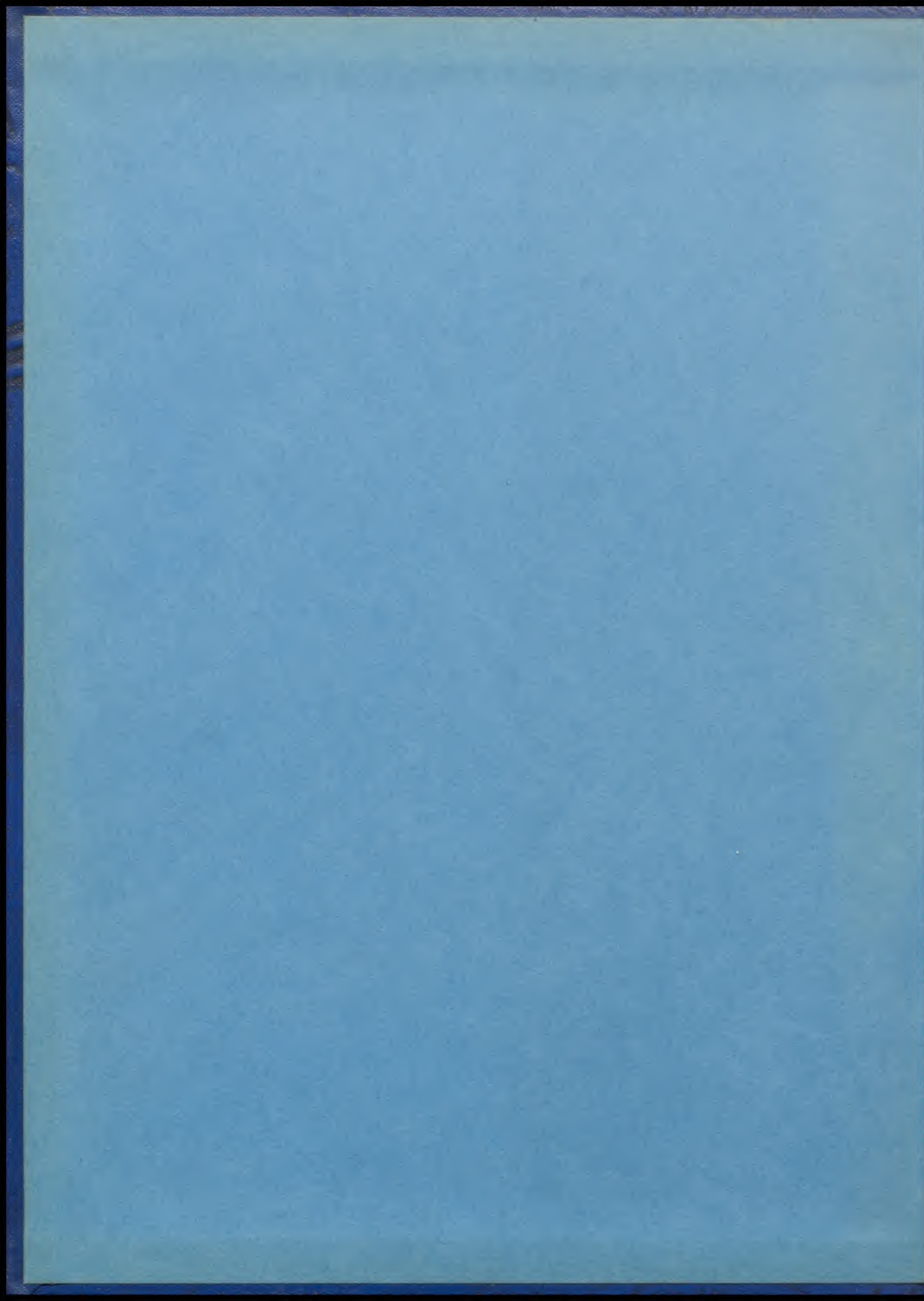


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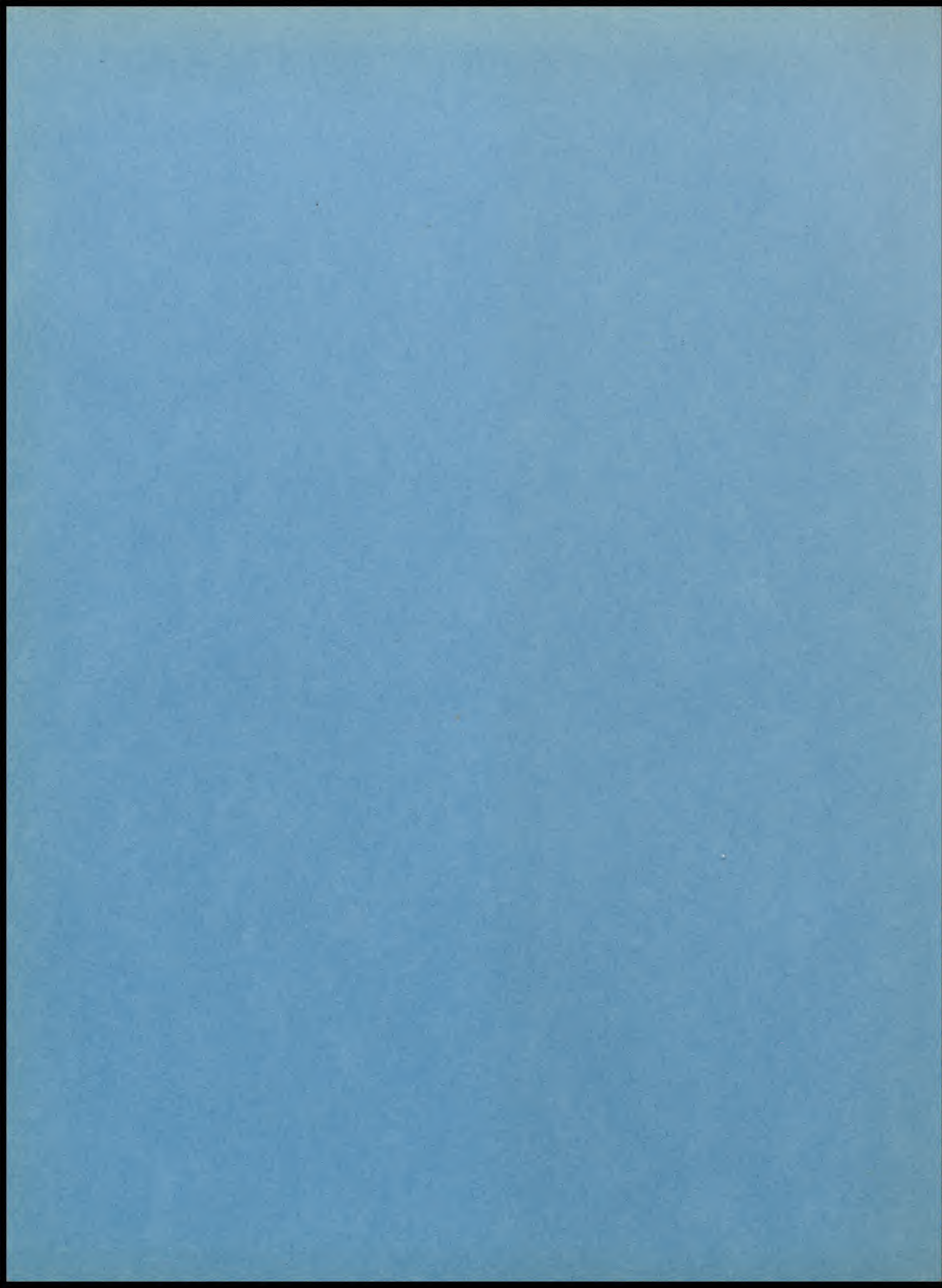
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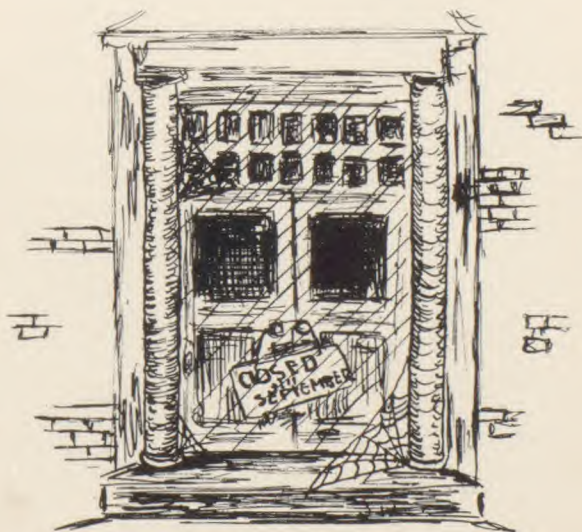
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As the grand climax of our school career approaches, we pause reverently to pay tribute to the fine accomplishments of our Board of Education. This group of outstanding citizens has served the community faithfully and assiduously for many years. Depriving themselves of much earned leisure, they have unselfishly devoted their time to fulfilling the individual needs of every pupil attending Metuchen High School. Not only have these men made possible improvements in the school itself, but they have offered guidance to its students and faculty. Thus, it is indeed timely and fitting that we, the class of forty-eight, in deep appreciation for the beneficial services rendered in our behalf, sincerely dedicate our yearbook to this noble group of men who comprise our superior Board of Education.

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Class of 1948:

As the years roll on there will be many times when you will take this Blue Letter from the top shelf of the bookcase or the bottom of a trunk. Then for a few moments you will be lost to the world for you will be reliving the days of 1944 to 1948. You will meet, talk, and laugh with your fellows and teachers, refeel the joy of pleasant situations and the hurt of unpleasant ones of those years.

Surely that will happen and I hope that all those moments taken from the time of your future life's work will be glorious and result in a thrill. But—I hope for far more than that. As the years roll on, the content material of algebra, biology, and other subjects will grow dim. Surely that will happen also. But I hope that the spirit of truth, honesty, co-operation, tolerance, sportsmanship, and industriousness that old M.H.S. has tried to instill in you will grow and become stronger so that you may rightfully take your place by the side of so many splendid people who cherish the same memories as you will.

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THE DAYS GONE BY

Here at last! September 3, 1944. The fateful day had come. We were about to embark upon a new, exciting adventure. Our faces wore a light film of happiness; our hearts were cloaked with anticipation. Triumphant we made our exit from the assembly hall as the new freshmen class of Metuchen High School.

The glory was soon slightly shadowed by the great gray cloud, the God of learning—Assignment, himself. In order to serve faithfully under his reign, it was necessary to select a few mortals to assist him, and thus it was that Ronald Petersen was chosen president; Dorothy Schneider, vice-president; Mary Cobbs, secretary, and Tony Tagliaboschi, treasurer.

Having carefully followed his instructions for eight months, Assignment planted a pleasant notion in one of our heads. We would sponsor the first freshman dance to be held in Metuchen High School. Thinking caps were dusted, gray matter taken out of storage, Assignment, secretly besieged for his aid and "The Scotch Hop" was born. Always the blaze of bright plaid, the sweet blaring music of bagpipe, the admiring sighs of our lassies for their lads in kilts will remain with us.

In spite of the frightening thunder of Assignment, and his twin brother, Homework, we enjoyed every second of this happy, eventful year.

September found us back in our familiar, well loved school-rooms. Somehow, Assignment seemed a little less gray. Nevertheless, we still feared his wrath and followed his orders, for his was the power to swoop down upon our harvest and quickly change it into an enormous zero.

This year, as last, it was necessary to have a few representatives to communicate with Assignment. Joe Ferenczi was elected president, Joyce Christophersen, vice-president and Mary Cobbs, secretary-treasurer.

All year long we submitted to the vagaries of Assignment—nourishing essays, devouring history, flirting with French—and when it came time for some recreation, we were all for it. Assignment gently suggested that we shouldn't be selfish in this venture, whatever it be. We followed his advice and invited the entire student body to accompany us on a trip to Hawaii. Bad luck, all the ocean liners were filled to capacity. Assignment apologetically said he'd like to take us there, via cloud, but this was too difficult for such a large number. However, he suggested that since we couldn't go to Hawaii, why not bring Hawaii here. That is precisely what we did and just so that the underclassmen wouldn't be too awed and the upperclassmen too hurt at our miraculous feat, we called it a dance and charged admission, to cover transportation expenses, of course.

June was ushered in and we were ushered out. We all spent the summer gayly. But as swiftly as it had come, that is as fast as it departed, and once more we cheerfully crept back to school.

One by one we climbed the stairs. At last the top was reached, and then merrily we rushed to our classrooms and to the fiendish tactics of Assignment. But something was wrong with Assignment; he wasn't nearly as hard or as long, we thought. He was now our friend—

In the late fall, we made a decision, that we would plan a dance without the interference of Assignment. All was in order for our "Winter Carnival," until the day of the dance itself. We needed real snow to make our dance realistic. Shamefacedly, we implored Assignment to use his influence and solicit the aid of some fellow gods to produce the needed snow. After a terrific scolding, he agreed to help us. He knew all along we were having a dance, only he was too proud to say anything. We were truly sorry that we had slighted him and made a mental note to work twice as hard for him in the near future. Anyway, all ended well, for lying 'neath a blanket of feathery snow, our dance was a huge success.

Greedily we counted the profits made at our snowy carnival; parsimoniously, we stretched their value, for every last coin was needed to produce a superior prom. May gradually slipped into June. The big night had come! Lovely maidens, beautifully dressed and delicately adorned with flowers, offered infinite competition to the pretty girls painted on the walls. Our theme, known widely to all was "A Pretty Girl Is Like a Melody."

The prom was our last big event of the year, with the exception of Assignment's big project, examination. Of course, since we had sedulously heeded Assignment's warning and followed his instructions, we sailed smoothly through them. Then vacation time had furtively come into our presence:

The hot, sunny days were before us; suddenly they were behind, and September boldly confronted us.

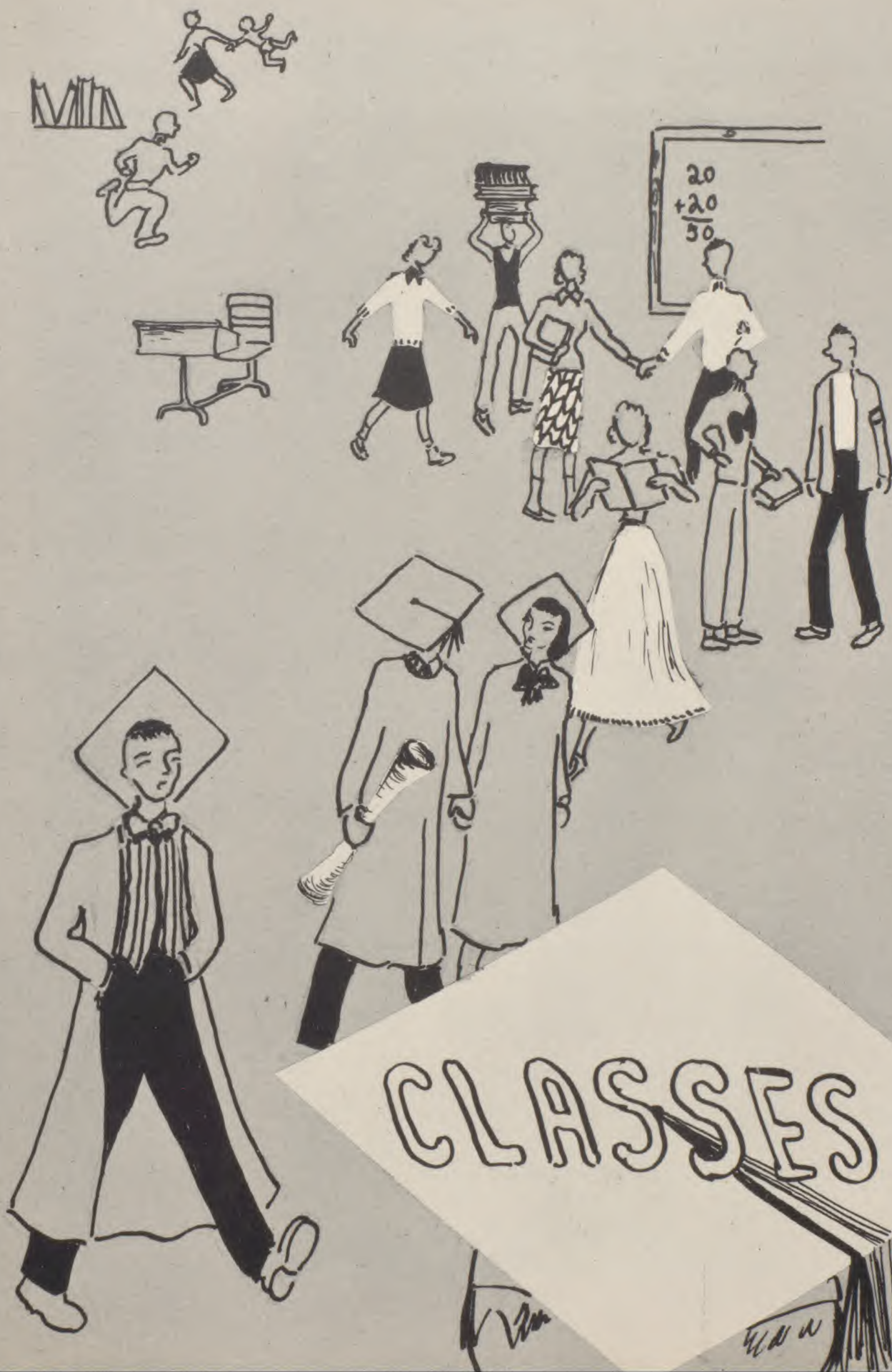
Seniors! We were mighty Seniors! Freshmen, Sophomores, you may look at us, but be extremely careful not to touch. Juniors, if you fall on your bended knees you may speak to us in humble tones; we may not answer.

Finally, we had the sole honor and privilege of leaving the assembly hall first, as the band played in our behalf. Now Assignment was a striking blue color, deep and rich in hue. He was no longer a sinister spirit to be feared, but a help-mate. His was the guiding light that kept us on the trodden path, ere we started to wander. His was the glowing torch that had led us unto this height and would lead us to greater heights.

Once more we felt the need of electing officers. In the capacities of president, vice-president, treasurer, and secretary, Ronnie Petersen, Jack Hone, Peter Campbell, and Mary Cobbs served admirably.

Early in January, Assignment, feeling he had neglected our geographical education, invited us to visit gay Paris with him. We stayed only one evening, January 11, to be exact, but it was a gay, wonderful evening, as we danced on the sidewalks of Paris, listened to rich music, had our portraits painted and ate delightful delicacies in the outdoor cafes.

The months fled by. Fresh fragrant air, balmy breezes and scented air revealed that June was here. June, the month of brides, is likewise the month of graduates. The happy days of high school had sped too quickly, but none had the power to recall them; thus midst tears and smiles, we made our final exit from a beloved home. Graduation was over. A happy heart will serve to remind us of the days gone by.



Michael Altavilla

"Mike"—coal black curls—nonchalant grins—flippant eyebrows—a hearty hello.

Track, Jr.-Sr. Prom.



Jennie Merrill Booker

"Jen"—studious miss—lovely to look at—marvelous marks—habitual hurrying.

Glee Club, Hub Club, G.A.A., Band, Swing Band, Basketball, Junior Dance, Sophomore Dance, Hall Patrol, Freshman Dance, Library Club.



Theresa Marie Barath

"Terry"—casual greetings—bookkeeper's delight—always affable—cheerful chatter.

Glee Club, Library Club, Jr.-Sr. Prom., Junior Dance, Middionettes, French Club, Sophomore Dance.

Barbara Ann Bramwell

"Bob"—gingervating glitter—Irish blue eyes—the crackle of fire—pert and prettyish.

Hub Club, Middionettes, Footlighters, Glee Club, Basketball, Senior Play, Baseball, Tumbling, Sec. of Junior Class.

Herman Bauman

"Herm"—day dreaming—the gray Plymouth—wholesome good looks—"many minutes in Menlo Park."

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



Zoltan Louis Braz

"Nick"—radiant smiles—the cheery coupe—easy to talk to—sweet shyness.

Football



Ernest Bertha

"Ernie"—a lady's man—bunting, his hobby—friendly fellow—soft brown eyes.

Oliver Brown

"Oliver"—fondness for books—solitude and silence—comfortable company—"a pleasant smile, a quiet way."

Randall Edward Brune

"Randy"—overwhelming outbursts of oratory—pompous—Prince Charming—attracted to arguing—protecting and adoring. Hi-Y, Varsity Club, Student Gov't, Football, Basketball, Track, German Club, Latin Club, Footlighters, Jr.-Sr. Prom, Hall Patrol.



Joyce Christophersen

"Joyce"—majestic majorette—sweet shy smiles—a man on her mind—memorable for music. Drum Majorette, Vice-President Sophomore Class, Band, Glee Club, Dance Band, Blue Letter, Hall Patrol, Library Club, French Club, Tri-Hi-Y, Jr.-Sr. Prom.

Peter Beekman Campbell

"Pete"—footloose and fancy free—gift of gab—proud possessor of the Packard—"Poet Laureate." Football, Track, Hi-Y, Footlighters, Student Gov't, Latin Club.



Mary Elizabeth Cobbs

"Cobbie"—sparkling smiles and pearl-like teeth—deeds not dreams—pretty as a picture—immeasurable intelligence. Basketball, Baseball, G.A.A., French Club, Blue Letter, Tri-Hi-Y, Hall Patrol, Safety Patrol, Sophomore Dance, Freshman Dance, Jr.-Sr. Prom, Sec. of Senior Class, Sec. and Treasurer of Sophomore Class.

Roger Joseph Canary

"Rog"—gleeful gaiety—a weakness for women—witty wisecracking—"the pleasant playboy."

Football, Basketball, Varsity Club, Jr.-Sr. Prom, Senior Dance, Sophomore Dance, Junior Dance.



George Coddington

George—reckless riding—tormenting the teachers—concoctions in chemistry—behind a prank.

Eleanor Kathleen Chaplar

"Kitty"—a bundle of energy short and sweet—athletic antics—soft spot for "Smitty."

Tumbling, Baseball, Volleyball, Junior Dance, G.A.A., Hub Club, Hall Patrol, Basketball, Sophomore Dance, Representative.



Philip Benedict Comito

"Phil"—studies in stamps—elevated intellect—bashful smiles—warm friendly eyes. Golf, Stamp Club, Science Club, Vis-Ed.

Hilda Mildred Cooper

"Cindy"—wedding bells—ebony smoke curls—dreams of Gene—dark eyes that smile.

Glee Club, Basketball, Middionettes.



Pauline Cuccia

"Cuchie"—forever fooling—skill in sports—endless energy—never a dull moment.

G.A.A., Basketball, Baseball, Hub Club, Junior Dance, Sophomore Dance.

John Arthur Cornell

"Jack"—lively laughter—keen brown eyes—good-natured guy—gobs of gayety with Pete. Latin Club, Science Club, Hi-Y, Jr.-Sr. Prom.



Helen Lane Davis

"Kiki"—sprightly spirit—elegant eyes and lacy lashes—literary ability—a coupe and a crowd.

Tri-Hi-Y, Jr.-Sr. Prom, Blue Letter (Ed.), Bull Dog's Bark, G.A.A., Band, Glee Club, Hall Patrol, French Club, Footlighters, Senior Dance, Basketball, Senior Play Committee.

Barbara Ann Cowins

"Bo"—scintillating sparkle—cheering and chatting—"first-lady"—ginger bread and ginger ale.

Cheerleading, G.A.A., Basketball, Blue Letter, German Club, Latin Club, Tri-Hi-Y.



Rita Margaret Dayton

"Muggs"—smooth shiny hair—brisk bustling—managed by her man—sparkle of a Christmas Tree.

Library Club, G.A.A., Freshman Dance, Junior Dance, Sophomore Dance, Blue Letter.

Sophie Alice Cuba

"So So"—tasty tidbit—clever coquette—delightful as a kitten—saucy sweetness.

G.A.A., Glee Club, Hub Club, Library Club, Basketball, Hall Patrol, Baseball, Middionettes, Junior Dance, Sophomore Dance.



Irene Zina Dembitsky

"Zina"—matter-of-fact manner—a knack for knitting—blazing blonde—crisp tones.

Library Club, Glee Club, Band, Footlighters, Jr.-Sr. Prom, Blue Letter, Hall Patrol, Freshman Dance, Sophomore Dance, Junior Dance.

Gladys Barbara Demcsak

"Gladys"—picturesque personality—habitual humor—"I'll argue with you but you're wrong"—naturally good-natured.

Middionettes, Freshmen Dance, Sophomore Dance, Junior Dance, Jr.-Sr. Prom.



Ellin Mary Ann Fennessy

"El"—infinite intellect—enviable complexion—queenly poised—soft-spoken manner.

Glee Club, Sophomore Dance, German Club, Bulldog's Bark (Associate Editor).

Dorothy Anita Drake

"Dot"—soft, sunny smiles—a dependable leader—all-around athlete—cute and competent.

Basketball, Volleyball, Baseball, Tumbling, Safety Patrol, Freshmen Dance, Sophomore Dance, Junior Dance, Senior Dance, G.A.A., Tri-Hi-Y, (Pres. 4), Blue Letter, Hall Patrol, Jr.-Sr. Prom.



Richard Joseph Ferenczi

"Joe"—slow winning smiles—"head man"—sense that can serve, intelligence that can lead—gentle flirting.

Pres. of M.H.S., Pres. of Sophomore class, Pres. of Junior class, Varsity Club (Vice-Pres.), Hi-Y (Pres.), Football Team, Basketball Team, Sophomore Dance, Junior Dance, Jr.-Sr. Prom.

Robert Miller Ellis

"Bob"—witty quips—teasing blue eyes—devilish grins—growing taller.

Vis-Ed (Director, Sec.-Treas.), Varsity Club, Safety Patrol, Football, Track, Junior Dance, Senior Dance.



Joseph Fielder

"Joe"—ostentatious overtones of color—pranks and puns—loquacious lad—enthusiastic energy.

Track, Football, Hi-Y, Freshman Dance, Sophomore Dance, Junior Dance, Stamp and Coin Club, Safety Patrol, Hall Patrol, Footlighters, Jr.-Sr. Prom.

Harry Milton Fasan

"Harry"—kind ways—ever equipped with books—sincere friendliness—jokes and jests.

German Club, Safety Patrol, Hi-Y, Stamp and Coin Club, Blue Letter, Sophomore Dance, Junior Dance.



Irwin Frenson

"IF"—beguiling blarney—free and easy—a light line—"all the world loves a lover."

Jeanne Helen Gilman
"Jeanne" — charmingly capricious—star-studded eyes frolicsome flutterings—vivacious miss. Tri-Hi-Y, Jr.-Sr. Prom, Hall Patrol, German Club, Latin Club, French Club, Library Club, Freshmen Dance, Sophomore Dance, Junior Dance, Blue Letter, Footlighters, Glee Club.



Raymond Arthur Groo
"Ray"—sleek smoothness—dapple gray eyes — Arrow collar man—casually collegiate. Footlighters, Baseball, Hall Patrol, Blue Letter, Jr.-Sr. Prom.

Gerald Glass
"Gerald" — attractive outfits—captivated with carpentry—quiet conservative moods—an affinity for an underclassman.



Eleanor Gyuran
"Guy"—fresh blooming beauty—apple cheeks and amber hair—gingery gait—effervescent as a bubble bath. Middionettes, Footlighters, Glee Club, Senior Play.

Frederick Seaton Goldsmith
"Fats"—little boy at heart—jestful jollity—all American athlete—constant clowning. Varsity Club, Hi-Y, Football, Golf, Basketball, Footlighters.



Elizabeth Anita Hansen
"Betty"—spun sugar and cake icing—soft dreamy sunshine—delicious delicacy — protected and adored. Freshman Dance, Sophomore Dance, Junior Dance, Jr.-Sr. Prom, G.A.A., Tri-Hi-Y, Latin Club, German Club, Basketball, Cheerleading.

Wallace M. Graves, Jr.
"Wally"—unrivaled gray matter—coy chuckles—assiduous industry—pleasing profile. Hi-Y, Supreme Court Judge, Stamp and Coin Club, Safety Patrol, German Club, Sophomore Dance, Junior Dance.



Alois Clarence Hejl
"Louie"—fancy for farming—pleasant moods — bright rosy cheeks—showing movies. Varsity Club, Football, Track, Vis-Ed (Pres.), Safety Patrol, Junior Dance, Senior Dance, Bulldog's Bark, Stamp and Coin Club.

Talbott Henderson

"Talbot"—car crazy—mania for meditating—shadow of a smile—driving down Main St.



Joyce Hughes

"Joy"—nimble nymph—always attractively attired—freckles galore—petite, pleasant and pretty.

Junior Dance, Hub Club.

Gloria Bertha Hill

"Bert"—lively lass—constant chatting—soft sandy curls—delightful devilish smiles.

French Club, Hub Club, Glee Club, Basketball, Hall Patrol, Senior Play Committee, Middionettes, Library Club.



Lillian Hummer

"Lil"—soft slenderness—fluffy feather bob—soft slow smiles—cute gal.

Middionettes, Jr.-Sr. Prom, Junior Dance.

John Woodford Hone, Jr.

"Jack"—winning ways—skining brown eyes—rich soothing tones—appealing shyness.

Hi-Y, Varsity Club, Footlighters (Pres.), Football, Track, Jr.-Sr. Prom, Basketball, Latin Club, Student Gov't, Hall Patrol, Safety Patrol, Blue and White Service Center, Sophomore Dance, Junior Dance.



Wilbur Benwood Hunter

"Willie"—tan unruly hair—a white apron and a motor scooter—long, long strides—faculty for photos.

Evelyn Muriel Hubble

"Evelyn"—pepper and spice—frivolous flirtations—carefree chuckles—never a gent-less occasion.

Freshman Dance, Sophomore Dance, Junior Dance, G.A.A., Tri-Hi-Y, Tumbling, Glee Club, Hall Patrol, Cheerleading, Basketball.



Audrey Ann Jacob

"Audrey"—whimsical humor—gay green eyes—come-hither allure—long blonde locks.

Tri-Hi-Y, French Club, Glee Club, Hall Patrol.

George Christian Jepsen

"Whity" — a natural blond — dreamy glances—quite quiet—booky for hunting.



Raymond Leon Kaminski

"Ray" — football favorite — easily teasing — Phoenix forever—billboard smile. Varsity Club, Football, Baseball.

Robert William Jones

"Bob"—exceedingly easy going —jolly joking—friendly flirt—big beaming smiles.

Track



George Charles Kasharian

"Cheery"—casual cheery grins —pleasurable politeness — patience his virtue—sweet sax. Music

William Albert Kaepernik

"Bill"—a mind for math—sandy hair and sapphire eyes—timid smiles—a favorite brunette.

Football, Hi-Y, Library Club, Varsity Club.



Rose Theresa Kasharian

"Rosie"—faithful friendliness—active in athletics—ever industrious—savory sweetness. Hub Club, Middionettes, Junior Dance, Basketball, Baseball, Sophomore Dance, G.A.A., Hall Patrol, Tumbling, Blue Letter.

Donald Jay Kahn

"Deek"—sagacious scholar — jet black hair and gleaming white teeth—ambitious attitude —light of heart and serious of mind.

Basketball, Track, Student Gov't. (Sec. of State), Varsity Club, Safety Patrol, Hall Patrol, Blue and White Service Center, Blue Letter, Science Club, Latin Club, German Club, Stamp and Coin Club, Footlighter, Jr.-Sr. Prom, Freshmen Dance, Sophomore Dance, Junior Dance, Hi-Y.



Kathryn Louise Kolb

"Kitty"—cool classic beauty—refreshingly unsophisticated — spontaneous hilarity—"I'll see you again."

Jr.-Sr. Prom, Twirling, Tri-Hi-Y (Vice-Pres.), German Club, Footlighters, Blue Letter, Hall Patrol, Senior Dance, Sophomore Dance, Junior Dance, Freshman Dance.

Stanley Kozal

"Koz"—dimples that delight—
clever conniving—mirthful mer-
riment—"he laughs and the
world laughs with him."
Varsity Club, Football, Baseball.



**Josephine Lillian
Kuncewicz**

"Joe"—a guitar and a song—
busy secretary — aspiration:
writing—bustling and bustling.
G.A.A.

Walter Leroy Krebs

"Walt"—dark brown eyes—
soft silence—a friend indeed—in
the shop.



**Mildred Amandolyne
Letsinger**

"Mil"—neatly groomed—very
efficient secretary—"Nick"—elf-
like cuteness.
Glee Club, Hub Club, G.A.A.,
Junior Dance, Sophomore Dance,
Freshman Dance, Library Club.

**Joseph Alexander
Kreskey**

"Joe"—likeable and lovable—
explosive exuberance—blushes
like fury—talent for talking.
Varsity Club, Football, Baseball.



**Acquiline Katherine
Linczyk**

"Acky"—dancing devilry —
bouncing a basketball—batting
a baseball—soft curly coiffure—
Peter Pan Prankster.
G.A.A., Basketball, Baseball,
Sophomore Dance, Junior Dance,
Hub Club, Tumbling.

Elizabeth Marie Kriegel

"Lizzie"—golden tresses—state-
ly sophistication—willowy love-
liness—sprucely smart.
Hub Club, German Club, Mid-
dionettes, G.A.A.



Stella Lopatka

"Shorty"—tall and terrific—
maximum of mirth—vitalizing
vigor—peppermint sticks.
G. A. A., Basketball, Baseball,
Sophomore Dance, Junior Dance,
Hub Club, Tumbling.

Ralph Carlyle Lutes

"Lutz"—arguments and politics—answers with authority—"Merciless tyrant of the ticket"—long steps and slow smiles.
Safety Patrol, Hall Patrol, Latin Club, French Club, Hi-Y, Freshman Dance, Sophomore Dance, Junior Dance, Jr.-Sr. Prom, Stamp & Coin Club.



Ruth Eunice Martin

"Ruthie"—naive niceness—lemon-lime cokes—gay giggles—studying and selling.
Hub Club, G.A.A., Basketball, Glee Club, French Club, Blue Letter.

Edward Walter Mackiewicz

"Mack"—seldom gum-less—serious smiles and cheerful grins—athletics all the time—fooling and flirting.
Football, Basketball, Baseball.



Louise Ross Mayers

"Louise"—devil-may-care—speckled with freckles—cheery greetings—summers at the shore.
G.A.A., Basketball, Tri-Hi-Y, Blue Letter, Footlighters, Jr.-Sr. Prom.

Doris Lillian Mandell

"Dot"—honeysuckle smiles—sweet-scented spring—business-like dependability—easy to like.
Hub Club, G.A.A., Basketball, Middionettes, Junior Dance, Sophomore Dance.



Ruth Nancy Anne Melillo

"Ruthie"—blithe buoyancy—fawn-like fragility—true to Tag—always friendly.
Blue Letter, Safety Patrol, G.A.A., Cabinet, Cheerleading, Middionettes, Basketball, Baseball, Freshman Dance, Sophomore Dance, Junior Dance, Jr.-Sr. Prom, Tri-Hi-Y, Glee Club, Footlighters.

Viola Anne Markano

"Vee"—soft rolling tones—gentle doe-like eyes—wondrous wardrobe—twirling and talking.
Glee Club, Hub Club, Basketball, Twirling, Footlighters, Middionettes, Senior Play, Baseball.



Janet Thelma Meseroll

"Janet"—self-possessed—mischievous in her eyes—footlight fever—purposeful peregrinations.
Student Gov't., Footlighters, (Vice-Pres. 3), Blue Letter, G.A.A., Latin Club, Jr.-Sr. Prom, Tri-Hi-Y, Modern Dance, Stage Crew, Hall Patrol, Senior Dance.

**Robert Willmont
Meshanic**

*"Bob"—scarlet blushes—passion
for baseball—peaceful moments
—bashful bachelor.*

Hi-Y, Footlighters.



Carl Newman

*"Carl"—quantities of quiet—
youthful appearance—soft still-
ness—never a noisy minute.*

Caryl Craig Mook

*"Caryl"—pixie grin—abundant
intellect—mischievous—mag-
netic and minute—delightfully
devilish.*

Cabinet, Glee Club, Blue Letter,
(Bus. Mgr.), German Club,
Basketball, G.A.A., Tri-Hi-Y,
Footlighters, Jr.-Sr. Prom.



Edward Nonevitch

*"Fuzzie"—faithful friendli-
ness—gridiron gusto—happy-go-
lucky—eternal evasion of home-
work.*

Football, Baseball, Varsity Club,
Junior Dance, Jr.-Sr. Prom,
Footlighters.

Richard John Murphy

*"Murph"—smooth sketches—
docile but devilish—comely
countenance—glossy black
waves.*

Hi-Y, Student Gov't, Blue
Letter.



James Paffendorf

*"Jay"—staunch determination—
ponderous perambulations—
taunting grins—biking to school.*

Eleanor Ann Nelson

*"Eleanor"—a flair for the fes-
tive—genuine sincerity, a dash
of vivacity, a sprinkle of
sentiment—pleasing personality.
Band, Orchestra, Glee Club,
Senior Play, Student Gov't,
Footlighters (Treas. 4), French
Club (Vice-Pres. 2, Pres. 3),
Latin Club, Library Club, Jr.-
Sr. Prom, Stamp and Coin Club
(Treas.), Blue Letter, G.A.A.,
Tri-Hi-Y, Freshman Dance,
Sophomore Dance, Junior Dance.*



Mary Ann B. Parrella

*"Mary Ann"—thespian tend-
encies—utterly unconventional
—bewitching brown eyes—
definitely dramatic.*

Latin Club, French Club, Blue
Letter (Literary Ed.), Foot-
lighters, Hall Patrol, Basketball,
Glee Club, G.A.A., Tri-Hi-Y,
Freshman Dance, Sophomore
Dance, Junior Dance, Senior
Dance, Jr.-Sr. Prom.

Winifred Anne Peakes

"Winnie"—baby doll blondness — maddeningly methodical — pretty little perfectionist — serenely sweet expression.

Student Gov't, Latin Club (Sec. I), G.A.A., Tri-Hi-Y, (Vice-Pres.), Blue Letter, Glee Club, Freshmen Dance, Sophomore Dance, Junior Dance, Senior Dance, Jr.-Sr. Prom, German Club, Bull Dog's Bark, French Club, Senior Play, Library Club.



Renzius Petersen

"Rennie"—charming conceit—appealing Apollo—"I'd rather not study"—carefully combed waves.

David Wilson Peck

"Pecker"—genius incognito — subtle solemn humor—tendencies in tardiness—giggles and grins.

Student Gov't, French Club, Latin Club Track, Stamp and Coin Club, Freshmen Dance, Sophomore Dance.



Ronald Gregory Petersen

"Pete"—satire and sarcasm — scholastic ability — brimming over with banter — all-round personality.

Hi-Y, Varsity Club, Latin Club, Student Gov't (Vice Pres.), Jr.-Sr. Prom, Senior Class Pres., Football, Baseball.

Louise Perasso

"Louise"—satin smooth skin—delicately docile—fresh as morning dew—soft russet hair.



Mildred Pipik

"Mil"—trim figure — snappy skating — flippancy answers — brisk manner.

Baseball, Hub Club, Junior Dance, Basketball.

Elmer Petercsak

"Elmer"—ardently studious — intelligent brown eyes — mild mannerisms — devoted to debating.



Hilda Julia Poandl

"Poodles"—pleasing dark eyes—mischievous smiles — faithful friendliness — sparkling cheer.

Middionettes, Jr.-Sr. Prom, Junior Dance.

Peggy Ann Press

"Peg" — gentle shyness — soft whispering music and a glowing ember — delicate docile smile — sweetly sociable.

Freshman Dance, Sophomore Dance, Tri-Hi-Y, Latin Club, Library Club, Blue Letter, Glee Club, Senior Dance.



Peter George Rolland

"Pete" — tolerably talkative — trackman — long curly lashes and black wavy hair — worrying about homework.

Track, Basketball, Varsity Club, German Club, Science Club, Stamp Club.

Nancy Reeder

"Nancy" — angelic azure eyes — glorious golden hair — mellow moonlight — serene and sedate. Glee Club, Middionettes, Blue Letter, Junior Dance, Jr. - Sr. Prom.



Egbert Crowell Rule

"Tool" — puerile playfulness — impish attractiveness — sly smiles — "his reasoning is full of tricks."

Football, Basketball, Golf, Baseball, Varsity Club, Hi-Y.

Burr Ramage Reeves

"Buddy" — amiable accent — striking sculptured features — captivating Casanova — spectacular sportsman.

Football, Basketball.



Helen Diane Sallitt

"Tootie" — smooth creamy complexion — ravishing raven waves — generously good-humored — dark flashing eyes.

Glee Club, Sewing Club, French Club, Twirling, Blue Letter.

Victor Aller Ricci

"Vic" — willing worker — soft brown eyes — forever friendly — merry laughter.

Varsity Club, Track, Football, Vis-Ed, Safety Patrol, Hall Patrol.



Edward Schmitt

"Eddie" — man - about - town mode — casually quiet in class — intellectual expression — faithful friendliness.

Basketball.

Dorothy Jean Schneider

"Dot" — lusty laughter — summer suntan — sly subtle flirting — salt water spray and sail boats.

Tri-Hi-Y (Pres. 3), G. A. A., French Club, German Club, Jr.-Sr. Prom, Latin Club, Hall Patrol, Blue Letter, Basketball, Band.



John Slisky

"John" — serious young man — shades of Pennsylvania — faithful brown eyes — sincere smile.

Ann Elizabeth Schveninger

"Ann" — artistic ability — neat chestnut pageboy — true to the Navy — ambitious worker.

G. A. A., Middionettes, Sophomore Dance, Junior Dance, Jr.-Sr. Prom, Hub Club.



Mary Jane Slover

"Janie" — sugar-coated smiles — attractive, trim appearance — blonde — bombshell — baby-blue eyes.

Hub Club, Middionettes, Glee Club, Junior Dance, Jr.-Sr. Prom, Blue Letter, Sophomore Dance, Freshman Dance.

Dolores Helen Semonish

"Dolly" — prospective secretary — quiet and friendly — shy, charming smiles — stars in her eyes.

Basketball, Hub Club, Middionettes, Junior Dance, Sophomore Dance.



Byron Minner Smith

"Smitty" — adorably impudent — the little lover — doleful blue eyes — "good things come in small packages."

Student Government, Blue Letter.

Irene Mabel Shuster

"Irene" — baffling brain power — gifted with good nature — tops in trig — tooting her trombone. Sophomore Dance, Band, Orchestra, Jr.-Sr. Prom, Cabinet, Junior Dance, Basketball, Baseball, Volleyball.



Margaret Anna Smith

"Smitty" — placid gentleness — serious expression — notion for nursing — reserved retiring smiles. Glee Club, Sophomore Dance.

Antonia Ann Sneidar

"Polly"—giggles and guffaws—fluffy blonde curls—excess energy—lively laughing eyes.

G.A.A., Glee Club, Middionettes, Hub Club, Senior Play, Basketball, French Club, Blue Letter, Library Club.



Barbara Ann Straight

"Barbie"—All-American girl—smooth as black velvet—going places in a Plymouth—soothing singing.

Band, Glee Club, Orchestra, Hub Club, G.A.A., Basketball, Tumbling, French Club, Jr.-Sr. Prom, Baseball, Junior Dance.

Bernice Jane Sorensen

"Bernie"—silent domination—casually tailored clothes—drummer doll—contagious chuckles.

Band, Glee Club, Library Club.



Bernice May Sturek

"Bonny"—with a certain pianist—primly proper—singing and dancing—milk-white skin dusted with freckles.

Glee Club, Library Club, Footlights, Hall Patrol, Jr.-Sr. Prom, Freshman Dance, Sophomore Dance, Blue Letter, Modern Dance.

June Karyl Sorg

"Junie"—light lilting laughter—soft sable hair—carefree and bubbling—toasted marshmallows.

Tri-Hi-Y (Sec. 3), Hall Patrol, Glee Club, Jr.-Sr. Prom, Sophomore Dance, Junior Dance, Blue Letter.



John Sullivan

"John"—counter man at Costa's—amusing remarks—carefully concealed intellect—"Our wandering vagabond."

Florence Lottie Staskiewicz

"Flo"—thick curly ringlets—winsome ways—delightful freckles—smiling blue eyes.

Sophomore Dance, Junior Dance.



Anthony Lewis Tagliaboschi

"Tag"—powers of persuasion—jolly joking—the brown house on the avenue—tall, dark and handsome.

Football, Varsity Club, Student Gov't, Jr.-Sr. Prom, Hall Patrol, Baseball, Safety Patrol, Senior Play.

Nicholas James Tate. Jr.

*"Nick"—a smile and a chuckle
—"with Millie"—rich enviable
voice—one swell guy.*

Band, Swing Band.



Anne Marie Uhrin

*"Hank"—acting, her ambition—
chuckles and laughs—personal-
ity plus — friendly, dimpled
smiles.*

Jr.-Sr. Prom, Glee Club, Mid-
dionettes, Blue Letter, Hub Club.

Lois Anita Therkelsen

*"Lois"—lovely little girl man-
ner—pitter patter of raindrops
—fluffy and feathery—cute as
a bunny.*

Band, Glee Club, Hall Patrol.



Roger Alfred Vroom

*"Vroomy"—full of fun—sky
blue eyes—a smile all the while
—sunnyside up.*

Football, Varsity Club, Track.

James Toth

*"Jim"—quiet reserved manner—
dark brown waves—friendliness
in his eyes—gay gleaming smile.*



Rudolph Warade

*"Rudie"—smooth blond hair—
serious moments—likeable lad—
fancy for photography.*

**Bernice Lucille
Trokovich**

*"Bernie"—furry brown hair—
twinkling emerald-tinted eyes—
a smile that lingers.*

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



Jane Waring

*"Jane"—winsome wit—aspiring
artist—individual and unusual—
coy crushes.*

Latin Club, Tri-Hi-Y (Treas.),
German Club, Footlighters, Bas-
ketball, Jr.-Sr. Prom, Bulldog's
Bark, Blue Letter, G. A. A.,
Freshman Dance.

Harry Wilbert

"Harry" — serious sincerity — skill for sketching — impressive industry — quiet laughter.



Viola Ann Wojciechowski

"Bunny" — chewing and chuckling — radiant rosy cheeks — chit chatness of a sparrow — delightful damsel.

Blue Letter, French Club, Hub Club, Basketball, Tumbling, Glee Club, Jr.-Sr. Prom, Senior Play Committee, Junior Dance, Sophomore Dance, Library Club, Middionettes.



Donald Harrison Williams

"Willie" — big brown eyes — smooth good looks — stalking strides — slow shy smiles.

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



Ralph Wuest

"Ralph" — idle moments — tantalizing green eyes — languid laziness — deep sultry voice.

Golf, Football, Varsity Club.



Margueritte Louise Williams

"Peggy Lou" — strawberries and cream — appealing appearance — fresh outdoor attractiveness — cute clothes.

Middionettes.



Robert Yaftek

"Bob" — a life of leisure — never without Bob — shy sleepy smiles — hunting and fishing.



In Memoriam

"To a Loved One"

FRANCES HENRIETTA FIELDING

Always, in our hearts, there will linger a cherished memory of Frances, her sun swept smile, her docile dreamy eyes, her cheerful manner. A Supreme Being sought to take our Frances to His home, one of eternal peace and felicity. Though she has departed from our midst, her spirit and soul will live with us forever.





THE JUNIORS

OPEN LETTER TO THE JUNIORS



Next fall, as Indian summer begins to dress nature in her exquisite colors, our class will haunt the happy halls of M.H.S. no more. In our place will have stepped a new regime of eager seniors. You will be those seniors.

Yours will then be the privilege of marching out first in assembly; for you the *Blue Letter* of 1949 will be published; in your honor the Junior-Senior Prom will be given.

Accompanying this galaxy of glories, is a feeling of importance and responsibility. As seniors, you will always stand in the spotlight. Thus in all you do, you must set a good example. Your personal conduct, your industry, your courtesy—by each of these factors, you will be critically scored. As the senior class, you will be the most exalted representative in your school; you must guard this privilege well, for once lost, it is not easily retained.

As individuals you should exert needed effort to gain all the knowledge you can. Never waste a minute, for all too soon is gone the golden opportunity to learn. To those of you who have worked hard for these years, keep up the good work. To those of you who have not been too careful about your learning, attempt to make up for lost time.

In the midst of all this, do not forget to have fun. Enjoy every second you can. Only one more year remains to fill your hearts with pleasant memories for the future.

If you, Juniors, will follow our advice, your senior year will be a happy one. Profit by our mistakes and you will not regret it.

Last but not least, let us say before we close that we are proud and happy to leave the school to such a wonderful group of boys and girls.

Sincerely,

THE CLASS OF '48





THE SOPHOMORES

THE FRESHMEN





EIGHTH GRADE

SEVENTH GRADE







JOIN
CLUBS



BLUE LETTER

Under the excellent supervision of Miss Haitzsch, the members of the Blue Letter staff worked industriously to present to the student body a bigger and better *Blue Letter*. Helen Davis served capably as editor with Mary Ann Parrella, literary editor, and Caryl Mook, Winifred Peakes, business managers offering able assistance.

With the aid of Miss Reiner, the art department made valuable contributions to the yearbook. Business arrangements were efficiently handled by Mr. Elliot.

The members of the staff are as follows:

Editor—Helen Davis; Literary Editor—Mary Ann Parrella; Literary Staff—Dawn Sloan, Jane Meyers, Janet Meseroll, Eleanor Nelson, Ruth Martin, Dorothy Schneider, Sandra Hanford, Dorothy Harris; Business Managers—Caryl Mook, Winifred Peakes; Business Representatives—Dorothy Drake, Antonia Sneider, Viola Woiciechowski, Mary Cobbs, Byron Smith, Dawn Sloan, Irene Dembitsky, Anna Uhrin, Rita Dayton, Bertha Hill, Helen Sallitt, Catherine Phibbs, Bernice Sturek, Peggy Press, Betty Thomas, Jackie Backus, Eleanor Nelson, Don Kahn, Helen Bruderer, Joyce Christophersen, Florence Webber, Theresa Sorgento, Dorothy Lausten; Typists—Mildred Letsinger, Jennie Booker, Antonia Sneider, Viola Woiciechowski, Bertha Hill, Sophie Cuba, Rose Kaharian; Art Committee—Jane Waring, Richard Murnhy; Photography Chairman—Otto Will; Photography Committee—Roy Groo, Dorothy Schneider, Barbara Cowins, Burr Reeves, Winifred Peakes, June Sorg; Faculty Advisers—L. Haitzsch (General Chairman), A. Elliott (Business Adviser), M. Swank (Business Adviser), S. Reiner (Art Adviser).





STUDENT GOVERNMENT

This year the student government of Metuchen High School has been somewhat revised due to the innovation of the old constitution. A single, more efficient legislature has replaced the former Senate and House of Representatives. In the executive capacities are Joseph Ferenczi and Ronald Petersen, serving as president and vice president respectively. Closely assisting them in their duties is the cabinet. The Supreme Court comprises the judicial branch of the student government.

The government of the junior high school is patterned after that of the senior high school. Faculty advisers for both groups include Mr. Schmidtchen, Miss Daroczy, Mr. Graham, Mr. Wilson, and Miss Gentile.

FOOTLIGHTERS

To teach the fundamentals of stage work and, to act as a play and speech laboratory for those interested in dramatics are the chief functions of the footlighters. *The Man in the Bowler Hat* and *The Valiant* were the two dramas presented by the group on their traditional play night. Miss Talbott serves as director. Officers of the organization are as follows: John Hone, president; Jane Meyers, vice-president; Eleanor Nelson, secretary-treasurer.





MIDDIONETTES

With the aid and advice of Miss Farrell, the girls who comprise this organization have again continued their good work as a service club dedicated to helping those in need of charity. The offices of president, vice-president, secretary and treasurer were held by Ann Schveniger, Lillian Hummer, Rose Kasharian, and Doris Mandell, respectively.

FRENCH CLUB

The purpose of the French Club is to promote general interest in French through pleasurable meetings held monthly. The faculty adviser of this group is Mr. Graham. Bill Kaepernik, president; Marilyn White, vice-president, and Dot Harris, secretary-treasurer served as officers this past year.



GERMAN CLUB

Miss Anker, faculty adviser of the German Club, attempts to foster an interest in the German language, people, and customs through the interesting meetings held monthly. Donald Kahn, Caryl Mook, Anne Nielsen and Ellin Fennessy held the positions of president, vice-president, secretary and treasurer respectively.

HUB CLUB

The main function of the Hub Club is to create interest in increasing speed and accuracy in typing. In addition, the members hope to foster a better understanding of the peoples of the world through a better understanding of the different nationalities in their own group. With Mrs. Swank as their adviser, the following girls held offices this year: Stella Lopatka, president; Pauline Cuccia, vice-president; Mildred Letsinger, treasurer; Jane Doran, recording secretary; Doris Mandell, corresponding secretary.



LIBRARY CLUB

The members of this organization, through their work in the library, have rendered service to the students, assisted the librarian and have become more acquainted with the functions of the library. The officers for the library club are as follows: Bernice Sturek, president; Bill Kaepernik, vice-president; Peggy Press, secretary; Arnold Edwards, treasurer. Miss Brown served as faculty adviser for the group.



HANDICRAFT CLUB

The development of interesting hobbies, through work with crafts, is the chief function of this organization, comprised of seventh and eighth graders. With Miss Reiner as their adviser, the members elected Arthur Kent and Nancy Bovers to serve as president and vice-president.



VIS-ED

Valuable aid is given to the faculty by this group in setting and projecting visual aid films of all types. Mr. Nielsen acts as adviser for the organization. Alois Hejl, president; Robert Ellis, secretary-treasurer, and Jerry Buckley, were the officers for the past year.



PROGRESS and SERVICE

Under the able leadership of Miss Farrell, a new club has been organized in Metuchen High School this year. Similar to the Middionettes, this organization plans to do charitable work. In addition, these girls hope to become more active in other school affairs. Their officers are: president, Lulu Ingram; vice-president, Parthenia Butler; treasurer, Bernice Stallings; secretary, Beatrice McRae; publicity officer, Patricia Blanchard.





HI-Y

The development of good Christian character, through service and entertainment, has once again been the purpose of the Hi-Y. In the past year the group had for its officers: Joseph Ferenczi, president; Ronald Petersen, vice-president; Wallace Graves, secretary; Donald Kahn, treasurer.



VARSITY CLUB

The chief purposes of this organization are to promote good sportsmanship, stimulate interest in athletics and formulate policies of athletics. Mr. Bacha and Mr. Hartland served as faculty advisers. Ronald Petersen, Joseph Ferenczi and Donald Kahn capably fulfilled the respective offices of president, vice-president and secretary-treasurer.



JUNIOR SCIENCE CLUB

The chief purpose of the Junior Science Club is to stimulate interest in science among the seventh and eighth graders. Officers for the group are as follows: president, Phyllis Goodenough; vice-president, Roberta Murawoski; secretary, Carl Murawski; treasurer, Almorian Brown.



STAMP AND COIN CLUB

Under the diligent direction of Mr. Marcason, the members of this organization, through their stamp and coin collecting have promoted fair play and sportsmanship in their hobby. The officers for the past year included: president, Bill Pastor; secretary, Eleanor Ritter; treasurer, Anne Meshanic.

WHAT'S NEW

What's New is a Junior high school newspaper which provides opportunity for self expression through various types of literary and art work. Under the leadership of Miss Muller, Robert Daines, Audrey Wyatt, and Ruth Hohwald served as editor-in-chief, assistant editor, and business manager respectively.



MODERN DANCE

The members of this group wish to gain facility and expression in the modern dance by means of technique classes and rehearsals. The secondary aims are to benefit the participant as to poise and carriage, furnish relaxation and gain a greater appreciation for the dance.



SPECIAL DANCE GROUP

The purpose of the Special Dance Group is to perform for assemblies, exchange assemblies, evening programs, clubs, and hospitals. The girls also strive to attain a higher level of dance technique and expression. Miss McCready served as director for both the Modern Dance and the Special Dance Group.



HALL PATROL

Under the supervision of Ralph Lutes, captain, the Hall Patrol once more continued to maintain order in the halls. Mr. Schmidtchen was faculty adviser with John Hone, Marilyn White, John Remensnyder and Jim Fielding serving as lieutenants.





GLEE CLUB

Under the expert direction of Miss Dean, the Glee Club has grown larger and better. Meeting twice weekly, these boys and girls hope to learn to sing with greater skill, develop a greater appreciation for music and provide pleasure and entertainment through their singing. Helen Rendall acted as secretary for the group.



BAND

The very excellent music played for such school functions as assemblies, games, and parades was furnished by Metuchen High School's own band. In addition to supplying entertainment for the school, the members attempt to promote school spirit through the cooperation achieved by working for a common goal. Once again the band had for its leader, Mr. Atkinson. Under his diligent direction, the band grew larger in size, more powerful in volume, and more expert in playing. Frank Bien occupied the place of drum major while Bernice Sorensen served as secretary.



ORCHESTRA

In addition to having a school band, Metuchen High School also has its very own orchestra. With Mr. Atkinson as the leader, this group plays for noon dances and special affairs held by the school where only a small group is needed.



TWIRLERS

Under the expert leadership of Joyce Christophersen, drum majorette, and Lillian Brune, head twirler, this group of girls gave excellent exhibitions in twirling at football games, school rallies, and assemblies. Their attractive outfits and harmony in performance added a touch of splendor to many affairs.







SPORTS



VARSITY

On Labor Day, the Metuchen High School football practice began and within a month the Metuchen Bulldogs, coached by Mr. Bacha and Mr. Hartland, opened the first game of the 1947 season, by soundly trouncing the Dunellen Destroyers, 30-0.

The following week, the Metuchen gridders traveled to New Brunswick Stadium to face the St. Peter Cardinals who defeated the Blue and White squad 6-0.

The Metuchen boys on home territory downed the Sayreville Raiders 24-6 in a hotly contested grid battle. The game was paced by Hone, Copolla, Cuccia and Kaepernik.

On the 25th of October, the Blue and White team traveled to Rumson where the Bulldogs eked out a close 13-12 victory over Rumson. Nonevitch's extra point on a placement kick saved the day.

The traditional Highland Park game arrived with both teams highly spirited. The stronger Park Team hooted a 20-6 victory over Metuchen and carried home the Goal Post Trophy.

The Bulldogs traveled to North Arlington next and upset the Vikings 7-0. The lone touchdown was scored in the first part of the game with John Hone tossing a ten yard pass to Cuccia who raced thirty yards for the winning points. The Hone-Reeves combination clicked for the extra point.



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R. Vroom
Back

E. Nonevitch
Guard

R. Brune
Tackle

D. Williams
Tackle

R. Kaminski
Back

R. Peterson
Center





FOOTBALL

On a freezing cold, mud splattered and rainy day, the Bacha men lost, 6-0, to Gloucester. This was the unforgettable day that John Hone came down with the mumps thirty seconds before the game.

The season closed on Thanksgiving Day when the annual game with Scotch Plains was played. The Plainsmen beat Metuchen, 19-6. The lone Metuchen touchdown was scored by Bud Reeves.

The Metuchen boys had a fairly successful season with four wins and four losses. The opponents scored 69 points to the Metuchen 86 markers.

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| October | 4 | Dunellen | 30 | 0 | Home |
| | 11 | St. Peter's | 0 | 6 | Away |
| | 18 | Sayreville | 24 | 6 | Home |
| | 25 | Rumson | 13 | 12 | Away |
| November | 1 | Highland Park | 6 | 20 | Home |
| | 8 | North Arlington | 7 | 0 | Away |
| | 15 | Gloucester | 0 | 6 | Away |
| | 27 | Scotch Plains | 6 | 19 | Home |



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J. Ferenczi
Tackle

J. Hone
Back

F. Goldsmith
Guard

J. Kresky
End

W. Kaepernik
Back

B. Reeves
End





J. V. FOOTBALL

This year, Coach J. T. Buckelew started with all new material and made two complete new teams composed of boys who had little or no previous football training. Although one game was won, one tied and four lost, these spirited lads fought hard and paved the way for a successful team in 1948.

In the opening game on October 9th, the little Bulldogs bowed 20-0 to the powerful South River team.

The Metuchen gridders traveled to New Brunswick to face St. Peter's and came home with a 7-0 moral victory over the stronger Cardinal team.

In the next grid battle, the Bulldogs emerged in a 6-6 deadlock with Sayreville. Ken Morris, in the last few minutes, tied

the score on a quarterback sneak.

The Rahway Frosh trounced the Blue and White squad 6-0 in a hard fought battle.

The following week the Metuchen gridders traveled to Highland Park where they defeated the owls 30 to 0 in a one sided battle. Scoring touchdowns were George Knapp on a pass from Ken Morris, Carvella Braender, pass combination, Ken Morris and Hans Rasmussen on right end runs.

The 1947 football season ended when Scotch Plains trounced the Jay Vee's 25-0.

The Blue and White squad tallied 36 points to their opponents 68 markers during the season.

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| October | 9 | South River | 0 | 20 | Home |
| | 14 | St. Peter's | 0 | 7 | Away |
| | 20 | Sayreville | 6 | 6 | Away |
| | 27 | Rahway Frosh. | 0 | 6 | Home |
| November | 4 | Highland Park | 30 | 0 | Away |
| | 17 | Scotch Plains | 0 | 25 | Away |

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VARSITY BASKETBALL

In their first game this season, the Metuchen Courtsters eked out a jubilant win over Scotch Plains, 31 to 29 in the last 40 seconds of the game when Bert Rule made the winning basket.

In the next game, the first time in Metuchen basketball history, the Alumni beat the high school team 37 to 32.

After that, the Dunellen Destroyers won two decisive victories from the Metuchen squad 54-49 and 52 to 32.

Sayreville, in their first meeting with the Bulldogs, defeated our team 63-11, but the Metuchen team cut the next loss to Sayreville down to 42-31.

The Blue and White Courtsters defeated the Trojans 47-44 in their annual basketball contest.

The spirited St. Mary Lions trounced the Metuchen boys 38-26 and 42-29 in two very decisive victories.

In both meetings with Jamesburg, Coach Hartland's boys scalped the Jamesburg Indians 35-30, 45-41.

In the return Scotch Plains game, the Bulldogs suffered a 70 to 18 loss at the hands of the Plainsmen.

Highland Park came off in the first meeting, 71 to 38 over the Metuchen team, and in the second game broke the county scoring record by hitting the century mark to hoot their 100-53 victory over the blue and white team.

In our only meeting with the Cardinals, the Petreans beat Metuchen 75-50 in a hard fought game.

The season ended with 5 wins and 12 losses. "Specks" Ericksen was high scorer by netting 194 markers with Malcolm Wernik, runner-up, scoring 125 points.



Schmidt
Center



R. Canary
Guard



H. Ericksen
Center



M. Wernik
Guard



J. Ferenczi
Guard



B. Rule
Forward

1948 VARSITY BASKETBALL SCHEDULE AND SCORES

| M | O | | | |
|-------------------------|-----|------------------------|----------|------|
| 31 | 29 | Scotch Plains | January | 6-H |
| 32 | 37 | Alumni | January | 9-H |
| 49 | 54 | Dunellen | January | 13-H |
| 11 | 63 | Sayreville | January | 16-A |
| 47 | 44 | Trojans | January | 20-H |
| 26 | 38 | St. Mary's P.A. | January | 23-A |
| 31 | 42 | Sayreville | January | 27-H |
| 32 | 52 | Dunellen | January | 30-A |
| 35 | 30 | Jamesburg | February | 3-H |
| 18 | 70 | Scotch Plains | February | 6-A |
| 38 | 71 | Highland Park | February | 10-A |
| 50 | 75 | St. Peter's | February | 13-A |
| 29 | 42 | St. Mary's | February | 17-H |
| 45 | 41 | Jamesburg | February | 20-A |
| 53 | 100 | Highland Park | February | 24-H |
| COUNTY TOURNAMENT GAMES | | | | |
| 40 | 27 | Perth Amboy Vocational | | |
| 30 | 68 | Carteret | | |





J. V. BASKETBALL



Coach Clarence Bacha's boys won seven games and lost eight contests in the 1948 Basketball Season.

In the opening game, the little Bulldogs lost to Scotch Plains 60-26 and later in the season dropped the other Plains game 36-17.

The Clara Barton team eked out a win over the Metuchen courtsters 31-29 in a closely contested battle.

Both Dunellen games were lost 41 to 31 and 32 to 23.

The Blue and White team split even with Sayreville, losing the first 31-11 and winning the second contest 35 to 14.

The Bulldogs, in a very low scoring game, trounced the Rangers 19 to 10.

The St. Mary's Lions beat the Metuchen boys 44 to 27 in the first meeting, but the Metuchen team turned the tables and defeated (very closely) the Lions 29 to 28 in the second meeting.

The Metuchen quintet scalped the Jamesburg Indians 55 to 34 and 26-24.

Still in a winning streak, the blue team beat St. Peter's 50 to 22 and trounced the Highland Park Owls, 41 to 40 in the first meeting.

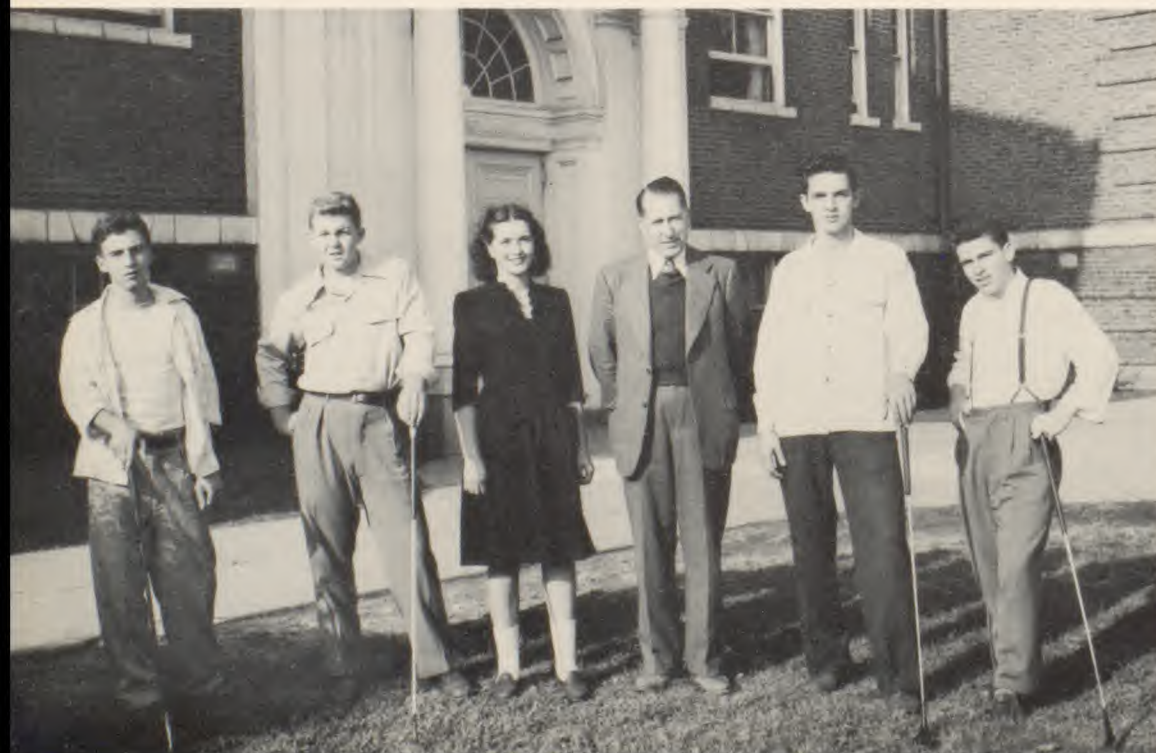
The Park team in the final game of the season defeated the Bulldogs 51 to 30 for a decisive victory.

Although the Jay Vee's scored 449 markers to their opponents 498 points, the season turned out comparatively successful. There were no outstanding scorers but Bob Geczi, Bill Herrick and Hartley Wuest set the pace for the team.

Metuchen's golf team experienced a successful season last year, winning six matches and losing only three. Twice, our boys defeated teams from Rahway and Saint Peter's. They were the victors in a home match with Scotch Plains, but were defeated by that same team in their own course. North Plainfield succeeded in beating our golfers both at home and away. In the State Tournament, our team was in the upper half at the end of the morning round, but because of the illness of two players, the team was disqualified in the afternoon session.

The members of the golf team consisted of Al Smith, captain; Ralph Wuest, Al Caravella, Fred Goldsmith, Robert Barret and Phil Cometo. As their coach, Mr. Buckelew offered the golfers able assistance. Gene Teruli served as manager.

GOLF





1947 BASEBALL SEASON

In the 1947 Baseball Season, the Metuchen team won five games and lost ten. The Bulldogs dropped both games to Sayreville 15-0, 6-0. Carteret defeated the Metuchen diamonders 5-1 and 9-1. The Bulldogs split even with Jamesburg winning 3-2 and losing 6-4. The St. Peter Cardinals triumphed twice, 13-10 and 9-2. The Hartland boys won 12-10 over Rahway. The Metuchen team broke even with Scotch Plains winning 7-2 in the first game and losing 12-0 in the second. The

Metuchen ball players defeated New Brunswick Vocational 12-0 and 3-2. The Bulldogs lost 12-2 to Highland Park and dropped the County Tournament Match, 4-3 to Highland Park in a last inning scoring spree. Mr. Hartland coached the team. Metuchen had 67 runs to their opponents 107. Bob Smithson was high with .386 batting average; Russ Morris was second with .302 batting average, and Bill Sheehy, third with a batting average of .296.





CROSS COUNTRY AND TRACK

Metuchen opened its Cross-Country track season with a bang, defeating both the Varsity and Junior Varsity teams of New Brunswick High School. Metuchen also defeated Westfield's Varsity team, even though it was unofficial. The season was concluded when Metuchen placed sixth in the State Cross-Country Championships.

The Indoor track team had a very successful season. The climax occurred when Jimmy Fielding successfully defended his national and state sixty yard dash title. This is the first time in state history that this feat has been accomplished.

At the State Indoor relay championships, a team comprised of Ken Lane, Ralph Vollmar, Pete Rolland and Jack Hone won the two mile title. The one and seven eighths medley team, consisting of Bob Ellis, Robert Todt, Donald Kahn, and Boyd Johnson placed third in the contest.

Both the Cross-Country and Indoor Track teams were coached admirably by Mr. Wilson.

The Outdoor Track team succeeded in defeating teams from Rahway, St. Peter's, New Brunswick, and Carteret. In close meets with South River, Scotch Plains, Rutgers Prep, Highland Park, and Perth Amboy, the opponents were the final winners. Our team placed third in the high school class mile relay at Seton Hall College's Relay Carnival and likewise placed third in the Central Jersey Track and Field Championships.

The team consisted of John Hone, Jimmy Fielding, Don Williams, Peter Rolland, Kenny Lane, Charlie Butler, Boyd Johnson, Roger Vroom, Ken Baumann, Robert Viquerat, John Remensnyder, R. White, A. Nielsen, Renny Peterson, L. Correll, L. Hejl, B. Ellis, E. Steingrebe, and B. Jones. Mr. Wilson coached the track team while Mr. Bacha worked with field events.

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CHEERLEADERS

The vim and vigor of the Metuchen High School cheerleaders once again lent an exciting atmosphere to the various sports events. These girls, through their own pep and vivacity, led the entire student body in cheers and songs at all the foot-

ball and basketball games.

The new Junior Varsity squad was inaugurated at the first pep rally and was welcomed with a hearty reception. Next year Sue Meyers, Rose Winchigel, Katherine Phibbs, Jean Hawley and Phyllis Letson will once more be cheering our fellows to victory.

Now it comes time to say farewell to the Varsity squad, Betty Hansen, Barbara Cowins, Ruth Melillo and Evelyn Hubble, who have done a noteworthy job for the past two years.



TRI-HI-Y

The Tri-Hi-Y, which is an organization composed of sophomore, junior and senior girls, hopes to create, maintain, and extend throughout the school, church, and community a higher standard of Christian living. Meetings are held semi-monthly to transact important business and to discuss future activities. The officers of the Tri-Hi-Y are as follows: Dorothy Harris, Dorothy Drake, co-presidents; Kitty Kolb, vice-president; Helen Davis, secretary; Jane Waring, treasurer. Miss Crowell and Miss Leis served as advisers for the group.

TUMBLING

Those girls from grades seven to twelve, interested in acrobatics, had an opportunity to learn many new tricks and exercises in tumbling this year, as in previous years. Every Thursday afternoon, under the direction of Miss Crowell, the tumblers met in the gym to participate in this very popular activity.





G. A. A.

For the ninth consecutive year, the Girls' Athletic Association has been organized to give girls with outstanding ability in physical education a greater opportunity to participate in athletics. Under the direction of Miss Crowell, all girls from seventh to twelfth grades, who have taken part in after school sports regularly, are eligible to join the G.A.A. the following year. The girl who has been the most active in athletics is presented an award at the end of the year.

Of the many activities sponsored by this organization, two of the most popular are basketball games played between girls' teams of different schools and the sale of candy at all home sport events.

The officers for the current year are Eleanor Chaplar, president; Phyllis Letson, vice president, Mary Cobbs, secretary.

Every Monday and Tuesday of this fall season found girls from the senior high school playing basketball in the gymnasium. The development of sound minds and bodies, the promotion of good sportsmanship, and the enjoyment derived from playing the games constituted the three-fold purpose of this group.

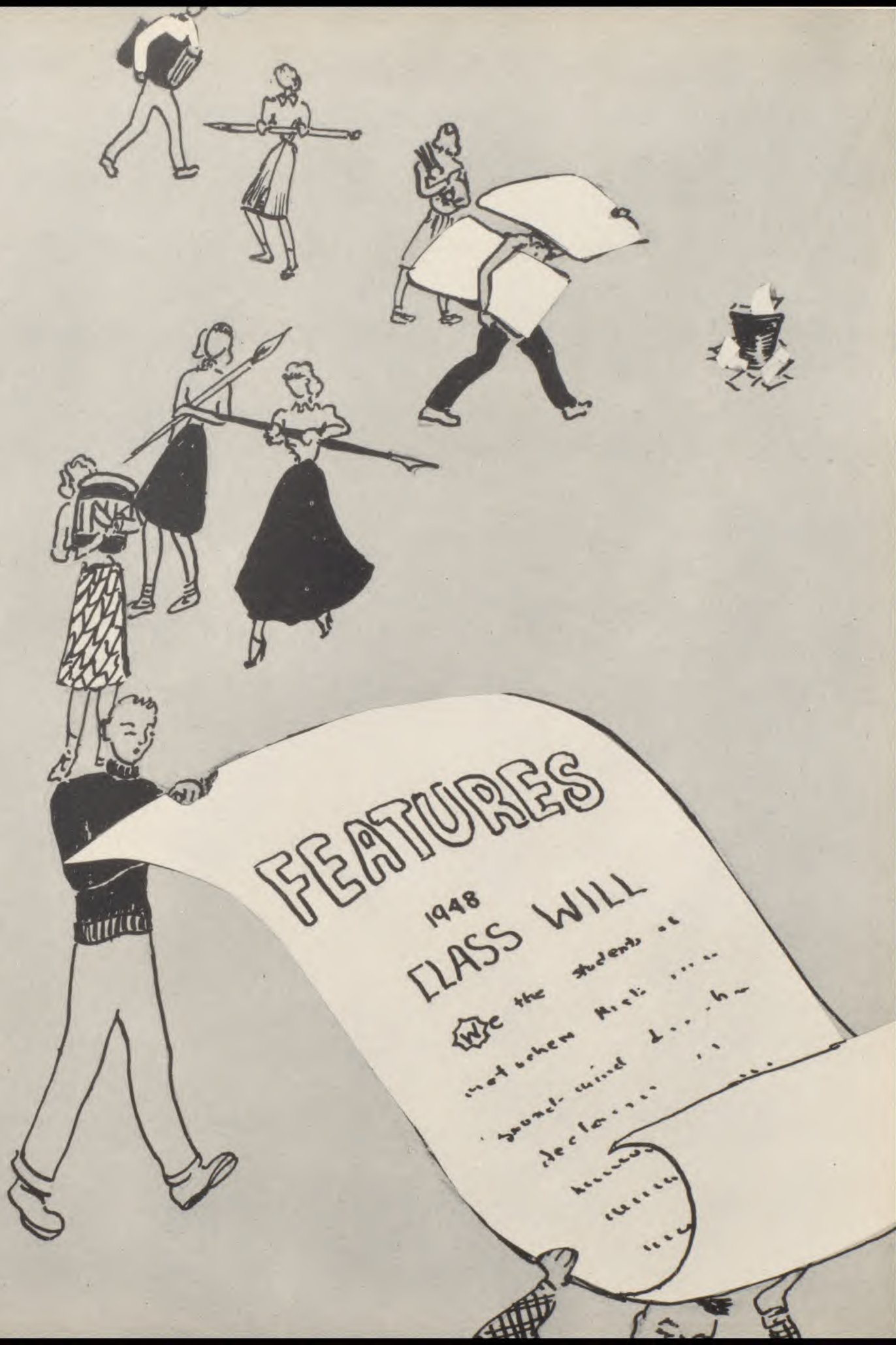
Coached admirably by Miss Crowell, there were four major teams, the *Freshmen*, *Sophomores*, *Juniors*, and *Seniors*. There is friendly rivalry among these teams each season, at the conclusion of which the most victorious team is selected.

Play days, also arranged by the girls, are held with girls' basketball teams in the neighboring schools.

GIRLS' BASKETBALL

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SERIOUS
PEOPLE

BUY

BLUE LETTER



7.



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27.

Modern Dance

Dress

Rehear

tonight



1.

CLASS POLL

| | BOY | GIRL |
|---------------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| 1—Best Looking | Ray Groo | Eleanor Gyuran |
| 2—Most Popular | Joe Ferenczi | Betty Hansen |
| 3—Best Dressed | Ray Groo | Elizabeth Kriegel |
| 4—Best All-Round | Joe Ferenczi | Betty Hansen |
| 5—Most Dramatic | Peter Campbell | Mary Ann Parrella |
| 6—Most Sophisticated | Ray Groo | Janet Meseroll |
| 7—Biggest Flirt | Roger Canary .. | Mary Ann Parrella |
| 8—Cutest | Bob Yaftek | Sophie Cuba |
| 9—Most Likely to Succeed | Donald Kahn | Irene Shuster |
| 10—Nicest Smile | Stanley Kozal | Mary Cobbs |
| 11—Nicest Eyes | Bob Jones | Helen Davis |
| 12—Noisiest | George Coddington .. | Pauline Cuccio |
| 13—Most Reserved | Carl Newman | Margaret Smith |
| 14—Class Baby | Joe Kreskey | Lois Therkelsen |
| 15—Class Go-Getter | Don Kahn | Caryl Mook |
| 16—Biggest Apple Polisher | Donald Kahn .. | Mary Ann Parrella |
| 17—Wittiest | John Sullivan | Jane Waring |
| 18—Most Athletic | Ray Kaminski | Eleanor Chaplar |
| 19—Best Natured | Joe Ferenczi | Betty Hansen |
| 20—Most Creative | Richard Murphy | Jane Waring |
| 21—Most Talented | Nick Tate | Joyce Christophersen |
| 22—Most Bashful | Bob Meshanic | Margaret Smith |
| 23—Laziest | Bert Rule | June Sorg |
| 24—Teacher's Torment | Ed Noneyitch | Jane Waring |
| 25—Most Studious | Donald Kahn | Irene Shuster |
| 26—Most Mischievous | George Coddington .. | June Sorg |
| 27—Most Angelic | Jack Hone | Betty Hansen |
| 28—Most Dignified | Ray Groo | Ellin Fennesty |
| 29—Most Ambitious | Donald Kahn | Caryl Mook |
| 30—Biggest Bluff | Buddy Reeves | Jeanne Gilman |
| 31—Nicest Personality | Joe Ferenczi | Betty Hansen |
| 32—Class Couple | Tony Tagliavoschi .. | Ruth Melillo |

THERE WILL BE A
BUS TO THE NEXT
BASKETBALL GAME
IF YOU WANT TO GO
SEE DOT JONES
BY THURSDAY



8.

Hall Patrol!

Dot Schme

Jack

ELEANOR

June

James

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CLEE CLUB

Monday Noon - Girls
Tuesday Noon Boys



SENIOR PLAY PRACTICE

Mon Act II + III
Tues " I
Wed " II + III
Thurs " I
Fri " I, II, III

NOON DANCE
TOMORROW
AT
12:15



BASKETBALL

lost! a red wallet
containing key,
photos and licence
Please return to
Ruth Brinkman



SCHEDULE



JUNIOR WILL

We, the seniors being of sound mind and body (we hope) declare this our last will and testament. With a hope for success and happiness, we hereby bequeath to you:

Althausen, Rita—happiness; Backus, Jacquelyn—bubbling laughter; Balough, Audrey—a man to manage; Beck, Nancy—twirling; Bercheiko, Stephen—that 95 in history; Berger, Geraldine—"Danny Boy"; Bein, Franklin—a house for his harem; Birdsall, Helen—a little noise; Birdsall, John—everything he wants; Bradstreet, James—more wise cracks; Braender, Ray—a singing voice for Barbara; Brinkmann, Ruth—more piano keys; Brown, Crystal—the law of gravity; Broxmeyer, Nancy—those navy men; Bruderer, Helen—boys from Pennsylvania; Brunstetter, Edith—"My Hero"; Butler, Charles—Love and Friendship Always; Butler, Parthenia—a retiring manner; Campilongo, Joan—a short "bob" and an alarm clock; Canary, Mary—continued friendship of Christine Steingrebe; Caravella, Alfred—a quiet manner; Cappola, Frank—head of the "Delaware, Lackawanna" Trio; Cuccia, Frank—a copy-right on that wave; Czemeris, Vera—her heart's desire; D'Andrade, Roy—biting humor; Davis, Margaret—an alarm clock; Day, Sally—musical inclination; DeNoyes, Elizabeth—life and Pep; Dodds, Edward—his boys, "The Rangers"; Dunn, Edgar—trout flies and rods; Esso, Anna—more 95's; Erickson, Herman—basketball and baseball; Estok, William—a "dot" for every i; Fendt, Florence—"noise makers"; Fenton, Richard—"his sailboats"; Fielding, James—more "Beck"-ons; Fife, Barbara—Hi-Ho Silver; Gray, Mary Jean—ability to disturb peace; Grecco, Jo Hanna—baseball; Griffen, Pola—first of the Big Three; Hanford, Sandra—those West Orange weekends; Harris, Dorothy—all her work "Dunne"; Hart, Lawrence—a lil speed; Hawley, Jean—a man to call her own; Heisler, Dorothy—a successful singing career; Herrick, William—those looks he gives all the girls; Hill, Donald—success in his writing career; Howald, Nancy—her Rutgers man; Hutchinson, Emma Jane—a "quiet" laugh; Ingram, Lulu Belle—a prize for jitterbugging; Jarema, Julia—a "Tommy" gun, an alarm clock; Jeppeson, John—just anything; Johansen, Betty—5' 5" of height; Johnson, Boyd—California Girls; Johnson, Inger—follow in her sister's footsteps; Jones, Lois—typing position; Kalinuk, Adelaide—"A Guy named Joe"; Kalkanis, Dorothy—anything she wants; Kalkanis, Theodore—nites on a motor scooter; Kamlah, Barbara—her curly locks; Kindle, Helen—a "Scotch" accent; Kline, Shirley—her knitting; Knox, Catherine—2nd of big "3"; Kramerick, Betty—An Alarm Clock; Laing, Ann—a pane of "glass"; Lane, Kenneth—more camping trips; Lausten, Dot—"My Buddy"; Letson, Phyllis—those collegiate men; Limoli, Donald—Jimmy's friend; Lombardo, Arthur—a new car; Macak, Rudy—the "Clara Barton" girls; Mahler, Doris—an artist's career; Meyer, Suzanne—"to cheer for Hans"; Mills, Barbara—"Rayny" Weather; Morris, Anabel—those square dances; Morris, Russell—sophomore girls; Morse, Richard—Peggy and; Muha, George—Mr. Kilian's Position; Myers, Jane—Intellect; Nielsen, Anne—everything; Nielsen, John—A French poem to learn; Peake, Marilyn—"47" Alumni; Peake, Thomas—football; Pedersen, Laverne—more parties; Perdue, Edward—Frank Sinatra II; Perry, Dorothy—sports; Peterson, Charles—insults and more insults; Peterson, Ray—rides on that motor scooter; Phibbs, Catherine—more grilled cheese sandwiches for those boys; Pochik, Frank—more old cars; Prehodka, Dolores—long hair; Quinn, Barry—Miss Haitch's desk; Rasmussen, Alfred—everything; Rasmussen, Hans—"Sue"-ing for happiness; Remensnyder, John—a "cracker" for Polly; Rowe, George—the moon and the stars; Russell, Mary Lou—"Californy" here I come; Salamone, Edward—some more homework; Salamone, Jerry—a girl "Doran" study hall; Sawczak, Michael—success at "colors"; Schmidt, Richard—shorter physics assignments; Shannon, Louise—more A's; Sloan, Dawn—less dignity; Smith, Selwyn—more slide rules; Sorenson, Ronald—Lute's job; Sorgento, Theresa—more dignity; Steingrebe, Christine—just everything; Stillwaggon, Shirley—a tall boy; Stofa, Betty—Plainfield Road; Sullivan, Doris—fancy hair do's; Thomas, Betty—Leap Year in Woodbridge; Thomas, Harold—A Public Speaking

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Career; Tietchen, Betty—anything she wants; Van Allan, Bob—a new driver's license; Varga, Dorothy—A "Canary" Bird; Viquerat, Vivian—brother; Vollmar, Ralph—Germany; Warade, Olga—some plain shirts; Webber, Florence—Blue Pontiac Nights; Weigel, Philip—noise; Weissert, Geraldine—a chemical genius; Wernik, Malcolm—2nd tenor of Delaware Lackawanna; White, Marilyn—more subtle looks; White, Patrick—a comedian's position; White, Rachel—New Brunswick; Whitman, Gerald—one of the twins; Will, Otto—a photography career; Winchigel, Rose—all her cheers; Wuest, Artley—more basketball success.

Familiar Sayings of Students and Teachers

Mr. Herb—"Seriously people." . . . "The bell is going to ring in a minute people."
 Mr. Schmidtchen—"So what." . . . "Don't be facetious."
 Miss Haitich—"Now people."
 Mr. Gerheart—"Stop your griping!"
 Mr. Graham—"Turn it off for a while."
 Mr. Elliot—"It isn't exact, but it will do."
 Mr. Hartland—"Man-O-Man!"
 Mr. Wilson—"Just one more jump."
 Miss Farrell—"I'll wait."
 Miss Talbott—"Project."
 John Sullivan—"My good woman."
 Helen Davis—"And everything like that."
 Ralph Lutes—"Got a pass?"
 Bert Rule—"I forfeit."
 Aqualine Linczyk—"Is that right?"
 Joe Ferenczi—"Neat!"
 Viola Wojciechowski—"All the time."
 Bill Kapernik—"I'm telling you lady!"
 Sophie Cuba—"Oh great!"
 Randall Brune—"Hey big boy!"

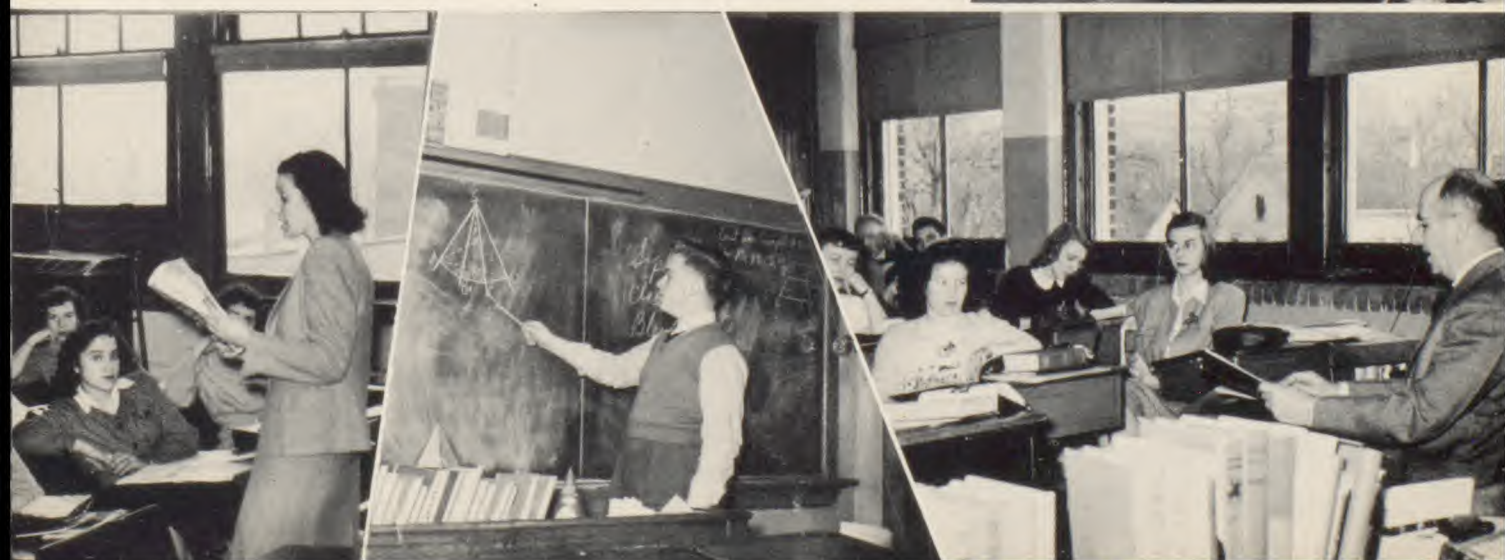
TEACHERS POLL

Best looking
 Best dressed
 Best natured
 Best dancer
 Best "Good Sport"
 Most serious
 Most versatile
 Most dramatic
 Most respected
 Wittiest
 Nicest Smile
 Nicest Eyes

Woman
 Miss Denny
 Miss Haitich
 Miss Farrell
 Miss McCready
 Miss Farrell
 Miss Anker
 Miss Talbott
 Miss Haitich
 Miss Sparkes
 Miss Talbott
 Miss McCready
 Miss Haitich

Man
 Mr. Hartland
 Mr. Marcason
 Mr. Buckelew
 Mr. Marcason
 Mr. Buckelew
 Mr. Herb
 Mr. Schmidtchen
 Mr. Herb
 Mr. Schmidtchen
 Mr. Elliot
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WE WILL REMEMBER

When fall comes back again
And schoolmates are returning,
For us there will be no school,
Only sorrow and yearning.

Not like a pretty flower
That has withered away,
Will be our thoughts of school
And report card day.

We will remember the study hall,
The passing bell,
Our history text books and
The stories they tell.

We will remember,
As in days gone by,
How we sat in our classes
Such memories never die.

We will remember the joys
That we shared,
When a test was returned
And our marks were compared.

We will remember
The confusion at noon,
The beating of the drums
Or a musical tune.

We will remember
The passing of a friend,
The time that we cut class
And our A's came to an end.

We will remember
The Blue Letter days,
Our talking out of turn
And the price that we paid.

We will remember
Time Magazine,
And Footlighter plays,
Scene after scene.

We will remember
Our courses and our teachers,
And the basketball games
We saw from the bleachers.

We will remember
The Junior-Senior Proms,
The T. B. test,
And the patch on our arms.

We will remember
The football cheer,
Inspired by the great heroic team
Of that year.

We will remember
The band in all its splendor,
The twirlers, the cheerleaders
And each job that they rendered.

We will remember
In these our last days
The importance of school,
And the part that it plays.

We will remember
The information obtained,
As with God for our leader,
Our goals in life we gained.

With the coming of next fall,
In the month of September,
You of M. H. S.
We shall remember!

Nick Tate, '48

WHERE I CAN NEVER GO

The sun was rising in the sky,
The day was very bright,
And as I looked about me
I saw a lovely sight.

The dew was sprinkled on the grass
Like diamonds everywhere,
I guessed the fairy ladies
Would wear them in their hair.

The mist was slowly going
To where, I do not know,
I guess it went to fairy land
Where I can never go.

Mildred Pipik, '48

THE DAWN

The moon was sinking in the West
The stars were growing pale
And as I glanced across the sky
A shooting star did sail.

Oh! What a lovely night it was
I hoped it would not go
But when I looked into the East
A stream of light did flow.

And then I knew it was the sun
The lovely night was gone
And as I saw the last stars fade
I knew that it was . . . DAWN.
Mildred Pipik, '48

THE NOON

The sun was rising in the sky
And brighter still it grew
It peeped into the buttercups
And dried the shining dew.

Oh, what a happy day it was;
To think it must pass on!
But still the sun beat on the earth
And now the mist had gone.

And then the earth grew dry with dust
It all had come so soon
I realize now that time had passed—
The day had worn to . . . NOON.
Mildred Pipik, '48

MEMORIES OF M.H.S.

The march is starting and I have an awkward feeling deep inside of me. It's just a feeling that can't be explained—as when you lose something that's been the dearest thing you ever possessed.

My mind is whirling and visions of my riotous times all through my high school career are now committing themselves to my subconscious—

Remember the first time we entered the portals of M.H.S. and got ourselves lost among hundreds of new pupils who also were enthralled by a new adventure about to overcome them?

How, when the first time I had to make an oral report, my voice sounded different, my pulse beat faster, and my feet were aching to run to another

territory, but, when it was all over how calm, relieved and satisfied I was that it was accepted as good.

Of course, there are such memories both sad and pleasant which will never leave my memory—the fun we had sharing each other's friendship, the time we had to make a decision as to the color and type of gowns we were going to wear to the Prom, and the moment we waited for the door to open and our dates to walk in with our first corsages.

My head is beginning to reel and I seem to hear music—Oh! It's my turn to walk off the stage and start my climb to another career which will fill my life with new and different customs and add another graduate to the scroll of Metuchen High School.

Acquiline Linczyk, '48

MOTHER NATURE

Why do you make the sky so blue to match the mountain tops of blue?
Why do you make the trees so brown to match earth's wearing crown?
Why do you make the water clear to match the essence of a tear?
Why does each hilltop reflect now rainbows of colors to take a bow?
Why are your structures erected thus to show sturdiness of your skill?
Is it Mother Nature to bring to eye, enjoyments of life never to die,
In the souls of man's wondrous flight to conquer the everlasting dreams
of plight.

Acquiline Linczyk, '48

SUNSET

The hot, dusty air of afternoon turns to a cool, refreshing breeze. The songs of the whippoorwill and killdeer are silent—conquered by the "evening symphony" so splendidly performed by the insects of the underbrush. And then it happens—the white, fluffy clouds, which all day tirelessly roamed the deep blue sky are no longer white—but a rich, deep purple, magically spread across a sky, one minute red—the next gold and deep yellow—then the same rich, deep purple, when combined makes nature's most magnificent work of art—Sunset.

This mysterious phenomenon of nature has always been the subject of artists, poets, and musicians, trying in vain to capture an ever changing array of colors, so splendidly strewn across the great heavens.

Across the hot, still deserts of our West is where one can fully appreciate this sight. Blended in with the majestic purple mountains, our sunset is at its best. It is the time of day when all the day's work is at rest—and the silence of evening is expressed by the coming of the first star, the star, which like a guardian, makes a cowboy pause and bow his head in reverie and give thanks. A day is through.

Josephine Kuncewicz, '48

"PARADISE"

Wherever mates are gathered 'round
You'll find much talk of every sort;
Some talk of times they've run aground,
And others of a far-off port.

Well, mates, I'd like to tell you boys
About a port in far-off land—
A place where strife and heartache ends,
And souls are clean as ocean sands.

This port is free from life's sharp reefs;
Into its portals ships may sail,
Discharge their loads of stabbing griefs,
And anchor safe from any gale.

Now, Jim here says there's no such place;
He never saw it on a chart,
So, boys, I'll tell you to your face,
The only passport to this land lies in the matey's heart.

Peter Campbell, '48

THE BATTLE THAT SOME MUST SURVIVE

The hands of the clock in room 35 fairly zoomed around on their tiny spindle. If only I didn't have to go through those two horrible minutes of passing.

There it was, eleven minutes of, and with fear and trembling I gathered up my books and walked into the hall. The first beaming face which I saw as I rounded the corner was that of Ralph who had jumped on my empty post a minute early, thinking that I would not be on time. I gently, but firmly, shoved him on down the hall and then tried to compose myself for the coming battle. The big clock buzzed once more and just as water rushes over a broken dam, the babbling boys and girls swarmed into the hall. Being knocked off my post by the first

impact, I struggled to regain my position. Oh!! That bang on my head was just Jake having his little joke. Next the backs of my heels were the objectives as Tom and Jane each took care of one. Then, of course, there had to come the climax—a squeeze play—beautifully staged by two neat sophomores, one pushing from the back, the other from the front—this all accompanied by, "Look, a pancake!" Finally, after what seemed an eternity, the crowd dwindled and there were only couples saying their fond good-byes to tide them over the next forty minutes.

Thus goes the life of the hall patrol member who wonders from passing to passing whether he will live through another such experience.

Phyllis Letson, '49

METAMORPHOSIS

A youth, who for knowledge was yearning,
Stepped through these great portals of learning.
His studies he stressed;
Accomplished his quest;
And, a man, faced a world for his earning.

Don Kahn, '48

GOAL LINE STAND ON BUNKER HILL

Oh man, what a rough football practice we had today! I take a beating every day, but my name, Bill Prescott, never gets in the headlines.

I wish my history homework were done. Gosh, I'm sleepy . . . says something here about the Battle of Bunker Hill . . . mighty sleepy . . . hero was Colonel William Prescott . . . took three tries for British to get up the hill . . . sleepy . . . zzzz . . .

"Today is the big game. Your announcer is Benedict Arnold; I'm impartial to both sides. The right tackle of Bunker Hill High School's Minute Boys is hurt. He will be replaced by Bill Prescott.

Here we are, folks, and here comes the big red team of Englisher High. I don't possibly see how the Minute Boys can win. They are thoroughly outnumbered in every position.

Well, ladies and gentlemen, there goes the kick-off; it's a beauty taken at the end of the Bunker Hill High School field by the red team. This is something spectacular to see. The whole red team is marching straight ahead. That forward wall seems impregnable. The Minute Boys have spread themselves out and here they come. Look at that! The Englisher High line is being broken and the ball carrier is being thrown for a loss by substitute, Bill Prescott.

All right, the Red Team has gathered itself again. Maybe they'll try some tricky stuff this time.

But no, here they come; they are trying to reach pay dirt by brute force alone. Will they make it?

The Minute Boys are going to try to stop them by employing the same defensive tactics that proved to be so successful on the last play. There they go and the Minute Boys have done it again. Each Minute Boy picked a man and took him out while Prescott mowed down Captain Gage of the Red Team.

Here comes a host of new men into the contest for Englisher High. We are getting ready for a third charge and here it comes. The Minute Boys have nothing left to throw at the red scoring machine. They're tired and have no replacements. Can they hold?

There it is, the inevitable, Englisher, after three attempts, finally made it; but did you ever see a frontal attack formation run off a single wing to the right with a man in motion? Why Metuchen could go places with that. This formation reminds me of something that happened in history. A war - - - etc. - - -"

"Bill! Wake up. Is this how you do your history?"

"Oh, I know all about history, Pop. Why we kept those British Redcoats from scoring until the third try when they brought in a fresh team, and I was the star of the game."

Don Limoli, '49

THE LONELY ROAD HOME

*This is the tale of my lonely walk home after
an evening of basketball practice*

The practice had ended—a dreary thought,
And when starting home, in the rain I was caught.
I was all alone on this very dark road,
So I tried to use the hitch-hiker's code;
But the cars kept going swiftly by,
And I watched in disgust, with an angry sigh.
Having nothing to do but walk and walk,
I at last began with myself to talk;
I hoped that my brother would come with his car,
Though I scarcely believed it would go that far;
Then I heard a noise and started to run—
First I went slowly, then "gave it the gun."
I was running along with what speed I could find,
When suddenly I heard footsteps from behind.
I ran even faster, as fast as I could,
At my heels was a man, face concealed by a hood,
Through two holes in the hood fearful eyes shone
out

And I knew not whether to run or to shout—
As nearer I drew to the dark "Danish Home"
I realized terror, for I was alone—
I sped over the tracks and up the hill;
You'd think I was Jack, and my follower, Jill.
I reached the top, and away I flew
Just as a rabbit that's frightened will do.
I saw my house, not far away,
And then with fatigue I began to sway;
I forced myself on for, to my surprise,
I believed I still might escape those eyes.
I approached my house with glee and joy,
When from behind, someone called, "Ahoy!"
I ran into the house, and explained to Mother
But the joke was one me—
I'd been chased by my brother.

Frank Coppola, '49

THE DISAPPOINTMENT

Somehow Johnny felt uneasy. He had completed his test, checked over his answers and apparently found no mistakes. He had attempted to solve every problem and, as far as he could see, the test was perfect. But, of course, that's the way it always seems to be, especially in Algebra tests, and, somehow Johnny could not help feeling uneasy.

There were two more minutes to go, then Miss Jeanette would collect the papers and the fate of his Algebra mark for this marking period would be fixed. Oh, how Johnny feared! He had been unlucky, this marking period, very unlucky, in fact. In the first two tests, he had earned seventy-three and seventy-six, respectively, and then had missed a third one. So this test now would count double and decide his final mark.

"Brrrr . . ." There went the bell.

"All papers, please," Johnny heard Miss Jeanette say; then the boy in front of him took his paper, and Johnny walked out of the room.

Throughout the next periods, Johnny was unusually distracted. Oh, if he only knew what he had received in that Algebra test! If he only got eighty-five or better—everything would be saved. However, if it was lower, Miss Jeanette was perfectly justified in giving him a seventy-five, tomorrow when the report cards would be filled out. And then—oh, Johnny could not think further. What disgrace!

Remarkable, how slowly periods sometimes can pass; Johnny was really surprised when he finally was through and found himself walking home. Not a minute could he get his thoughts off his Algebra test. There were times when he definitely knew that he had failed, and then again others when he hoped for a final eighty. But when he reached home, he was convinced that seventy-five was the highest he could hope for.

Somehow dinner didn't taste the way it usually did, Johnny thought, as he got up from the table. He had reached the conclusion that there was no hope left, but he nevertheless included a petition for

a marking period mark of *eighty* in his evening prayer.

The night was long and restless. Johnny suddenly woke up, heavily perspiring. He suddenly remembered that he hadn't handed in his last Algebra homework assignment. "Well, that settles it," he thought, as he fell back into his pillow and went to sleep again.

Usually Johnny had a hard time getting up, even on report card days like this, but today he could not wait until the alarm clock went off. At eight-thirty sharp, he left home, so eager was he to reach school!

Terrible, how slowly time sometimes can creep. And "What an eternity can be between two periods," thought Johnny. Finally in the second period Miss Jeanette began marking report cards and handing back tests. Johnny's silent prayers could have moved rocks. And why, I ask thee, must his last name begin with "U"? The period was nearly over, when Johnny had his report card handed back plus the test.

Johnny did not look at it at once—the shock would have been too great. "If I have an eighty, I'll give fifty cents to the *Blue Letter*," he vowed. Then he looked at the card.

100% in the test! 80% in Algebra! Johnny almost fainted. The anti-climax that took place robbed him of his breath.

There were two more minutes to go. And that time apparently sufficed to give Johnny back his usual amount of energy. For, when the bell finally buzzed, Johnny slowly walked up to Miss Jeanette's desk.

"Excuse me, Miss Jeanette," Johnny said in a polite voice, "but I just wanted to ask—hmm, I thought, I meant, you see, you gave me an eighty—but after all—that last test—I had a hundred, and didn't it count double? Well, I thought—I only meant—I perhaps deserve something more like an eighty-five . . . ?"

Richard Schmidt, '49

A NEWCOMER TO METUCHEN HIGH SCHOOL

As if it were only yesterday, I remember my first day at Metuchen High. While I ate my breakfast that morning, I could picture myself slowly entering a classroom where everyone would suddenly look up and stare at me as if I were the first person they had seen in years. To my great surprise and relief, this wasn't the way things happened at all. When I walked bravely into my first class, everyone looked up and smiled instead of staring and after the class was over, someone was there to help me find my next class. All during the day, I believe, my classmates went out of their way to be nice and I had no regrets in coming to Metuchen High.

I will say to any newcomer here, "You'll find no other school half as friendly as Metuchen High."

Barbara Andrew, '50

OVER THE OCEAN WAVES

Over the ocean waves
A graceful seagull soars,
Dipping his shadowy wings
To the purple foam beneath.

Over the ocean waves
Glides a steel gray ship
Turning up mountains of sea
In an effort to go beyond.

Oh, a thousand things can cross the seas,
Yet I must remain on the shore,
Where the sand is sifted between my toes
And the meadow larks rejoice.

Mary McKerihan, '51

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Acme Market
Ambrose Bus Service—Dunellen
Capitol Servicenter
Celotex
Corner Confectionery
Culver's
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Dee-Dee Shoppe
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