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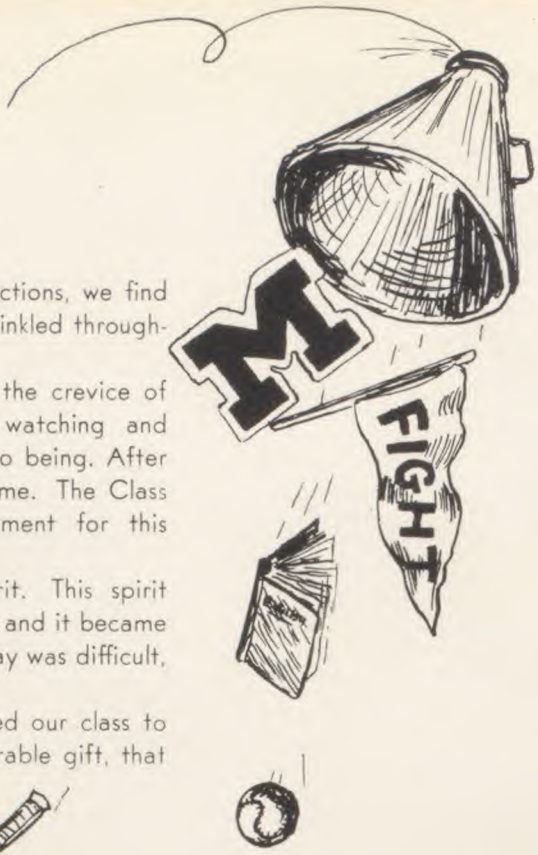
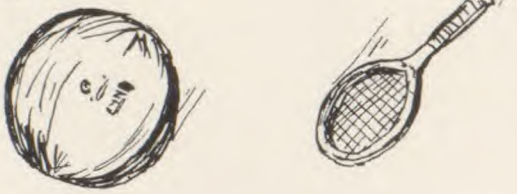


Peering into our volume of fond recollections, we find the essence of our invincible school spirit sprinkled throughout its pages.

A few years ago, there was lodged in the crevice of hope a high-spirited enthusiasm, eagerly watching and waiting for an opportunity to burst forth into being. After what seemed an eternity, its chance had come. The Class of Forty-nine would be beneficial nourishment for this newly born zeal and loyalty.

As we grew, so grew our school spirit. This spirit followed us much as a child follows its mother and it became the inspiration of all our efforts. When the way was difficult, our faithfulness and eagerness led us on.

How fortunate are we that fate destined our class to become the proud possessors of an incomparable gift, that of school spirit.



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We Dedicate Our '49 Blue Letter

TO

MR. T. F. BUCKELEW

As we progress on our long journey through life, we must pause along the way for encouragement and support. Often these milestones of comfort appear during our school days. Those self-sacrificing individuals who dedicate their time and effort to help us achieve unity and success must be given the credit they so richly deserve. Among the leading guides who helped us over the difficult stages of our journey is one whose untiring aid and support will always be deeply appreciated by the Class of '49.

To MR. T. F. BUCKELEW we dedicate this book—and to his loyalty, school spirit and friendship.

These Men Match Spirit

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With Accomplishment

SENIORS: Within a few short days you will leave old M.H.S. to explore larger fields. A slow but natural mental process will start then. The picture of halls, rooms, teachers, games, dances will begin to fade as new interests crowd—crowd the old into the background. The same will be true of your school spirit. But as new faces take the place of old—in other words, as you develop new friendships—I hope and I urge, in this my last message to you, that you will build on the old school spirit a new spirit. No normal human being, whether in poor, medium, or substantial circumstances, who has enjoyed even the least of the opportunities offered in this country under our present form of government can afford to grow passive and permit others to change the American Way of Life. So, replace your school spirit with civic spirit. Develop a keen, active, functioning interest in the Community, State and Nation. Start at once so that you will be well prepared to use intelligently your franchise when you become twenty-one. As you exercised your school spirit to place M.H.S. first, exercise you civic spirit to keep the United States of America, protector of life, liberty and pursuit of happiness, first.

ELMO E. SPOERL
June 1949

TO THE CLASS OF 1949: Your excellent year book will afford you many opportunities to look back over your years at Metuchen High School and relive in memory the happy times you have had.

To some of you the returns from your years at Metuchen High School have been disappointing. To others the returns have been great. By now most of us will admit that the more we put into anything the greater will be our return.

This can be illustrated by the story of the poor carpenter who was commissioned by a wealthy man to build a house. The carpenter was told that he was to spare no expense—that he was to use only the finest of materials, and that he was to work carefully and to make the most beautiful and substantial house in the valley. The wealthy man gave his careful instructions and departed upon a long journey telling the carpenter that he would return when the house was completed.

The carpenter thinking to line his pockets at the expense of the wealthy man built the house using poor and shoddy materials, but was careful to conceal all with a beautiful exterior.

The wealthy man returned and was so pleased with the apparent beauty of the house that he invited the entire valley to join in a celebration. As a climax to the festivities the wealthy man called forth the carpenter and before the huge crowd praised him for his work. At the conclusion of his speech he turned to the carpenter and said, "As a reward, I wish to present you with this beautiful house."

To those of you whose returns from Metuchen High School have been disappointing—this question is asked, "Did you put enough into your years here?" Resolve now to put more into any future undertakings.

To those of you whose returns were great—continue to give your best.

To all of you—good luck.

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Memories Of Our Life At Metuchen Are

THE SPIRIT OF THE FORTY-NINERS

The Spirit of the Forty-niners traveled since the day of embarkation as a caravan of covered wagons across the sands of Metuchen High School. While the revolving wheels imprinted in the dust our defeats and delights, we dreamed of the prize that awaited us at the end of our journey.

We made our journey in four stages. Before we set out, we decided that at the beginning of each new stage we would choose our own leaders from our group. In this manner we would be assured that the leadership would always rest in the hands of the person best fitted to lead us through each particular period.

So with high spirits we started out on the first leg of our journey—from Freshman to Sophomore. Our inexperience quickly came to light as we were promptly ambushed by Indian tribes of Latins, Algebras, and J.B.T.'s. This unexpected attack greatly impeded our progress, but as is usually the case, the first taste of medicine is the worst. We gradually picked up speed and on nearing our first objective we were able, under the capable leader ship of Jerry Salamone, to pause, encircle the wagons together, and hold what we called the "Jive Jump."

This occasion merited the adornment of our Sunday "go-to-meetin'" clothes, and our leader was forced to work double time as the proprietor of the dry cleaning wagon. However, this eventful night of dancing proved to be the right tonic for both the lassies and lads of our caravan and we easily completed the first part of our journey and departed on the second—from Sophomore to Junior.

On the second lap of our journey we were joined by quite a number of wagons from the district of Raritan, and before the sun set on the first day of this union, they had become an inseparable part of the wagon train.

To lead us through the perils of this segment of our voyage, we elected Frank Coppola as our leader. We had not traveled far ere the elements descended upon us in full force. Our scouts got a touch of a low lying fog known as French, but ths didn't hit the main group—yet. However, Latin II thundered ominously overhead and we were almost drowned in the deluge of Biology, Geometry, and Typing. When the heavy rains subsided, we all had to contend with a swirling mist called World History, perhaps a little lighter than its predecessors, but still to be reckoned with.

Each morning our leader could be heard praying, praying in the manner for which we all admire him. Yes, he would say, "Pleasa stopa da rain. My wagona train eesa gonna be all drowned!"

His prayers were answered—the rains abated. We faintly heard the strains of strange music from the distance. Reaching the source of the music, we at first thought that we were being confronted with a mirage, but the reality of the situation soon dawned on us.

What we saw was a gay ballroom. Oriental personages peered at us from every direction. At one end of the room was a huge dragon and he glared at us with eyes afire. Yes, it was the "Ching-Swing"—and mirage or no mirage we all had a gala evening.

As we undertook the next portion of the expedition—from Junior to Senior, we were seized with the desre of making speed and so it was that we chose Jim Fielding as our leader. Yes, Jim set quite a pace, about one hundred yards to every 9.6 seconds. With such a pace to follow, we traversed over deserts and prairies with astounding rapidity. Our way was not overbearingly rigorous, with perhaps the exception of a slight explosion in the chemistry wagon, a few minor difficulties in the Algebra II vehicle, and a dash with Consumer Ed.

During this part of our wanderings, we all had a strange experience. After traveling all day at a grueling pace, we drew the wagons in a circle as we did each night. After the evening meal had been completed and the books—I mean dishes put away, the stars came out and the camp fires burned lower and lower. One by one we slipped off into slumberland. A dream came to one and all. Many of us thought that we were too old for such a dream, but all had to admit that it was enjoyable. In this dream Mother Goose and her fairy-tale characters came to life midst dancing couples.

On reaching the fourth stage, we held what we called The Coronation Ball in celebration. Light hearted and happy we set out to complete the last part of the long voyage—from Senior to Graduation.

Not to run amiss in the attainment of our goal, we elected as leader one who was a true woodsman. This was Kenneth Lane, and he possessed the added ability of being able to lessen the weight of the more arduous tasks by singing a few melodic bars of mountain folk music from time to time.

Nearing our objective, we thought of our venture and what it would be like when it was over. Perhaps we thought about the Forty-niners and gold too much, because before the completion of our journey, we again drew up our wagons, put all serious thoughts in the most remote corners of our minds, and staged a joyful evening of dancing and celebration which we called The Forty-niners' Gold Rush.

After this night was over, we set our sights all the more firmly on our objective and headed with determination toward the end of our journey—Graduation.

On nearing Graduation we were blessed with the happiness that only the golden days of June could brng. We rehearsed many times over the method with which we would greet Graduation. Finally, with the object of our efforts in front of us, we entered Graduation.

We all knew that on this journey we had been an inseparable unit, and as we know this, we also knew that we would continue to be a unit forever—spiritually—The Spirit of the Forty-niners!

Steeped In The Spirit Of . . .

THE STUDENTS

KENNETH FRANK LANE
President
"Kenny"
"A dog, a gun, a shack in the hills spell contentment."
. . . singing hill-billy songs . . . hunting, fishing, and camping . . . don't aim at Dunn! . . .
Future: Forestry
Pres. Sr. Class, Boy's Glee Club, German C'ub, Track, Varsity Club, Footlighters

RUSSELL HOWARD MORRIS
Vice-President
"Joe"
"A red headed bachel unknown."
. . . he's a whiz with a bat . .nat certain junior
. . . nice in every way . . .
Future: Sports Career
Baseball, Football, Band, Varsity Club, Student Govt., Jr.-Sr. Prom, Glee Club

BARBARA BLISS MILLS
Secretary
"Barb"
"As sweet and pure, As calm and good."
. . . a beam of sunshine . . . pleasing personality
. . . poetic qualities
Future: Journalism
Cheerleading, Modern Dancing, Student Govt., Sec. Sr. Class, Tri-Hi-Y Pres., Footlighters, Blue Letter

MARILYN LORRAINE WHITE
Treasurer
"Mar"
"Sweet and Lovely."
. . . full of friendliness . . . personality plus . . . where there's a "Will" there's a way . . .
Future: Secretary
Blue Letter, Sr. Class Treas., Hall Patrol, Footlighters, French Club, Basketball

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RITA ELIZABETH ALTHAUSEN
"Reet"
"Thy modesty is a candle to thy virtue."
. . . crown of golden waves . . . faithful friendliness
. . . whiz at Latin . . .
Future: Child Psychology or Interpreter
Tri-Hi-Y, G.A.A., Latin Club, Footlighters, Baseball, Blue Letter, Glee Club

JACQUELYN RUTH BACKUS
"Jackie"
"Lively is the word for you."
. . . flaming red hair . . . sweet smiles and gay giggles . . . charm and more charm
Future: Receptionist
Blue Letter, Footlighters, Basketball, German Club, Latin Club, Glee Club, G.A.A.

AUDREY BARBARA BALOUGH
"Bubbles"
"Dance as you will, I'll follow."
. . . blond locks and laughing eyes . . . dancing feet . . . delightful dimples
Future: Singer
Basketball, Hall Patrol, Jr.-Sr. Prom

NANCY MARIE BECK
"Nan"
"I am satisfied. I laugh, I dance, I sing!"
. . . wavy blond curls . . . nice voice . . . pleasant smile . . .
Future: Musical Career
Tri-Hi-Y, Blue Letter, Twirlers, Glee Club, Sr. Dance, Jr.-Sr. Prom

STEPHEN THOMAS BEREHEIKO
"Steve"
"Wiser today than he was yesterday."
. . . a good-natured genius . . . blondness . . . ambitious . . .
Future: Carpenter and Painter
Footlighters

GERALDINE BERGER
"Gerry"
"Good things always come in small packages."
. . . pixie petiteness . . . sparkling cheer . . . carefree and gay
Future: Business College
Jr. Dance, Hall Patrol, Jr.-Sr. Prom, Baseball, Latin Club, G.A.A.

FRANKLIN MOORE BIEN
"Frank"
"Beat drums beat!"
. . . casual Casanova . . . another Arthur Murray . . . all state drummer . . .
Future: Navy School of Music
Tennis, All-State Band, Marching Band, Concert Band, Drum Sergeant

HELEN MARIE BIRDSALL
"Helen"
"I, too am a painter."
. . . genuine friendly smile . . . a Canadian charmer . . . always pleasant . . .
Future: Secretary
Blue Letter, Latin Club

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JOHN ALBERT BIRDSALL
"Birt"
"They're only truly great who are truly good."
. . . generously good humored . . . quiet friendliness . . . a good looker . . .
Future: Uncertain
Track, Basketball, Football

MILDRED JEAN BOYD
"Millie"
"Even though quiet, I am here."
. . . attractive tranquillity . . . shy sunniness . . . very likeable
Future: Business College
Footlighters, Middionettes

JAMES ALFRED BRADSTREET
"Jim"
"Knowledge comes, but wisdom lingers."
. . . short and amiable . . . generous manner . . . motto . . . can do . . .
Future: College, Engineering
Student Govt., Basketball Mgr., Footlighters, Hi-Y, Boy's State, Bulldog's Bark

RAYMOND CHARLES BRAENDER
"Ju-Ju"
"Handsome is that handsome does."
. . . dark curly locks . . . man of activity . . . can usually be found at Co-Eds . . .
Future: College
Football, Baseball, Basketball, Varsity Club, Modern Dance, Latin Club, Hi-Y

RUTH CLAIRE BRINKMANN
"Ruthie"
"From her fingers flows music that soothes the ear of man."
. . . very likeable . . . musical fingers . . . ambitious
Future: Organist
Glee Club, Footlighters, Sr. Play, Blue Letter, Sr. Dance, Tri-Hi-Y, French Club

CRYSTAL E. BROWN
"Chris"
"Great thoughts come from the heart."
. . . soft beauty . . . intellect incognito . . . clever art ability . . . individualism
Future: Travelling
Sr. Dance, Blue Letter

NANCY LEE BROXMEYER
"Nancie"
"She dwells in a world of happiness and mirth."
. . . friendly attitude . . . loads of fun . . . passion tor Jim
Future: Secretary
Jr. Dance, Sr. Dance, Jr.-Sr. Prom, Blue Letter, Glee Club, Hall Patrol, French Club

HELEN BRUDERER
"Brude"
"A merry heart goes all the day."
. . . class spirit plus . . . sincere friendliness . . . unselfish generosity . . .
Future: Travel
Blue Letter, Footlighters, Jr.-Sr. Prom, Tumbling, Baseball, Basketball, G.A.A.

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EDITH JANE BRUNSTETTER
"Edee"
"I will be a pattern of all patience."
. . . shiny brunette locks . . . easy to get along with . . . Art's my hobby
Future. Uncertain
Library, Glee Club, Jr.-Sr. Prom, G.A.A., Tri-Hi-Y, French Club, Blue Letter

CHARLES LEE BUTLER
"Porky"
'They laugh that win."
. . . devil-may-care . . . athletic enthusiasm . . . always a smile . . .
Future: Navy
Football, Track, Baseball, Band, Glee Club, Varsity Club

PARTHENIA BUTLER
"Par"
"I do not sing because I must."
. . . dancing feet and singing voice . . . athletic ability . . . uncontrollable giggles . . .
Future: Musical Career—Singer
Basketball, Baseball, Glee Club, Band

JOAN JEAN CAMPILONGO
"Joanie"
"How fathomless a capacity for love."
. . . goddess in miniature . . . efficient . . . likes Bobbing for Gilberts . . .
Future: Beauty Adviser
Student Govt., Blue Letter, Jr.-Sr. Prom, Hall Patrol, Jr. Dance, Footlighters

MARY THERESA CANARY
"Tweet"
"Disturb not my peace"
. . . shadow of a smile . . . twinkling eyes . . . soft silence
Future: Secretary
Hub Club, Basketball

ALFRED CARAVELLA
"Red"
"Nothing is impossible to a willing heart."
. . . witty remarks . . . football spirit . . . cheerfulness . . . personality plus
Future: Greens-keeper
Football, Golf, Varsity Club, Soph. Dance, Jr. Dance, Jr.-Sr. Prom

FRANK DOMINICO COPPOLA
"Frank"
"Tee hee, I would a jester be and entertain the company."
. . . a joke for every occasion . . . that certain something . . . Is it Frank or Dominic?
Future: Farmer and Business
Football, Basketball, Baseball, Jr.-Sr. Prom, Pres. Footlighters, Sr. Dance

FRANK PETER CUCCIA
"Cuch"
"From the crown of his head to the sole of his feet, he is all mirth."
. . . big devilish grin . . . that jaunty jalopy . . . casual cassanova
Future: Uncertain
Football, Baseball, Varsity Club




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VERA CZEMERIS
"Vera"
"A good heart's worth gold."
. . . shy smile . . . golden silence . . . New Market friends . . . soft voice
Future: Uncertain
Hub Club, Blue Letter

SALLY ELLEN DAY
"Sal"
"I think whoever I see must be happy."
. . . the most beautiful blue eyes . . . smiling always . . . friendly and likeable
Future: College
Glee Club, German Club, Basketball, Baseball, G.A.A., Blue Letter, Band

ELIZABETH DE NOYES
"Betty"
"From her shall read the ways of kindness."
. . . nice personality . . . likeable . . . good sport . . . Dot and Vera's pal
Future: Social worker
Hub Club, Blue Letter

EDWARD WILLIAMS DODDS
"Eddie"
"Oh, this learning, what a thing it is."
. . . tall slenderness . . . that hooky habit . . . Dodger fan . . . easy going
Future: Uncertain
Football, Varsity Club, Blue Letter

EDGAR VINCENT DUNN
"Ed"
"Knowledge is more than equivalent to force."
. . . brain power unlimited . . . hunting and singing with Lane . . . passion for fishing . . .
Future: College
Football Mgr., German Club, Science Club, Library Club, Boy's Glee Club, Soph. Dance, Jr. Dance

ANNA THERESA EOSSO
"Ann"
"And why should I not speak to you?"
. . . warm radiant smiles . . . my pal, Theresa . . . marvelous marks
Future: Secretary
Hall Patrol, Blue Letter, G.A.A., Basketball, Tumbling, Middionettes, Footlighters

HERMAN WILLIAM ERICKSEN
"Specs"
"Never hurry, Never worry."
. . . our wandering boy . . . basketball ace . . . "Who did the German homework?" . . .
Future: Electrical Engineer
Baseball, Football Mgr., Basketball, Footlighters, Varsity Club, Blue Letter

WILLIAM MICHAEL ESTOCK
"Bill"
"Let us have songs, mirth and laughter."
. . . sparkling cheer . . . flirting frolics . . . personality plus
Future: Business Man
Football, Blue Letter

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FLORENCE FENDT
"Babe"
"The hand that hath made her good, hath made her fair."
. . . just plain cute . . . perky sweetness . . . easy to like
Future: Beautician
Footlighters, Hub Club, Blue Letter, Middionettes

RICHARD TEMPLE FENTON
"Dick"
. "Mine honour is my life: both grow in one"
. . . merry dimples . . . casually collegiate . . . scarlet blushes . . . skiing ability
Future: College
Track, Blue Letter, Cross Country Track, Hi-Y, Jr.-Sr. Prom, French Club

BARBARA JEAN FYFE
"Radar"
"A horse, a horse, my kingdom for a horse."
. . . liking for horses . . . loves to flirt . . . tall and fair . . .
Future: Teacher
Baseball, Basketball, Track

MARY JEAN GRAY
"Jean"
"Her voice was ever soft and gentle."
. . . sweet shyness . . . hair of a queen . . . does beautiful needle work . . .
Future: Air Hostess
French Club, Tri-Hi-Y, Latin Club, Middionettes

JOHANNA ANN GRECCO
"Jo"
'Life is just a sweet, pleasant dream."
. . . lovely tresses . . . cute and good looks . . . quantities of quiet . . .
Future: Secretary
Blue Letter, Band, Basketball, Middionettes, Footlighters, Baseball, Sr. Play

PAULA GRIFFIN
"Griff"
"Free as a wandering breeze."
. . . just sailin' along . . . sea blue eyes . . . foolin' with Olga . . .
Future: Uncertain
Blue Letter

SANDRA JEAN HANFORD
"Sandy"
"A daughter of the gods, divinely tall and divinely fair."
. . . tall, lush blonde . . . blue Saxon eyes . . . slight sophistication . . .
Future: College
Hall Patrol, Blue Letter, Footlighters, Glee Club, Tri-Hi-Y, Jr.-Sr. Prom, Modern Dancing

DOROTHY JOAN HARRIS
"Dottie"
"Laugh and the world laughs with you."
. . . lots of p(r)ep . . . clever humor . . . pleasing personality
Future: College
Footlighters, Hall Patrol, Glee Club, Blue Letter, Tri-Hi-Y, Jr.-Sr. Prom, G.A.A.

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LAWRENCE E. HART
"Larry"
"Servant of the people, Protector of Law and order."
. . . California, here I come . . . successor to Lutes . . . captain of the fort . . .
Future: Coast Guard
Capt. of Safety Patrol

JEAN ALICE HAWLEY
"Jean"
"Happy and gay is all we need to say."
. . . kitten eyes . . . neatly trimmed bangs . . . teachers' torment . . .
Future: College
Cheerleading, Hall Patrol, Blue Letter, G.A.A., Footlighters, Jr.-Sr. Prom, Tri-Hi-Y

WILLIAM CHARLES HERRICK
"Bill"
"Fight to the last gasp."
. . . vim and vitality . . . gridiron gusto . . . flings at Flo's . . . the White house . . .
Future: Art Work
Football, Basketball, Baseball, Jr.-Sr. Prom

NANCY ANN HOHWALD
"Nan"
"Truth is beauty, beauty is truth."
. . . blonde and fair . . . exquisite personality . . . voice and heart of an angel . . .
Future: Uncertain
Band, Glee Club, Twirling Instructor, Basketball, Pianist, Boy's Glee Club, Student Govt.

ADELAIDE KALINUK
"Adge"
"A pretty smile, a pleasant way."
. . . neatness of appearance . . . abundance of beauty . . . a guy named Joe . . .
Future: Ballerina
Modern Dance, Soph., Jr., Sr., Dance, Jr.-Sr. Prom, Footlighters

DOROTHY MADELYNNE KALKANIS
"Dot"
"Dignity and charm are hers."
. . . gentle nature . . . loves her Pontiac . . . firm convictions
Future: Music Teaching

THEODORE JOHN KALKANIS
"DeWitt"
"He is of a quiet disposition."
. . . shy and mysterious . . . piles of quietness . . . that hooky habit
Future: Uncertain

BARBARA ANN KAMLAH
"Bobbie"
"A quiet way, a loyal friend."
. . . beautiful, rich dark hair . . . air of tranquility . . . usually seen with Millie . . .
Future: Uncertain
Glee Club, Basketball, German Club, Footlighters, Middionettes, Safety Patrol

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EMMA JANE HUTCHINSON
"Janie"
"Her cheeks are forever flushed."
. . . auburn hair . . . on the go . . . artist at slipping out of home room . .
Future: College
Footlighters, Blue Letter, Glee Club, Latin Club, Tri-Hi-Y, Band, Sr. Dance

LULU BELLE INGRAM
"Lulu"
"Life is to be enjoyed—this I intend to do."
. . . not enough comics in the Tribune . . . a good driver—for a woman . . . loves to jitterbug . . .
Future: Nursing
Baseball, Middionettes, Hub Club, Glee Club, Progress and Service Club

BOYD MILO JOHNSON, JR.
"Sonny"
"Once a gentleman, always a gentleman."
. . . collegiate . . . true to track . . . just give me a boat . . .
Future: College
Latin Club (Pres.), German Club (Pres.), Cross Country, Track, Tennis, Varsity Club, Hi-Y (Pres.)

LOIS CAROL JONES
"Lo"
"Stately and tall, she moves in the hall."
. . . soft slenderness . . . gay glinting eyes . . . casual tailored miss . . .
Future: Secretary
Blue Letter, G.A.A., Basketball, Tumbling, Middionettes, Hub Club, Footlighters

HELEN BARBARA KINDLE
"She doeth little kindnesses which others fail to do."
. . . softness of nature . . . a help to all . . . has a song in her heart . . .
Future: Secretary
Glee Club, Middionettes, Footlighters, German Club, Soph., Jr. Dance

SHIRLEY ELIZABETH KLINE
"Shirley"
"I do but want to be a friend."
. . . in-Kline-d to be nice . . . "New Market—be it right or wrong" . . . teasing Macak . . .
Future: Secretary
Glee Club, G.A.A., Footlighters, Basketball, Hub Club

ELIZABETH ANNE KRAMERICH
"Betty"
"I do but wish to be pleasant."
. . . one of the nicest gals in the school . . . athletically inclined . . . charming . . .
Future: Secretary
G.A.A., Basketball, Volley Ball, Baseball, Fresh. Dance, Hub Club, Tumbling

NAOMI RUTH KNUDSEN
"Rusty"
"A blessed companion is a book."
. . . a new comer . . full of life . . . a whiz in Eng. V
Future: Secretary
Blue Letter, Basketball




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ANN SAYWELL LAING
"Ann"
"Modesty seldom resides in a person who is not enriched with nobler virtues."
. . . sweet feminine gentleness . . . unassuming . . . has carpenter work done free of charge . . .
Future: Medical Technician
German Club, Library Club, Tri-Hi-Y, Blue Letter, G.A.A., Glee Club, Sr. Dance

DOROTHY JUNE LAUSTSEN
"Dot"
"How sweet and fair she seems to be."
. . . silky blond waves . . . innocent eyes . . . "Anyone see my Buddy?" . . .
Future: Nursing
G.A.A., Blue Letter, Basketball, Student Govt., Treas. Fresh. Class, Footlighters, Glee Club

PHYLLIS LETSON
"Phyl"
"If music be the food of love, play on . . . "
. . . happy-go-lucky allure . . . coy smiles . . . and dancing eyes . . . pep plus . . .
Future: Nursing
Cheerleading, Modern Dancing, Cabinet, Student Govt., Glee Club, Pres. G.A.A.

DONALD LIMOLI
"Don"
"The force of his own merit makes his way."
. . . friendly smile . . . ambition galore . . . fondness for books . . . willing worker . . .
Future: History Teacher
Blue Letter, Indoor Track, Footlighters

ARTHUR ANGELO LOMBARDO
"Art"
"The industrious man will reap rewards."
. . . jet black hair . . . handy man . . . personality plus . . .
Future: Auto Body worker
Track

RUDOLPH WILLIAM MACAK
"Rudy"
"I meant to do my work today."
. . . antics in French class . . . forever fooling . . . friendly fellow . . .
Future: Electronics
Vis. Ed., Football, Band, Footlighters, Blue Letter, Jr.-Sr. Prom

DORIS MAHLER
"Dorie"
"Pleasure and action make the hours seem short."
. . . hair of Cleopatra . . . activity in person . . . ability for art . . .
Future: Art
Jr.-Sr. Prom, Sr. Dance, Blue Letter

SUZANNE PATRICIA MEYER
"Sue"
"On with the dance, let joy be unconfined."
. . . vivacious blonde . . . flashing eyes . . . personality in every smile . . .
Future: Secretary
Cheerleader, Basketball, Blue Letter, Jr.-Sr. Prom, Footlighters, G.A.A.

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ANABEL CELESTE MORRIS
"Belle"
"The mildest manner and the mildest heart."
. . charm unlimited . . . constant good humor . . . known for her competence and ingenuity. . . .
Future: Kindergarten Teacher
Blue Letter, Editor, G.A.A., Glee Club, Hall Patrol, Basketball, Jr.-Sr. Prom

RICHARD ELLSWORTH MORSE
"Rich"
"My world is built on laughter."
. . . flying in his flivver . . . a likeable lad . . . quick-witted humor . . .
Future: College
Football, Basketball, Varsity Club, Soph., Jr., Sr. Dance, Jr.-Sr. Prom

RODNEY EDWARD MOTT
"Ron"
"I practice naught but artifice."
. . . good looks . . . witty quips . . . lady's man . . . teasing smiles
Future: Phys. Ed. Teacher
Football, Basketball, Track, Student Govt., Class Dances, Varsity Club

GEORGE MICHAEL MUHA
"George"
"The world knows nothing of its greatest men."
. . . the atom smasher . . . a smile to melt the coldest heart . . . well liked by all . . .
Future: Chemist
Latin Club, Photography Club, Safety Patrol, Baseball, Football Tickets

JANE ELLA MYERS
"Janie"
"Blessed are the peacemakers on earth."
. . . angelic appearance . . . ardently studious . . . sincere friend
Future: College
Blue Letter, Glee Club, Footlighters, G.A.A., Tri-Hi-Y, Middionettes, Sr. Dance

ANNE NIELSEN
"Anne"
"Serious sometimes, humorous sometimes, likeable always."
. . . very pretty young miss . . . charm in every smile . . . faithful friendliness
Future: Uncertain
Sec. Band, Glee Club, German Club, Blue Letter, Student Govt., Footlighters

JOHN EDWIN NIELSEN
"Head"
"I am a Viking wild."
. . . scarlet blushes . . . coy smiles . . . man of few words . . .
Future: Uncertain
Football

MARILYN PEAKE
"Duffy"
"A fair and happy girl, with step as light as summer air."
. . . azure blue eyes . . . cute and pert . . . loveble Aul-dy time . . .
Future: Uncertain
Jr.-Sr. Prom, Basketball, G.A.A., Footlighters, Hall Patrol, Blue Letter, French Club




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THOMAS PEAKE
"Tom"
"He hath eaten me out of house and home."
. . . amicable Tom . . . warm-hearted greetings . . . it's not superman—it's Tommy . . .
Future: Truck Driver
Football, Baseball, Varsity Club, Soph., Jr., Sr. Dance, Jr.-Sr. Prom

LAVERNE ANTOINETTE PEDERSEN
"Penny"
"She's carefree—with a song in her heart."
. . . perfection in art of cutting school . . . coy smiles . . . main occupation—having fun . . .
Future: Uncertain
Footlighters, Hall Patrol, Blue Letter, Tumbling, G.A.A., Basketball, Jr.-Sr. Prom

EDWARD RALIEGH PERDUE
"Eddie"
"Push me not, I set my own pace."
. . . not in love with book learnin' . . . mischievous . . . Quinn's First lieutenant . . .
Future: Carpenter
Soph., Jr., Fresh. Dance

DOROTHY EDITH PERRY
"Dot"
"When it comes to sports, sports and I become one."
. . . athletic ability . . . one of our quiescent girls . . . seen with Betty and Shirley . . .
Future: Uncertain
Blue Letter, Baseball

CHARLES PETERSEN
"Chas"
. . . hunting and hunting . . . former G.I. . . . for sale—Dodge—needs repairs . . .
Future: Carpenter
Soph., Jr., Fresh., Dance

RAYMOND PETERSON
"Ray"
"If work interferes with pleasure, throw out work."
. . . one nice fellow . . . sparkling blue eyes . . . exceedingly easy going . . .
Future: Uncertain
Fresh., Soph., Jr., Sr., Dance

CATHERINE ADELAIDE PHIBBS
"Cathy"
"As merry as the day is long."
. . . laughing eyes . . . friendly flirting . . . energy plus . . .
Future: College
Cheerleader, Modern Dance, Footlighters, Hall Patrol, Blue Letter, Golf Team, G.A.A.

FRANK EDWARD POCHICK
"Poch"
"Write me as one who loves his fellow man."
. . . always with Quinn . . . fix that jalopy . . . bowling ace . . .
Future: Drafting-Mechanics

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CLARENCE WILLIAM POPVITCH
"Pop"
"I have no mockings or arguments."
. . . big boy . . . good natured . . . takes life in one big stride . . .
Future: College
Track, Hall Patrol, Blue Letter, Glee Club

DOLORES VERONICA PREHODKA
"Dorsey"
"Truth is truth to the end of reckoning."
. . . big brown eyes . . . a tricky turned up nose . . . quiet friendliness . . .
Future: Secretary
French Club, Hub Club, Blue Letter

BARRINGTON JOSEPH HADDON QUINN
"Bar"
"Hear this voice that shakes the world."
. . . agreeable disposition . . . intellect incognito . . . oh, that voice . . .
Future: Store Manager
Student Govt., Football, Blue Letter, Jr.-Sr. Prom

ALFRED RASMUSSEN
"Muff"
"Worth makes a man."
. . . good natured . . . soothing shyness . . . easy to get along with . . .
Future: Pilot

HANS RASMUSSEN
"Muff"
"Men of few words are the best men."
. . . flaxen hair . . . blushes . . . a true friend . . .
Future: Carpenter
Football

LESTER JOSEPH REGITZ
"Les"
"A generous friendship no cold medium knows"
. . . wizard at the keyboard . . . easy to like . . . a pretty junior . . .
Future: Army
Football, Varsity Club, Library Club, Latin Club

JOHN PAUL REMENSNYDER
"John"
"He is a scholar, a ripe and a good one."
. . . man about town appearance . . . hearty laughter . . . qualities of leadership . . .
Future: College
Football, Track, Basketball, Blue Letter, Student Govt., Varsity Club, Hall Patrol

GEORGE LESTER ROWE
"George"
"He hath a heart as sound as a bell."
. . . friendly fellow . . . very studious . . . shy grins . . . boats are his hobby
Future: Sound Engineer
Library Club




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EDWARD RALPH SALOMONE
"Eddie"
"Virtue alone is happiness."
. . . slow shy smile . . . nice eyes . . . pleasing personality . . . neat dresser
Future: Marines
Vis. Ed., Fresh. Dance, Jr.-Sr. Prom, Band Concert, Jr. Dance

JEROME SALOMOME
"Spike"
"What the well dressed man will wear."
. . . continuously kidding around . . . always kind and considerate . . . sure to succeed . . .
Future: Marines
Freshman Pres., Football, Track, Footlighters, Jr.-Sr. Prom, Fresh., Soph. Dance, Blue Letter

LEDY SALOMONE
"Tootsie"
"Every inch a queen."
. . . Dark flashing eyes . . . a sweet smile . . . talent plus . . .
Future: Ballet Dancing
Modern Dance, Class Dances, Glee Club, Bulldog's Bark

MICHAEL V. SAWCZAK
"Mike"
"I took a reed and blew a tune."
. . . playing the trumpet . . . boyishness . . . twinkling eyes . . .
Future: Musician
Marching Band Concert Band, Jr.-Sr. Prom, Football, All-State Band and Orchestra, Boy's Glee Club

DAVID BRUCE SHANKLIN
"Dave"
"Romeo is but a mere imitation."
. . . a late addition . . . curls and goodlooks . . . memories of North Plainfield . . .
Future: Dentist
Blue Letter

JEAN LOUISE SHANNON
"Louise"
"She moves like a goddess and looks like a queen."
. . . dog fancier . . . queenly grace . . . cheerful disposition
Future: Music
Glee Club, French Club, German Club, Footlighters, Library Club, Blue Letter, Middionettes

LILLIAN DAWN SLOAN
"Dawn"
"Not one day of her youth is wasted."
. . . always to be admired . . . happy and contented . . . bubbling over with friendliness
Future: Journalism
Blue Letter, Footlighters, Student Govt., G.A.A., German Club, Library Club, Hall Patrol

NADINE LANYON SMITH
"Nay"
"Her aid, her manners all who see admire."
. . . stately sophistication . . . a model's trimness . . . witty quips
Future: College
Modern Dancing, Blue Letter, Sr. Dance, Basketball, Hall Patrol

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SELWYN PERINE SMITH
"Smitty"
"I am a Mariner bold."
. . . easy going chap . . . down by the sea . . . New Market . . . friendliness
Future: Nautical Career
Bulldogs Bark

RONALD KIRBY SORENSEN
"Snort"
"Lead and I follow."
. . . Quinn's second lieutenant . . . scootin' around in that Pontiac . . . never worries . . .
Future: Uncertain

THERESA ANN SORGENTO
"Terry"
"Talk to me, shout to me, I despise silence."
. . . talkative . . . wit and humor unlimited . . . eyes tell a story . . .
Future: Uncertain
Footlighters, Safety Patrol, G.A.A., Blue Letter, Hub Club, Basketball

CHRISTINE ETHEL STEINGREBE
"Christy"
"Sweets to the sweet."
. . . a winning way . . . pretty hair . . . the bells are ringing . . .
Future: Uncertain
Jr.-Sr. Prom, Hall Patrol, Hub Club, Blue Letter, G.A.A., Basketball

SHIRLEY M. STILLWAGGON
"Shirl"
"Her stature, tall, her manner pleasant."
. . . the manner of a model . . . stately beauty
. . . the driver . . .
Future: Uncertain

ELIZABETH STOFA
"Betty"
"There is a soul of goodness."
. . . shy smiles . . . pleasant disposition . . . quietness . . .
Future: Secretary
Hub Club

DORIS SULLIVAN
"Countess"
"All the world's a stage."
. . . devilish blue eyes . . . dramatic personality
. . . pretty wavy hair . . .
Future: Art Work

ELIZABETH MARIE THOMAS
"Betty"
"Come and trip it as you go, on the light fantastic toe."
. . . golden sunshine . . . gleaming . . . pretty smiles
Future: Uncertain
Modern Dance, Tri-Hi-Y, Blue Letter, G.A.A., Basketball




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ROBERT CHRISTOPHER VAN ALLEN
"Bob"
"Honor pricks me on."
. . . brown waves . . . the student's friend . . .
Mr. President . . . charm in every smile
Future: Marine Engineer in U.S.M.S.
Pres. Student Council

DOROTHY MARIE VARGA
"Dotsy"
"Swift as any arrow, short as any dream."
. . . petite mademoiselle . . . graceful twirler . . .
jolly for Cholly
Future: Secretary
G.A.A., Modern Dance, Twirler, Majorette, Blue Letter, Sect.-Treas. of Soph. Class, Sect. of Jr. Class

VIVIAN A. VIQUERAT
"Vicky"
"In every gesture, dignity and love."
. . . a snappy dresser . . . quiet personality . . .
singing ability
Future: Interior Decorator
Hub Club, Glee Club, Footlighters, Middionettes, Senior Play

RALPH RICHARD VOLLMAR
"Dick"
"Afoot and light hearted, I take to the open road."
. . . the wanderer . . . Boyd's pal . . . bound to succeed . . .
Future: Rancher
Cross Country, Track, Jr.-Sr. Prom, German Club, Hi-Y

OLGA L. WARADE
"Jo"
"Nothing great was ever achieved without enthusiasm."
. . . always willing to help . . . perpetual smile . . . untiring enthusiasm . . .
Future: Singer
Basketball, Footlighters, Blue Letter, Class Dances

FLORENCE KAREN WEBBER
"Flossie"
"Beauty is its own excuse for being"
. . . descendent of Venus . . . Lovely smile . . . her modeling gets big Bill-ing . . .
Future: Model or Secretary
Footlighters, G.A.A., Blue Letter, Middionettes, Hub Club, Basketball, Volley Ball, Jr.-Sr. Prom

PHILIP EARNEST WEIGEL
"Babe"
"Virtue is its own reward."
. . . lover of sports . . . aspiring pitcher . . . tries hard in everything . . .
Future: Work in, or own Sports store

GERALDINE RUTH WEISSERT
"Gerry"
"And a very nice girl you'll find her."
. . . proudly driving that car . . . warm radiant smile . . . just plain cute . . .
Future: Nursing
G.AA.., Latin Club, Blue Letter, Basketball, Baseball, Glee Club, Footlighters

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MALCOLM BENJAMIN WERNIK
"Malc"
"What is mine is yours"
. . . A ball and a basket . . . the tall one . . . good natured . . .
Future: College
Basketball, Baseball, Football Manager, Footlighters, Jr.-Sr. Prom, French Club, Track Manager

RACHEL WHITE
"Ray"
"She's all my fancy painted her."
. . . dark eyes . . . sweetness . . . always friendly . . .
Future: Uncertain

OTTO WILLIAM WILL, III
"Otto"
"A busier man than he you would never find."
. . . brawn and brains . . . busy as a bee . . . snap that picture . . .
Future: Navy
Blue Letter, Football, Varsity Club, Track, Student Govt., Photography Club, Library Club

ROSE ELLYN WINCHIGEL
"Rose"
"I take part; I see and hear the whóle."
. . . alacrity . . . artistic aptitude . . . moonlight and soft music . . . Ray
Future: Commercial Artist
Cheerleading, Footlighters, Hall Patrol, G.A.A., Basketball, Jr.-Sr. Prom, Blue Letter

ARTLEY THOMAS WUEST
"Tex"
"The Wuest—a mighty man is he."
. . . the horseman . . . most of the time spent in study hall and shop . . . favorite elixir is grape soda . . .
Future: Uncertain
Basketball, Baseball

In Memoriam

"To one we love"
CHARLES FROHM

We, the members of the Class of Forty-nine, will always hold sacred the memory of Charles. To Charles we can attribute the most admirable virtue of mankind—that of love for his fellow-men. We know that this virtue and many others made his journey a swift one to the land of eternal peace and serenity where he dwells under the hand of the Guide of Destiny.

Underclassmen Await Their Reign

JUNIORS

DEAR JUNIORS:

As thoughts of graduation enter the mysterious realms of our minds, we are reminded that it is now time for you to bedeck yourselves with the symbols which signify the great importance of the office you are to hold—that of being Seniors.

Such gifts as marching out of assembly first, Blue Letter and the Prom, created in your honor, will be granted you. These privileges, although seemingly unimportant now, will become more dear to you as you tread the last mile of high school life.

Thus, as you are presented with the sceptre of this office, consider your behavior at all times. This is of great significance since it is your duty to point out the path for others to follow.

Along your journey the fountain of knowledge always stands ready to refresh you. Drink heartily of its waters, as it will strengthen you and aid you in achieving final success.

Together with study and work you must maintain a balance of recreation, for such a balance molds the great characteristics found in mankind.

All in all, heed well our words for they will seem priceless as you proceed to accomplish the great tasks which lie before you.

Sincerely,
THE CLASS OF '49

ROOM 25
Mr. Schmidtchen

ROOM 23
Mrs. Swank

ROOM 28
Mrs. Schiffmayer

ROOM 20
Mr. Kilian

SOPHOMORES

10TH GRADE OFFICERS

President ..... Leroy Tate
Vice-President ..... Edward Dunne
Secretary ..... Dorothy Smith

FRESHMEN

9TH GRADE OFFICERS

President ..... Catherine Dubni
Vice-President ..... Arthur Kempf
Secretary ..... Sue Griffin

EIGHTH GRADE

8TH GRADE OFFICERS

President ..... Gay Flood
Vice-President ..... Thomas King
Secretary-Treasurer ..... Jane Christensen

SEVENTH GRADE

7TH GRADE OFFICERS

President ..... Richard Danford
Vice-President ..... Arthur Sweetman
Secretary-Treasurer ..... June Baldsiefen

Spirit Is Displayed By Interest In . . .

CLUBS

Our Staff is Spirited,

THE BLUE LETTER

Under the expert guidance of Miss Haitsch, the Blue Letter Staff strove diligently to present a more attractive and interesting Blue Letter. Anabel Morris served very efficiently as editor and Don Limoli assisted her as associate editor.

Mrs. Swank and Miss Reiner filled the respective positions of faculty business adviser and faculty art adviser. Their help and advice did much for the success of the Blue Letter. Staff Members: Editor, Anabel Morris; Associate editor, Don Limoli. Literary staff: Herman Ericksen, Barbara Mills, Dorothy Laustsen, Geraldine Weissert, Jacquelyn Backus, Edith Brunstetter, Emma Jane Hutchinson, Jane Myers, Rita Althausen, Suzanne Meyer, Dawn Sloan and Betty Barret. Business Managers: Nancy Hohwald and Bill Estock. Business staff: Helen Kindle, Florence Webber, Anna Eosso, Lois Jones, Helen Bruderer, Johanna Grecco, Marilyn White, Sally Day, Marilyn Peake, Jean Hawley, Ann Laing, Dorothy Harris and Mrs. Swank's Fourth Period Bookkeeping Class. Suzanne Meyer acted as Publicity Manager for the staff.

Our Life, Democratic

CABINET

SAFETY PATROL

The Student Government presided over by Bob Van Allen, President and Bill Van Allen, Vice-president, have done a capable job of governing the executive, legislative, and judicial branches of our government. This year they sponsored a Student Government Dance and provided us with more and better assemblies.

The government of the senior high school serves as a direct pattern for that of the junior high. Faculty advisers were Mr. Schmidtchen, Mr. Wilson, and Mrs. Hutton.

SUPREME COURT

SENATE

HUB CLUB

The "Hub," under the direction of Mrs. Swank, met the first and third Monday of each month to create an interest in increasing speed and accuracy in typing. Another purpose of the club is to foster a better understanding of the peoples of the world through the nationalities of its own members. Officers for the year were as follows: President, Florence Fendt; Vice-President, Dorothy Gryniak; Recording Secretary, Johanna Grecco; Corresponding Secretary, Jean Hill; Treasurer, Lois Jones.

GERMAN CLUB

The German Club, under the direction of Miss Anker, met each month with the purpose of learning more about the German people and their customs through songs, plays and dances. A Christmas party and a trip to New York were among the social functions of the group. Officers of this year were: President, Boyd Johnson; Vice-President, Lynne Backus; Secretary, Anne Nielsen; Treasurer, Edith Gotch.

MIDDIONETTES

The Middionettes of Metuchen High School are doing a fine job in keeping before us the names of boys who gave their lives in the past war. They also do welfare work at Christmas time and are generally helpful. The girls met under the direction of Miss Farrell and elected the following officers: President, Barbara Kamlah; Vice-President, Lois Jones; Secretary, Johanna Grecco; Treasurer, Anna Eosso; Publicity Chairman, Jane Myers.

LATIN CLUB

The newly organized Latin Club under the direction of Miss McCready has taken upon itself a vigorous year of activities. They have selected committees which plan to publish a monthly Latin newspaper, form a choir, put on skits and have several outings to various spots of interest. Dorothy Harris, John Wagner, Rita Althausen and Gregory Machyousky fulfilled the respective offices of President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer.

VARSITY CLUB

To further the cause of athletics, by advancing the doctrines of sportmanship and instilling the spirit and interest of athletics in the student body of Metuchen High School, is the resolution to which the members of this club have devoted themselves. Under the capable direction of Mr. Bacha, faculty adviser, Tom Peake, President, and Otto Will, Secretary-Treasurer, the boys successfully staged the Annual Varsity Club Dance to raise funds for varsity sweaters.

HALL PATROL

The Hall Patrol under the direction of Charles Petersen, Captain, and Stanley Miller, Lieutenant, has once again managed to keep order in the halls between the passing of classes. The faculty adviser was Mr. Schmidtchen.

VIS-ED

Under Mr. Nielsen's direction, the members of the Vis-Ed Club have learned to operate the Visual Education equipment which is an excellent aid to the faculty and the students. The officers were President, Jerry Buckley; Vice President, Arnold Edwards; and Secretary, Barbara Ayers.

BOYS COOKING CLUB

Under the expert direction of Miss Miller, these boys are learning the fundamentals of cooking. The boys are rapidly becoming experts in the art of baking cookies and cakes, and from all indications dispose of the finished products in smart fashion.

GIRLS GLEE CLUB

The Girls' Glee Club under the efficient direction of Mrs. Braen has provided us with excellent entertainment this year, such as our Christmas assembly, the Spring Festival and other musical programs. Nancy Hohwald served as president of the group which met once a week.

BOYS GLEE CLUB

The Boys' Glee Club with Mrs. Braen directing and Kenny Lane acting as president has organized into a bigger and better singing group. Along with the Girls' Glee Club, they have provided inspiring and entertaining programs throughout the year.

What Finer Means Of Expressing

JUNIOR GLEE CLUB

The Junior Glee Club is a newly organized junior high school singing group also under the direction of Mrs. Braen. They hope to develop a greater singing skill and learn a deeper appreciation for music during the year. Ann Dunne was elected president.

SWING BAND

The Swing Band really got swinging this year by playing for the Student Government Dance, a P.T.A. meeting and exchange assemblies. Mr. Atkinson has done a grand job of directing these musicians to renown and fame. Sally Day acted as Band Librarian.

Members of the Swing Band include: TRUMPETS: Gene Regitz, Mike Sawazak, Larry Paffendorf; TROMBONES: Jesse Devore, Ken Andrews, Barbara Ayres; STRING BASS: Al Caravella; SAX.: Beverly Drake, Barbara Andrew, LeRoy Tate, Karl Tornow; PIANO: Les Regitz; DRUMMER: Tom Dover; ALTERNATE PERCUSSION: Frank Bien.

BAND

This year the Band under the competent supervision of Mr. Atkinson has accomplished much more than the usual band functions. Not only have they played at all of Metuchen's football games, but they participated in the Holy Name Parade, the Annual Halloween Parade, the Memorial Day Parade, and they even brought Santa Claus to town, with music. In addition to the annual concert and band festival planned for the spring, several members of the band and twirlers will participate in the South River County competition. With records standing as they are, we are sure that our contenders will come back with high honors.

Three of our members made All-State Band this year. They are Frank Bien, Richard Pape and for the second consecutive year, Mike Sawczak. Also there were Nancy Beck and Barbara Andrew who made All-State Chorus.

Led by Dot Varga, our more than capable drum majorette, the following officers of the band were elected: President—Richard Pape, Vice President—Lillian Brune, Secretary—Anne Nielson, Treasurer—Sally Day, Equipment Sergeants—Joe Wernik, Charles Butler, Band Librarian—Ruth Hohwald.

Our Spirit Than Through Music?

TWIRLERS

The Metuchen High School Twirlers under the direction of Dot Varga, drum majorette and Lillian Brune, head twirler, provided us with colorful and entertaining exhibitions at our football games, assemblies and pep rallies. Their brilliant blue and white uniforms and their top performances added much color and spirit to these programs.

3rd PERIOD CLUB

Under the skillful guidance of Mrs. Schiffmayer, this club is engaged in numerous activities. The club is sponsoring noon dances and cake sales. The gains from these affairs will be put to good advantage, as the club is planning a trip to New York and visits to a theater and a radio station. Officers are President—Audrey Balough; Vice President—David Shanklin; Secretary-Treasurer—Olga Warade. Members: P. Butler; F. Coppola; J. Campilongo; D. Sloan; B. Quinn; B. Fyfe; B. Kamlah; M. Sawczak.

WHAT'S NEW

The Junior High School newspaper, What's New, is a fine outlet for self expression through various types of literary and art work. The staff members are as follows: Editor-in-chief, Eleanor Ritter; Assistant editor, Thomas King; Business Manager, Sandra Carpenter. The faculty adviser was Miss Muller.

JUNIOR SCIENCE CLUB

The Junior Science Club has been formed to stimulate an interest in science among the seventh and eighth graders. Mr. Nielsen was the faculty adviser. The officers were: President, Eleanor Ritter and Secretary, Rudy Ruckert.

STAMP CLUB

The Stamp Club, under the capable direction of Mr. Marcason, teaches the fundamentals of stamp collecting to its members. It promotes stamp collecting as a hobby with one goal in mind—fair play and good sportsmanship. Officers for the year were as follows: President, Eleanor Ritter; Vice President, Anne Anderson; Secretary-Treasurer, Larry Kaplowitz.

FOOTLIGHTERS

OFFICERS

President	Frank Coppola
Vice President	Lillian Brune
Secretary	Lois Jones
Treasurer	Rose Winchigel

The Footlighters Club is the dramatic organization of M. H. S. All aspects of dramatics are discussed in the bi-monthly meetings of the club. This year the club has been very busy. A Christmas Pageant was staged in cooperation with the Glee Club before the Christmas holidays. In keeping with the custom of exchange assemblies, the Footlighters are supplying the assembly for Scotch Plains by presenting the one act play, **Suppressed Desires.** At the present time, plans are being formulated concerning the traditional three one act plays to be held May 26-27, 1949. All members of the organization work with great zeal, but much of the success of the organization may be attributed to the never ceasing efforts of the faculty adviser, Mrs. Schiffmayer.




MR. SPOERL















TUCHEN


Fight! *Fight!* *Fight!*

SPORTS

VARSITY FOOTBALL

On Labor Day when football practice began, Coach Bacha faced the problem of building a new team of boys with little experience. Only five lettermen were back.

The 1948 Football season opened with a defeat from a powerful Matawan squad 40 to 0.

Dunellen trimmed the Bulldogs 13 to 0 in a hard fought battle.

Coach Bacha's charges triumphed over the St. Peter Cardinals 7-0 for the only victory of the 1948 season. Frank Cuccia skirted four yards around left end to score. The Herrick-Braender combination clicked for the extra point.

In a rough grid contest, Sayreville trounced the Metuchen gridders 27-0.

On a mud spattered field the Rumson Bulldogs nipped Metuchen 25-7.

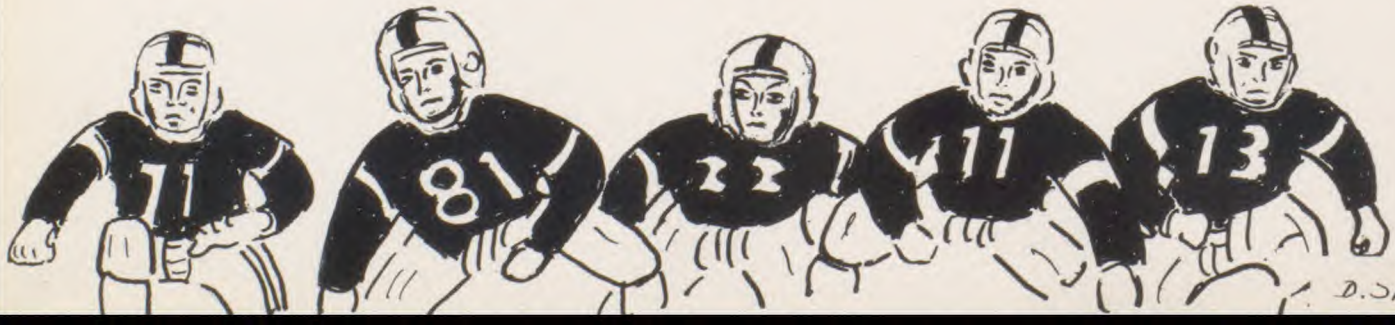
The traditional Highland Park battle saw the Owls take a 32-12 victory plus a goal post trophy.

The strong North Arlington team was almost upset, but a fourth quarter rally favored the Arlington eleven over Metuchen, 7-2.

The season was climaxed when Scotch Plains defeated Metuchen 40-0.

Despite serious injuries, the blue and white team survived the season with one win and seven losses. Our opponents scored 184 points to Metuchen's 21.

The vote at the end of the season showed Bill Herrick, best all around, Floydd Needham, most improved and Ray Braender, Captain.



J. V. FOOTBALL

Again Coach Buckalew started out with entirely new material. The 1948 season ended with 2 wins and 6 losses.

The Football season was opened when the Bulldogs bowed to Matawan 6-0 in a hard fought grid battle.

The larger New Brunswick Frosh squad trimmed the Metuchen eleven, 12-0.

The St. Peter Cardinals invaded the Edgar Field and revenged their varsity's defeat 20 to 13 over the Metuchen eleven.

In a heated battle, Coach Buckalew's boys trounced the Sayreville Bombers 20 to 6 for their first victory of the season.

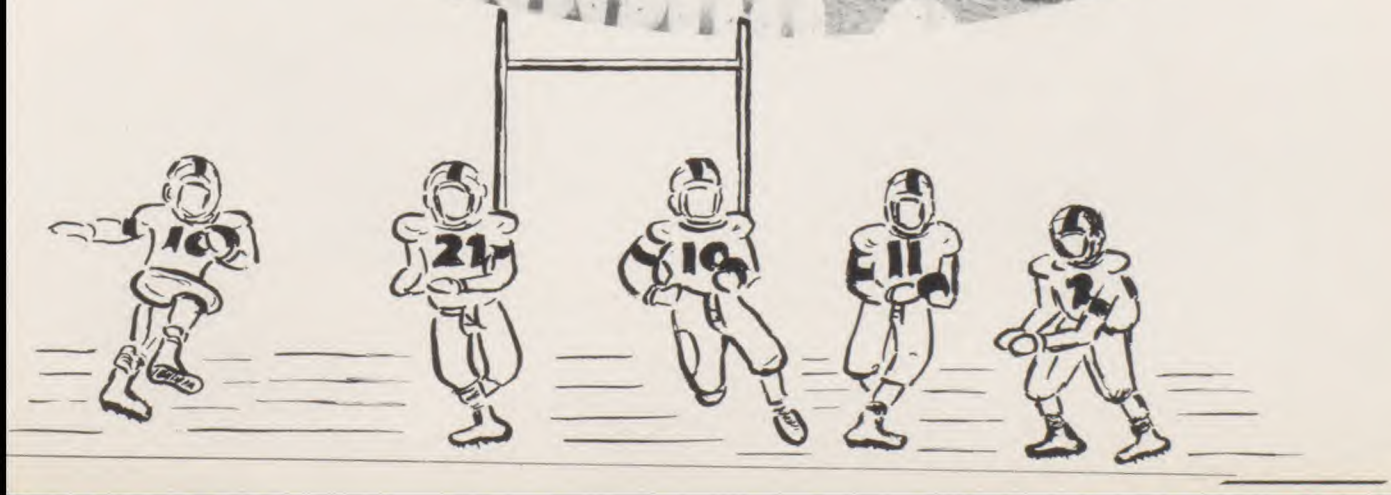
The Scotch Plains team trimmed the Bulldogs 6-0 in the last 45 seconds of a close battle.

The Highland Park Owls were stuffed by the Metuchen gridders 6-0, when Seldon Hoagland climaxed a 27 yard drive by skirting left end for 10 yards.

The blue and white squad were routed by the Dunellen eleven 6-0.

The Bulldogs dropped the last game of the season 19 to 13 to the South River Frosh in the Last 30 seconds of the grid battle.

The opponents scored 75 points to our 52. Although the Jay Vee's didn't win every game, they gave good accounts of themselves.



VARSITY BASKETBALL

The Metuchen quintet opened the 1948-49 Basketball season by trouncing the Trojan-Alumni combination 42 to 32.

The powerful Scotch Plains squad beat the Bulldogs in both contests 62-36 and 71 to 44 in two decisive victories.

The Hartland boys bowed to Jamesburg 52 to 40.

In both meetings the Dunellen Destroyers triumphed over the blue and white team 48 to 36 and 58 to 49.

The Metuchen courtsters split even in the Perth Amboy Vocational court contests by winning the first game 63 to 32 and dropping the second battle 48 to 36.

Coach Hartland's charges trounced the New Brunswick Vocats 51 to 37.

The mighty Sayreville Bombers beat the Metuchen team 58-42.

Both Woodbridge and Highland Park trimmed Metuchen 48 to 40 and 61-33 respectively.

The Metuchen Courtsters eked out a 41 to 40 win over the Trojans in a hotly contested battle. The Basketball season is not quite over as the year book goes to press, but at this time the Bulldogs have won 4 games and lost 9. Malcolm Wernik is high scorer with 148 markers. Rodney Mott and Joe Masters are next with 126 and 117 respectively.

SCHEDULE 1948-49

December 21	Trojan-Alumni	January 28	Dunellen
January 4	Scotch Plains	February 1	P. A. Vocational
January 7	Jamesburg	February 4	Woodbridge
January 11	Dunellen	February 8	Highland Park
January 14	N. B. Vocational	February 11	N. B. Vocational
January 18	P. A. Vocational	February 15	Sayreville
January 21	Sayreville	February 18	Jamesburg
January 24	Scotch Plains	February 23	Highland Park
January 26	Trojans	February 25	Woodbridge

J. V. BASKETBALL

To-Date Coach Clarence Bacha's quintet has won 5 games and lost 6 in the 1948-49 Basketball Season.

The initial contest was dropped to the Celts of Metuchen 25-22 in a close battle.

The Bulldogs split even with Scotch Plains, winning the first game 48-46 in an over time battle, and losing the second contest 40-34.

The Metuchen five trounced the Jamesburg Indians 41-21.

In the first meeting, the Dunellen Destroyers beat Metuchen 28 to 25. In the return game, the Dunellen team bowed to the Bulldogs 47 to 35.

The Jay Vees won a decisive victory over P. A. Vocational by defeating them 44 to 29. New Brunswick Vocational lost to the blue and white team 35 to 29.

In a very hotly contested battle the Sayreville team eked out a 36 to 35 victory over the Metuchen courtsters.

Woodbridge and Highland Park trounced the Junior Varsity 61-41 and 43-31 respectively.

Francis Zunino was top scorer with 87 points and Gene Meny and John MacKenzie scored 70 and 71 markers respectively.

SCHEDULE 1948-49

December 21	Celts
January 4	Scotch Plains
January 7	Jamesburg
January 11	Dunellen
January 14	N. B. Vocational
January 18	P. A. Vocational
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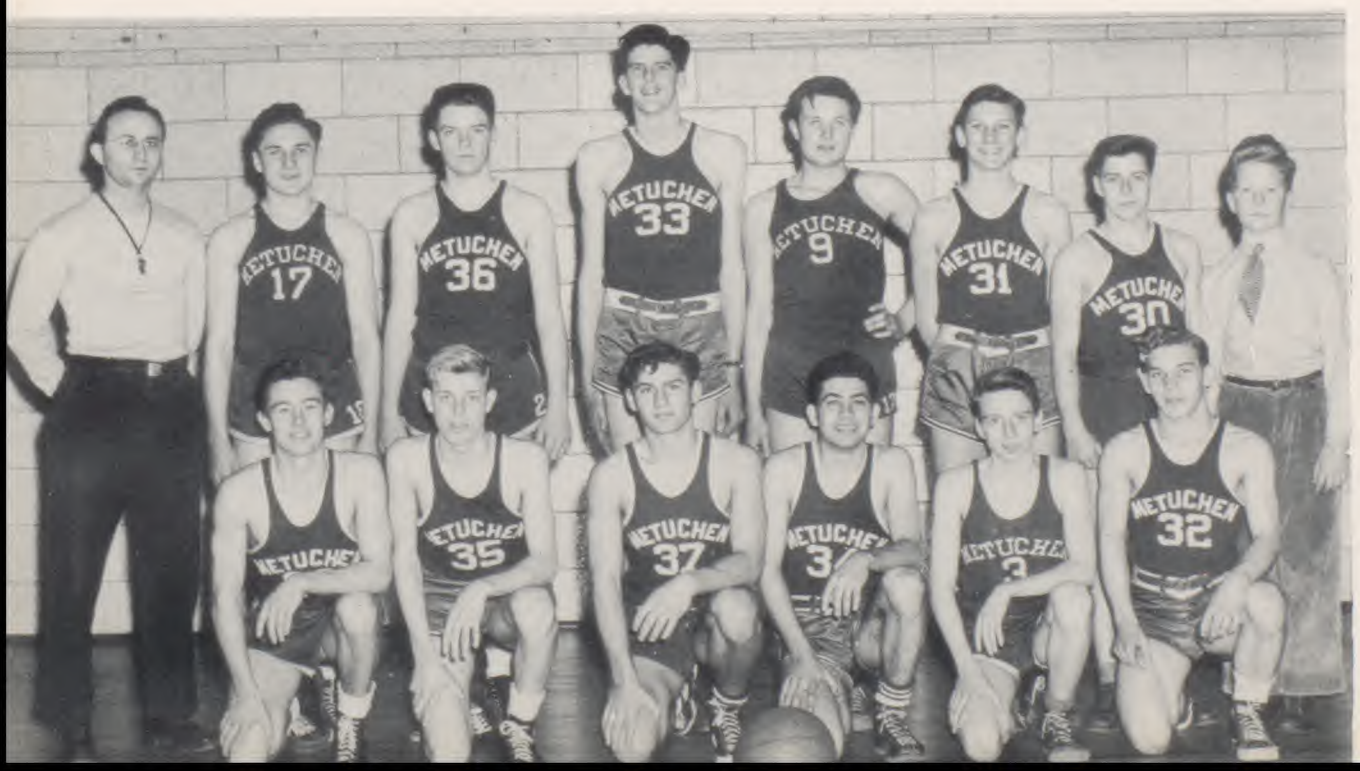


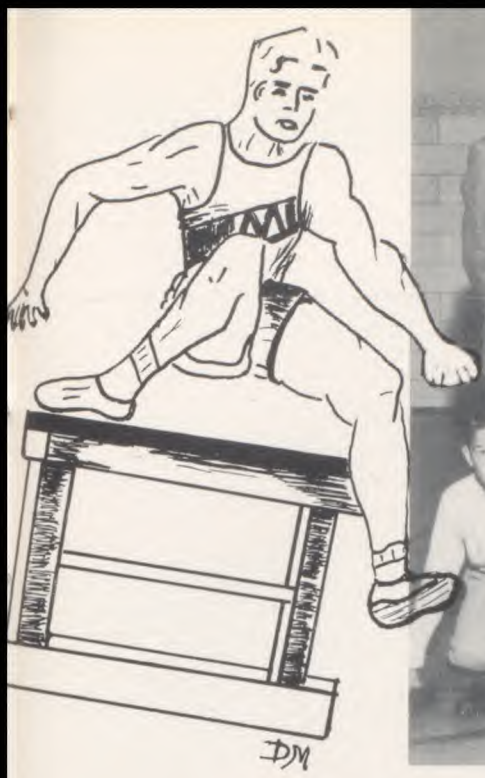
BASEBALL

The Metuchen 1948 Baseball Season came to a close with seven wins and seven losses. Due to rainy conditions, two of the scheduled games were canceled.

Russ Morris was selected as the most valuable player of 1948 and Ronnie Peterson was selected as the 1948 Captain of his team. Metuchen scored sixty-nine points to their opponents sixty-five. Russ Morris, Tony Tagliaboscki and Don Williams took top honors in the batting field.

GOLF

The Golf Team, coached by Miss Fennon, enjoyed a fairly successful season. The team won two triangular meets with St. Peters and Rutgers Prep, defeated Cranford, tied Scotch Plains, and placed 11th in the all day meet at Forsgate Farms. Losses were at the hands of North Plainfield, Westfield, and Scotch Plains. Letter winners were Captain Ralph Wuest, A. Caravella, P. Comito, and F. Goldsmith.



TRACK

The Varsity Cross Country Track Team coached by Mr. Wilson, established a creditable record of four wins, two losses, and placed sixth in the state championship meet for groups I, II, and III. Among the teams they defeated were: New Brunswick, Rahway, Thomas Edison, and Seton Hall High School. Letter winners were: Capt. R. Vollmar, B. Johnson, R. Fenton, R. Todt, W. Harharn, and D. Johnson. Others on the team were: R. Bonis, C. Popovitch, and P. White.

The Junior Varsity had a very successful season as they went undefeated.

CROSS COUNTRY

At Newark, on May 1, the victories began, as Metuchen collected the team trophy for the combined Groups I, II and III.

In dual competition Metuchen defeated Rahway, Carteret, Scotch Plains and St. Peters, losing only to Highland Park by 8 points.

In the combined Groups I, II, III and IV county championship at New Brunswick, Metuchen placed 3rd.

On May 22 at Asbury Park, Metuchen placed second by less than a point in the Group I and II championship.

In the state meet on June 4, Metuchen was third in team standings.

Our Girls Display Fine Form As

CHEERLEADERS

The main interest of this group of girls was to get the students to back the team by using all the pep and vivacity they could muster. They followed and cheered the teams at every game, through mud and rain, through wins and losses.

This year six new, peppy Jay Vee Cheerleaders were welcomed—Betty Barett, Polly Melko, Jane Larson, Carolee Reynolds, Dot Rule, and Ruth Frohm.

The Varsity Cheerleaders have now finished coaching the girls who will take their places. Thus, we now say thank you and goodbye to Sue Meyer, Phyllis Letsen, Rose Winchigel, Catherine Phibbs Barbara Mills, and Jean Hawley who have put their hearts and souls into their cheering.

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. The officers are as follows: Barbara Mills, President; Ruth Frohm, Vice President; Ruth Melko, Secretary; and Sandra Hanford, Treasurer. Miss Crowell and Miss Leis were the advisers.

TUMBLING

This sport, under the direction of Miss Crowell, is open to all girls of all classes. The tumbling sessions are held each Thursday afternoon in the old gym. With the added incentive of reconditioned mats, the girls participating are taking a much more active interest this year.

Well As Spirit In Sports

G A A

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 the seventh to the twelfth grades, who have taken part in after school activities regularly, are eligible to join the G.A.A. the following year. The girl who has been most athletic is presented an award at the end of year. The officers are as follows: Phyllis Letson, President; Carol Lee Reynolds, Vice President; Dorothy Harris, Secretary.

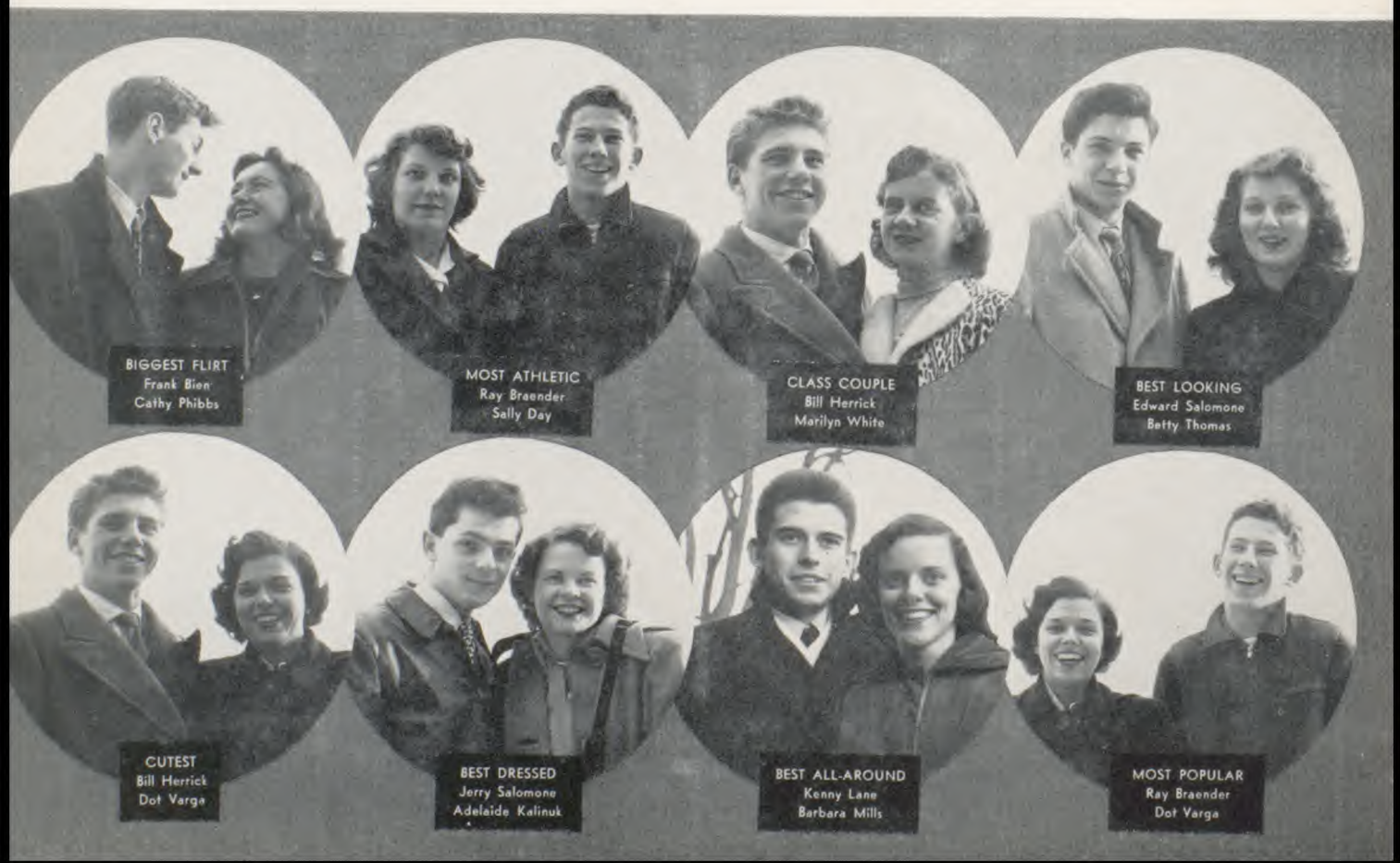
BASKETBALL

The main purpose of this activity is to provide an outlet for the athletic ability of the girls who are talented in this respect. Under the knowing direction of Miss Crowell, this program has proved to be healthful and inspiring to its participants.

FEATURES

CLASS POLL

	BOY	GIRL
BEST LOOKING	Edward Salomone	Elizabeth Thomas
MOST POPULAR	Raymond Braender	Dot Varga
BEST DRESSED	Jerome Salomone	Adelaide Kalinuk
BEST ALL-AROUND	Kenneth Lane	Barbara Mills
MOST DRAMATIC	Frank Coppola	Dawn Sloan
MOST SOPHISTICATED	Boyd Johnson	Sandra Hanford
BIGGEST FLIRT	Frank Bien	Catherine Phibbs
CUTEST	William Herrick	Dot Varga
MOST LIKELY TO SUCCEED	Donald Limoli	Dawn Sloan
NICEST SMILE	William Estock	Dot Laustsen
NICEST EYES	William Estock	Johanna Grecco
NOISIEST	Frank Cuccia	Cathy Phibbs
MOST RESERVED	Boyd Johnson	Louise Shannon
CLASS BABY	Raymond Peterson	Florence Fendt
CLASS GO-GETTER	Donald Limoli	Dawn Sloan
BIGGEST APPLE POLISHER	Frank Cuccia	Helen Kindle
WITTIEST	Alfred Caravella	Jean Hawley
MOST ATHLETIC	Raymond Braender	Sally Day
BEST NATURED	Russell Morris	Barbara Mills
MOST CREATIVE	Kenneth Lane	Ledy Salomone
MOST TALENTED	Lester Regitz	Nancy Hohwald
MOST BASHFUL	Richard Fenton	Mildred Boyd
LAZIEST	Frank Cuccia	Doris Sullivan
TEACHER'S TORMENT	Frank Cuccia	Theresa Sorgento
MOST STUDIOUS	George Rowe	Dawn Sloan
MOST MISCHIEVOUS	Frank Cuccia	Theresa Sorgento
MOST ANGELIC	Richard Fenton	Dorothy Laustsen
MOST DIGNIFIED	Boyd Johnson	Sandra Hanford
MOST AMBITIOUS	Donald Limoli	Dawn Sloan
BIGGEST BLUFF	Charles Peterson	Adelaide Kalinuk
NICEST PERSONALITY	Kenneth Lane	Dorothy Varga
CLASS COUPLE	William Herrick	Marilyn White



FACULTY POLL

BEST LOOKING	Miss Denny	Mr. Wilson
BEST DRESSED	Mrs. Dralle	Mr. Marcason
BEST NATURED	Miss Haitsch	Mr. Schmidtchen
BEST DANCER	Miss McCready	Mr. Marcason
BEST GOOD SPORT	Miss Haitsch Mrs. Dralle	Mr. Schmidtchen
MOST SERIOUS	Miss Anker	Mr. Herb
MOST VERSATILE	Mrs. Dralle	Mr. Schmidtchen
MOST DRAMATIC	Miss Haitsch	Mr. Herb
MOST RESPECTED	Miss Sparkes	Mr. Schmidtchen
WITTIEST	Miss De Vries	Mr. Schmidtchen
NICEST SMILE	Miss McCready	Mr. Schmidtchen
NICEST EYES	Miss Haitsch	Mr. Schmidtchen

STUDENT POLL
(Current Topics)

Favorite college football team: Notre Dame
Favorite professional baseball team: New York Yankees
Favorite female movie star: Ingrid Bergman
Favorite male movie star: Robert Mitchum
Favorite radio program: Anything Goes—Rayburn and Finch
Favorite comedian: Bob Hope
Favorite orchestra: Vaughn Monroe
Favorite song: "You Were Only Fooling"
Favorite magazine: "Seventeen"
Best picture of the year: "Johnny Belinda"
Best school event remembered by class of "49": Jr.-Sr. Prom
Class "Hangout": Metuchen Sweet Shop
Favorie comic strip: Blondie

"And In The Spirit of Fun"

HISTORY—JUNIOR 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 1950, the following:

Ahearn, Joseph—Danny Kaye's prodigy; Anger, Alan—A tall girl; Becker, Peter—Peck of pickled peppers; Bertha, Albert—Baseball career, Bieler, Carl—The idle of his dreams; Buckley, Jerry—Songs and more songs; Bunker, Robert—A motor cycle to get to class; Canary, Charles—A "Varga" girl; Clausen, Donald—A left handed baseball; Cole, David—A Christmas "Carol"; Comeskey, John—Betty Co-ed; Diering, Louis—The kiddies up at Roosevelt; Dover, Thomas—Frank Bien's job; Eads, Victor—More rest; Edwards, Arnold—More ways to torment the teachers; Galusha, David—Atlas course; Harmyk, John—Someone to write his "notes"; Heller, John—The Yankees; Heroy, Robert—A muskrat to skin; Hill, Jean—A "Roy"al welcome; Hill, John—Spahn's autograph; Hodges, Jeannette—Everything sweet for a sweet girl; Howes, Shirley—Some gum to chew; Hunt, Margaret—More nights at the "C.Y.O."; Hurley, Jeraldine—less action; Irvine, Evelyn—Success and happiness; Janisch, Jean—just anything; Jensen, Joyce—Giggles and blushes; Johnson, Roger—The "Harem" of his dreams; Jones, Alice—A noise maker; Jorgensen, Elaine—Boys; Knapp, George—Good times; Entwistle, Edward—A C.Y.O. Game; Clark, Thomas—Manager of Baseball team; Limoli, Howard—Art Studio and a Model; Magyar, Bernice—Songs every day; Magyar, Marguerite—Slow boat to China; Mangarella, Neil—Sports; Marsicano, Marlene—Perth Amboy Forever; McKinney, James—A girl; McRae, Beatrice—Plenty of jive to last a lifetime; McTighe, Norman—A place in our hearts; Melko, Pollyanne—"Remy"ember Metuchen; Metzger, Gladys—No soups but Campbells; Meyers, John—No subjects or adjectives, but "Verbs"; Miller, Stanley—More girls; Morris, Kenneth—The Sweetest tiny girl; Morris, Sonia—Bound Brook Dances; Mundy, Doris—A "Skill"ed "Man"; Murray, Robert—A pass to the theatre; Needham, Floyd—dissect job; Negron, Stephen—"Baby" sitting; Offerman, Dolores—A movin' "Van"; Orlick, Robert—Studies; Paffendorf, Lawrence—1st half of Big Two; Pape, Richard—Books; Perdue, Elaine—"My Buddy"; Long, Nelson—A chorus line; Polhemus, Robert—Lifetime membership to the Y.M.C.A.; Poole, Nadine—A "Don" Juan; Popovitch, Louise—Professional Twirler; Raleigh, Dorothy—A tall, tall man; Reick, Robert—Height and a girl; Remley, Bernice—Success and happiness always; Regitz, Eugene—Second half of Big Two; Reynolds, Carolee—The best to the best; Riggs, Rosemarie—More expressions; Rule, Dorothy—A date book; Schmitt, Richard—Those Rhode Island Girls; Shoobridge, Phylis—Dress Designer; Shuster, Edwin—A girl to tease; Slisky, Armella—More time for sports; Smith, Lynette—Her wishes; Sorgento, Francis—a Fred Astaire; Obedick, Cornelius—Someone to do his homework; Andrews, Barbara—The tall man with a horn; Ayers, Nancy—anything she wants; Barath, Roberta—Someone to quiet her; Barrett, Betty—That "St. Peters" man; Bertha, Marion—A "Frank" answer; Birdsall, Nancy—Concert Pianist; Blanchard, Patricia—a car to eliminate the buses; Breen, Eileen—A "Wa "I" ter" fall; Brune, Lillian—My "Hero"; Cartwright, Barbara—That college man; Chapman, Helen—"If" you please; Chodak, Janet—A bucket of water to soothe that temper; Christensen, Carol—"Cole" for her; Cooper, Jane—Pass to the movies; Cornell, May—Alladin's "Geni"; Doran, Jane—A gold railroad 'Spike"; Drake, Beverly—Summer cottage at "Morgan"; Erle, Marie—That boy of hers; French, Margaret—More trips to West Va.; Gotch, Edythe—That certain Senior; Groben, Joan—A "Miller"; Gryniak, Dorothy—Joke Book; Hector, Doris—Manager of a store; Frohm, Ruth—a "Russell" of leaves; Heisler, Helen—Singing Career; Long, Ruth—College men; Parneg, Agnes—Those boys from Brooklyn; Head, Ada—A "Head" that will always be remembered; Murphy, Carol—"Red" field Village; Kneisel, Virginia—Poughkeepsie summers; Kovach, Louis—Someone to pester in Study Hall; Kuhns, William—All State—laugh; Langmaack, Etta—a Frenchman; Larson, Edward—A week off from school to go hunting; Larson, Jane—Whatever she wishes; Lane, Lillian—Success and Happiness; Lauritsen, Lorraine—The headlines; Stallings, Bernice—Someone to jitterbug with; Stricker, Andrew—More time to spend with his dog; Sussick, Betty—Assistant Wallpaper Clerk; TenEyck, Gladys—A loud voice; Toner, Francis—"Hair of Gold and Eyes of Blue"; Tornow, Hilda—"Just plain Joe"; VanAllen, William—"The friendship of Dolores"; Varga, Ernest—"A scholarship to "Purdue"; Vereb, Helen—A Johnny; Wargo, Edward—Coat for sale; Wojciechowski, Walter—Friends to break visitors' records forever; Wuest, Helen—Captain of the Girls' Basketball team; Zunino, Frances—Brains and ability; Tauscher, John—More time to play basketball; Buckelew, Donald—"Jeanne with the light brown hair"; Romeo, Anthony—A Juliet; Meny, Jo Ann—Soldier Boy, Soldier Boy.

SERVICE IS THE KEYNOTE

June 1949—another group of young people are preparing to leave Metuchen High School. Amidst the flurry and excitement of preparing for graduation, many important decisions are being made—decisions such as: "What am I going to do?"—"Am I going on to college?"—"What kind of job will I get?"—the importance of these decisions cannot be over-estimated. They affect the entire life of those deciding and the lives of many others as well.

In this modern age, a great deal of emphasis is put on the material things of life. In choosing his life's work, the graduate is greatly influenced by this. Instead of evaluating his ability, training, and talents and choosing a career in which he would be best qualified, his main thought is, "How much money will I make?" There is not much consideration given to the questions, "Will I be satisfied in my position?" "Will I be doing my best work?"

The best way to do your best work is to be happy in what you are doing. There is no greater happiness or feeling of satisfaction than when you are serving others.

If the Seniors of every graduating class, when making their decisions, would think in terms of service to their fellow men, instead of personal gain, this would be a much happier world in which to live.

ANABEL MORRIS '49

LOST

Through the dreary dark of night,
Chilled to the bone by the biting frost;
Knowing no friend, nor haven bright,
Plods the wanderer, hopelessly lost.

Down the seemingly endless street,
Shaking, miserable, blind with fear;
He walks along on senseless feet,
No sound of laughter in his ear.

His weary life will soon be o'er,
"Now he's at rest" some folks will say;
But can he rest forever more,
When he has thrown his life away?

ROGER JOHNSON '50

WRITING COMPOSITIONS

by Nancy Ayers '50

According to Webster a composition is, "an arrangement of words to form sentences, paragraphs and verses." This then is the goal which those who endeavor to place their thoughts on paper wish to achieve.

The word composition is wide in scope. It may be lengthy or brief, light or deep, humorous or serious, and it may, unfortunately, be connected with any known school subject. In fact, the grand old man who has taught geometry for the last twenty years is just as apt to ask for a composition dealing with the fundamentals involved in constructing a right angle as the far famed English teacher is to demand one in the form of a short story.

Probably the most famous school compositions are those dealing in some remote way with English. Indeed, in some halls of learning as many as four or five of these dreaded masterpieces are demanded per month. Not that they become tedious or boring—far from it. Each one is made to deal with an entirely new subject in an entirely different way so that your brainstorm of the previous night can never be used again in the next night's assignment.

Then there are the French compositions whose accompanying directions state that you shall write at least two hundred words on some elementary topic such as "Ma Maison" or "Le Garcon" entirely in French and without the aid of that old standby, the English-French Dictionary.

So much for the usual type of school composition. There is, however, another type which deserves mention in any dissertation on school compositions, namely the gumchewing composition. This work of art may well be called a regular part of the school curriculum since it is sometimes the penalty for committing that dire offense of chewing gum in class. These compositions are apt to be not only the longest but also the most boring of all since they are written when the author is in a state of anger over the outcome of his crime and is therefore not apt to bend his efforts toward constructing an interesting and informative paper.

The preparation toward writing a composition varies with the environment of the author. For instance, if the time is just five minutes before Engish class and the place is homeroom there is little or no extensive preparation since the author's main objective is to manage to complete an acceptable paper before the fast approaching deadline. But, on the other hand, if the dreaded task is being attempted at home there may be more than the necessary time given over to planning the work since most radio programs do not provide an excellent background for work. Because of this unfortunate lack, work must proceed only during time allotted for commercials or station identification. However, when this preparation is completed the actual writing is begun. In most cases this is the least painful of all the steps involved. When the idea is firmly established, it takes little effort to place the thoughts in writing.

Once completed, cut or stretched to the right length and painfully copied in ink, all that remains is the teacher's approval and you have reached your goal—according to Webster, "An arrangement of words to form sentences, paragraphs and verses," Do you have a composition due tomorrow—if so, good luck!

ARTY EXPERTS

by Jane Larson '50

Have you ever had the urge to paint with oils in the wide out-of-doors simply because you had seen the cutest smock with a jaunty beret to match and had always known you would look quite the artist, balancing a pallet and a can of turpentine? If so then what I am about to set forth is old stuff to you. If not, heed what I have to say so that you may be forewarned of the dangers of painting.

After your purchase of the complete outfit you start for the country early in the morning to paint the rising sun coming over a knoll. Quickly setting up your easel with nothing more than a mangled hand, dented shin, and the removal of two front teeth, you are about ready for the charcoal sketch to be put on the canvas. Since all sketches are just little things taking about five minutes, your sunrise is beginning to look like a high noon.

Now you start to paint; it is really very easy as the man in the store said. The only trouble is that when you finally acquire the right shade of goldish-orangish-red, it doesn't quite cover all it's supposed to, thus forcing you to go stark-raving mad trying to mix it again. Finally giving up in despair you mix an orangish-redish-gold and start over again. This becomes a vicious circle and goes on until you wind up with a reddish-orangish-goldish-purple just right for the sun which is now setting on the knoll before sinking out of view. The painting is really not completed, but done enough so that it may be touched up at home. Then your six by nine inch masterpiece is finished.

Thoroughly pleased with the result, you decide to hang it in a place of honor, so that it may be seen and admired by one and all. Its final resting place is above the mantle where a three by four foot mirror once hung. This leaves the space a little less covered, but by placing the painting in a large frame you make up the difference. With the arrival of your first guests, you are pleased to note that they immediately comment on the picture. You aren't quite sure whether or not it's the frame, but you are pleased nevertheless.

As they are about to leave they praise it once again, but as they walk from the house you see one turn towards the other and hear him say in a hoarse whisper; "Beautiful frame; nice painting too I suppose, only I didn't quite get the purpose of that big red blotch of red with the gold and orange all around it looking like a geometry teacher's nightmare."

JANE LARSON '50

FRIENDS OF OUR CLASS

Acme Market
Brown's Confectionery
California Market
Capitol Servicenter
Chocolate Shoppe
Commonwealth Bank of Metuchen
Corner Confectionery
Culver's Market
Danford's Corner
Dee-Dee Shoppe
Dickson's Men's Shop
Joseph Fischer, Inc.
Geary's Store
Eric H. Gort, Inc.
Heller and Kamlah, Well-Drilling
A. K. Hillpot
Hubble's
Jewel Shop
Joe's Bicycle Shop
Kaiser's Flowers
Kay-Nell Beauty Shoppe
Korman's Garage
Kramer's Department Store
Helen Lowe Gift Shop
Metuchen Center, Inc.
Metuchen Food Market
Metuchen Hardware, Inc.
Metuchen National Bank
Metuchen Pharmacy, Inc.
Middlesex Hardware
Middlesex Typewriter Service
Morris Stores
Oak Tree Market
Oak Tree Service Station
Rods Esso and Luncheonette
Sam C. Schenck, Jr.
H. Seldow and Sons
Sheehy's
Spot Service Station
Taffi-Tucker Shoppe
Thomason Motors
Weissert's Accessory Store
Wernik's Pharmacy
Windy Hill Garden Shop
Wood Brook Farms

Mr. J. Ahearn
Mr. and Mrs. Fred Alessi
Mr. and Mrs. Fred Althausen
Robert Althausen
Aunt Janet and Uncle Crutty
Mr. and Mrs. Howard Ayers
"Baby and Edey"
Mr. and Mrs. Reginald Backus
Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Baldsiefen
Mr. and Mrs. E. Beck
Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Bennett
Kathleen Bennetti
"Betty and Bert"
Mr. and Mrs. Clifton Birdsall
Mr. and Mrs. Osmer Birdsall
Mr. and Mrs. Clarence T. Bliss
Blue Teens
Mr. and Mrs. Walt Blyer
Mr. and Mrs. Howard Bovers
Mr. and Mrs. James Boyd
Mrs. John H. Brinckmann
Joseph W. Brocard
Mr. and Mrs. G. Bruderer
Mr. and Mrs. E. Campilongo
Mr. and Mrs. Paul Caravella
Mr. and Mrs. Vincent Caravella
Mr. and Mrs. Francis Darrah
Miss Helen Davis
Mr. T. Richard Devico
H. A. Doak, J. P.
"Dotsy and Charlie"
"Draino"
Dave Eckert
May Edwards
"Elaine and Joan"
Mr. and Mrs. Augustine Eosso
Mr. and Mrs. Gaetano Eosso
Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Eosso
Miss Eleanor D. Fendt
Jimmy Fielding
"Stash" Galazin
Robert A. Gilbert "47"
Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Goodenough
Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Gray
Mr. and Mrs. A Grecco
Mr and Mrs. J. Ralph Hanford
Mr. and Mrs. Remson Hansmann
Carl Hector
Dr. and Mrs. C. J. M. Hofer
Mr. and Mrs. Eric Hoffer
Al and Gert Hoffmann
Mr. and Mrs. Albert L. Hohwald
Alphonse Holub
Home Room "C"
Home Room 11
Home Room 19
Home Room 21
Home Room 22
Home Room 23
Home Room 26
Home Room 28
Home Room 30
Home Room 3rd Floor
Mr. and Mrs. D. Hurley, Jr.
Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Hurley
Buddy Hynes
Mrs. Sarah Janisch
"Jerry and Jane"
The Jolly Girls
Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Jones
Mr. and Mrs. Louis J. Kahn
Mr. and Mrs. J. Kalkanis
Mr. and Mrs. Harry Kline, Sr.
Mr. and Mrs. Walter Knudson
Mrs. Helen H. Laing
Mr. and Mrs. L. Laustsen
Mr. G. Randall Lawrence
Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Letson
Howard Limoli
Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Limoli
Carl Lipke
Lynette, Armella, and Nadine
Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Manziano
Mr. and Mrs. Wm. B. Marvin
Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Masterson
Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Mathews
Mrs. Harry McCabe
Mrs. W. V. McKenzie
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Alan H. Nielsen
Paul Nielsen
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Mr. and Mrs. Edward Popovitch
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Safety Patrol
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Mr. H. Schaper
Mr. Philip Schwalje
Mrs. O. Schiffmayer
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Miss Marion V. Silence
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Tech. Sgt. and Mrs. Alan Slaight
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Bernice Sorenson
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Mr. and Mrs. F. Stillwaggon
Mr. John R. Stone
Mr. and Mrs. E. Todt
Mr. and Mrs. Charles B. Tornow
Miss Phyllis Varga "46"
Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Varga
Mr. George E. Vincz, Jr.
Mr. Charles K. Viquerat
Miss Lillian Viquerat
Mr. and Mrs. E. Vollmar
Mr. and Mrs. O. Vollmar
Mrs. Anna Warade
Mr. Joe Warade
Mr. and Mrs. Fred Webber
Mr. and Mrs. P. Weigel
Dr. and Mrs. Harry J. White
Mrs. John F. White
Bill Wickberg
Mr. and Mrs. Artley Wuest
Mr. and Mrs. George E. Willens
Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert O. Williams
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