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Barbara K. Schleyer

she demanded much and asking, taught she learned from us and taking, gave.

she showed us the patterns in a varied
 world
 with natural candor and humor
 and her reason roused us to under standing
she gathered the threads of our undefined
 thoughts
 into a definite whole
 and her enthusiasm swept us to excite ment.

she forced us to think and thinking, we grew she inspired us to wonder and wondering, we learned.

she introduced us to her world.









Jane Carolyn Budny



A measured concern that weighs one's words paces her life and her deeds there is no limit to the force of the man when the mind and heart have a goal.



Practical

passionate purple and pink

with outspoken frankness

and candor

mature

moderate methods and mind with active alertness and spirit.

Linda Stuart Conroy



Clear dark eyes

in a sun browned face

silently show

the will to work

strongly mirror

the power to win.



Nancy Suzanne Davison





Joanna Gail Hornig



A spell-binding gesture of mad imitation
A sun-freshened giggle impulsive and free
A soul-deep idea of artist's expression
A far-stretching knowledge exciting and sure
Explorer of tide-pools and sand dunes and life.

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Susan Crawford Jamieson



Unbounded laughter

aids exuberant imagination

in the fun and love of life

she cares

and cares deeply

about the depths of thought

the truth of words

the rights of man

she cares

and cares deeply.

Romantic idealism of the intellectual and a complex contrast of the naive and the sophisticated

describe a circle of wild imagination.





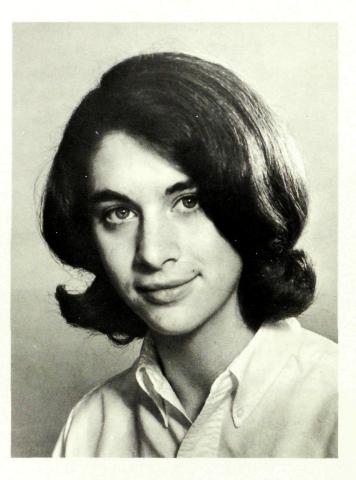
Care-free magician of subtle

merriment

nonsense inventor of phrase and word

light-hearted cynic of whimsical humor connoisseur of the real and absurd natural creator of warm Pooh-bear friendship

with deep understanding of people.

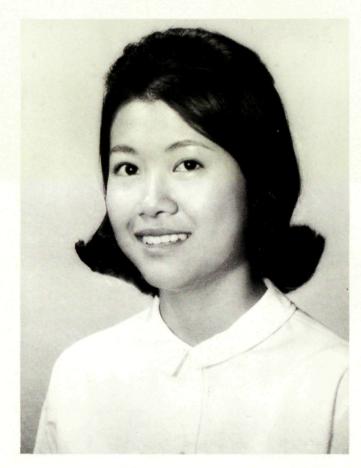


Dora Elizabeth Lange





Amy Lau



As still

as the sound of her voice

as shy

as the curl of her smile

as deep

as the black of her hair.



Priscilla Mark



hey!

congenial welcome eager to meet

well!

voluble vigor

impatient to speak

what!

amazed mind

prone to surprise

whee!

tantalizing tartness

quick to bounce



What is wrong can never be right she says and her uncompromising integrity weaves a melody through her natural simplicity and snub-nosed charm.

Susan Karding Moulton



All that she says has been thought in her heart all that she wants has been planned in her mind all that she has has been gained by her self.





Penelope Sherwood Pettit

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Gail Nelms Petty



Blasé blond of animated thought

freshly fun

blithely bright

efficient ease of common sense

calmly cool

smartly smooth

lively balance of spark and flame.



Barbara Bowne Rose



Waving hands and

rushing thoughts

in a tumbling torrent of words

crinkling freckles and

shining hair

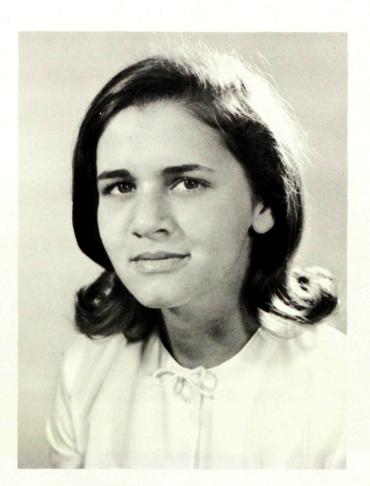
in a laughing spreading smile

passionate feelings and

vigorous thoughts

in a zest and love for an active

life.



Uninhibited sparkle and twinkle a wink and a flower pigtailed good humor warm eyes and shy subtle and gay refreshing concern for the deep and the light.

Judith Kathleen Scasserra



Strength to master

the world of logic

power to grasp

the world of reason far reaching friendship wide ranging interests

she wants

to see

to meet

and to learn.





Susan Helene Schildkraut



Cary Halsey Smith



She stops

to lend a helping hand

with a thoughtful smile

of real friendliness

and quiet cooperation.

she walks

in an ordered life

with a dignified grace

of kind consideration

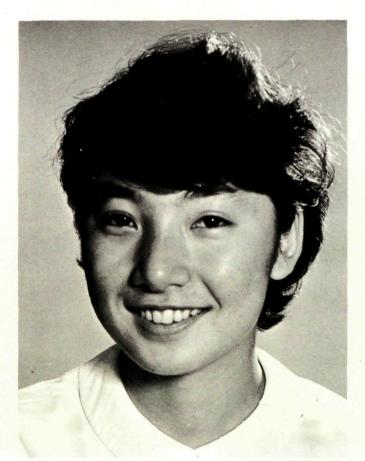
and cheerful words.



Frances Lylan Wolff



Enigmatic eyes of dark questioning drive her curiosity in a searching desire to know silent power of unique ideas mingles with elfin charm and wit.



A shy

and merry

love

for the new that catches people in a web of color on a canvas of life.

Eiko Shima





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Rose

Scalz





Susie





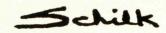
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| Janie B. | Kleenex | " I'm so thred" | organized |
| L. C. | curly hair | " Howdy Toots!" | noisy |
| Nance | her tan | "tut tut" | athletic |
| Jo | rnessy desk | "Hey, you guys!" | giddy |
| Jamieson | Life of Riley | CENSORED | nutty |
| Kneubs | food consumption | " use your head" | incre di ble |
| Dorabus | Weekend quests | "BLICK !!!" | unpredictable |
| Amy | black loafers | 福壽 | QUIEt |
| Pris | Tulsa Uptown | "I'm so excited" | bewitching and bewildering |
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| PEnel | lough | "That cracks me up ! " | "obese " |
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| Schilks | memory | "Listen, Kiddo!" | snowable |
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| Cary | chocolate mousse | "DKAY, People!" | help.ful |
| Fran | style | "What would nappen if?" | idealistic |
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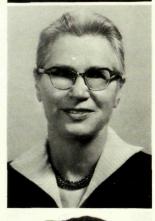
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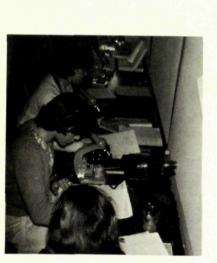
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Directed by MUNROE WADE



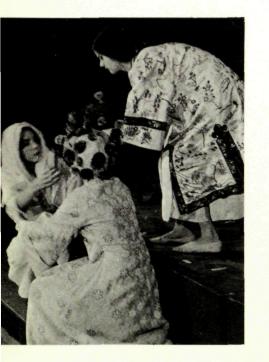
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The sea in its fullness lashed the rocks and caressed the sand but rare did its waves touch me. The wind at its height lifted the skies and kissed the trees but scarce did its hands brush me.

It was

a low fog of comprehension when I did not see the earth It was a wide meadow of wasted time.

> Joanna Hornig, XII First Prize Upper School Poetry

in a dingy and smelly barn a peasant virgin became a mother three powerful kings brought gifts and a father who wasn't a father stood watching

this they say
is hard to comprehend
hard to explain
so rather than tell, they pretend

and generations of children spend years believing that christmas is a special day

because in their bright, clean homes an old fat man slides down a tiny chimney brings them gifts he somehow knew they wanted in a sleigh drawn in the air by flying deer

> Sally Lane, X Honorable Mention Upper School Poetry

Blue Is Trees

"The blue is trees and the white things are cloud-flowers and that's an angel. I painted all of it by my very self except the teacher helped me put the wings on the angel. Do you like it, Jeanie?"

"Paul Lewis, there's no such thing as blue trees."

"They're sky-trees, Jeanie. It's a picture of a garden in the sky."

"Paul Lewis, I've never seen a green and purple angel."

"Have you ever seen a real angel, Jeanie?"

"No, Paul Lewis, of course not."

"Well, Jeanie, I thought a long time 'fore I put that angel in, an' I decided God might get tired a jus' plain white ones."

Jean Marie was fourteen and she had ironing to do and she still had to get that red cotton skirt hemmed. She couldn't waste all afternoon discussing purple angels and, besides, her young brother was such a child. It was time he learned that trees are brown and angels white. She must be getting off to work now.

Paul Lewis Thornton was six and his spirits were not easily dampened. Jeanie could iron if she wanted to but he thought it was senseless to push that steaming metal box back and forth over the same shirts and dresses every Wednesday. She must have figured out by now that they would be wrinkled again by next Wednesday. Anyway, Jeanie could iron if she wanted to but he was going eel fishing before the sun went down.

Jean Marie watched Paul hop on one foot twice and then the other down the dusty path toward the canal. Then she stared at the white polka-dots on the apron she was ironing and imagined that they were cloud-flowers. She sang a short Scottish ballad about a young peasant girl and watched the puffy white flowers bend and whisper to the melody. But she was fourteen and she had ironing to do before supper.

Paul Lewis hopped one-two, hopped one-two on down the path toward the canal. It was an old path that had born the care-free feet of youthful fishermen for generations. But Paul Lewis loved the path because it never really submitted to old age. Every Spring the undergrowth from the wood crawled across it with the audacity and perseverance of youth. If you didn't watch your step in the Spring a bold young monkeyvine would trip you and then laugh right in your face. But Paul Lewis would laugh back and shout, "That a way, ol' path! You've still got some pep in ya for an old fellow." And he would scramble to his feet.

Today he was looking at the sky as he hopped along, hoping to see a sky-garden or two and sure enough those monkeyvines grabbed his ankle and he found himself eye to eye with an ant. It was a small red one with minute waving arms. He would speak to that monkey-vine later but right now he would lie very still and see how the ant-prince was going to rescue the fair, young ant-maiden.

"Watch this," the red ant waved at Paul Lewis. "The fair, young maiden is stuck under that maple leaf and there isn't a single prince in the kingdom who has been able to budge it. But I am the wisest and the bravest and strongest of the ant-princes and I shall save the maiden."

Paul Lewis whispered, "I'm watching, Prince," and held his breath. There was no doubt that this was the wisest of the ant-princes. The Prince marched elegantly toward the leaf and stopped before it for a moment to clear his throat. Then he began to eat his way through, stopping occasionally to speak words of comfort to the fair young maiden.

Paul Lewis was six and he was pretty sure that everything would turn out happily. He got up his courage to kill the wicked spider-villain with his bare hand. Suddenly the ant-prince disappeared under the maple leaf and reappeared, after a discreet second or two, with the flushed and beautiful ant-maiden. The Prince waved his tiny red arm at Paul Lewis and walked away proudly toward the King's Palace escorting the fair princess.

Jean Marie had finished her ironing and was setting the table for supper. In the middle of the kitchen table was Paul Lewis' picture. Someone had set a glass right on the green angel and it had left a ring like a halo around her head. Jean Marie set the forks down in a pile and picked up the picture. Perhaps angels were green. No, if they weren't white they must be blue -- soft, pale blue -- like the sky on an August afternoon. Or perhaps pink. The pink of a June sunset when the western sky is a thick blanket of pink wool. But it was six-thirty and the table was just half set. She had enough to do and now she had to start worrying about why that Paul Lewis wasn't home washing up for supper.

Paul Lewis was six and he seldom thought about what time it was. When the ant-maiden had been safely rescued, he continued his journey down the path toward the canal. His fishing-limb was behind the willow tree where he had left it in case a tramp had wanted to catch some dinner with it. He took the safety pin from his pocket and attached it skillfully to the string, cast it expertly into the brown, stagnant water, and lay on the bank to wait for an eel.

"If I ever catch one a you eels, I'm gonna grind you up into magic powder and sprinkle it on my pillow every night and dream about whatever I want to."

But, as usual, he spoke too loudly and the eels swam into their tunnels in the bottom of the canal and through into the sea till all was safe in the waters at home.

"I'll catch you some day, you stupid eels." Paul Lewis rolled over on his back and watched the sun go down behind the willow tree. The big round plate left a

strip of red clouds behind and Paul Lewis knew that it was a hedge to keep the young angels from trying to fly too far from heaven, especially at night. He used to think that God should let the young angels learn the hard way and if they flew too far and became too tired to find their way back . . . well, that was tough luck. But he had reconsidered. There was no sense in letting that beautiful red hedge go to waste. And also, young angels might be too full of energy and curiosity to know what was best for them. He watched the red line closely in case any delinquents were trying to fly over.

Jean Marie slammed the kitchen door and started to walk angrily down the dusty path. She was fourteen and too busy to be running after little brothers.

She squinted her eyes against the dust and kicked the brush and weeds out of her way. But the monkey-vine matched her determination. It wound around her toes and pitched her flat on the ground.

"This damn path! That impossible Paul Lewis! And this dress was just ironed."

She stood up and marched on, grabbing a pink and white dogwood flower from an overhanging branch. It was almost all white except for a perfect pink rim around each petal. Maybe there was a dogwood fairy who painted the edges of all the white blossoms every Spring. But that was ridiculous and it was getting dark.

Paul Lewis had not heard her approach. He was sadly trying to catch a last glimpse of the fading red angel-hedge.

"Paul Lewis!"

"Oh, Jeanie, it's all gone and there's nothing to keep the little angels in."

"Whatever are you talking about! It's dark and way past supper time!"

"But some little angel might venture out after supper for a bit of fresh air and before he knew it he would be too far and too tired to ever get back again."

"But, Paul Lewis, angels don't eat supper."

"Why not, Jeanie?"

"They don't have stomachs. They don't have lungs and hearts and livers for that matter."

"Oh."

"Don't worry, Paul Lewis, I once heard about an angel that went far, far away from heaven till he didn't know where he was or how to get back."

"Was it a young one?"

"Yes, a little boy about six."

"Oh, I'm six. Didn't he ever, ever find heaven again?"

"You know what happened, Paul Lewis? The stars saw that he was lost, so each one hid behind a cloud except the stars which led right from the little angel back to heaven." "Oh, Jeanie, did he follow the starpath?"

"He hopped from one star to another until he was right back in his own bed."

"I'll bet the little angel was hungry when he got back -- stomach or no stomach."

"He was, Paul Lewis, and he had some angel-cake before he went to be . . . you know what?"

"What?"

"I made an angel-cake for dessert tonight."

"Let's go home an' eat, Jeanie."

"All right, Paul Lewis, let's pretend we're lost angels and this ol' path is a star path."

> Susan Jamieson, XII First Prize Upper School Prose

Wedding in Our Town

Cranbury is a quiet town. There are few cars on the street from the time school lets out until the time the fathers come home from work. There is little social life in Cranbury aside from school and church activities. Thus, it comes as no surprise that, in Cranbury, weddings are great events.

About a year ago a girl by the name of Sherry Kugler and a boy by the name of Chuck Weidner were married in the Presbyterian church. They grew up together in Cranbury, and were together during high school. Then Chuck went off to college and everyone thought that was that. Here I might as well explain that we in Cranbury spend our leisure time in minding other people's business. Any romance and/or marriage is common property.

To get back to my story, that definitely was not that. Sherry and Chuck continued seeing each other during vacations all through college, providing conversational material for the town as we speculated upon what would come of it. But we knew.

In due time we found out, or rather were proven right. Chuck graduated from college; their engagement was announced. They were to be married in May toward the end of Sherry's senior year. Chuck meanwhile entered the Air Force.

The townspeople, happily satisfied, continued discussing other local romances while we sat back and waited for the wedding.

Finally the day dawned, bright and fresh and sunny. This was to be the first wedding since our new minister, Dr. Wolf, had come to Cranbury. The first funeral had been a week previous.

The rehearsal was the night before the wedding. An anecdote of the rehearsal was by morning common property. Just before they started down the aisle out of the church, Dr. Wolf said to Chuck, didn't he want to kiss the bride. No, said Chuck, he didn't. Well, it was customary, replied Dr. Wolf. Did he have to? asked Chuck. Sherry stood unconcernedly to one side, not seeming to care. Finally Chuck consented to kiss her, but his heart wasn't in it.

The morning of the wedding saw millions of frantic preparations. Dr. Wolf, beneficent, curly-haired, just starting to go gray, was seeing to it that everything was in its place while the local florist, with several enthusiastic onlookers, did everything possible towards arranging the flowers properly without taking the church apart. At the same time the choir was attempting to practice Sunday's anthem.

Finally everyone left and chaos turned to calm. The church, except for the flowers, was just as usual -- big and gray and cool and quiet. It's over two hundred years old now, and peaceful as only an old church can be.

The wedding guests started arriving at one-thirty. It was to be a large wedding, for small weddings are taboo in Cranbury. People want to see the whole thing, not just read about it in the Cranbury Press. (Besides, the Press makes mistakes. Recently they published a picture of a bride with the caption "Plainsboro Post Office Dedicated Saturday.") Naturally everyone comes to the weddings.

Promptly at two o'clock the wedding march started. Sherry, smiling in a scared-stiff sort of way, came down the aisle on her father's arm. Chuck met her at the altar and they turned toward Dr. Wolf.

He began, "Dearly beloved, we are gathered together here in the sight of God, and in the face of this company, to join together this Man and this Woman in holy Matrimony . . ."

So we were, Dr. Wolf. So we were.

Karen Meyers, IX Honorable Mention Upper School Prose

The Forest

The forest was empty when I was there --Not a chipmunk, a frog or a snail; Not even a toad In his spotted abode Or a mouse with a knotted tail. The forest was silent when I was there --Not a hoot, or a grunt or a snort; Not a leap or a scutter A flit or a flutter --Or anything of the sort. But there must be an ant in a moss-covered stump, Doing the daily chore --Or a speckled fawn Beginning to yawn --Or a rabbit sweeping his floor. Somewhere there must be a red-headed bird Pecking away in the bark Or a curious frog Peeking out of a log; Or an owl keeping watch after dark. But the forest was empty when I was there --Silent, and empty too --I heard not a sound --

There was no one around I think they were hiding, don't you?

> Elizabeth Borgerhoff, VII First Prize Middle School Poetry

The Labors of the Nurse of Hercules

In the beautiful country of Thebes, they say, Where the brittle, brown olive trees rock and sway, And the warm winter wind is a single puff, Where silence is golden and noise kept to a hush, There grew a handsome, magnificent lad, As great to behold as a god armor-clad. There grew fair Hercules, a fierce and bold one --A boy whose renown no mortal could shun. That is the lad who is known by all, From coast to coast, from pole to pole. Yet when I knew the brute, he was to me As demanding and childish as a baby can be. He was a cruel and malicious scamp, And the fits he had! He would rave and stamp, And cross his eyes till they almost stuck, And to get him to bed -- even Zeus had no luck!

This lad was so strong that when only three months, He had killed two snakes, even though quite a dunce. Then he strangled a lion -- bare-handed, you see, And everyone feared him -- except, of course, me! I was his nurse, as I'm sure you can tell. I've bought all the insurance a person can sell, Since taking this terribly perilous job, Being nurse, cook, and maid to an absolute slob.

Once when he was in a most horrible mood, He flatly refused to eat any food! No one could tell him he must eat to be strong, Instead he began to hum a small song. Then he held his breath, till he almost was blue And opened his eyes till they nearly popped, And then began to moo -- like a muscle-bound cow! I thought, "That boy's gone insane, by now!"

The rippling muscles of this baboon Made all the girls keel over and swoon. It truly was a sickening sight, And I held my breath with all my might When I saw his ugly, hairy hands Touch their soft skin and their hair of sand. True, a lady-killer, that he was, And the things he did, no gentleman does.

> Connie Sayen, VIII Honorable Mention Middle School Poetry

All That Matters

I remember a lot of little things from my childhood. back down South. It was so different then -- I mean everything. Or maybe it just seemed different then -- 'cause I was only a little boy. The main thing I remember about the good times was the bigness of it all. And, of course, my mother. I can hardly think how to begin about my mother. She's one of the things I remember most perfectly from the good times. I guess even if I forget everythin' else I'll al'ays 'member her. She was beautiful and to me she seemed as tall as the sky, but of course I was only six or seven then. When I was just a baby she used to sit me on her knee and sing me the sweetest lullabies anybody up north or down south could ever hear. And at night she'd lay me on my bed and bend down and kiss me on my forehead. It was then she seemed the tallest, bendin' down over me. She had the finest southern accent I ever heard, too, an' all the other niggers used to tell how lucky I was to have such a beautiful, fine mother and I'd agree with them. I never saw my mother dressed up fancy -- she al'ays wore her working clothes, but anybody who ever met her loved her -- especially Pa.

In those days there was still cotton plantations, so us and a mess of other niggers lived about a mile away from the ones where my mother and Pa worked at. It was a huge plantation. I used to go with my mother a lot, and when you stood up by the barn and looked down over the cotton fields at about 6 p.m., after all the other niggers had left, all you could see was white all over, but when you went into the fields, like Ma and I did a lot at evenin', you could see the stalks and everything, so it wasn't the same. Behind the fields was a forest, but it wasn't like any woods up north. For one, it was much bigger and for another, there wasn't any briars and thorns, it

was just soft grass that felt good on barefeet, and a bunch of flowers here and there.

Like I said, Ma and I used to go down there a whole mess on these cool summer evenin's during the good time. We took long walks together through the huge fields and sometimes into the woods. We talked and had a good old time, and she used to tell me about up north, and how they paid niggers much better up north, and she could stay home with me while just Pa went to work, and I could go to school, and she could have nice clothes and a nice house and things. I guess it was so much her dream that I made it mine too, and that's why after the good times was over I was so glad when Pa said we were moving north. I never knowed it would be like this.

Well, those are the things I 'member most about the good time, those cool breezes going through my clothes on our walks, and Ma and the plantation, and just the bigness of it all.

Then the bad times started and there weren't no more good memories. A while after my eighth birthday Pa saved enough money to buy off a little piece of land, so he could start his own little farm. All the niggers dreamed of some day owning their own farms and making them grow and grow 'til they got rich. A few other niggers had tried it, but they all gave up after a bit 'cause of the Ku-Klux-Klanners, who wanted all of us to keep workin' for practically nothing on their big plantations and farms. The ones around us weren't violent or nothing, but if you tried to buy food or grain or anything in one of their stores in Mayville, the small town near where us niggers lived, they'd say, "Aren't you one of them small farm niggers about one-two miles out?" And when you told 'em nobody 'd sell you anything, they sort of stared you out 'til you went back

to the plantation and got hired for even less pay. Well, Pa bought a whole mess of provisions before anyone knew we was planning a farm or anything, and he sort of slowly got all the stuff we needed -- I'm not sure just how. Anyways, we bought this little piece of land just a little ways off from our old house, with the help of the other niggers, and everything seemed fine. We left the plantation and moved in and everything was all right. But after a month or two the Ku-Klux-Klanners started coming around several nights. First they just put on masks and rode around and shot a few guns off in the air. We refused to come out, and they finally left. A while later they came again and shouted that they'd burn our house if we didn't leave, but Pa and Ma refused to leave. Then it came. They didn't burn our house, but when we woke up the morning after one of their night visits we found our small white cotton field burned to dust. That was the first time I ever saw my mother cry, and the only time, but we still didn't care. The next night Pa went to the other niggers and told 'em what'd happened and asked for seeds and more supplies. That night was the worst of my life, 'cause while he was gone they came again. They rode around out in front of our house, shoutin' "Dirty niggers! Go back where you belong!" "In the cotton fields" and "We ain't never gonna let no dumb niggers take over!" and "Hell'll rise tomorrow if you aren't gone!" My mother had a look in her eyes like I'd never seen -- as brave as a wolf and twice as strong. I knowed she was going to do something awful and just looking at her eves scared me! She went outside in the dark and screamed "Get out of here! All of you or I'll kill you all!" It was so dark I couldn't see anything, but sure as I'm here now, I heard that gun

shot, and right then I knew that I'd never talk with Ma again. I could hear them shouting, all scared, before they left, "What have you done!" And "she's dead! You've killed her!" I ran outside and stayed with my mother 'til Pa got home.

Since Ma died, Pa hasn't never been the same. He ain't happy no more, and you can see it in his eyes. Sometimes I'm talking to him an' he suddenly don't answer no more and looks far away, and I know enough not to bother him 'cause he's thinkin' about Ma. I always had Ma's fine accent an' I guess sometimes it hurts him to listen to me too much.

We stayed on for a few weeks at our farm an' we didn't hear no more from the Ku-Kluxers, but I know who shot her, though I ain't never gonna tell Pa, 'cause he'd probably go shoot him and then he'd get hanged and I wouldn't have no one. Anyway, after a while Pa told me we was gonna move up north where we could live happily and no-one'd hate us no more. An' I was glad.

Well, now we live in a town called Broad Ridge out in Illinois but I don't see as it's no different. I'm eleven now, and I can go to school if I feel like it, and I usually do -- just 'cause I know Ma would've wanted me to. But my school ain't very good, and it's all niggers, and the white kids still mock us, and especially me, 'cause of my accent so it really ain't no different. Pa says maybe we'll go back to the South, but we don't know yet, and it costs more money nowadays, an' Pa really don't earn no more than he used to, so we don't know. But there's just one more thing I want to say, and that is that I don't care how much the white kids laugh at my good Southern accent. I don't care 'cause I know it's good, and so does Ma, wherever she is, and that's all that matters to me.

> Linda Hart, VIII First Prize Middle School Prose

The Little Witch

I have known Minnie, the little witch, since I was seven, and now I love her very much. Despite this, I must admit that she is very ugly. She has long, stringy, purple hair with occasional streaks of yellow, blue, green, orange and red. Her nose is long and crooked and reaches down to her sharp red chin. She has a humped back and one very small foot. Although she is taller than I, Minnie appears much shorter because of her twisted body.

Minnie is a wonderful pal. When Joan is late picking me up from school, Minnie rides me home on her broom. She is invisible to everybody except me and when I touch her broom, I, too, am invisible. On moonlit nights, Minnie takes me for a ride on her broom. However, Minnie plays pranks also. One day, Minnie heard me telling Mommy about a picture in our living room which I didn't like. Minnie knocked it down, breaking two vases as well as ruining the picture. I had to laugh when I saw Minnie doing this. Mommy, poor Mommy, couldn't for the life of her figure out why I was laughing.

Boasting is not usually considered a pleasant trait of character with humans. But, with witches, it is quite normal. Minnie has this trait and of this I am glad. Through Minnie's boasting, I have learned some of the top secrets of the witches. I am not permitted to tell you these, but they are horrible, distasteful, ghastly, ghostly, and very often bloody.

Do you know that witches live forever? Minnie was alive before our solar system was formed. It was she who told me about early history and science. When I read about them in school, it was old stuff. Whenever a new subject comes up in school I can count on Minnie to tell me her personal experiences. And so, besides being a wonderful playmate, Minnie is my delightful teacher.

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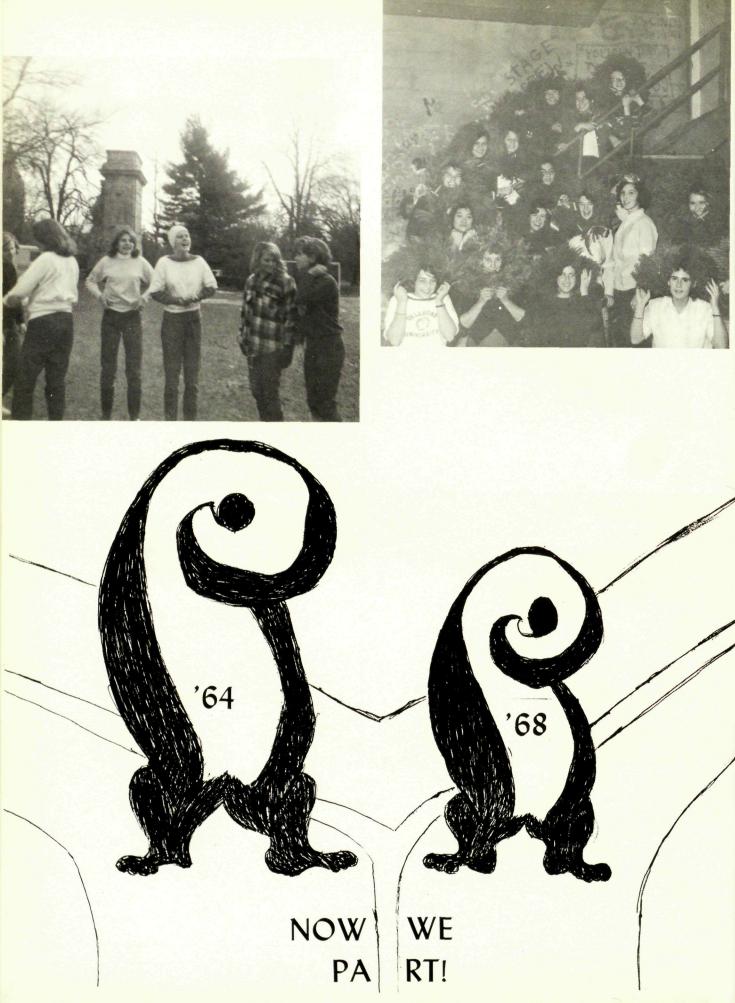
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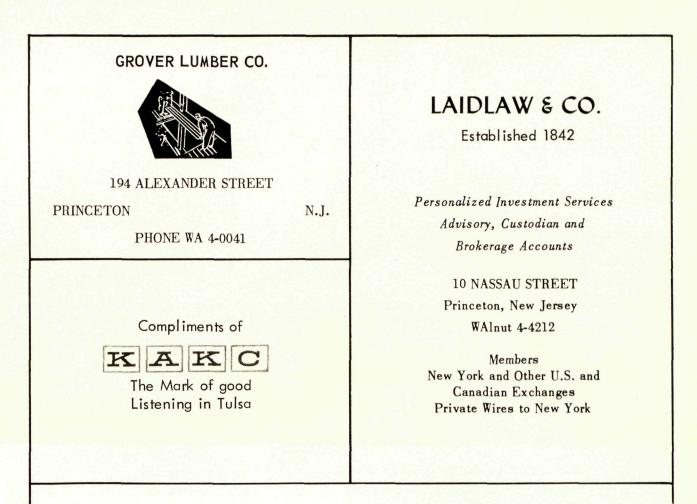




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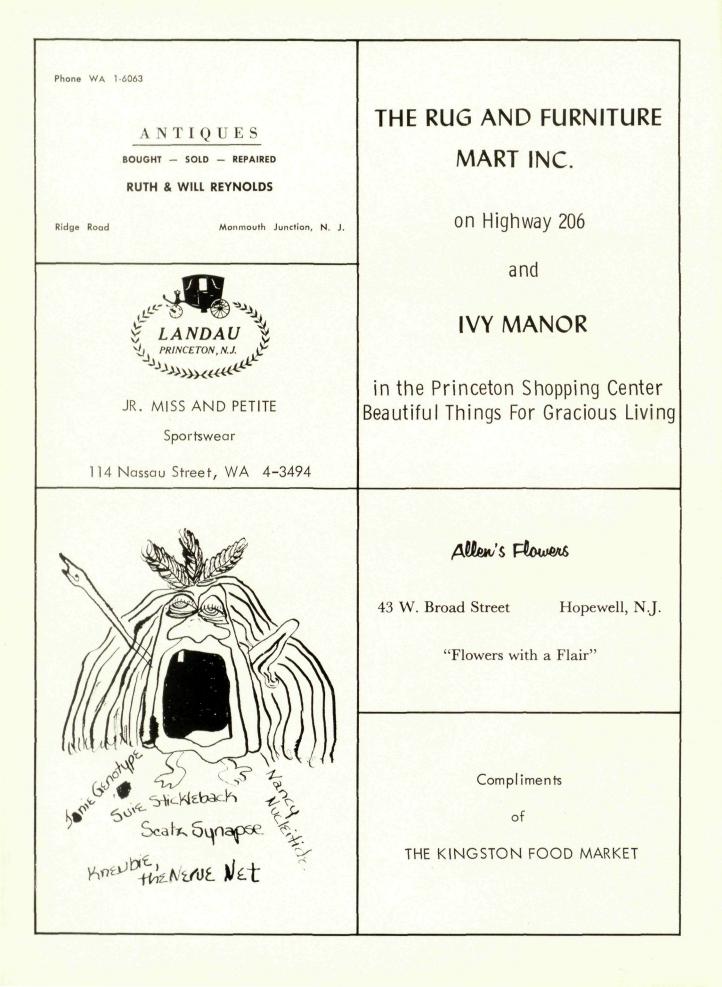
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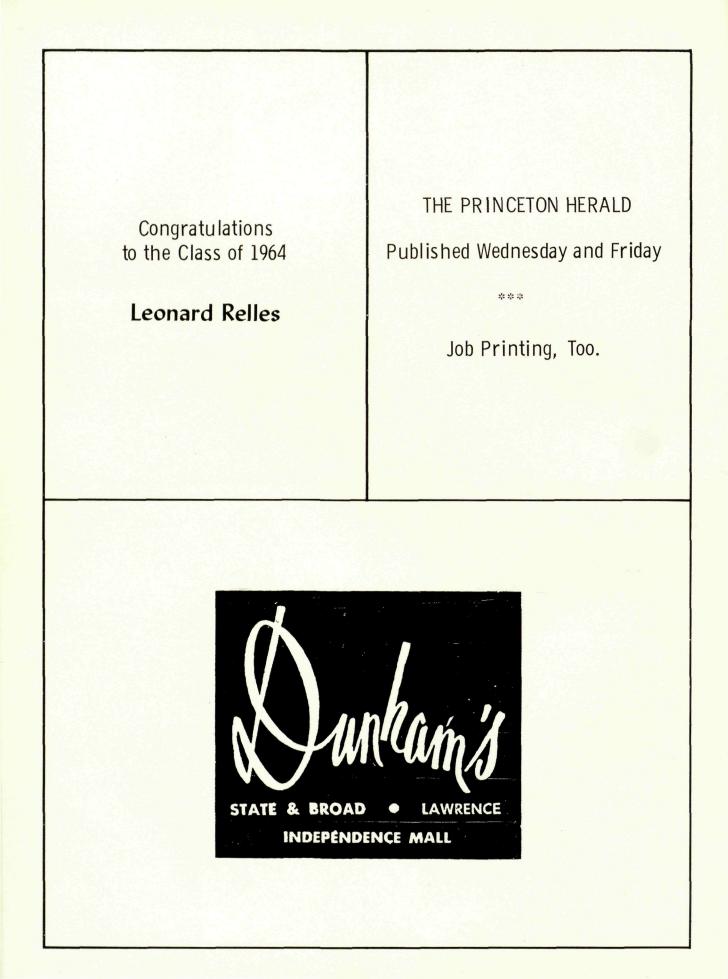
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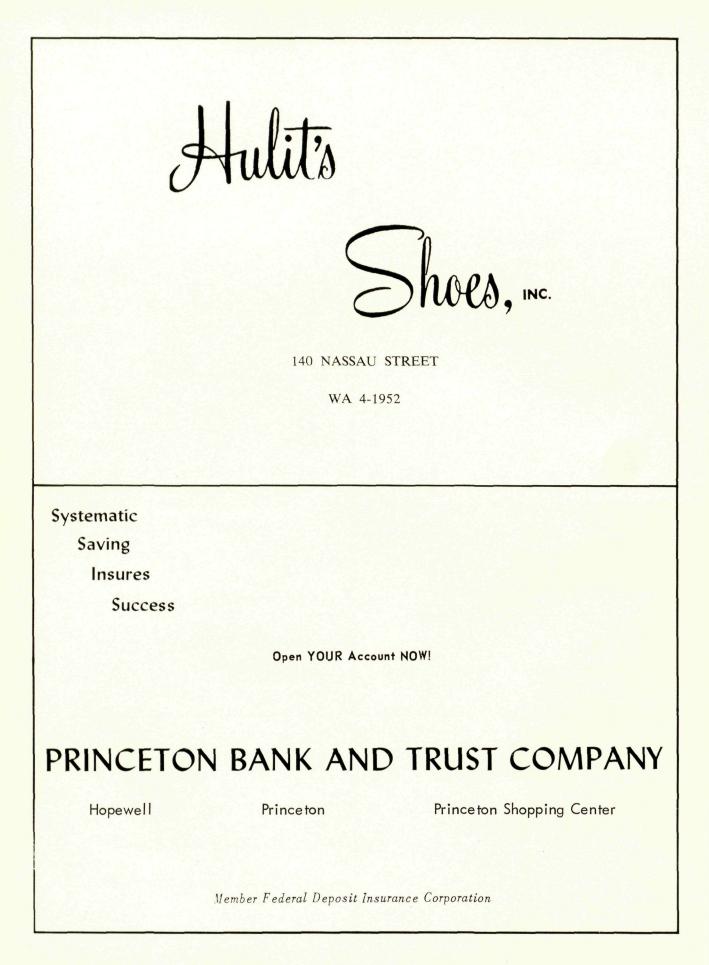
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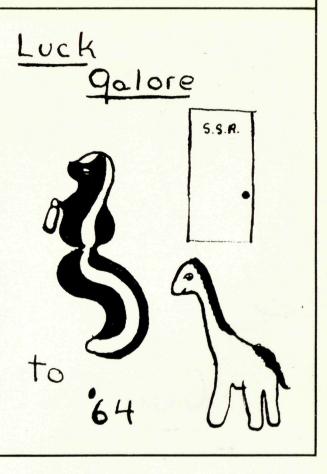
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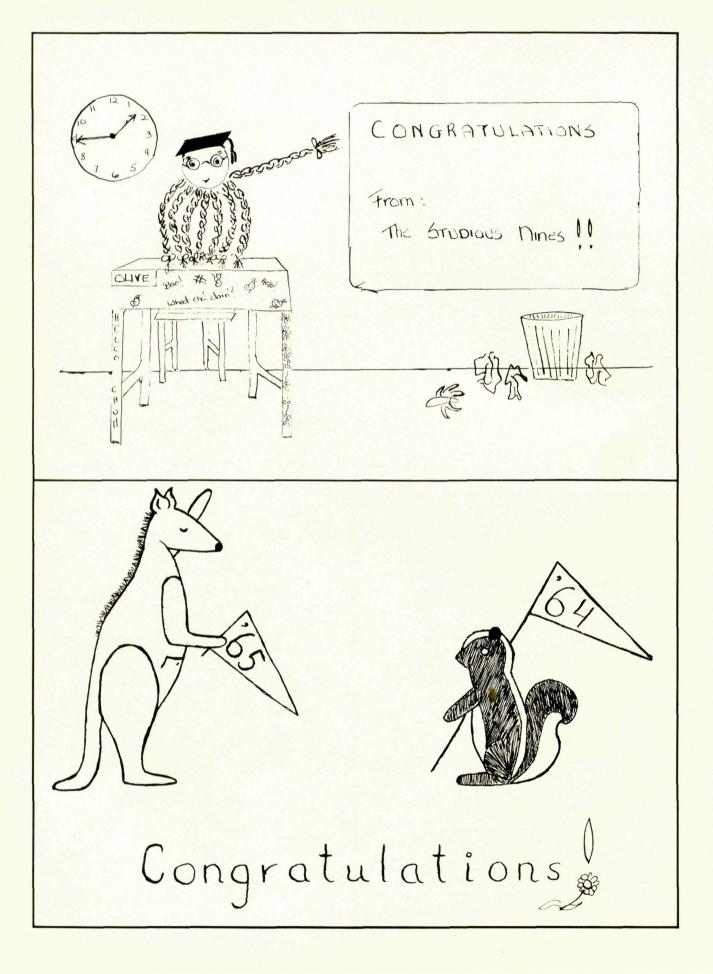


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CLASS HISTORY

We were architects of strong two-story buildings, painters of great brown trees and the turtle toddled in with Cary, trailing clouds of cookie crumbs. Red light, green light, stop and go -- we were sign obeyers and wonderful runners; boys after girls and Janie was the bravest warrior. We were sailors and captains, skillful and strong, if we got a hundred, but sometimes we sank. Mrs. Dennison's class had too many boys; ratio 9:5. We were spaghetti slurpers and great musicians Christina Rossini and squeaky recorders and some of us had poison ivy. We were puppet makers par excellence, archers too Tiki and Taki and Robin Hood and we had gym every day. Scatz had a hay ride and got millions of presents and Schilks was new and commuted. Pris was to be a ballet dancer And we made our own silhouettes. We could canter and gallop and Kathie was horse and Penny fell off one and broke her arm. We all reported on Johnny Tremain and smoked at Mrs. Porter's. We were big wheels with Miss Stokes and Teph came and the bathtub of fish dripped down on Miss Cashman. Our burlesque mural was quite risqué so we gave it to Mrs. Peck. Annie Clay Harris had rum birthday cake and the Washington trip was rather wild --But we were Tamed and Rosie was the Shrew. Some went away but six of us came, and there was a hurricane the first day of school (any connection?) and we were Upper School! The seniors were so OLD and the Honor System was SCARY. We learned; about Hill Concerts and Tea Dances --Our energetic new science teacher was Mrs. Schleyer and we wrote our papers half for her and half for "Smitty" and had Partners in Dissection Frogs. "Who called you last night?" were our immortal words. More of us left and Jo and Kneubs came so finally there were eighteen Sunbathing sophs on the front porch roof Susie was snowed and we did the TWIST, Venus smoked at the head of the aisle while Macgregor miaowed at Oedipus Rex. Prissy tumbled down the stairs so Sue J. fainted and four of us went to Greece.

Linda collected football clippings --

we were the "most social class" and got lectured. Mrs. Boutelle introduced us to Roger Glass

so we "debated" Lawrenceville on the merits of co-education.

Dalsis blew in, laugh and a half, Grendel growled and Rabbit left.

The pipes popped and the ceiling peeled,

cauldrons bubbled, and the grass hut fell,

We lugged heating pads and Brophs slipped us coffee --"You Never Can Tell"

In junior year we learned of the "Know Nothing" party and in senior year we joined them.

Fiery dragons flew on walls

in our noisy third floor lair Chaotic class meetings with torrents of words

and Franny was pres once again.

Dora held an open house

week in, week out, week round about. Quivering chromosomes and Eiko came, Tulsa uptown, Rachanee from Thailand,

Mme. Nhu in town, Ross Barnett too. We met with Crick and Blick and Snick

and everyone died in the Hamlet flick. Pounds of good advice poured upon us

weekend quotes and flying angels. Pounds of good food consumed by us,

breaking diets and decisions.

"Give a man an inch and he'll take a yard . . . " we learned all sorts of things in bio.

After thirteen years we left, glad and sad,

trailing clouds of cookie crumbs.

