smith and John Krog gained the county championship in their respective events.



GOLF

Late in April, 1942, the golf team began its season with a victory over Roselle, the first of its seven victories. With losses only to Rahway, the high school golfers scored seventy-eight and one-half points to their opponents' forty-one and one-half. George Short captained the team and Joe Marcisyn was high scorer with twenty-three out of a possible thirty points. He also won eight of his ten matches and was appointed captain of the '43 team.

George Short, Charles Ribinsky, Joseph Marcisyn and Tom Powell participated in the State Tournament that was held at the Asbury Park Country Club.

Elizabeth Timper and John Hume were named as managers of the 1943 team.



TENNIS

Robert Runyon, the captain and ace of the tennis team, undefeated in fourteen matches, led his team through a season of five wins, and two losses last spring. The team took fourteen singles, losing eleven; and won twenty-two doubles, losing only four.

Six players, Bob Runyon, Bill Thompson, Donald Wernik, Douglas Hicks, Bert McKeown and Henry Bruno, received letters. No lettermen graduated last year but the team lost Douglas Hicks and also Bill Thompson, a good doubles man, to Admiral Farragut Academy.

With a team of experienced players returning, the outlook for the present season is bright.



Feminine

Girls' Sports

The G. A. A. is comprised of the "cream of the crop" in girl athletes. Membership in this organization requires 100 points in Physical Education and to retain membership requires 100 per cent active participation in the sports open for girls.

Miss Crowell is the capable adviser in charge. The officers elected for this year were President—Marion Davis; Vice-President—Ann Reeder; and Secretary-Treasurer—Ruth Lowe.

Girls' sports, however, are not limited to G. A. A. members exclusively. Any girl, able and willing, may participate in basketball, (which is the most popular sport among the girls), ping pong, field hockey, and the newly instituted badminton. Tumbling, also, is a great favorite among the girls.

This year the G. A. A. members set out to redecorate the game room in the basement of the school for the purpose of making it more cheerful and livable. This task will have been completed at the time of this publication.

Tri-Y

The Tri-Y limited its social activities this year because of war conditions. Although a Christmas party was held in the "Y," at most meetings the members worked hard. They folded bandages for the Red Cross until an age limit regulation forced them to stop. At Christmas time, they made stuffed animals for the crippled children of the Children's County Home in Mountainside, New Jersey. They pro-

Cheerleaders

Never before have our cheerleaders experienced such a topsy-turvy year. Despite unsettled seasons, the girls came through with flying colors. The few pep rallies, which were conducted by the girls during football season were evidences of their endless source of vitality.

The Senior Varsity squad boasted the following as members: Doris Remensnyder, Dorothy Hollender, Margaret Terhune, Betty Bedell, Louise Risler, Ann Bauman, Betty Hickman, and because she deserves mention, too, Isabelle Waring, who served as substitute.

Few will forget the peppy introduction the student body has had to the Junior Varsity Squad, consisting of Joan Gunst, Joan Englert, Jane Cowins, and Pat Kennedy.

vided a Christmas dinner for a needy Metuchen family. They made and filled three hundred party baskets as Valentines for soldiers in the hospital at Camp Kilmer.

This year's officers were Mary-Lou MacDonell, president; Adele Roseninge, vice-president; Marge Melillo, secretary; Muriel Weinberger, treasurer. Faculty advisers were Miss Crowell and Miss Platt.

Fortitude



G. A. A.



TRI-Y



GIRLS' BASKETBALL



CHEERLEADERS

L E T T E R M E N

FOOTBALL

Robert Aulicky	Wesley Peters
Paul Cordery	Vincent Behen
Alexander Dervich	James Bent
Bruce Drysdale	Jack Smith
Richard Hill	Joseph Lomelo
Theodore Jensen	Albert Disario
Donald Layburn	Fred Burkley
Paul Rainford	Ernest Yelencics
Robert Runyon	Donald Smith
Donald Wernick	Michael Oliver
Thomas Powell	Robert Hicks—Mgr.

Jack Boedinghaus—Mgr.

BASKETBALL

Robert Runyon—V.	Roland Wurst—J.V.
Bruce Drysdale—V.	Donald Davis—J.V.
William Blindow—V.	William Murphy—J.V.
Richard Bandics—V.	Martin Maurer—J.V.
Jack Smith—V.	Thomas Powell—J.V.
Donald Wernick—V.	Joe Marcisyn—J.V.
Pierson Orr—V.	Robert Pasternack—J.V.
James Bent—V.	Henry Bruno—J.V.
Robert Barnum—V.	Arthur Gans—J.V.

M

TRACK (1942)

Le Roy Smith—Capt.	Robert Aulicky
Thomas Barber	William Kilgannon
Bart Trokovich	John Krog
Ronald Beresford	James Bent
Charles Boyle	John Andrews
John Jarema	Jack Smith
Herbert Kolodner	Walter Schurig
Edward Richard	Louis Pastor—Mgr.

TENNIS (1942)

Robert Runyon	Harry McKeown
Donald Wernick	Henry Bruno
Douglas Hicks	Betty Bedell—Mgr.

GOLF (1942)

George Short	Joe Marcisyn
Charles Ribinsky	Thomas Powell

CHEERLEADERS

Dorothy Hollender—V.	Isabelle Waring—V.
Louise Risler—V.	Margaret Terhune—V.
Doris Remensnyder—V.	Betty Bedell—V.
Muriel Weinberger—V.	Joan Englert—J.V.
Ann Baumann—V.	Joan Gunst—J.V.
Betty Hickman—V.	Jane Cowins—J.V.
Pat Kennedy—J.V.	

On a typical week day morning, we arise too late and leave without breakfast to reach our homeroom before Mr. Herb places the final curse of "tardy" upon us.

Buzzers buzz, and we're off to first period class. Demons haunt us on our journey; we remember that our Solid Geometry homework has been neglected because of a date with the current Super Person, the night before. Repentant, we stagger into a tranquil typing class, but soon, are off again, to P. T.

After the struggle with gym clothes, we are blown out to the field for our usual corny attempts to imitate Gene Tunney.

DO YOU REMEMBER?

Admission to the next class, Physics, comes only because of Miss Leis' inability to resist poor, helpless seniors.

Lunch! Ah! . . . but too soon after the ice cream, comes English class. We think we know all about John Milton's sonnets, but can we be sure about his "Il Penseroso"?

Whether we go to French class or to German class, we experience the same difficulty twisting our tongues for "die deutsche Sprache" and "la langue française."

However, soon our day of golden "ruling" ends and "nous allons"—"wir gehen"—off to favorite haunts, far from that "little red schoolhouse."



SENIOR WILL

We, the seniors of Metuchen High (what is left of us), being sound but weary of mind (after four years here), do bequeath to our underclassmates, the juniors, a pleasant final term, plus the following reminders of their high school days: Ken Altorfer—More nights like last New Year's Eve; John Anderson—cave man tactics; Zeke Andrews—long and curly hair; Dick Bandics—a complete day in high spirits; Jim Bauman—a strike in bowling; Edward Beck—a season pass to the movies; Vin Behen—a certain girl; Jim Bent—a continuous Gym Period; Bill Blindow—a basketball; Harold Bott—advice: "Silence is golden"; Henry Bruno—a trolley line to Elm Avenue; Walter Dana—easy French lessons; William Demcsak—a dictionary; Bob Dietz—no more cutting up; Bob Evans—the gift of gab, as if he needs it! Ken Farrington—eyelash curler; Herbert Fisher—priorities on a new zoot suit; Joseph Fisher—the right to be a "Whiz Kid"; Duncan Fletcher—English Class; Ben Ford—Blondes, blondes, and more blondes; Mike Geczi—a Black Out; Andrew Gonick—his own grocery store; Elwood Gray—more girls to flirt with; Stu Guyer—a joke book; Gene Haley—more New York trips with that Highland Parker; Chauncy Hawley—book of telephone numbers; Tom Hollis—a tenth grader; Martin Jessen—a chemistry explosion; Charles Knigge—guinea pigs and Helen; Richard Lake—a pool of his own; Alvin Larsen—a "crush"; John Leseye—an interest and not in studies; Perry Letsinger—more happy smiles while

racing through the halls; Howard Levine—a winning debate; Ben Lilly—ambitions fulfilled; Martin Maurer—a girlfriend; Jim McCarthy—to become a whiz in all his studies; Jack Miller—a deck of cards; Bill Murphy—"Alma" Mater; Erhard Oksen—a line; Leeland Paffendorf—Public Speaking class; Wesley Peters—success with his band; Alvin Petersen—a loud speaker; Chet Petersen—trumpet solo—"Margie"; Edward Popovitch—flashy sport clothes; Tom Powell—the right to be a hero; Don Regan—any Sophomore girl; Bob Shepard—fun, but less lipstick; Jack Sherin—a much needed vacation from school; Dave Siebert—give him the last word and he will have everything; Ken Simmons—a hot summer; Jack Smith—an interest in the postoffice; George Tharas—girls; John Totin—right to chew gum in history class; Ed Tremblay—leader of the Boy Scouts; Vin Tufaro—a comb and brush; Paul Uchin—shoes and the right to pleasure walk; Don Wallace—a good laugh; Bill Weinberger—position as airplane spotter; Clyde Williams—a convertible and a tank of gas; Bill Carey—more freckles, they're cute; Wayne Christiansen—bottle of peroxide; Phyllis Beagle—a noise-maker; Margie Bien—a music maker; Carolyn Bonis—coed nights at the "Y"; Dorothy Breen—an everlasting piece of gum; Jean Breen—variety is the spice of life; Alma Brennan—her favorite basketball player; Betty Cortright—summer at Kilmer's PX; Jane Cowins—inspiration for Varsity cheers; Virginia Donnan—the right to get her man; Pat

Doran—ability to "Keep 'em laughing"; Mary Dorsey—no competition; Ruth Drake—a cute freshman; Joan Englert—a pair of "spats"; Natalie Fenchynsky—an easel; Eleanor Fendt—a game room of her own; Adele Fullerton—a Noon Dance; Esther Gilbert—new books; Roslyn Green—detention because of no pass; Joan Gunst—bicycle trips; Vivian Hall—a "Si"gh; Dorothy Hunter—tube of lipstick; Darle Johnson—lots of letters; Edna Johnson—a gweat bwig wollypop; Mary Johnson—to do what she pleases in gym; Jean Kazmarek—a cold shower; Pat Kennedy—right to start another slam book; Mary Lou Kramer—another *Sandy* summer; Gloria Marsiglia—always, her neatness; Jane Mayo—a mind to rule that heart; Gloria McLaughlin—freckle remover; Margie Melillo—her sailor; Margaret Peterson—a new hair-do; Barbara Peyser—the right to laugh at a really funny joke; Elsie Poandl

—a summer full of fun; Blanch Pravda—her dream man come true; Erma Rassmussen—something to rave about; Ann Reeder—Perth Amboy; Adele Rosenvinge—people worthy of her friendship; Joan Rogers—bright red lipstick and a boisterous laugh; Hazel Sallitt—good luck on hitch-hiking; Gloria Salamone—ribbon for those pigtails; Josephine Scruggs—road to fame; Eileen Skyberg—a comb; Jo Smith—a little shingle; on it written "Dr. ————"; Marguerite and Mildred Tate—"My Sister and I"; Roberta Thatcher—a wild time; Grace Torio—roller skates; Dora Waring—a dark cozy corner and ———; Cora White—an anchor to hold her sailor down; Bea Whitman—"Hank"-erchief; Olga Wojekowski—stay the same, and you'll do fine; Mae Jones—a make-up kit; Gloria Lally—a few inches; Katherine Easley—just a little bit South of North Carolina.

CODICIL

As a special wartime dispensation, we, the members of the senior class, also do bequeath to all juniors the following highly esteemed items:

1. The continued use of Costa's as class hang-out (only as chief coke-guzzlers).
2. The battered Oliver typewriter in Room 23 (for the commercial students).
3. The right to sit on the ventilator in physics class next winter.
4. The right to have a swing band in assemblies led by Ken Altorfer,

5. The blue prints for the needed Pepsi-Cola fountains in the upper halls.

6. The right to have library fines cancelled.

7. The right to ignore hall patrols and to make undergraduates give you the right of way in the halls.

8. Subscriptions to "Esquire," "Silver Screen," and "Classic Comics" for your use in the library.

9. The right to sell lab aprons to next year's juniors at black market prices.

10. Choice, cushioned seats for double-period assembly programs.

CLASS PROPHECY . . . 1953

Hello, America! On this warm sunny day of 1953, NBC brings you anniversary celebrations of the World War II Armistice, as they are being held all over the world. We take you first to the center of our American festivities, Metuchen, New Jersey. Come in, Metuchen!

Thank you, New York. This broadcast comes from the Van Kirk Auditorium, located in the city's high school. From our position we see many notable visitors, besides our numerous guest speakers for today. Through the main entrance comes Miss Betty Bedell, owner of the Bedell Airways. With her is Rear-Admiral William Layburn, who was instrumental in our numerous sea victories ten years ago. Behind them is Colonel Stanley Fredericks, wearing his medal-laden Army uniform. Incidentally, here in our press box is Marion Davis, noted sports writer and columnist for Associated Press.

It's almost time for the program to begin, so I'll run through more names of the illustrious members of our audience, as quickly as possible. I see Miss Norma Frenson, noted commercial artist; Miss Loretta Molchan, speed typist champion of the world; Lieutenant Joseph Pastor of the Army Air Force, known for his daring daylight bombing raid over Berlin; Miss Carolyn Boedinghaus, featured singer with Kay Kyser; Major Robert Gray of the United States Army, now with the Army Intelligence; Miss Marilynne Beagle, personnel director of the American Stores, Incorporated; Barbara Halvorsen, co-author of "Norway and Her People"; Lieutenant Commander Robert Thomas, Navy Air Corps, who made the historic flight to the rescue of the torpedoed Secretary of War back in '43. Seated in the corner are Bob Runyon, N.Y.U.'s basketball coach since 1950; Bruce Drysdale, football coach at U. C. L. A. More notables arrive: Leona Ignacki, famed artist and author of the text "Classical Archeology in Modern Times"; Jeanne Rupp, renowned poet of our times; Jean Mundy, superintendent of

nurses at Bellevue Hospital; Maryann Peins, professor of Latin at Columbia University. But now our program is beginning. Everyone is rising as Bert McKeown's famous orchestra begins the national anthem, which will be sung by Jane Peck, now singing with David Packard's Jivists every Saturday night over WABC. The first guest speaker for today is Mr. Donald Wernik, well-known chemical engineer from the Dupont laboratories. He will be introduced by Louis Pastor, popular mayor of the Brainy Boro. Other speakers will be the United States Ambassador to London, Vincent Hoyer; Colonel Richard Hill of the U. S. Marines, who led his company in a victorious counter-attack on the Philippine Islands; Miss Elizabeth Timper, business administrator of B. Altman and Company; Miss Isabelle Waring, dean of Vassar College; and Miss Jane Wickman, photography editor of Life Magazine.

A special solo for the occasion will be sung by Miss Marilyn Woodberry, soprano of the Metropolitan Opera House; Miss Ann Baumann, famous satirist, and Mr. William Kilgannon, Hollywood's famed baritone, will provide additional entertainment.

Here are a few late comers: Marvin Crane, wealthy oil tycoon; Gerald Fitz-Gerald, technical engineer; Thomas Slattery, character actor; Mary Lou MacDonell, make-up artist for M-G-M, and Margaret Terhune (better known as "O'Toole"), now to be seen as the medium in "Gay Ghost." Yes, folks, there are many theater people in our midst: Miss Dorothy Hollender, now starring in the revival of "Lady in the Dark"; and Doris Remensnyder and Louise Risler, who are currently seen with Katherine Cornell in "Three Cousins."

Here come the Misses Audrey Dickson, Margaret Drake (now Mrs. Robert Rogers) and Virginia Sorenson, who were cited recently by the U. S. Treasury Department, for their war bond sales in the past.

We are sorry to hear that Miss Gloria Koerber,

librarian of the New York Public Library, and Miss Peggy LaGatutta, French interpreter for the Mexican Government, are unable to attend. Likewise sending their regrets are Miss Winifred Reh fuss, laboratory technician of Johns Hopkins University, and Muriel Weinberger, celebrated physics researchist for Westinghouse.

Good news! It's just been announced by Beatrice Reynold, in charge of today's festivities, that Lieutenant Donald Layburn of the Air Corps, who received the Distinguished Flying Cross for action over Tokyo, will be on the platform.

Now a few minutes to give you a number of other names, and then we'll take you to New York. Seated in the audience are Ensigns George Abbott and Robert Aulicky, both cited for bravery in the Mediterranean sea victory, and Captain Bob Smith, of the destroyer, "San Francisco."

Prominent ex-Metuchenites are still arriving; we see LaVerne Adams, advertising manager for the "Cadmus Courturier," a fashion magazine. Leading designer for this magazine is Betty Fortner, who is here with Betty Hickman, well-known socialite in New York's Park Avenue set; Mae Evens, just voted "Woman of the Year," and Doris Fendt, receptionist for a famous surgeon in Chicago. Near these are Alex and Helen Dervich, noted comedian team of the ether waves. Oh, here come Joe Marcisyn, sports writer for "The Sun," and Charles Dudas, author of "Cow-boy Songs, Old and New."

We have just heard a sandwich and milk bar has been set up in the now famous Old Gym, and will be hostessed by the Misses Lilian Doake and Anna Major, during intermissions.

And now this is your announcer signing off in Metuchen.

Hello, again, this is New York, bringing you the rest of the Armistice Day celebrations. Speakers from the City Hall steps include John Krog, agile champion of the steeplechases; Virgil Richmond, brilliant soil expert from Kansas; Ruth Lowe, aviatrix of numerous adventures; James

Stahlnecker, Chicago banker, and Theodore Jenson, noted statistician.

In this audience are Vernon Alatary, mechanical engineer of international fame; Roland Wuest, renowned linguist; Helena Fierro, authoress of "What You Ought to Be"; Elizabeth Yatsko and Dorothy Zigmont, secretaries to the senators from New Jersey, Walter Tutt and Donald Davis; Doris Rink, designer for the "Tailored Woman"; Norma Falkenstrom, senior executive of the same store; Miss Virginia Fahringer, translator to Berlin Press; Nancy Tufaro, Metuchen High School Librarian; Rose Torio, now wife of a noted naval officer; and Louetta Burggaller, secretary to Alfred Schnebbs, Pennsylvania Railroad executive. Pierson Orr, Ideal College Boy of 1948, is also present.

Telegrams are to be read from certain famous absentees: Paul Rainford, "Good-Neighbor" representative to Paraguay, and Paul Cordery, author of "How to Live and Like It"; William Hendel, big-game hunter, and from his secretaries, Rose Tesauero and Edith Howe, all of whom are involved in writing a new book, "Wild Life in India."

Entering the mayor's box are Elizabeth Cooper gathering notes for her column "Impressions in Print"; Margaret Tietchen, noted girls' sports authority; Anna MacLane, model for Bergdoff Goodman, and Ann Hockhold, model for Hattie Carnegie. Ruth Rittstig sits atop a statue, ready with her camera, while Jacqueline Schuhmann and Betty Newman are busy selling Armistice Day tags. Assisting them is Edna Fauquier, wife of a celebrated New York financier.

Now friends in the radio audience we bring to a close the American festivities, which opened in Metuchen, New Jersey, and closed here in New York. In a few minutes NBC will bring to you stations of Russia, Britain, China and others of the allies. Until then, this is New York, signing off!

Freedom of Speech

AN OPEN LETTER TO THOSE IN THE SERVICE

To the Boys Who Are Serving Our Country,

It is difficult for us to write something which we feel is good enough to you boys who are away at camps and on ships, and who are fighting for our country and all that it stands for.

When you think of us here at home, try to imagine us as a big cheering squad, helping you—the greatest team we have ever had—on to the victory that we know will be yours and, through you, ours also.

Since we cannot be in active service as you are, we are trying to back you up by entering wholeheartedly into the many home and school activities which naturally belong to war time.

Sometimes we are inclined to complain because the butter on our bread isn't so thickly spread as we would like to have it, or because there's a

shortage of candy at some of our local stores. However, we realize that these things are mighty small compared with the sacrifices you are making.

Of course on the surface we are still the same obstreperous freshmen you left a short time ago, but down underneath this manner of ours there is a deep respect for all that you are doing.

To make a long story short, we're proud of you fellows and of Miss Fennon and our teachers who have entered the Service, too.

You may be sure that the folks at home are waiting longingly for your return. We feel sure that it won't be long until you come back again, bringing the greatest victory the world has ever known.

Until then our thoughts are with you—

The Class of 1946

THE SERVICEMAN

He sauntered down the street humming a brisk tune. He was immaculate and his uniform was spotless and neatly pressed. His shoes had been polished, his fingernails cleaned, and his hair brushed until it shone sleek and black. This was his last twenty-four-hour leave. In a few days he would be groveling in dirt, squirming along the ground like some wild animal, cowering in a fox-hole, waiting and praying. His clean uniform would then be torn and wrinkled and covered with filth, perhaps even bloody. His face would be the face of one who has been under continuous strain, sleepless nights, active days and all the time fighting, killing, shooting, bombing. His once proud smiling face would be covered with dirt and grime,

and streaked with perspiration, and his expression would be one that comes with a constant readiness for death. His eyes would have seen much suffering and hardship, and his pleasant life at home would seem but a dream that his tortured mind had conceived to ease the pain of this nightmare. He might be one of many who would never return to that sweet haven of bliss, his home; in fact, he might be one of many who would be reported "missing in action" or "unidentified," and although he might not be a hero, when the war was past and forgotten, a passer-by might read the bold inscription, "To the Unknown Soldier."

Dorothea Zyfers, '45

THE SYMBOL OF OUR FREEDOM

Red, white, and blue! The colors of our flag!

Our flag; what does it mean to you? Does it mean the same to you that it means to our soldiers, fighting in every corner of the globe—shedding their blood so that the red of the flag may continue to represent the courage, zeal, and fervency of the American people?

Every boy and girl who goes to school in America knows what the "Stars and Stripes" means, and what it stands for. It means so much to us that it makes us throw back our shoulders and hold high our heads. When we think of what we owe this glorious symbol of our nation, a lump swells in our throats and tears come to our eyes. But these are quickly washed away by a smile of burning pride when our minds see, in the rippling folds of the flag, the great men, both in the past and today, who made and who are making the United States of America the greatest nation in the world.

Our "Stars and Stripes" stands for the first settlers who left their homes to come to these shores. It stands for the hardy pioneers who conquered the boundless West. It stands for Concord and Lexington, Valley Forge, Yorktown, and Gettysburg; yes, and it also stands for Bataan and

Guadalcanal. It stands for George Washington, Thomas Jefferson, Alexander Hamilton, John Marshall, Andrew Jackson, Abraham Lincoln, and General MacArthur. It stands for the Mayflower Compact, the Declaration of Independence, the Bill of Rights, the Monroe Doctrine, the Emancipation Proclamation, and the Atlantic Charter.

All these are a part of what our flag means. It is a flag which floats over a free nation, where the will of the citizens is the law of the land. In some countries the flag is the flag of a few who enjoy the good of living while the great majority must live without opportunity. Here, in the United States, the poorest man may rise to the highest position in the nation. No law will keep him down. No iron hand will interfere with his religion. No ruthless, dictatorial faction will ever arise to command him as a slave.

Look at the flag! See how it waves! It's the proudest flag in the world. As long as it lives, "Life, Liberty, and the Pursuit of Happiness" will be denied to no one. God preserve the glorious symbol of the American way of life—our unconquerable "Stars and Stripes!"

Charles Knigge, '44

A CASTLE

*I'm building a house on the side of a hill,
On the banks of the clearest of streams;
And as each brick is laid, it gives me a thrill—
These bricks that are all made of dreams.*

*The ground I've selected I've nick-named, "I Can"
While the foundation's built of "I Will"
And a bridge built of time, will the little stream
span,
To my house on the side of a hill.*

Marvin Crane, '43

ON TAKING CARE OF CHILDREN

Now don't get me wrong—I have nothing against children in general, no nor against children in particular either—except, of course, those that it may fall to my unhappy lot to care for while their much-to-be-pitied parents seek occasional rest cures, in the form of a good movie or a game of bridge with some of their friends.

When you are asked, as a special favor, if you will please take care of little Emmatrude while her father and mother go out for a little while, you accept with a pleasant feeling of self-righteousness mixed with apprehension. You know dear little Emmatrude.

The fateful night arrives and so do you, at the home of Emmatrude's parents. You are met at the door with "Oh, you just must come right upstairs and see how sweet dear little Emmatrude looks asleep!" You do and she does.

The fond parents march off on tiptoe quietly, starting off their car with a series of backfires that make you wince and cast an anxious eye upwards. Sure enough a slight wail comes and the lights in the neighboring houses snap off and then on again

as the people realize that this is no blackout siren, only the neighbors' little angel. Windows slam with no regard for broken glass, and with muttered threats about what a wonderful idea the Chinese have about drowning girl babies at birth.

You, in the meantime, have broken all records for getting upstairs and into Emmatrude's bedroom. The roar subsides and a gurgle takes its place.

Thereupon you spend the rest of the evening inching your way out, and diving back to the crib. This goes on and on and on. Finally young Emmatrude gets bored with such juvenile activities, and, turning her back coldly, at last drops off to sleep. You drag yourself back to your chair. Two minutes later the front door opens and the parents of the little angel tramp in while you troop out to the car where you sit through ten minutes of listening to the virtues of Emmatrude as you are driven home.

Home, sweet home! Be it ever so humble, it's still quiet.

Rose Kohn, '45

TRANQUILLITY

Just picture yourself, one peaceful evening, on a calm lake. Imagine the sun going to rest behind the dark hills across this lake. Let's say you are canoeing and alone this time. Everything seems to be still on the water—hardly a ripple until you break the stillness with your paddle.

First, you hear the gentle splash suggesting the experience of doing something you realize you haven't done before. Soon, comes the soft gurgle from the whirlpool you've created. This brings far reaching thoughts—thoughts of friendships, or

loneliness, or perhaps of romance. I say deep thoughts because a whirlpool comes up and up again and then spreads out into large rings which break away as the new ones bubble up. As you go forward, the waves slap softly against the bottom of your boat. That steady sound reminds you of the ever-passing time.

Then you drift along silently, thinking of the hushed memories prompted by the sounds of the happy water all around you.

Barbara Halvorsen, '43

SHE DIDN'T UNDERSTAND

Myrtle was crying. It was a pitiful sight to see, but nothing could be done about it. Big tears welled up in her beautiful eyes, lingered a while, then trickled gently down her cheeks. And there they stood; her mother and father, I mean, not saying a word, just giving each other those significant glances, and gazing off into space as if nothing on earth were wrong.

But there was a reason for Myrtle's unhappiness. To others it might seem as trivial as it did to her mother and father, but to her it was the most important thing in the world. You see, Myrtle was in love, and Mrs. Brown didn't understand. When she cried and moped from one room to another in the big house, Mrs. Brown thought she must be ill. When, out of the stillness during a quiet evening at home, she would utter a deep sigh, Mrs. Brown would take her in her arms and say, "What is the matter with my Myrtle tonight?" And Myrtle wouldn't answer because she knew it wouldn't do any good. Mrs. Brown just didn't understand.

The trouble was that Mrs. Brown didn't approve of the object of Myrtle's affections. He came from across the tracks and was really very shabby. But Myrtle saw only his good points, never his bad. She seemed not to notice when he chewed his food too fast or snapped at her much too often. And he didn't care if she ate too much and was a little too plump. They loved each other.

But every time he came over to see her, Mrs. Brown would say, as she saw him coming up the path, "Now, Myrtle, don't you dare leave this house." And when Myrtle went to the door and started to push open the screen, Mrs. Brown would say, "Come back here this instant, and behave yourself."

Ah, such was life! The romance was broken, for Myrtle's Romeo soon got tired of being shooed away, and Myrtle was left with a broken heart and Mrs. Brown, who just didn't understand. But how could she? For Myrtle was a dog.

Barbara Peyser, '44

*A task without vision is drudgery;
A vision without a task is a dream;
A task with vision is a victory.*

Leona Ignacki, '43

LISTENING

The muted sounds of night came softly through the walls of my room as I sat studying. Suddenly, a harsh, persistent sound made me start with a strange mixture of fear and excitement. It rose in volume and beat incessantly on my ear drums. Even after the original sound had died away, reverberations came back from all sides and in the distance could be heard the echoes of other similar sounds that varied in pitch and intensity. My mind had recognized the undulating wail of the air raid siren almost instantly, and a sequence of further thoughts led me to turn off the lights and then go to stand quietly at my window. The

very silence of the night was awe-inspiring and the feeling of an unseen threat was terrifying.

It was with a sense of relief and comfort that I heard the step of the air raid warden on the road outside. My heart warmed to him on his lonely vigil and I felt a sudden closeness to all air raid wardens and to all who stood quietly, hopefully, as I did.

Then the eager, happy song of the all-clear broke over the stillness. I stood in a reverie for a moment thinking of many things; as the lights came on again, I turned back to my room and peaceful sleep.

Isabelle Waring, '43

OLD GLORY

*Oh, Star Spangled Banner, you're an emblem so grand,
As a symbol of freedom you wave o'er our land.*

*You stand for America, its liberty and trust;
For all that is worthy and splendid and just.*

*You stand for the mountains, the woods and the hills,
For the brooks and the canyons, the rocks and the rills,*

*For children that play on a warm summer's day
And farmers in fields as they're mowing their bay,*

*For cities with towers that reach to the sky
And for birds in the spring as they merrily fly.*

*You stand for religion and justice and peace;
Until victory is won our efforts won't cease.*

*You stand for forests, plains, and rivers so long
And for trees in the breeze as they whisper a song,*

*For flowers and butterflies and mountain goats too,
For skies sometimes cloudy, but most often blue,*

*For cacti and blossoms and redwoods so tall,
For trust and for hope and independence for all,*

*For Death Valley, Grand Canyon, and Yellowstone too;
For work and for rest and for all that we do.*

*You stand for cows in the pastures and sheep roamin' 'round,
For the good earth, the precious, and the richly filled ground,*

*For snow-capped mountains and caverns so deep
And for workers in fields as their ripe wheat they reap.*

*These are all things you stand for, beloved Old Glory,
Of you could be told a most marvelous story.*

*We're now in a war and it has to be won;
We can't fail our fighters and all that they've done.*

*Don't worry, Old Glory, we're fighting for you;
And to that which you stand for we'll always prove true.*

Karl Sagmuller, '46

IF THERE'D NEVER BEEN

*When spring is come and meadow green,
We thank our God—not for spring;
But for the cold, the depressing cold
That makes us stop and think—
We could not know, in truth, spring's charm
If cold we'd never been.*

*When dawn appears to tint the sky,
We thank our God—not for the dawn,
But for the dark, the somber dark
That makes us stop and think—
We could not know the light of day
If night there'd never been.*

Robert Evans, '44

THE TIGER

(With apologies to William Blake)

*Moan not to me
Poor beast, encaged,
I know your weary pacing well.
For human hearts,
Like beasts, will rage
And tread the length of memory's cell.*

Leona Ignacki, '43

THE AMERICAN CITADEL

I've often asked myself in doubt, "Where shall I find the true, the shining, the pulsing heart of America?" We, as Americans, must find our solace somewhere, but where do we turn?

One cool, wet afternoon last spring, after the silver rain had disappeared behind the now bright, wispy clouds, I found it—America's heart. It stood, sturdy and strong, in a clearing of old pine trees, whose needles glistened and flashed upon the curtained windowpanes. Foursquare, the friendly little house stood. Its sunny clapboards weathered the intruders, those that would see its dauntless little spirit broken.

The beaten path of stone beckoned footsteps to the rugged, brown mat that bore the word "Welcome." The door above was full and wide as a white marble portal, centered by a black, antique knocker.

There it stood, in its splendor, weathering the sorrow, the happiness, the hope in life.

I shall never forget that proud little fortress as it pierced its height and magnificence against the bright blue of a spring afternoon's sky.

Jeanne Rupp, '43

HIS WAY HOME

Three o'clock! Time for the prisoners of a German concentration camp, somewhere in France, to be let out for their daily half hour's bit of freedom . . . freedom from that living death.

By the fence stood a tall man in a torn and dirty English uniform, Laurence Hart, who was an English gunner, and had been shot down a week before. He stood alone, thinking, thinking of a way to get out of that cursed place. He remembered the Frenchman who only yesterday was shot because he tried to escape.

The silence was broken by the sound of a German bomber overhead, going to England to drop its load of destruction. Hart did not look up, for bombers were a common sight.

A few seconds later the commandant hurried out. An officer lined the prisoners up in front of the barbed wire. The commandant spoke swiftly as if he were afraid of something. "Unfortunately," he said, "one of our planes just accidentally dropped a large time bomb behind my office. We do not have an experienced man to render it harmless, at the moment, but to the one

who disconnects the mechanism will be given his freedom, and he will be allowed to go back where he came from." The commandant then called for a volunteer.

Hart had been on the bomb squad in England; he knew something about the mechanism. He stepped forward and was rushed to the vicinity of the bomb. A German soldier gave him all the necessary tools and Hart set to work. He knew the type, and had often worked on it in England.

While he worked he thought of his family and friends at home. The bomb had been set to go off in one half hour. Soon his job was finished. He motioned to the commandant and some officers took Hart to the commandant's office. He was sitting behind a large desk holding some papers. "These papers," he said, "will enable you to reach the coast safely; there you will be given a small boat to cross the English ———."

Before he could finish there was a deafening roar. Hart had set the bomb ahead fifteen minutes. He went home, the English way.

Richard Brossey, '45

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