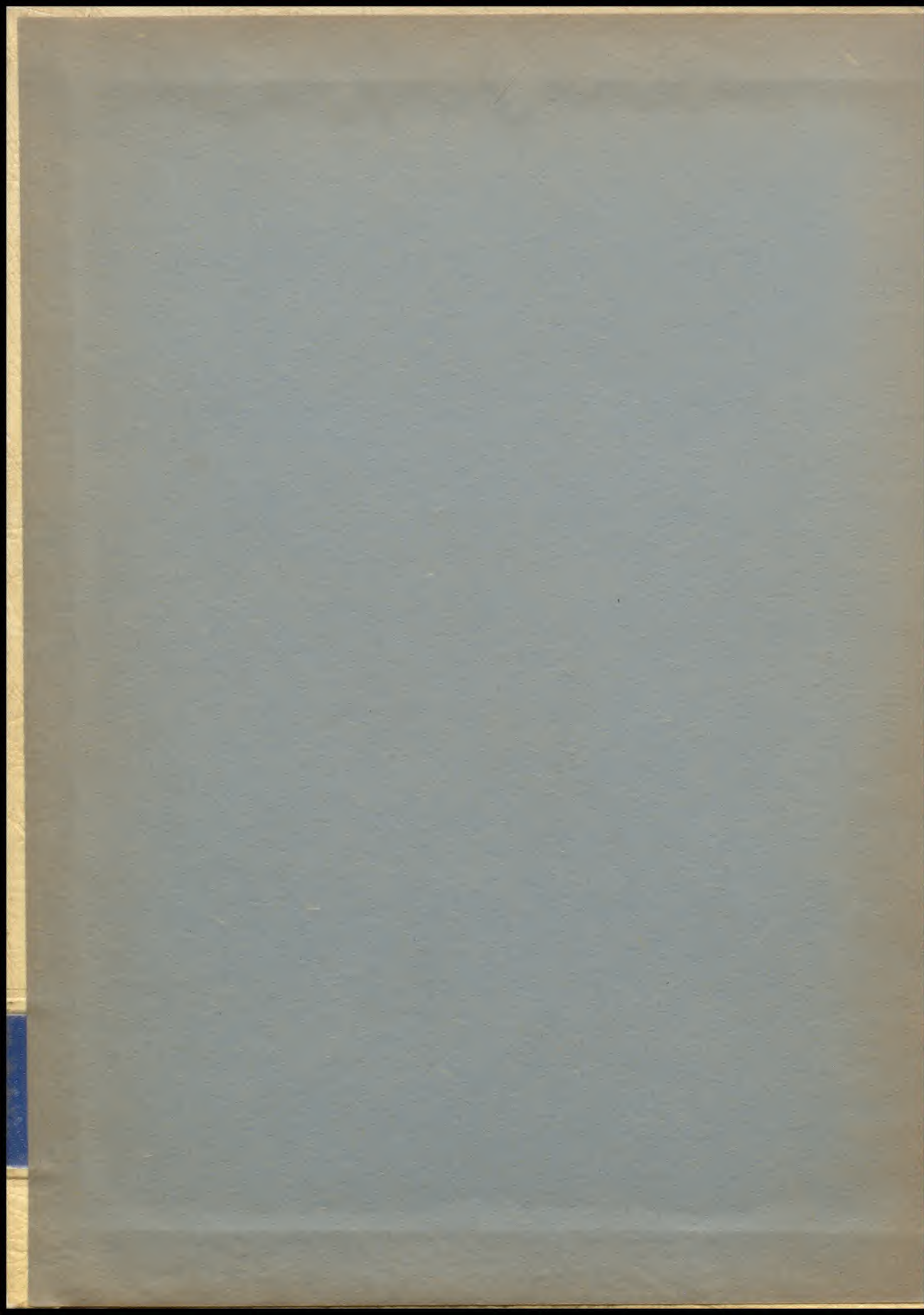
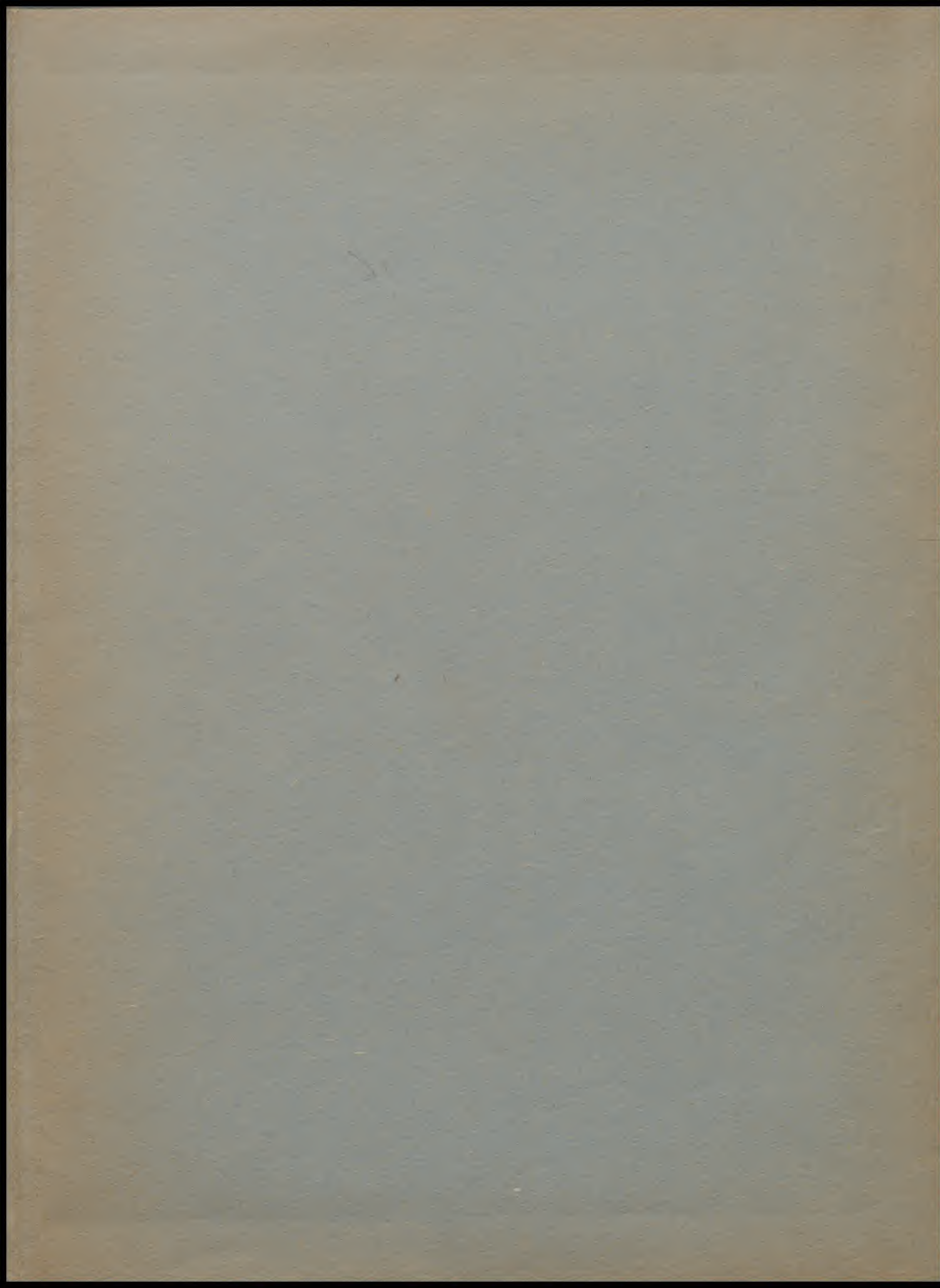


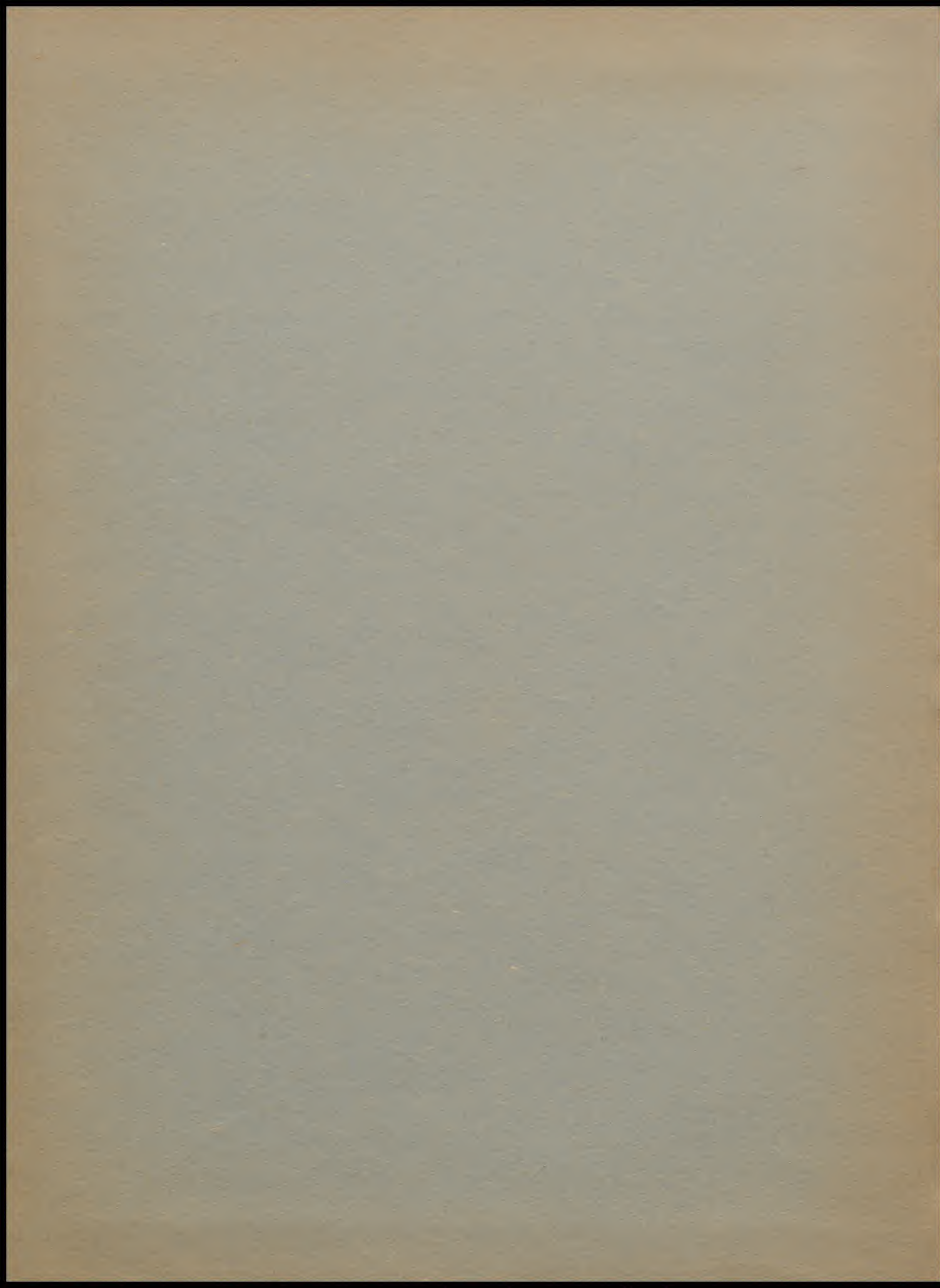


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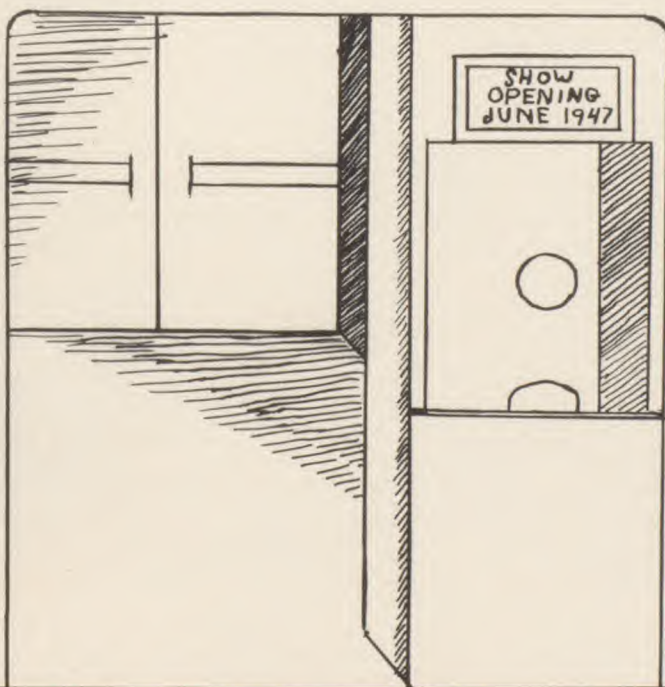




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As the curtain parts on the final act of our high school career, all eyes are focused upon you, dear friend. In the center of a swift moving drama, you played the role of sympathizer, helper, and teacher. Without your cues, our parts would have been insignificant, lacking the strength and sincerity of your personality. We, Seniors, will miss your genuine warmth and friendliness and will remember the support you gave us in making past Blue Letters financially successful. In deep appreciation, we dedicate our book to you, Miss Octavia Sparkes.

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Class of 1947:

Rumor has reached me that your Blue Letter will have drama for a theme. Therefore, it may be appropriate if my message to you be written in terms relative to the theater. On the stage one school of thought states, "If the director cannot interpret the author to present an acceptable picture to the audience, the play will fail and the fault is the director's. If with the right picture, the actors garble or miss their lines or actions, the play will fail but the fault is the actors'." You are about to hear the call "Curtain" for the real play of life. So far everything has been rehearsal; the director has been with you constantly with advice, commands, and moral support. Now the director is about to leave you, to take a position in the audience. You will be on your own. Do you know your lines and your directions?

A few last minute hints may help. If a fellow actor begins to slip or muddle, give him the cue. It will save the play for him as well as for you. Throw your personality into the acting, but don't lean over backwards; an audience quickly becomes bored at conceit. Don't try to steal the spot light; the other fellow's acting is important also.

Good Luck and Curtain.



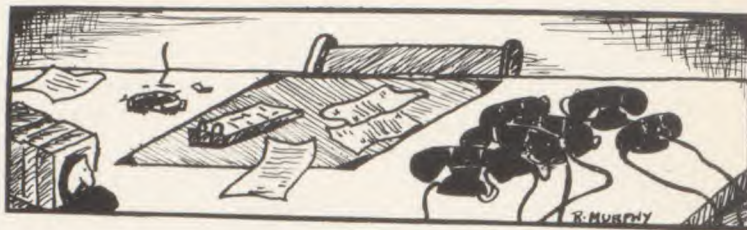
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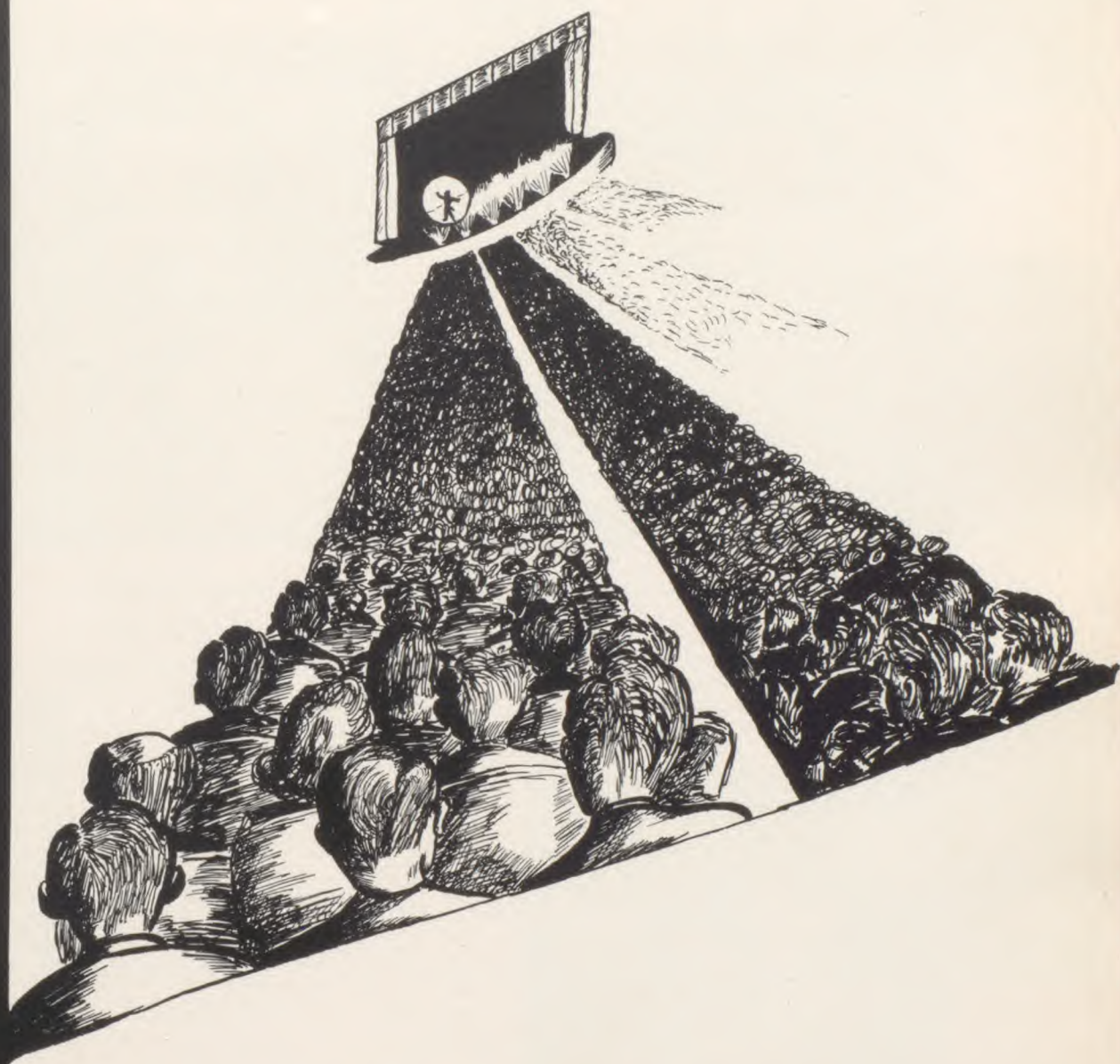
MISS EGOLF

We, the Seniors of 1947, wish to express our feelings over the absence of one who was known and loved by many of us. New students soon became known to her and were greeted by name, while we who had been here longer smiled when we saw her in the halls and in our rooms.

Miss Egolf was in Metuchen High School for many years and during that time she made life-long friends. Although she is absent from her position here, her friends and fellow workers will never forget her associations with Metuchen High School.

ADELINE INTERDONATO

We, the Seniors of 1947, wish to express our regret over the absence of one of our fellow students who departed from our midst. We shall carry with us always the fond and loving memories of one who was always willing to help and always willing to serve.



Zig

THE CAST

PROGRAM NOTES

THE STARS—SENIORS



Robert Alfred Smithson

President

"Smitty" . . . the junior girl . . . "Speedball"
. . . whistles at class meeting.

Football, Track, Varsity Club, Student Gov't, Jr.-
Sr. Prom.



Ernest Yelencsics

Vice-President

"Ernie" . . . tall, blond, and good-looking
. . . the collegiate type . . . '45 football ace.

Football, Varsity Club.



Margaret Doyle

Secretary

"Peggy" . . . those ebony bangs . . . Madam
DeFarge . . . quiet moods.

G.A.A., Middionettes, Hub Club, Jr.-Sr. Prom,
Teen Town.

William Blindow

Treasurer



PATRICIA ANN AMICK

"Pat" . . . satirical remarks peppered with wit . . . "the theatre" . . . "Hi, pal."
Basketball, Student Gov't., Latin Club, Footlighters, Modern Dance Manager, Blue Letter.



JANE ANDERSON

"Taffy" . . . sympathetic understanding . . . "Ah, to be a model" . . . Jack.
Tri-Hi-Y, Middionettes, French Club, Jr.-Sr. Prom.



MARGARET ANDERSON

"Peg" . . . Texas strides . . . dramatic personality . . . kindly.
Student Gov't., Footlighters, Blue Letter, Jr.-Sr. Prom.



JOHN W. ANDREWS

"Zeke" . . . blond as sunrise . . . serious smile . . . Vets Inc.
Football, Basketball, Hi-Y, Student Gov't.



GRACE ANGER

"Gracie" . . . genuine friendly smile . . . stately beauty . . . quaint poetry.
Basketball, Middionettes.



FRANCINE AVERBACH

"Fran" . . . the office helper . . . "there's always an answer" . . . those lively brown eyes.
Hub Club, Hall Patrol, Stamp and Coin Club.

ROBERT A. BARRETT

"Dwarfy" . . . that salesman manner . . . with Kenny . . . jovial geniality.
Football, Basketball, Golf, Varsity Club, Student Gov't., Jr.-Sr. Prom, Baseball.



WILLIAM BAYLIS

"Billy" . . . those lunch hour walks . . . chuckles and savory wit . . . pencils galore.
Safety Patrol, Stamp and Coin Club.



EUGENE KENNETH BAUMANN

"Kenny" . . . a joke for every occasion . . . smooth grin . . . Bob's buddy.
Track, Varsity Club, Blue Letter, Jr.-Sr. Prom.

LOIS CAROLINE BELL

"Lois" . . . Alzada's friend . . . little brownie . . . popular little girl.
Basketball, Middionettes, Hub Club, Jr.-Sr. Prom.





BARBARA ANN BERGER

"Bob" . . . no hurry . . . clever humor . . . questioning eyebrows.

Basketball, G.A.A., Middionettes, Hub Club, Jr.-Sr. Prom.



DORIS BERRY

"Doris" . . . quiet friendliness . . . sea breeze in August . . . a late addition.



ROBERT VINCENT
BIRMINGHAM

"Bob" . . . true friend . . . quiet seriousness . . . neat grooming.

Safety Patrol.



JEANNE BOICE

"Jeanie" . . . crazy about horses . . . wholesome beauty . . . "Danny Boy."

Basketball, Footlighters, Safety Patrol, Modern Dance, Blue Letter.



MARIANNE BRITTON

"Bashful" . . . sweet peas and violets . . . Em an' Al, . . . ready smile.

Glee Club, Hub Club.



EMILY ANN BRYANT

"Emmie" . . . blushes . . . an efficient secretary . . . "Who's excited."

Hub Club, Blue Letter.



JOYCE BUCHANAN

"Buchanan" . . . wit showed with common sense . . . red hair . . . Christmas in Sumter.

Basketball, Tri-Hi-Y, Student Gov't., Middionettes, French Club, Latin Club, Footlighters, Hall Patrol, Blue Letter, Jr.-Sr. Prom, Senior Play.

ANNA CAREY

"Annie" . . . Millie's pal . . . "that job to be done" . . . quiet friendliness.

Footlighters, Blue Letter, Glee Club.



MARY ROSELLE BURNS

"Duchess" . . . golden waves with silver highlights . . . dinner by candlelight . . . Pat and Helen.

Footlighters, Blue Letter, Jr.-Sr. Prom, Senior Play.



DOROTHY RUTH
CAROLLO

"Dottie" . . . soft dark ringlets . . . feather weight . . . just plain cute.

G.A.A., Cheerleader, Tri-Hi-Y, Middionettes, Footlighters, Jr.-Sr. Prom, Glee Club.





CHARLES L. CHAPLAR

"Windy" . . . guard the highways . . . chewing gum . . . gay, carefree, smile. Track.



ELLEN CHRISTOPHERSON

"Fido" . . . nursing for Ellen . . . chockfull o' kindness . . . Betty's chum.

Tri-Hi-Y, French Club, Blue Letter, Jr.-Sr. Prom, Glee Club.

ROBERT CLAUSEN

"Bob" . . . Blonde . . . flashing smile . . . sincerity.



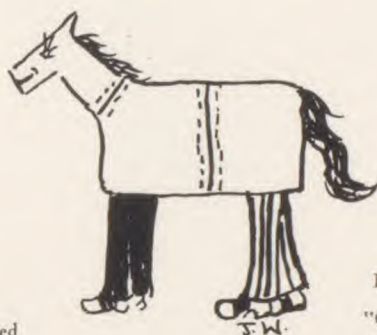
ELIZABETH ANN COFFEY

"Betty" . . . little miss twirler . . . quick as a flash . . . Mr. A's helper.

G.A.A., Tri-Hi-Y, French Club, Jr.-Sr. Prom, Twirling.

MILDRED COPPOLA

"Milly" . . . Anna's pal . . . sewing classes . . . giggles. Blue Letter, Glee Club.



WILMA ANN CORNELISON

"Billie" . . . emerald tinted eyes . . . "Ernie" . . . that friendly smile.

Basketball, G.A.A., Tri-Hi-Y, Middionettes, Hall Patrol, Blue Letter, Jr.-Sr. Prom, Glee Club.

RUTH B. CORTRIGHT

"Crash Cortright" . . . Arnold . . . hearty laughter . . . lovely laughing eyes.

G.A.A., Tri-Hi-Y, Middionettes, French Club, Hall Patrol, Blue Letter, Jr.-Sr. Prom, Twirling.



JOAN ANN CULVER

"Joanie" . . . waves of spun gold . . . perky sweetness . . . sprightly sunshine.

G.A.A., Tri-Hi-Y, Middionettes, Footlighters, Jr.-Sr. Prom.

WILLIAM S. CRAVENS

"Bud" . . . Navy surplus . . . leadership personality . . . serious brown eyes.

ALICE MARY DAVALA

"Ally" . . . cute shyness . . . little Miss Alice . . . blonde pageboy. Hub Club.





CECILY YETTA DESSEL

"Cecily" . . . German class . . . there's always a letter to write . . . "May I help you?"

G.A.A., German Club, Blue Letter.



WYNETTA DEVORE

"Walnetta" . . . a mystical atmosphere . . . a will and a way . . . editor.

G.A.A., Student Gov't., Library Club, German Club, Footlighters, Hall Patrol, Modern Dance, Blue Letter, Glee Club, Sr. Play.

FLORENCE DIERING

"Flossie" . . . a model's trimness . . . lovely blonde hair . . . true blue.

Basketball, G.A.A., Tri-Hi-Y, Middionettes, Blue Letter, Jr.-Sr. Play, Hall Patrol, Teen Town, Band, Glee Club.



JAMES EDWARD DOUGHERTY

"Doc" . . . ah, that wavy hair . . . "Jim" . . . Woody Herman fan.

Jr.-Sr. Prom, Basketball, Baseball.

CALVIN DRAKE

"Calvin" . . . that football manager . . . slow smile . . . Oak Tree Casanova.

Football manager, Basketball, Varsity Club, Stamp and Coin Club, Baseball.



BONNIE ANN DRYSDALE

"Bon" . . . soft blue-black waves . . . a little bit of heaven in pink . . . always a lady.

Basketball, Cheerleader, Tri-Hi-Y, French Club, Footlighters, Hall Patrol, Modern Dance, Jr.-Sr. Prom, Glee Club.

GEORGE DUDAS

"Georgie" . . . the little man . . . quiet charm, library devotee.

Library Club.



ANDREW G. ELKO

"Sonny" . . . My football hero . . . strong good looks . . . popularity plus.

Football, Baseball, Basketball, Track, Varsity Club, Jr.-Sr. Prom, Glee Club, Sr. Play.

LUTHER LEWIS ERLE

"Lewis" . . . "get that answer" . . . Romeo . . . perpetual grin.

Football, Varsity Club, Safety Patrol.



CATHERINE JULIA DUNN

"Kit" . . . secretary . . . ambitious . . . pleasant disposition.

Glee Club.





LAWRENCE VALERY
FERRARI

"Larry" . . . Oak Tree bus
. . . those eyes . . . curly
black hair.
Golf.



BRUCE G. FREEMAN

'Free' . . . behind the foot-
lights . . . flashing smile . . .
"ah, yes."

J.V. Football, Track,
Cross-country, Varsity Club,
Student Gov't., German
Club, Patrol, Jr.-Sr. Prom,
Senior Play.



EVELYN ELIZABETH
GIAMBRONE

"Eve" . . . small, dark and
friendly . . . summers at
Celotex . . . hurrying.



ROBERT ANDREW
GILBERT

"Gooch" . . . love that man
. . . detention's number one
man . . . lumberin' along.

Football, Basketball, Hi-Y,
Jr.-Sr. Prom, Baseball.



CHARLES GRIFFIN

"Charlie" . . . charm in
every smile . . . blue eyes . . .
"Junior Miss."

Varsity Club, Football,
Baseball, Student Gov't.



MARION GRACE
HAGEDORN

"Marion" . . . retiring dis-
position . . . sweet smile . . .
sincere personality.

DONALD ELLSWORTH
HALL

"Ells" . . . basketball star
. . . secret passion . . . gen-
ius incognito.

Basketball, Baseball, Var-
sity Club, Hi-Y, Student
Gov't.



ARTHUR RICHARD
HARMON

"Artie" . . . one of the 7th
period trio . . . dreaming of
Jean . . . smooth winsome-
ness.

J.V. Football, Basketball,
Jr.-Sr. Prom.



FRANCES PATRICIA
HARHAN

"Patty" . . . big brown eyes
. . . Channel No "5" . . .
roller rinks and hayrides.

Basketball, Cheerleader,
G.A.A., Tri-Hi-Y, Student
Gov't., Footlighters, Hall Pa-
trol, Modern Dance, Blue
Letter, Jr.-Sr. Prom, Glee
Club.



JEAN LOUISE HEROLD

"J.L." . . . "Isn't that the
cutest?" . . . a dimple in
the chin . . . infectious gig-
gle.

G.A.A., Tri-Hi-Y, French
Club, Blue Letter, Jr.-Sr.
Prom, Glee Club.





RICHARD A. HIRNER

"Richie" . . . Arthur Murray Jr. . . those wavy locks . . . charm in every smile.
Baseball, Jr.-Sr. Prom.



FRANKLIN HOOPS

"Pop" . . . those looks . . . sea yarns . . . the family man.

Football, Library Club, Hall Patrol, Band.



MAYBELLE HOSKINS

"May" . . . "Maybelline" husky voice . . . never a dull moment.



PATRICIA CAROL ISELIN

"Patty" . . . Margie's pal . . . talking in P.A.D. . . . long brown hair.

Basketball, G.A.A., Mid-dionettes, Blue Letter, Jr.-Sr. Prom, Teen Town.



BERNICE JACKSON

"Bernice" . . . what a difference a day makes . . . page-boys . . . lovely disposition.

Hub Club.



BETTIE LOUISE JONES

"Bets" . . . a Southern drawl . . . Marion's mate . . . show those beautiful teeth.

Teen Town.

MARGARET DORIS KRESKEY

"Margie" . . . just plain cute . . . Pat's pal . . . "Donnie."

Basketball, G.A.A., Mid-dionettes, Blue Letter, Jr.-Sr. Prom, Glee Club.



GEORGE LADAY JR.

"Jurry" . . . pride of "Bot-tomtown" . . . messenger boy . . . "Georgie."

Footlighters, Baseball.



HOWARD LLOYD KROMMES

"Buck" . . . half of Teruli-Krommes, Inc. . . . chewing gum . . . cafeteria.

Football, Basketball, Varsity Club, Blue Letter, Jr.-Sr. Prom.



GRACE M. LANG

"Gracie" . . . gay humor . . . affable . . . sea blue eyes.

Basketball, G.A.A., Hub Club, Glee Club.





ETHEL DELORES
LARSEN

"Sugar" . . . rose petal complexion . . . "Buddy" . . . Jeannie's neighbor.

Basketball, Middionettes, Library Club, Hub Club.



STANLEY THOMAS
LINCZYK

"Lover" . . . strong handsomeness . . . "Oh! Julia" . . . poise.

Football, Varsity.



STEPHEN LORINCZ

"Stifko" . . . a mind of his own . . . positive opinions . . . a comeback for everything.

Football, Basketball.



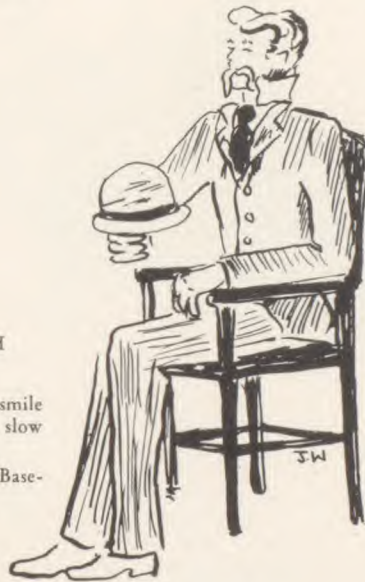
LOUIS WAYNE LUCAS

"Louie" . . . sly glances . . . captivating smile . . . witty remarks.

JEANNETTE MAGLIONE

"Jeanne" . . . athletic type . . . the executive . . . Miss Rombi's torment.

Patrol, Teen Town, Jr.-Sr. Prom, Blue Letter.



EDWARD JOSEPH
MARZELLA

"Moose" . . . Pepsodent smile . . . no homework . . . slow strides.

Football, Basketball, Baseball.

JOSEPHINE McRAE

"Shugar" . . . "the voice" . . . serious worker . . . bus passenger.

Middionettes, Hub Club, Glee Club.



RUTH MORRIS

"Ruthie" . . . sweet smile . . . quiet serenity . . . "long ago and far away."

Latin Club.

VALENTINE
MESZAROS JR.

"Butch" . . . hunt that pheasant . . . dark flashing eyes . . . one of Miss Haitsch's boys.

Football, Basketball, Varsity Club, Hall Patrol, Jr.-Sr. Prom, Baseball.



LYDIA NEUREUTHER

"Lyd" . . . anybody do any German? . . . friendly poise . . . sweetly disposed.

Tri-Hi-Y, Middionettes, German Club.





CLIFFORD C. NEWMAN

"Cliff" . . . red flame . . .
dates at the beach . . .
pride of the Marines.



ELEANOR STELLA
NICHOLSON

"Nickie" . . . still as the
night . . . writer in the
making . . . shy smile.

Middionettes, French Club,
Blue Letter.

ALAN HANS NIELSON

"Al" . . . scientist . . . in
his father's footsteps . . .
dry sarcasm.

Track, German Club, Vis-
Ed, Science Club.



EDITH NIETZOLD

"Edee" . . . doctor's helper
. . . bustling around . . .
fifth period.

Tri-Hi-Y, Teen Town,
German Club, Blue Letter,
Middionettes.

ERNEST WOLFROM
PAPE

"Ernie" . . . La Tour Eifel
. . . the bachelor . . . Belin-
da's partner.

Student Gov't., French
Club, Vis-Ed, Footlighters,
Blue Letter, Jr.-Sr. Prom,
Band.



ANNE DeWITT PASCALL

"Ann" . . . a beam of sun-
shine . . . basketball games
. . . always beaming.

Basketball, G.A.A., Tri-
Hi-Y, Jr.-Sr. Prom, Glee
Club.

JOSEPH L. PERRY

"Jib" . . . the little man
who is always there . . . star
performer . . . just plain
comfort.

Student Gov't., French
Club, Patrol, Jr.-Sr. Prom.



RUDOLPH A.
PETERCSAK

"Rudy" . . . genius camou-
flaged . . . "heartthrob" . . .
got what it takes.

Football, Varsity Club,
Baseball.



WILLIAM EDWARD
PERRY

"Bill" . . . blue eyes, blonde
hair . . . curls . . . "Are
we going to have a test?"

Football, Varsity Club, Li-
brary Club, Baseball.

ALDEN F. PETERSON

"Pete" . . . fair haired boy
. . . two-way business . . .
arrow collar man.

Football, Varsity Club,
Baseball.





ARTHUR RICHARD
POHLE

"Art" . . . slow quiet laugh
. . . sincere friend . . . en-
viable brown eyes.

Football, Baseball, Hi-Y
Student Gov't.



JOSEPH STEVEN
PORTASH

"Joe" . . . "Macbeth" . . .
"Now, as I see it" . . .
Shoot that basket.

Football, Basketball, Foot-
lighters, Blue Letter, Jr.-Sr.
Prom, Baseball.



ROSE M.
QUAGLIARIELLO

"Rosie" . . . Mme. President
. . . gracious . . . congress-
woman.

Basketball, G.A.A., Stu-
dent Gov't., Middionettes,
German Club, Hall Patrol,
Jr.-Sr. Prom, Teen Town.



JOAN MARIE REITER

"Joan" . . . "Buddy" . . .
a pencil . . . permanent
sweetness.

Tri-Hi-Y, Middionettes,
Hall Patrol, Blue Letter, Jr.-
Sr. Prom, Teen Town.



MICHAEL REKTENWALD

"Mike" . . . Oh, that boy
. . . flirt . . . I was absent.
Track.



ALZADA HELENE
REMLEY

"Al" . . . snow flake beauty
. . . heavenly dimples . . .
perfect make-up.

Student Gov't., Middion-
ettes, "Hub", Jr.-Sr. Prom.



HELEN DRAKE ROLFE

"Jinx" . . . highway 29 . . .
that guy from Pennsylvania
. . . faithful to "Mac."

Basketball, G.A.A., Li-
brary Club, Latin Club, Blue
Letter, Jr.-Sr. Prom, Glee
Club.



GRACE ELIZABETH
ROWLEY

"Sparkie" . . . Nothing like
the Navy . . . laughing eyes
. . . dark and slender.

Middionettes, French Club,
"Hub."



ALLEAN ROSS

"Candy" . . . Hidden art
talent . . . a sense of humor
. . . the joke's the thing.

Middionettes, Hub Club,
Glee Club.



JOAN PARKE RUTTIGER

"Joanie" . . . challenging
blue-gray eyes . . . the tall,
slim, one . . . spirited.

Basketball, G.A.A., Tri-
Hi-Y, Middionettes, Foot-
lighters, Blue Letter, Jr.-Sr.
Prom, Twirling, Glee Club.





GRACE ELIZABETH
SALOMONE

"Sal" . . . Baton twirling . . .
neat coiffure . . . oh, that
laugh.

Tri-Hi-Y, Library Club,
Hall Patrol, Jr.-Sr. Prom,
Twirling, Teen Town.



FRANK WILLIAM
SCHADE

"Shade" . . . cute and blond
. . . quick thinking . . . in-
fallible crushes.

German Club, Jr.-Sr.
Prom, Science Club.

JEAN MARGUERITE
SCHUSTER

"Shoo" . . . drive that car
. . . "Artie" . . . Luigi's
with Wilma.

Basketball, G.A.A., Tri-
Hi-Y, Middionettes, Blue
Letter, Jr.-Sr. Prom, Glee
Club.



MALVIN C. SCHWALJE

"Babe" . . . with Charlie
. . . staunch friend . . . in-
telligence plus.

Baseball, Hi-Y, Student
Gov't., Blue Letter, Science
Club.



GEORGE HARRY
SELENKO

"George" . . . sweater boy
. . . with Elko . . . chew
that gum.

Football, Basketball, Var-
sity Club, Library Club,
Baseball, Jr.-Sr. Prom.



OLGA SEMCHUCK

"Olga" . . . efficient . . .
sincere intentions . . . quiet
personality.

Basketball, G.A.A., Stu-
dent Gov't., Middionettes,
French Club, Blue Letter.

WILLIAM HENRY
SHEEHY

"Bill" . . . football practice
. . . dancing with Jean . . .
tall and strong.

Football, Basketball, Base-
ball.



JOAN D. SMITH

"J.D.F.S.I." . . . pretty blue
eyes . . . memories of New
Mexico . . . charm and more
charm.

Tri-Hi-Y.



ROBERT PERRY
SHEPHERD

"Draino" . . . an automobile
. . . that certain something
. . . slow sure smile.

Hi-Y, Band, Senior Play.



PHYLLIS ANN SMITH

"Phyl" . . . "Jack" . . .
Chocolate Shoppe Queen . . .
sunset on a lake.

Glee Club, Senior Play.





RICHARD DUNHAM
SMITH

"Smitty" . . . in physics
class . . . "There's always an
answer" . . . movie dates.

Vis-Ed, Patrol, Blue Letter,
Science Club.



MARIAN PERMELLA
SOLT

"Marian" . . . sweet smiles
and confidential manner . . .
shy . . . always pleasant.

G.A.A., Middionettes, Hub
Club, Jr.-Sr. Club.

LORRAINE LILLIAN
STALLINGS

"Bubbles" . . . frivolous and
gay . . . pretty little busy-
body . . . smiles.

Middionettes, Hub Club,
Footlighters, Blue Letter, Jr.-
Sr. Prom, Glee Club.



ALICIA JANE STEEVES

"Lish" . . . pretty brown
halo . . . bike riding to
school . . . all-state flute.

Tri-Hi-Y, French Club,
German Club, Footlighters,
Blue Letter, All-State High
School orchestra, Glee Club.

EDWARD FRANK
STEINGREBE

"Eddie" . . . curls and good
looks . . . an attractive beau
. . . far away gaze.

Football, Track, Varsity
Club.



GEORGE STEVE JR.

"Steve" . . . flashing dark
eyes . . . curly black hair
. . . attractive seriousness.



DOTALEA ELLEN
STOKES

"Dot" . . . mirror for Rm.
20 . . . a friendly person to
all . . . those gym sneakers.

Middionettes, French Club,
Hub.



JAMES P. SUMMERS

"Red" . . . "Did I shock
you" . . . delicatessen de-
luxe . . . the only boy at
Modern Dance rehearsals.

EDWARD RAYMOND
SUART

"Squeaky" . . . Bill's pal
. . . lady slayer . . . ah, that
voice.

Football, Basketball, Track,
Varsity Club, Jr.-Sr. Prom.



GENE TERULI

"Gene" . . . beat that drum
. . . anyone got an extra
pencil . . . second half of
Krommes-Teruli, Inc.

Football, Hall Patrol, Blue
Letter, Jr.-Sr. Prom, Band.





CHARLES LEONARD
THOMAS

"Len" . . . the faithful representative . . . mild marine . . . always smiling.
Student Gov't.



JOHN CRAWFORD
THOMAS

"Jack" . . . "Anderson" . . . very nice personality . . . tall and dark.

Basketball, Jr.-Sr. Prom, Baseball.

JEAN WINIFRED
THOMPSON

"Thomps" . . . blond beauty . . . Co-ed troubles . . . lead that Majorette.

Basketball, G.A.A., Tri-Hi-Y, Middionettes, Foot-lighters, Hall Patrol, Blue Letter, Jr.-Sr. Prom, Drum Majorette, Glee Club.



WALTER KENNETH
TKACHUCK

"Chuck" . . . Physics' professor . . . the Russian "sneeze" . . . Now, I believe.

Football, Hi-Y, Latin Club, Photography Club, Vis-Ed, Science Club.

EDWARD SAMUEL
TREMBLAY

"Doc" . . . smooth . . . German I class . . . class representative of the class of "44."

Football, Hall Patrol.



RONALD WHITE

"Tiny" . . . man of few words . . . '36 Ford . . . Mr. Blondie.

Football, Basketball, Track, Varsity Club, Hi-Y, Jr.-Sr. Prom.



EVELYN JANE TURNER

"Eve" . . . sweet charm . . . Joan's pal . . . personality plus.

Basketball, G.A.A., Tri-Hi-Y, Student Gov't., Latin Club, French Club, Foot-lighters, Blue Letter, Band, Glee Club, Jr.-Sr. Prom.

JOYCE MARIE TYRRELL

"Mousie" . . . kitten-like . . . modern dance . . . petite femme.

Basketball, G.A.A., Tri-Hi-Y, Student Gov't., Middionettes, French Club, Modern Dance, Teen Town, Glee Club.



ROBERT CHARLES
VIQUERAT

"Bob" . . . good natured speech student . . . "I'm just a shy guy" . . . track star.

German Club, Track, Science Club.



NANCY WILL

"Nancy" . . . Quiet, pleasant smile . . . big blue eyes . . . mid-June sunshine.

Blue Letter, German Club.





WILLIAM WILSON
 "Bill" . . . witty wise cracks
 . . . Main Street haunt . . .
 easy going manner.



MARION WOLF

"Mar" . . . what's in a
 name . . . Bonhamton plus
 . . . Parrella's till 6.

Middionettes, Library
 Club, Latin Club, Hall Pa-
 trol, Blue Letter, Jr.-Sr.
 Prom, Glee Club, Recorder
 Club.

**MALCOLM CHARLES
 WOLFMAN**

"Wolfy" . . . mischief maker
 . . . never a dull moment
 . . . humorous.

Football, Latin Club, Pho-
 tography Club, Vis-Ed, Base-
 ball, Science Club.



EUGENE P. WOODWARD

"Woody" . . . Larry . . .
 insatiable curiosity . . . hap-
 py-go-lucky.

J. V. Football, Blue Let-
 ter, Baseball.



CLOTILDA ZACCHIA

"Cloe" . . . where there's a
 will there's a way . . . flirty
 . . . cut that class.

Basketball, G.A.A., Tri-
 Hi-Y, Footlighters, Hall Pa-
 trol, Modern Dance, Jr.-Sr.
 Prom.



RICHARD E. ZIGMONT

"Zig" . . . Basketball star
 . . . art is the thing . . .
 that red jacket.

Basketball, Blue Letter.



**ELIZABETH ANN
 ZYFERS**

"Betty Ann" . . . sable tress-
 es . . . ace twirler . . . last
 on the roll.

Basketball, G.A.A., Tri-
 Hi-Y, French Club, Foot-
 lighters, Blue Letter, Jr.-Sr.
 Prom, Twirling, Glee Club.



Pictures Not Taken

**Battiste Bruno
 Donald Terhune
 Gordon Carlson**

**Returned from the services and listed in
 previous yearbooks**

**William Blindow
 Al Disario
 John Lamparter
 Edward Tremblay
 Ernest Yelensics**

SENIOR SYNOPSIS

In September 1944, there entered into Metuchen High School a new crop of Freshmen destined to be the class of '47. As all new classes, we were eager to begin our high school adventures. We started by electing Charles Griffin our president; Inge Bernhold, vice president; Jean Schuster, secretary; Florence Diering, treasurer. Also, as all Freshman classes do, we started with an elaborate system of dues to care for Senior activities. No one seems to know why we didn't have a Freshman dance, but we were happy just the same.

September 1945 came and we were in the Sophomore Class. Again we elected Charlie as our president; Bob Gilbert, vice president and Rose Quagliariello, secretary-treasurer. To make up for the Freshman dance we didn't have on April 20, 1945, we had the Sophomore Frolic. Remember the wonderful Mexican decorations, the fun with the juke box, the game room, and how the decorations were gone by ten o'clock.

Then we were almost Seniors, Juniors to be exact. We chose Rose Quagliariello as our president. This was a busy year as it is for any Junior class. The prom and the Junior dance were on our schedule of events for the year. First came the Junior dance, but what a mix up, one theme and then another; then we finally chose Ramble Inn; but we still had difficulties with the seniors who insisted that we would make no profit larger than theirs—forty dollars, but we did and had loads of fun, too. Remember Joe Perry

selling the coke and the free potato chips and pretzels and shoving the furniture around the gym. Then it was May and time for the Prom. Bonnie Drysdale and Bud Cravens did wonders in planning for our evening of "Heaven." Bud's castle was wonderful. Remember the trouble we had with the clouds and keeping the cupids in the center from falling on their faces. The nicest things of all were Mr. Spoerl's compliments.

Then up popped 1947; we were Seniors! And up popped senior troubles. Bob Smithson, our whistling president, was assisted by Ernie Yelencsis, vice president; Peggy Doyle, secretary; and Bill Blindow, treasurer.

The Senior Dance was our pride and joy. The Senior Carnival was a huge success and we moved along the year to the Senior play. Then trouble appeared again, first picking the play, then the cast, and then no play rumors. Ah, such troubles belong only to Seniors.

As we plan now to end our senior year, our fondest memory will be that wonderful football game at Highland Park when we beat Highland Park at long last, and more than the game itself, the goal post incidents that followed.

Remember those evenings in the Sweet Shoppe with Mr. Howard Krommes at the counter, tormenting poor little Marie.

Yes, these four years have been memorable ones; if only we could live them over again.

JUNIORS & UNDERSTUDIES



Top row, left to right: John Slisky, Victor Ricci, Donald Williams, Walter Krebs, Irwin Frenson, Talbott Henderson, Elmer Petercsak, Ronald Petersen, James Paffendorf, Wilbur Hunter, Raymond Groo, Roger Canary, Anthony Tagliboschi, Robert Yaftek, Joseph Fielder, Richard Murphy, Ralph Wuest, Robert Jones, Robert Meshanic, Renny Petersen, Herman Bauman, James Toth, Ralph Lutes, Wallace Graves, Oliver Brown, Joseph Kresky, Joseph Ferenczi, Alfred Smith, Harry Kasan, Jack Cornell.

Second row: George Kasharian, William Kaepernick, Donald Kahn, Raymond Kaminski, Edward Mackiewicz, Michael Altivilla, Donald Yorkavitch, Ernest Bertha, Roger Voom, John Ligett, Stanley Kozal, Irene Schuster, Stella Lopatka, Kitty Kolb, Janet Meseroll, Peggy Press, Joyce Christophersen, Egbert Rule, Phil Comito, George Coddington, Alvin Hejl, Robert Ellis, Harry Wilbert, Byron Smith, John Maloney, Fred Goldsmith, Edward Nonevitch.

Third row: Miss Farrell, Peter Campbell, Peter Rohland, Evelyn Hubble, Dorothy Schneider, Winifred Peakes, Rita Dayton, Mary Ann Parrella, Barbara Bramwell, Ruth Melillo, Barbara Cowins, Jane Waring, Helen Davis, Betty Hansen, Bernice Sorensen, Bernice Sturek, Eleanor Gyuran, Jeanne Gilman, Elizabeth Kriegel, Doris Mandell, Jane Slover, Mary Cobbs, Hilda Cooper, Frances Fielding, Bernice Trokovich, Antonia Sneider, Ruth Martin, Dolores Semanish, Gladys Demcsak, Ann Schveninger, Josephine Kunciewicz, Viola Markano, George Jepsen, Miss Haitisch.



Bottom row: Mildred Letsinger, Margaret Smith, Bertha Hill, Viola Wojciechowski, Sophie Cuba, Eleanor Chaplar, Rose Kasharian, Jenny Booker, Theresa Baratt, Louise Mayers, Caryl Mook, Eleanor Nelson, Lillian Hummer, Dorothy Drake, Audrey Jacob, Aquiline Linczyk, Pauline Cuccia, Mildred Pipik, Louise Perasso, Ellen Fennesay, Lois Therkelsen, Florence Staskiewicz.

SOPHOMORE CLASS



SOPHOMORE
OFFICERS
Frank Coppola
President
Jim Smith
Vice President
Dorothy Varga
Secretary-Treasurer

SUPPORTING CAST



FRESHMAN
OFFICERS
F. Toner
President
L. Diering
Vice President
K. Morris
Secretary
B. Remley
Treasurer

FRESHMAN CLASS

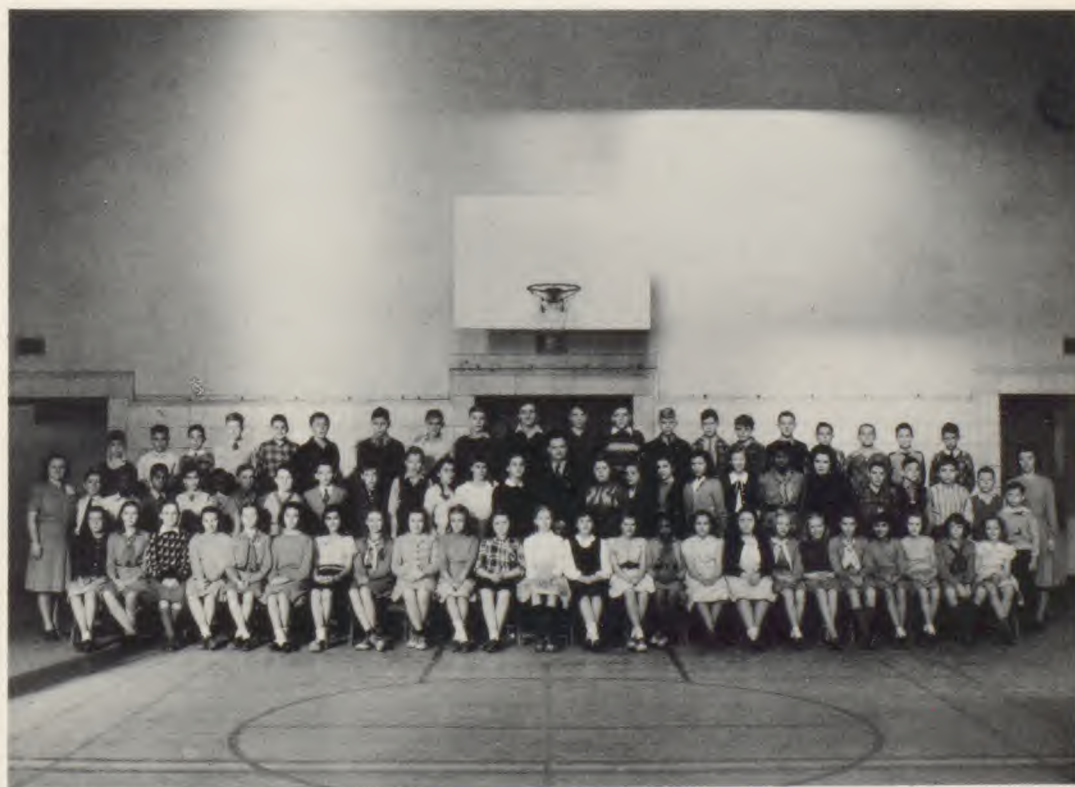
JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL—8TH GRADE

8TH GRADE
OFFICERS
Lois Horn
President
Gilbert Poulson
Vice President
Cay Anderson
Secretary
Jack Balas
Treasurer



USHERS AND USHERETTES

7TH GRADE
OFFICERS
Paul Thierry
President
Ruth Hohliwald
Vice President
Janet Bauman
Secretary
John Hoops
Treasurer



JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL—7TH GRADE



Senior Play



Senior Play

NOW PLAYING



Footlighter's One Act Play



Senior Play



Footlighter's One Act Play

Senior Play

Senior Play





ACT I - CLUBS

BLUE LETTER STAFF

The one hundred words assigned to this article are too few to tell of the excellent work of the Blue Letter staff. Instead of an associate editor, a group of seniors chosen for their literary ability, served as senior associate editors and a group of juniors also chosen for their literary ability were associate editors.

Dick Zigmont and Miss Reiner were in charge of art work, assisted by the committee.

Otto Will took all informal pictures.

Jean Schuster was chairman of homeroom representatives. Mr. Elliot and Mr. Schmidtchen were faculty aids along with Mrs. Swank.

Mrs. Randolph was in charge of patrons.

ASSOCIATE EDITORS

Seniors—Mary Burns, Joyce Buchanan, Margaret Anderson, Alicia Steeves, Ernest Pape, Joan Ruttiger, Marion Wolf, Jean Herald.

Associate Editors—Janet Meseroll, Helen Davis, Mary Ann Parrella.

ART COMMITTEE

Richard Zigmont, chairman; Jane Waring, Phyllis Letson, Sandra Hanford, George Rowley, Barbara Mills, Richard Murphy.

BUSINESS COMMITTEE

Homeroom Representatives—Jean Schuster, chairman; Richard Smith, Jeannette Maglione, Florence Diering, Helen Sallitt, Pat Iselin, Joyce Christophersen, Alois Hejl, Louise Mayers, Wilma Cornelison, Helen Bruderer, Betty Sorenson, Dorothy Rule, Dorothy Varga, Emma Jane Hutchinson, Eleanor Nelson, Emily Bryant, Joan Campilango, Evelyn Turner, Mildred Coppola, Ann Carey.

Typists—Edith Nietzold, Emily Bryant, Jeannette Maglione, Joyce Tyrrell, Alice Davala.

Photography Committee—Otto Will, chairman; Jean Schuster, Wilma Cornelison, Eugene Woodward, Calvin Drake, Malvin Schwalje, Nancy Will.



The Student Government



At the head of the student government are Rose Quagliariello, the president of Metuchen High School, and Randall Brune, vice-president. Closely assisting them in their duties are the Cabinet, consisting of the Secretaries of State, Assemblies, Interior, Treasury, Publicity, School Spirit and Attorney-General.

The House of Representatives and the Senate are

both important divisions of the Student Government. The Hall and Safety Patrols are under the supervision of the Supreme Court.

The student government of the junior high school resembles that of the senior high school. Faculty Advisers for the student government are as follows: Miss Dobbins, Mr. Schmidtchen, Mr. Wilson, Mr. Graham and Miss Gentile for the junior high school.

The chief functions of the dramatic society of Metuchen High School are to develop dramatic talent and to develop stagecraft among its members, the Footlighters. All sophomores, juniors and seniors who have ability along those lines are eligible for membership.

Traditional play night, consisting of three one-act plays, was held on Nov. 22, 1946. The big event

of the year was the senior play, "Ramshackle Inn," which was enacted in the Van Kirk Auditorium on March 13 and 14.

Miss Talbott serves as faculty adviser for the group. The following served as officers for the past year: president, Joseph Perry; vice-president, Janet Meseroll; secretary-treasurer, Betty Ann Zyfers.

The Footlighters



THE MIDDIONETTES CLUB

The Middionettes Club was organized not as a "good-time" club but with the idea of being generally helpful. The members spend their time making favors, tray covers, etc., for hospital trays and lending a helpful hand wherever it is most needed.

Officers

Pres. Jeannette Maglione
Vice-Pres. Alzadah Remley
Sec. Olga Semchuk
Treas. Lois Bell
Miss Farrell is the adviser.

FRENCH CLUB

The French Club, with Mr. Graham as adviser, met once a month to promote and maintain an interest in French customs, dialogues, music, etc.

Officers for the current year were: President, Eleanor Nelson; Vice-President, Betty Ann Zyfers; Secretary, Ruth Cortright; Treasurer, Evelyn Turner.



GERMAN CLUB

The German Club, under the direction of Miss Anker, met once a month to entertain the members with German singing, games, and interesting music.

The officers were as follows: President, Alan Nielson; Vice-President, Jeanne Gilman; Treasurer, Caryl Mook; Secretary, Edith Nietzold; Program Chairman, Kitty Kolb.



MODERN DANCE

In Metuchen High School, the dance organization includes a general class and a special group of dancers selected from the class. The special group performs for assemblies, clubs and organizations in Metuchen and the vicinity. Miss McCready is the adviser.



LIBRARY CLUB

Under the leadership of Miss Brown, the Library Club started a new year. Marion Wolf served as president, Dawn Sloan, secretary and Bernice Sturek as treasurer.

The annual Teachers' Tea was held during Book Week, also a noon dance. A trip to New York was planned for the spring.



HUB CLUB

The Hub Club, advised by Mrs. Swank, was again organized this year in November to promote friendly competition in typing. The officers were, President: Peggy Doyle; Vice President: Stella Lopatka; Corresponding Secretary: Dolores Semonish; Recording Secretary: Doris Mandell; Treasurer: Aquiline Linczyk.

BOYS' COOKING CLUB

The boys' cooking club, under the supervision of Miss Miller, is made up of 8th grade boys. They meet alternate Tuesday afternoons to learn how to cook and how to prepare foods.

VARSITY CLUB

The members of the Varsity Club, all lettermen, chose Ken Baumann as their president, Al Smith, secretary and Ronnie Peterson, treasurer.

Activities included a football dance, noon dances, and the purchase of "Scholastic Coach" for the Library. Sweaters for senior members were also purchased.



HI-Y

The Hi-Y is divided into the sophomore and junior clubs. The sophomore officers are: Boyd Johnson, President; Otto Will, Vice-President; R. Volmar, Secretary-Treasurer. The junior officers are: Ronald Peterson, President; Donald Williams, Vice-President; Randal Brune, Secretary; Donald Kahn, Treasurer. The adviser is Mr. Pineo.



STAMP AND COIN CLUB

The Stamp and Coin Club holds weekly meetings with invited guest speakers. The members discuss their collections and the progress made. The officers are as follows: Phil Comito, President; Ralph Lutes, Vice-President; Francine Averbach, Secretary and Louis Hejl, Treasurer. Mr. Marcason is the adviser.



HANDICRAFT CLUB

The Handicraft club under the direction of Miss Reiner is composed of eighth grade students who are interested in making articles by hand. This club also aided in the making of Junior Red Cross favors. The officers were—President, Beverly Wilson; Secretary, Mary Lee Lauffer; Treasurer, Barbara Larrence.



VIS-ED

Under the direction of Mr. Nielsen, the members of the Vis-Ed Club have learned to operate Visual Education equipment and to know the whereabouts of all material for their equipment. The following served as officers for the year: Senior Manager, Alan Nielsen; Senior Mechanics, Ernest Pape; Junior Manager, George Taylor; Junior Mechanic, Albert Jocben; Secretary, Joe Wernick; Office Manager, Arthur Kemp.



JUNIOR SCIENCE CLUB

The chief function of the Junior Science Club is to stimulate an interest in science among the seventh and eighth grade students. Mr. Nielsen serves as faculty adviser for the group. The officers are as follows: President, George Pearse; Vice-President, Albert Jochen; Secretary, Cay Anderson; Treasurer, John Aurelius.

PHOTO AND SCIENCE CLUB

The Science Club under the direction of Mr. Killian is composed of students interested in scientific research. This year the officers were: Richard Smith, President; Allan Nielsen, Vice President; Malvin Schwalje, Secretary-Treasurer. Otto Will was the head of the photography branch.



WHAT'S NEW?

This organization, under the direction of Miss Muller, once again devoted its efforts to the publication of "What's New," the Junior high newspaper, which appeared in five issues this year. The staff leaders were as follows: Joseph Wernick, Editor-in-chief; Ruth Jean Meldo, Associate Editor; Dolores Arrojo, Business Manager.



BULLDOG'S BARK

The Bulldog's Bark, a school newspaper, came out in one edition but was suspended for lack of funds. Betty Ann Zyfers acted as editor and Miss Anker was the faculty adviser.



HALL PATROL

The main duty of the Hall Patrol is to keep the halls in order during the passing of classes. This organization is under the control of the Senate with Miss Dobbins as faculty adviser. The student captains are Ralph Lutes, Joyce Buchanon and Joan Culver.



GLEE CLUB

Under the direction of Mr. Atkinson, members of the Glee Club were inspired to test their ability for the All-State Glee Club. Joyce Christophersen and Bernice Storic were successful in attaining that goal. The members sang at Thanksgiving and at Christmas, and performed in the Spring Concert. The officers were Secretaries, Theresa Bareth and Frances Fielding.



MODERN DANCE





BAND

Under the direction of Mr. Atkinson, the Metuchen High School band was once more active. At all the football games, Metuchen was proud of the band and of the excellent music which was such an inspiration to the boys on the field. The band also participated in the Holy Name Parade in New Brunswick. Frances Fielding served as secretary for the group.

INTERMISSION

SENIOR TWIRLERS



This year the Twirlers, a newly formed group, came well into their own. High school girls in blue and white costumes lined the halves at football games and generally gave to the school games a sense of colorful well being. The members of this group are: Jean Thompson, Betty Coffey, Lilian Brune, Helen Sallitt, Louise Popovitch, Joan Reiter, Grace Salamone, Joan Ruttiger, Ruth Cortright, Betty Ann Zylfers, and Viola Markano.

ORCHESTRA



The orchestra, organized last year, settled down to become a permanent part of M.H.S. social life. The main function is to play for school noon dances and for special affairs held by the school, where a small group is needed. Members of this group are: Gene Teruli, Leader, Drums; Mike Sawzak, Jim Fielding, Nick Tate, Jesse Devore, Brass; Frances Fielding, Leroy Tate, Jennie Booker, Reeds; Nancy Holwald, Joyce Christofferson, Piano.



Sindy Hall-Physical Training



Physical



English



Bookkeeping



French



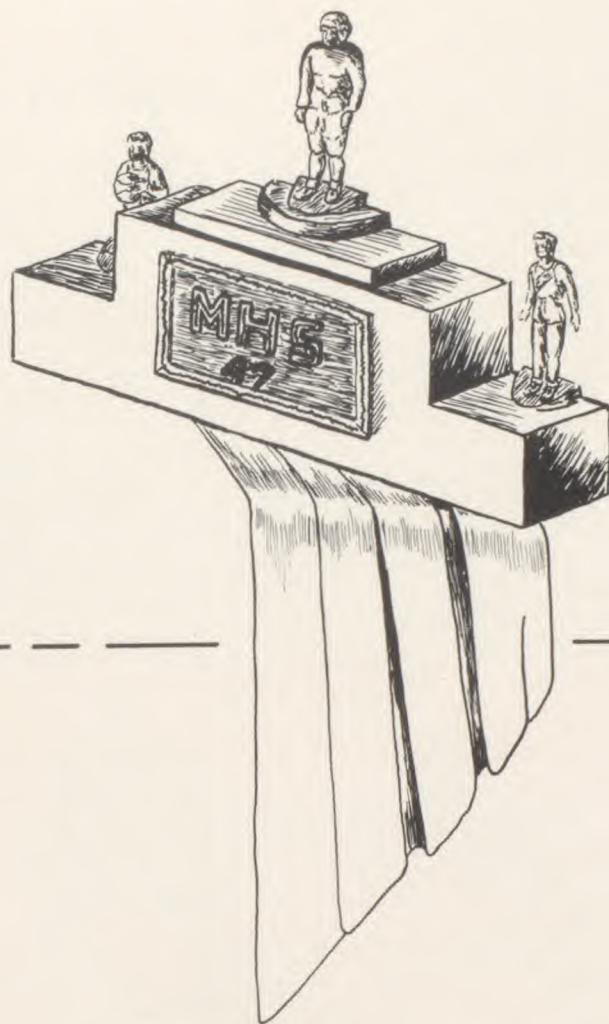
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Math (Trig and Solid)

THE CAST AT WORK AND PLAY





ACT II—SPORTS—



A. Elko — Back



R. Smithson — Back



R. White — Back



A. Smith — Back

G. Selenko — End



FOOTBALL



W. Sheehy — Tackle



E. Nonovitch — Guard



R. Peterson — Center



J. Ferenczi — Guard



C. Griffin — Tackle



J. Kresky — End



Varsity Football

On September 1st, seventy-five Metuchenites turned out to start the football season. Of the seventy-five fellows, sixty-five remained with the team until the end of the season.

The team was proud to welcome back C. J. Bacha as the coach. Mr. Bacha returned to his job as football coach after his discharge from the army. He was assisted this year by Mr. G. Hartland.

The Blue and White opened its season with a tie—St. Peter's 6-6. The Bulldogs scored the first touchdown of the game in the second quarter, on a lateral from Andy Elko to Howard Krommes. The extra point was tried for on a running play, but it failed. St. Peter's scored their only touchdown of the game in the last 30 seconds of the second quarter, on a forward pass in the end zone.

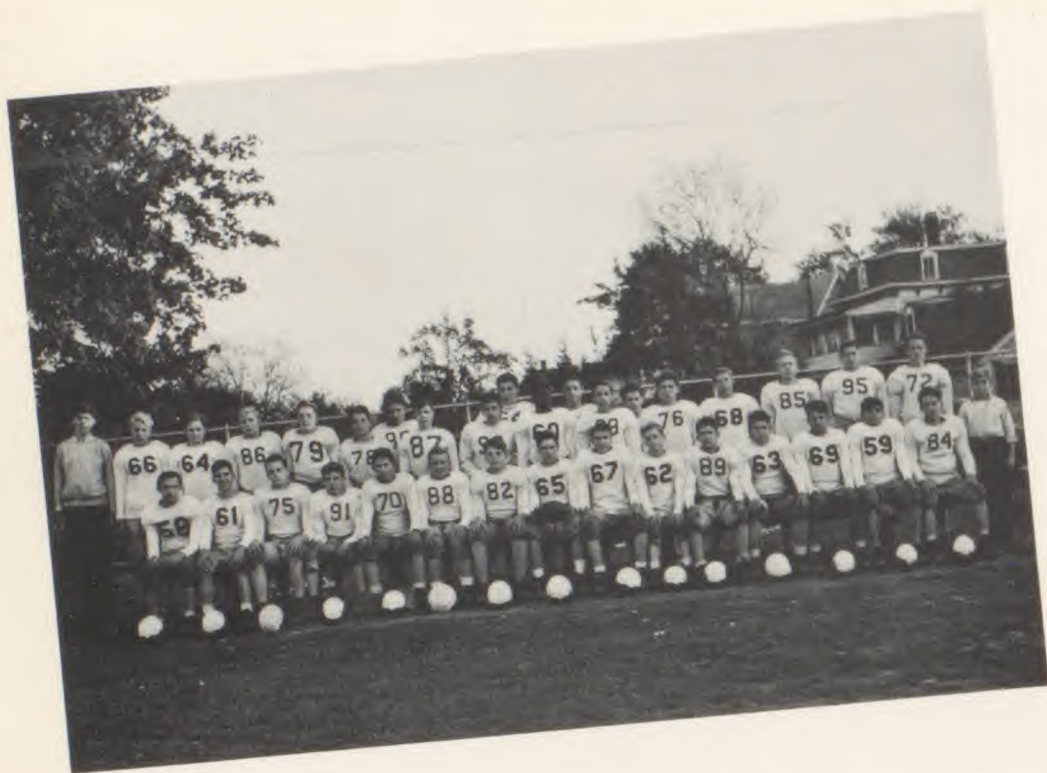
The Bulldog's second encounter was with Sayreville. Metuchen suffered a defeat of 6-0 on the Sayreville home ground.

The following Saturday, the Bulldogs met Rumson on their home field, Roosevelt Park. In the opening few minutes of the first period, Andy Elko scored the first touchdown of the game, on an off-tackle play. In the same quarter, Bob Smithson made a 68-yard run for the second touchdown of the game. Elko made the extra point. In the third quarter, Smithson caught a 31 yard pass from the 36 yard

line made by Elko. Smithson crossed the goal line for another touchdown. The extra point was made again. In the closing minutes of the game, Howard Krommes intercepted a Rumson pass and ran 55 yards. Smithson again made the final touchdown of the game. Metuchen won with a final score of 27-0.

The following game was the traditional Metuchen vs. Highland Park. The Bulldogs set out to defeat the Owls, and succeeded for the first time since 1937. The fact that the game was held on the Owls' home-field, made no difference to the Bulldogs. They plowed down the field just the same. Elko made the first touchdown of the game, but failed to make the extra point. Metuchen was leading 6-0. In the opening seconds of the second period, Elko tossed a forward pass to Smithson, who caught it over the line, hitting the goal for the final touchdown of the game. Elko's kick was valid for the extra point. The game ended with the Metuchen Blue and White ahead, 13-0. Metuchen was very proud of Andy Elko's wonderful record in being selected for the All-County team and the All-State Team.

Next year gridiron fans will see the following vets back again: Kresky, Williams, Fielding, Canary, Brune, Peterson, Dunne, Tagliabaski, Ferenczi, Nonavitch, Goldsmith, R. Peterson, Hone, Cuccio, Vroom, Kaminsky, Peters.



Junior Varsity Football





VARSITY BASKETBALL

The Metuchen Bulldogs started their season with two wins. The first game was the traditional game against the Alumni. They won by seven points, leading 28-21.

In the second game, the Bulldogs defeated Scotch Plains with a score of 46-40. At the end of the fourth quarter, the score was 35-35. With ten seconds to go, the Bulldogs tallied three points.

In the following game the Blue and White was defeated by Carteret in a fast moving contest, ending with a score of 33-49.

In the Dunellen-Metuchen game, Metuchen suffered a great loss of 25 points. The final score of the game was 53-28, with Dunellen leading.

The Blue and White defeated the Sayreville team 31 to 26. The score was held low until the third quarter when both teams tossed constantly for the baskets.

Many thrills were held for the spectators in the

Jamesburg game. The first quarter ended with a 10-10 score. The Bulldogs put into action, their fast moving plays, and took the lead for the rest of the game, ending with a 44-33 victory.

On February 18, the Bulldogs teamed up with St. Peter's. This was a close and fast moving game. In the beginning of the 4th period, Joe Portash tied the score 25 to 25. St. Peter's soon gained and froze the ball for the last three minutes, making a 30-26 score.

The team was coached this year by Mr. George Hartland. Winning eight games and losing twelve, Metuchen had a total of 705 points. Joe Portash was high scorer with a total of 212 points for the entire season. Al Smith came along with a close 178. George Selenko followed with 131 points.

The "big five," this season consisted of: Al Smith, Joe Portash, George Selenko, Don Hall and Andy Elko.



Junior Varsity
Basketball





Cross-country-Track

Ken Baumann and Bruce Freeman, of our cross-country track team, ran in the New York University Interscholastic Meet, Manhattan College Interscholastic Meets and in the Eastern Interscholastic Meet.

Mr. Wilson was coach of the team.

Baseball

The 1946 season marked the return of baseball. We lost to Carteret, 6-7 and 2-5; St. Peter's, 3-6 and 2-4; Rahway, 0-3; Sayreville, 1-7; Highland Park, 1-6 and 1-7. We beat Scotch Plains, 7-4 and 6-5; St. Mary's, 8-4 and 12-9 and Jamesburg, 7-2. Mr. Tierney coached.





Golf

Of the six games the golf team played, two were won. The Captain was Al Smith. Ralph Wuest, Herb Ohlers, Bob Barrett, Fred Goldsmith and Bert Rules made up the team. Games were played at the Metuchen Golf Club. Mr. Buckelew was the faculty adviser.

Tennis

There was no formal tennis team last season, but F. Bien, M. Wernick, B. Johnson, J. Remensnyder, R. De Andera and R. Dunn made up a team with Mr. Graham and played some games when courts were available. They played with North Plainfield, Highland Park and Rahway.



CHEERLEADERS

Jean Schuster, Bonnie Drysdale, Dot Carollo and Patsy Harhan are to be commended for the splendid job they did this year as Varsity Cheerleaders.

Aside from their cheering duties, they coached sophomores who were to tryout in the Spring, and also took charge of transportation for away games.

The J.V. squad composed of Barbara Cowins, Evelyn Hubble, Betty Hansen and Ruth Mellilo, worked with the Varsity squad and cheered at J.V. games.



TRI-HI-Y

This year the Tri-Hi-Y was divided into three separate organizations, enabling any sophomore, junior or senior girl who belongs to the local "Y" to join. The officers of the clubs are as follows—Senior: President, Anne Pascall; Vice-President, Florence Diering; Secretary, Jean Thompson; Treasurer, Wilma Cornelison; Adviser, Mrs. Ernest Hancock. Junior: President, Dot Snieder; Vice-President, Ruth Mellilo; Secretary, June Sorg; Treasurer, Betty Hansen; Adviser, Miss Mildred Leis. Sophomore: President, Barbara Mills; Vice-President, Jean Haley; Secretary, Mary Lou Russell; Treasurer, Dot Varga; Adviser, Miss Dobbins.



TUMBLING

Tumbling is another very popular sport among the girls at Metuchen High School. Meeting every Thursday afternoon with Miss Crowell as faculty adviser, the junior and senior high school girls learn many new tricks and exercises.





G.A.A.

The Girls' Athletic Association met this year for the ninth season under the leadership of Miss Crowell. Any girl from the 7th to the 12th grade is eligible for membership into this club if she has attained the required 100 points in Physical Education. The officers are as follows: President, Flossie Diering; Vice-Pres., Eleanor Chaplar; Sec., Janet Meseroll.

Girls' Basketball

One of the most popular girls' sports during the fall season is basketball. The teams are composed of senior high school girls, each class having its own team. The girls played every Monday and Wednesday afternoon with Miss Crowell as referee.





BEHIND THE SCENES

WHO'S WHO IN THE CAST ==



MOST ATHLETIC
J. MAGLIONE
ANDY ELKO



BEST DRESSED
GRACE SALAMONE
BRUCE FREEMAN



MOST POPULAR
ROSE QUAGLIARIELLO
BOB SMITHSON



MOST DRAMATIC
M. ANDERSON
JOE PERRY



WITTIEST
W. DEVORE
K. BAUMAN



BEST LOOKING
G. ANGER
A. PETERSON



BEST ALL ROUND
B. SMITHSON
B. ZYFERS



TEACHER'S PET
ANDY ELKO
MARY BURNS



CLASS COUPLE
J. ANDERSON
J. THOMAS

Wittiest	Ken Baumann, Wynetta Devore
Best Sense of Humor	Wynetta Devore, Ken Baumann
Best Dancers	Jean Schuster, Richie Hirner
Class Baby	Jean Louise Herald, Frank Shade
Quiet	Eleanor Nickolson, Don Hall
Noisiest	Clotilda Zacchia, Val Meszaros
Flirt	Clotilda Zacchia, Howard Krommes
Orator	Margaret Anderson, Ernest Pape
Sophisticated	Mary Burns, Ernest Pape
Nicest Personality	Jean Schuster, Bob Smithson
Most Ambitious	Joyce Buchanan, Malvin Schwalje
Nicest Eyes	Alzadah Remley, Bob Shepherd
Most Mischievous	Clotilda Zacchia, Ken Baumann
Cleverest	Patty Harhan, Ken Baumann
Mannerly	Rose Q., Bob Smithson
Versatile	Patty Harhan, Bob Smithson
Class Drivers	Jane Anderson, Richie Hirner
Inquisitive	Dorothy Carollo, Eugene Woodward
Chic	Joan Culver, Zeke Andrews
Friendliest	Jean Louise Herold, Bob Smithson
Heart-Breaker	Dorothy Carollo, Gene Teruli
Go-Getter	Dorothy Carollo, Bob Gilbert
Best Pals	Kresky-Iselin, Krommes-Teruli
Prettiest Smile	Bonnie Drysdale, Gene Teruli
Biggest Bluff	J. Buchanan, Andy Elko
Cutest	Jean Thompson, Ronald White
Teacher's Torment	Pat Amick, Ken Baumann
Artistic	Patty Harhan, Dick Zigmont
Laziest	Barbara Berger, Edward Marzella
Bashful	Eleanor Nicholson, Don Hall

Critics Award of the Year



Teachers' Poll

Most Dramatic	Miss Haitsch
	Mr. Herb
Most Artistic	Miss Reiner
	Mr. Marcason
Best Natured	Miss Farrell
	Mr. Buckelew
Best "Good Sport"	Miss Talbott
	Mr. Buckelew
Best Looking	Miss Denny
	Mr. Hartland
Best Dressed	Miss Haitsch
	Mr. Marcason
Most Sophisticated	Miss Haitsch
	Mr. Herb
Most Versatile	Miss Talbott
	Mr. Schmidtchen
Most Serious	Miss Anker
	Mr. Herb
Most Respected	Miss Sparkes
	Miss Farrell
	Mr. Herb
Wittiest	Miss Dobbins
	Mr. Kilian
Nicest Smile	Miss Haitsch
	Miss McCready
	Mr. Hartland

Current Topics

Biggest name in news	J. L. Lewis
Favorite radio program	Lux
Favorite comedian	Bob Hope
Favorite dance band	Vaughan Monroe
Favorite motion picture actress	Ingrid Bergman
Favorite motion picture actor	Humphrey Bogart
Outstanding motion picture	"Green Years"
Outstanding stage production	"Joan of Lorraine"
Favorite Broadway star	Helen Hayes
Favorite book	"Razor's Edge"
Favorite song	"For Sentimental Reasons"
Favorite magazine	"Seventeen"
Favorite radio commentator	Walter Winchell
Favorite sport	football
Favorite author	Somerset Maugham
Outstanding event	Highland Park games



SENIOR WILL

We, the seniors, being of sound mind, memory and understanding, declare this our Last Will and Testament. With a hope for success and happiness, we bequeath to you, the seniors of 1948, the following:

Michael Altavilla—an alibi for no homework; Theresa Barath—the music room; Herman Bauman—a straight pin; Ernest Bertha—a tool chest; Jenny Booker—a reward for her good marks; Barbara Bramwell—stately sophistication; Oliver Brown—a deep voice; Randall Brune—Democratic nomination for president; Nancy Bushnell—another trip to Bermuda; Peter Campbell—that certain little girl; Roger Canary—Hart's Mountain Bird Seed; Eleanor Chaplar—"Speed Ball"; Joyce Christophersen—Joe, "forever"; Mary Cobbs—just everything; George Coddington—a laboratory to blow up; Phil Comito—a stamp from Vladivostok; Hilda Cooper—a wedding ring; Jack Cornell—Latin class; Barbara Cowins—the fighting Irishman; Sophie Cuba—long fingernails; Pauline Cuccia—a sad day; Helen Davis—an eyelash curler for those long lashes; Rita Dayton—Lord Byron; Irene Dembitsky—one moment of peace and quiet; Gladys Demcsak—slow motion; Dorothy Drake—long hair; Bobby Ellis—his own movie projector; Harry Fasan—the best of everything; Ellin Fennessy—anything she desires; Joe Ferenczi—a blonde and a brunette; Joe Fielder—a pilot's license; Frances Fielding—Buchanan's man; Irwin Frenson—another arm for one more girl; Jeanne Gilman—fidelity; Gerald Glan—a workshop; Fred Goldsmith—position as president of Ferenczi, Barrett & Goldsmith, Inc.; Wallace Graver—a letter from Massachusetts; Ray Groo—red (or is it blond) bangs; Eleanor Gyuran—rouge; Betty Hansen—brains or brawn; Alois Heil—a third hand; Talbott Henderson—a Cadillac; Bertha Hill—red hair; John Hone—a cousin-in-law; Evelyn Hubble—a jelly-bean; Joyce Hughes—high heels; Lillian Hummer—the Navy; Wilbur Hunter—the Acme; Audrey Jacob—another kid sister; George Jepsen—Blondex; Robert Jones—more to study; William Kaepernick—a telephone operator; Donald Kahn—the Nancy Hohwald fan club; Dorothy Kalkanis—her own car; Ray Kaminski—a cheerleader; George Kasharian—a place in the band; Rose Kasharian—the right boy; Kitty Kolb—the class of 1945; Stanley Kozal—deeper dimples; Walter Krebs—a girl's handbag to search; Elizabeth Kriegel—more American history homework; Joe Kresky—a girl to baby him; Josephine Kunciewicz—a cowboy ranch; Mildred Letsinger—September the first; John Liggett—a redhead; Aquiline Linczyk—a good spanking; Stella Lopatka—a date with Treetop; Ralph Lutes—a ticket; Doris Mandell—just everything; Viola Markano—the white hat with the big blue plume; Ruth Martin—candy and gum; Edward Mackiewicz—a cheerleader; Louise Mayers—position as stage manager; Ruth Melillo—a pep tag; Janet Meseroll—an apple to polish; Bob Meshanic—a line; Caryl Mook—forty-four; Richard Murphy—one June night; Eleanor Nelson—another orchestra leader; Carl Newman—lots of noise; Edward Nonevitch—girls, girls and more girls; Jay Paffendorf—a cow to milk; Mary Ann Parrella—people to help with homework; David Peck—an excuse for tardiness; Winnie Peakes—a nose; Louise Perasso—lots of new friends; Margaret Petercsak—a court summons for speeding; Elmer Petercsak—the bump on the road; Ronny Petersen—a blond bombshell to tame; Ronald Petersen—a football award; Mildred Pipik—a literary career; Hilda Poandl—tomato pies; Peggy Press—mischief; Nancy Reeder—No. 10 in Highland Park; Victor Ricci—a straight jacket to keep him in his seat; Peter Rolland—the chemist's daughter; Bert Rule—tin soldiers to play with; Helen Salitt—dignity; Dorothy Schneider—a perfect pageboy; Ann Schveninger—an art scholarship; Dolores Semanish—the man of her dreams; Irene Shuster—dark lipstick; John Slisky—an accent; Jane Slover—Life with Father; Al Smith—the D's of the alphabet; Byron Smith—height and he'll have everything; Margaret Smith—a job as a private secretary; Antonia Sneider—stillness; Bernice Sorensen—Menlo Park; June Sorg—Mrs. Murphy's Chowder; Florence Staskiewicz—curly hair; Barbara Straight—the Custodian's boy; Bernice Sturek—a place in the Met; John Sullivan—public speaking; Tony Tagliboschi—a salesman's job; Nicholas Tate—a position in Tommy Dorsey's band; Victor Timpinaro—a basketball trophy; Lois Therksen—Willie; James Toth—"The Daily News"; Bernice Trokovich—fun in her senior year; Anna Uhrin—her own library; Roger Vroom—advice: Beware of blondes; Rudolph Warade—permanent excuse for absences; Jane Waring—parties on Grove Ave.; Harry Wilbert—success; Donald Williams—ordering class rings; Viola Wojciechowski—a boy named Smith; Ralph Wuest—pep; Bob Yaftek—a girls' ball team to manage; Donald Yorkavitch—teaching physics.



OPEN WATER

The waves crashed white and angry on the rocks below me, as a rising wind and gathering clouds foretold the torments of nature. As a thin veil of fog began to surround me, I looked toward the sea in time to watch a graceful white gull head for open water. The storm was now a raging tyrant, proclaiming the laws of nature, but still the gull circled, ever circled until the dictator lost his breath. The seas calmed and the screaming wind was still, and above the pounding surf was heard the derisive cry of the gull as he headed for open water.

Mary Burns
English 4

TRUE OF YOU

CRAM
EXAM;
MARK
STARK.

SHIRK
WORK;
TEST
BEST.

Don Kahn
English 3

ONSLAUGHT

The hands of the large clock overhead moved slowly toward the zero hour, as a small group of people waited in silence for the inevitable.

Suddenly the silence was shattered by the sharp ringing of a bell, and in a few seconds the persons in the room had snapped back to reality. This was it. Could they stall for a few extra minutes? Even now a crowd was milling about the closed doors; voices were raised in the confused mumble of animated conversation and there could be no stalling.

The doors were opened slowly before the tidal wave of humanity. On and on they come, wave after wave; the hordes of people swarmed into the room all but stripping it of its belongings. No sooner were some finished than others came, always others, more and more as the clock ticked on. Minute after minute the invasion continued.

Not as quickly as it had started, but slowly more quietly, it was stopping. The voices were calming down, and becoming less sharp. The wild aimless crowd became organized as people strode out of the room in two's and three's and—alone.

The room remained intact as silence fell once more. The high school cafeteria had survived the lunch time invasion.

Mary Burns
English 4

MY ADVENTURE

As I started down the long, dark, dreary street, alone, just after midnight, I had the uncanny feeling that someone or something was following me. However, as I glanced frequently over my shoulder and saw nothing startling, I concluded that my imagination was running away with me. However, the mere thought of something behind me in the darkness was sufficient to make me uneasy. As I approached the waterfront, the fog horns sounded their ominous notes and made me feel like a character out of Bull Dog Drummond. The surrounding buildings began to merge as one indiscernible mass in the thickening fog. Furthermore, I could hear the echo or running footsteps close behind me. I stopped suddenly and ran into the entrance way of a dark warehouse. The footsteps hastened past, so close to me in the thick fog that I could hear the rapid breathing of the thing as it passed. I shall confess that the sudden relief left me rather weak in the knees. However, while trying to stifle a sneeze I made a strange sound which ruined everything. With fear I listened for the returning patter of footsteps. Yes, they were coming back . . . nearer and nearer they came. I could have screamed but just then something soft and furry bounded at me and my face was washed well with a little pink tongue. I hugged my dog affectionately and resolved to buy him all the bones he wanted ever after.

Joan Ruttiger
English 4

THE EVENING STAR

Somewhere in the evening sky
Above the clouds so far,
I gaze in awe and wonder
As I see the evening star,
Just what that little diamond is
As day draws to its end,
I only know each evening
It is my faithful friend.

Carmelia Micele
English I

MY VIEWS ON EMOTIONS

There are three basic emotions — love, fear and rage. All three emotions have a direct relation with a change in our physical make-up. For example, we do not run because we are afraid; we are afraid because we are running. A feeling of rage tightens our muscles and makes our eyes blaze, while love relaxes our digestive systems and gives us a complacency, so long as our love is not thwarted by jealousy. When jealousy is injected into love, it may develop prejudice or even hate. But without emotions, life would be dull and listless, even though we learn to control and often hide our intense emotions. For an interesting life, we must enjoy our emotions.

Patsy Harban
English 4

WINTER BALLET

As the icy winds blow in the rhythm of a reckless and magical song, the sky becomes a misty gray and snow falls in a never ending variety of crystalline snowflakes. Each snowflake toe-dances over the tranquil scene until it finds its place and then it falls amid a million others.

This is a time of unlimited happiness, for as the wind blows, the magic of children's laughter is carried across the fields whose naked land is now clad in the brilliance of winter.

Peering from behind a gray cloud, the sun shows its sparkling rays and adds the sparkling glory to the glamorous scenery of winter.

Slowly the minutes pass, and then the hours; another page of history is written; in the meantime, our winter scene has silently disappeared and in its place is a new world of tiny, bright green sprouts.

The winter ballet is over. Spring is here.

Margaret Anderson
English 4

UP AND DOWN

Up and down, up and down, all day long—from one season through the other, in blinding rain and in blistering sun—what an existence! Eyes straight ahead, never seeing anything different, just around the same orb, day after day.

The season starts in April. Then the old man pulls off the tarpaulin covering and surveys last season's damage. Every year we appear more devastated. He seems to feel that it is our fault that our hide is scratched and our mane, chipped. Every year he paints a few new saddles and replaces a few bridles but that only makes the others appear more shabby.

Someday we will be discarded. I've seen it happen to my old friends before. When the fresh paint won't cover the old, when a hoof or tail is chipped or broken, when a new bridle will no longer hang in an old brass ring, why then tis' time. Oh, yes, I've seen many old friends go that way. Some think they go to a sort of heaven where they will again be the dashing mares or stallions that they were before the salt air warped their features and rotted their shiny patent bridles. Some think that there is a place where they will gallop free and where the fresh cool air will whirl through their wooden manes. Yes, there is some place where open trails lead to the stars, far from the mechanical folly of man.

But, I don't know. It seems I've heard the winds whispering with the mad white caps of a yard where the scarred bodies of last year's ponies mingle with the remains of human madness. I don't know. I'm only a pony on a merry-go-round. But soon I'll know. My paint is streaked and I've lost one stirrup. Yes, soon I'll know.

Joyce Buchanan
English 4

FEAR

As I started down the long, dark, dreary street, alone, just after midnight, I had the uncanny feeling that someone or something was following me. My imagination might have been playing tricks on me, but I was sure that a dark shadow was following me somewhere in the distance. I tried to shake myself out of that absurd idea. The more I kept trying to fight the idea, the more I saw the shadow. In fact, it seemed to be coming closer. In an effort to look both ways at once, I kept tripping over everything in my path. I stopped, turned around, and at a great chance, struck a match. There was nothing there; now I could relax. The match went out. Then I saw it again. I promptly ran home. To this day, I still don't know what it was that followed me. I can only venture a good guess. Even so, I have never taken that short cut home again.

Richard Smith
English 4

SAM

Everybody knew Sam. Who is Sam? Well, let's shift our thoughts to Hanover, N. H., a quaint little college town, Dartmouth College to be exact. Sam was born in Hanover, and lived there all of his life, except for a few years in Boston. His family was poor, and he had to work most of the time, but he did manage to get through his high school education, and with a little money he had saved, went on to college. Sam was forced to leave college, which was Dartmouth, in 1918, and went to Boston, but returned shortly after. He took a job as a janitor at Dartmouth, and went on to become one of the best known and best loved characters on the campus and in the town.

Sam was tall and lanky, and never dressed well. He could be seen at all times playing sports, or talking with students on the Green. The students often let Sam solve their problems. He was quite a storyteller, and many of his stories were repeated by the people who heard them. No one thought of Sam as a janitor. No, they thought of him as a living legend. Now, however, Sam is a legend, for in the summer of 1945 he died of a heart attack at the young age of forty-seven—an amazing man, Sam!

Bruce Freeman
English 4

A JANUARY DAY

Dawn turned on her golden pillow,
Late came the winter day,
Snow was curved to the boughs of willow,
The sunless world was white and gray.

At noon we heard the bluejay scolding,
At dusk the cold light was lost
From darkened windows faintly holding,
The feathery filigree of frost.

Bill Kaufman
English I

BOOK TREASURES

If I were going to a desert island to spend the rest of my life, I would take several books which would meet my needs very well.

One of the first which I should choose is, "Robinson Crusoe, U. S. N." This is the story of Ray Tweed, the sailor who was on Guam for about three years, hiding out from the Japs. I chose this to help me if I ran into difficulty in living alone, for this I know would give me courage.

I would also choose the Lloyd C. Douglas book, "Green Light" for it would give me spiritual value.

"Alice in Wonderland" would also go along for it is a story that completely takes you out of your everyday living and leaves you in the land of make-believe.

At Christmas time I'm afraid I'd be feeling a little blue so I think I'd include Dicken's "Christmas Carol" and the poem, "The Night Before Christmas."

Last, but not least, I'd be sure to include John Galsworthy's "Forsythe Saga" because of the reading value obtained from it and because of the interesting array of characters who almost walk out of the pages to you. For a brilliant picture of the English property owning middle class, this book is excellent.

Jean Thompson
English 4

THE STORM

It was a few hours before the blackness of night settled down on the earth. Dark threatening clouds hovered perilously over the booming roar of the raging ocean. Wave after wave tumbled helplessly upon the water-beaten shore. White-capped waves bobbed up and down against the black outline of clouds rushing on to relieve their burden on the dreary world. I stood with my feet sunk deep into the cool sand while the wet spray splashed against my face and clothes. Then suddenly the first drops of rain could be seen dashing against the turmoil of waves and sand. The rain swept nearer and nearer, growing more furious as it came.

It fell in swirling sweeps and then ceased only to come more heavily. Foam lapped at my feet and swished the sand out from under them. The monstrous waves seemed to draw everything to them. Then as if out of nowhere, the ocean ceased its booming; the dark clouds rolled by and out from behind came a large round moon sending radiant rays of light to the weary wet world. Now the waves were shiny and still, and they slid to the water-soaked shore as if they were entranced in a mysterious dream. It was a sight to behold and I slipped away from this magical scene before some human being could break the spell.

Dorothy Lausten
English II

TO CAPTAIN LUTES

One day I went a-walking,
Over to Martin's store.
I bought a bar of candy
And spent a nickel more.
The wind was blowing fiercely,
As I struggled through the fray;
The temperature dropped to zero
On that fateful yesterday.
I hastened to the schoolhouse;
Up the slippery steps I went;
Knocking long and hard upon the door,
My fingers with cold were bent.
Within the school I heard a voice—
How sweet it sounded then!
But when the door flew open
My heart sank low again,
For standing on the threshold,
With a scowl upon his face,
Was Captain Ralph, the villain—
And in his hand—a mace.
"Begone!" said he. "Appear no more!"
"Oh, mercy, sir!" I said.
But since my plea proved all in vain,
Down the icy steps I fled.

And now the moral of my tale—
As everyone can see—
Is—*Do what Captain Ralph commands*
If you value liberty.

Wallace M. Graves
English 3

M.H.S.

There's a building on Middlesex Avenue in Metuchen, New Jersey, that is neither large nor small. It stands as mighty and proud as the Statue of Liberty.

If ever you pass on a bus or in a car you will see young folks from five to eighteen years of age wandering in and out. The knowledge which they have found hidden there behind those brick walls has helped them find their way.

In the lively games of the youngsters and in the activities of adult life the great understanding of sportsmanship, comradeship and respect for others, learned within those walls, will prove helpful.

With happy faces and glad hearts they hail M. H. S.

There's a building on Middlesex Avenue in Metuchen, New Jersey, that will be standing when we are gone; and young folks from five to eighteen will still wander in and out, seeking the knowledge that lies there.

With happy faces and glad hearts they too will hail M. H. S.

Bernice Sorenson
English 3

I STOOD CONDEMNED

Watching the judges confer in the rear of the room, I find time to fearfully review my case. Did I do wrong? Will I be acquitted? What, if any, will the punishment be? Truly, the agony is more in the suspense and waiting than in the punishment of any crime.

I had just come back from the corner store and had entered the school building through a side door. Walking slowly up the stairs and reflecting on a recent test, I did not notice the shadowy figures at the foot of the stairs. Upon reaching the top, I found myself confronted by two officers of the law. In a surly voice, one commanded me to show my pass. I reached in my back pocket very confidently. What? It was not there! Then I began a frantic search which ended only when I realized that the pass had been left in a book which was at present out of reach. In an instant, I was served a summons to the dreaded Supreme Court.

Monday morning, the day of the trial, dawned all too soon. At 12:20 P.M., I numbly entered the room about which I had heard so many rumors. On the right side sat the scornful judges, while on the left side sat the cowering defendants. In the front and to the center sat the Chief Justice. A dead silence reigned.

At 12:30, the first defendant was ordered to rise. Charges were read, his story given, and the verdict decided within the space of minutes. I was concerned with my case and therefore did not hear his sentence, but I heard his helpless pleadings as he was taken out.

I was then summoned with a curt, "Stand up!" Charges were read and the prosecution gave his case. In a daze I heard a judge snarl, "Ya got thirty seconds to tell your story." I stuttered out my defense and, going six seconds over my allotted time, was given "thirty minutes for contempt of court." Before I realized what was happening, I was again seated and the judges were filing to the back of the room for consultation.

The judges, looking fiendishly happy, are now returning to their seats. "Has the jury reached a verdict?" asks the Chief Justice.

"It has, Your Honor."

"How do you find?"

"We find the defendant, John Smith . . . John . . . JOHN!!!"

"John, I had to call you three times. Must you do all your dreaming and sleeping in Latin class?"

Whew! Well, I'm sure glad I managed to argue that patrol out of giving me a ticket yesterday. Ah-h, rumors! I wonder what the Supreme Court is really like?

Don Kahn
English III

FATAL INTELLIGENCE

Jimmy Valentine casually strolled up to the lock on the door of his prison and in a matter of a few minutes he had successfully picked another lock. He then methodically went around and opened the doors of the other cells and released the inmates.

After all were free, they clattered noisily down the cement ramp leading to the main gate. Here they stopped and looked expectantly at Mr. Valentine.

The lock master advanced and looked at the lock on the big gate. It was a very simple kind of lock that had been used for gates and doors for many years. It was a trivial matter for the master to open the lock.

Now they were in the prison yard. There was one gate left between the prisoners and freedom.

The lock master advanced to the gate. He looked at the lock through the bars, as it was on the outside of the gate. A look of bewilderment came over his long narrow face. Animal fear could be seen in the eyes of the others.

Suddenly with a stroke of genius Mr. Valentine stuck his head through the bars and with his teeth manipulated the hook on the lock so that the gate swung open.

Now all were free and escaped over the grassy plains. However, search parties were sent out and all were brought back into custody again.

It went hard for the prisoners and especially hard for Master Valentine. He was sentenced to death and even today you can see his carcass drying in the sun. Someday it will make a fine rug.

You see Jimmy Valentine was only one of the names the master had. His first name was really Billy and his last name was really Goat.

Don Limoli
English II

THE DARK NIGHT

The shadows are deepening over the hill
And the sunlight casts patterns, as it fades on the
rill.

On hill and on valley comes the darkness of night
To blanket the bright world and shield it from light.
Now slowly yet faster it hurries along
To blacken the good world and make way for the
wrong.

The witches, the goblins, the spirits and such
Who carry out evil and lurk in the dusk,
Come racing and dancing from far and wide,
As the cold blanket of darkness races in from all
sides.

But over it all flow silently in
The twinkling stars, and the moon to blot out sin,
And turn this dark world of tumult and din
Into the calm peaceful haven in which we love to
live.

Nancy Ayers
English I

FROM THE HALLS OF M.H.S.

"Friends, Romans, countrymen—" . . . "Don't
be bashful" . . . "All that week?" . . . "Lost two,
won one, tied one—" . . . "Yeh, one an' a half
hours' detention!" . . . "Memorize the whole law."
. . . "The exam was easy." . . . "Failed." . . . "We
have a test." . . . "I'll see you." . . . "I thought I'd
die." . . . "Didn't you do it?" . . . "In Room 32."
. . . "He got kicked out of study hall." . . . "What
did you get on your exam?" . . . "What's the big
hurry?" . . . "Listen—" . . . "A lot of girls I
know—" . . . "Hey, Dot—" . . . "Oh, my gosh!"
. . . "Right now?" . . . "Listen, I only got a 90; I
think she's mean." . . . "I've got sixpence—" . . .
"It looked so cute." . . . "Working hard?" . . . "Hey,
is Miss Haitich absent?" . . . "Phew! What are they
cooking in Chem today?" . . . "Boy, am I hungry."
. . . "Yeh, I'm going." . . . "S'long!"

Donald Kahn
English 3

I AM MYSELF

I am myself;
you are yourself—
we are two people,
and as different as day and night.

I am myself;
you are yourself,
but I'm all alone
in the midst of the city.

The world goes by;
it's a busy world
with busy people in it,
but I am all alone.

The busy cars,
the flying planes—
you are in them,
but I am all alone.

I am myself,
for I want it that way—
I am different;
Now things have changed.

I'm by myself;
they are gone—
the pleasantness
of life—and you.

You are in them—
the planes, the cars—
you are gone now,
and so I am alone.

Helen Davis
English III

MOTHER NATURE AT HER BEST

Lo! The honking geese are calling;
Lo! The colored leaves are falling—
Though the forest is at rest,
Mother Nature's at her best.

See the spacious, wide, gray sky;
See the whirling snow flakes fly—
Though the wind howls round with zest,
Mother Nature's at her best.

When the snow of winter gleams,
When the ice is thick in streams,
Look into the painted west;
See Mother Nature at her best.

When the buds of springtime show
And the winds of Easter blow,
Look into the robin's nest;
See Mother Nature at her best.

When the summer raindrops fall,
When a rainbow covers all;
That, my dear—as you have guessed—
Is Mother Nature at her best.

Mildred Pipik
English III

OLD VET

I don't know how many times I have said, "Hello Harry," and felt that I have wanted to say a little more. Why? Well, Harry is the kind of man you tell all your problems to without realizing it.

On almost any summer evening you can see a short squat man wearing a white shirt open at the collar, walking about Roosevelt Park. Harry will usually be walking with someone. It might be a young boy or girl. It might be a middle-aged man or woman or one of Harry's fellow veterans. All are attracted to Harry.

Harry is the type of man who takes everything in his stride. His smiling countenance always seems to give you a lift when you're feeling a little low. Genial Harry can tell you stories about the war he was in or stories on subjects much more intriguing. Harry's views may not always be conventional or logical, but his confident and picturesque way of expressing himself always gains the favor of everyone.

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Don Limoli
English II



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