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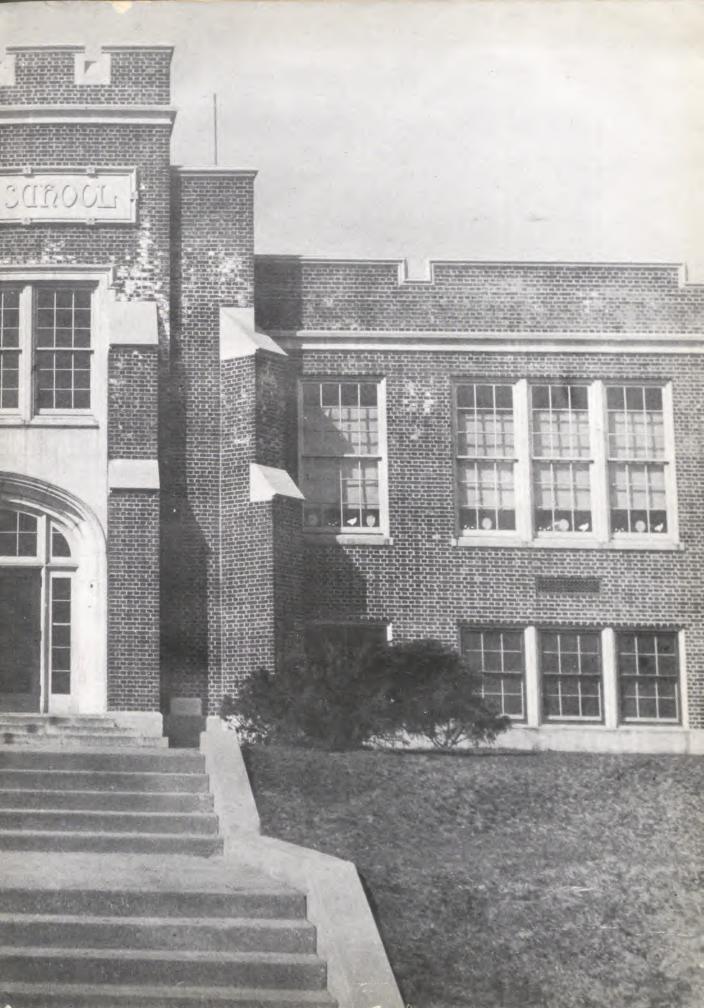




SAYREVILLE HIGH SCHOOL SAYREVILLE, NEW JERSEY

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When imperturbable the gentle moon Glides above war and onslaught through the night When the sun burns magnificent at noon On hate contriving horror by its light When man, for whom the stars were and the skies Turns beast to rend his fellow, fang and hoof Shall we not think, with what ironic eyes Nature must look on us and stand aloof? But not alone the sun, the moon, the stars, Shining unharmed above man's folly move; For us three beacons kindle one another Which waver not with any wind of wars: We love our children still, still them we love Who gave us birth, and still we love each other.

-JOHN ERSKINE

Dedication

To our mothers and fathers we dedicate our book with the greatest appreciation and humblest gratitude for their kindnesses and sacrifices in our behalf. The infinite love they have shown for us is hard to measure and our meager but constant attempt to return that love is the inspiration for this dedication.

We want them to know that this book stands as a symbol of all our achievements made with their guidance and assistance the full and true value of which we youth hope some day to realize.



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Administration



Quo Vadis

"WHITHER GOEST THOU?"

Seniors:

- —is it toward a nobler career and a life of service to your fellow man?
- —is it toward heights of higher learning that you might be prepared to serve better in your God given place in life?
- —is it toward a better understanding of human rights that you might aid in bringing about "Peace on Earth, Goodwill to Men?"
- —is it toward undefiled sources of character that always aid in rendering one's personal obligations in the spirit of JUSTICE?
- —if these be your objectives in life you will be traveling in the right direction. Then it will not be Quo Vadis; it will be Eureka, but remember—the way must be chosen by you and you alone.

Sincerely your friend,

JESSE SELOVER, Supervising Principal.

Suppose in imagination we have gone to a distant country and are now thinking of home-Sayreville. What are we thinking most about? Naturally it is people back home, the people of Sayreville, for Sayreville is what people have made it. Sayreville is home because people have made it their home. Sayreville will be what her sons and daughters make it; what you make it-what kind of a person you are today and every day. Sayreville is a friendly community because the people living in Sayreville are friendly. It is a good place in which to grow up-a good place in which to live because people have willed it that way. Tomorrow you will be a clergyman, a teacher, a lawyer, a banker or connected with an industry and Sayreville will be in your hands. Will you be able to say that Sayreville is a little better place in which to live because you have lived in Sayreville? If you can answer truthfully in the affirmative, then you yourself will know the answer to 'Quo Vadis."

> J. R. GARDNER. Assistant Supervising Principal.



The faculty and students of Sayreville High School extend congratulations to the class of 1944, and the wish that you will be successful as a group and happy individually.

Naturally all of you have set goals, present conditions may force many of you temporarily to postpone attainment of these goals. In spite of this, always keep uppermost in your mind that you owe it to yourselves to do your best in spite of adversities. Sailing may not always be smooth but the patience and determination to win will help to carry you through.

Best wishes to you, the class of '44. Sincerely, JOHN E. LYONS, Principal.





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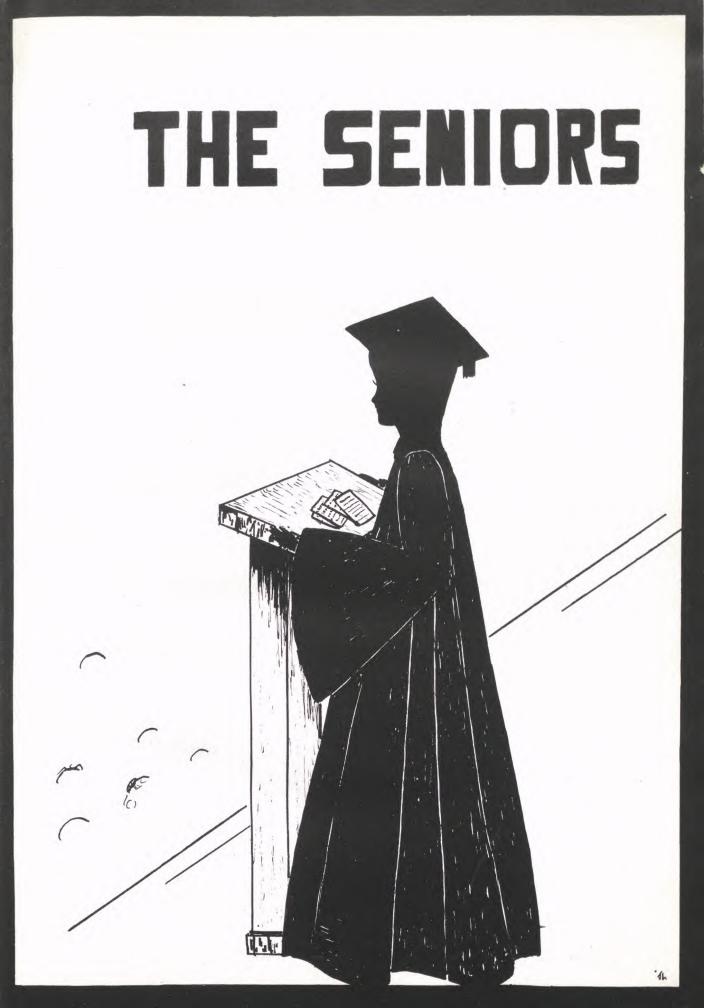


STEPHEN J. MALIK



HELEN Q. KING

The Class of 1944 is deeply indebted to Mrs. Helen King for her sincere and untiring support as our class Advisor. We fully appreciate and shall always remember the time she has so thoughtfully given us.





WALTER RUCKI "Vod"

President

Dancing Club 1, Mat Club 1, Football 2, Student Council 4, Class Officer 4.

Freshmen Beware! "The younger the more pleasant," is Vod's motto.

Vod is leader of his class as President and also as the best dancer.

Girls and laughter are his main pastimes. His laugh is really original.

Like Chamberlain and his umbrella, it is always Vod and his Dictionary.



THEODORE GUTKOWSKI

"Buns"

Vice-President

Science Club 1, 2, Football 3, 4, Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4, Baseball 2, 3, 4, Class Officer 3, 4, Student Council 4.

"1943 All County, all State Left End"—That's Teddy. An all-round sports enthusiast, in basketball he is the set short artist of the team.

All through high school the "Buns Boy" has been a walking clothes advertisement.

His car meets the final qualification of a handsome wolf and the six-footers taste in women is definitely small, attractive and "Parlin-ish"!



FLORENCE PRUSIK "Flo"

Secretary

Typing Club 1, Student Council 4, Secretary of Senior Class 4, Varsity Basketball Team, Dancing Club 1, Newspaper 3, 4.

Our Blonde Bomberette can play anything. Star Guard on the Girls Basketball Team, she can also make the tallies as a forward!

Typing is her subject. Flo has had top marks through the four years in all her subjects.

Some morning take notice to the lovely blonde milkmaid who drops the bottles at your door. AH! the man shortage!



JOHN PUCHALSKI "Pooch"

Treasurer

Football 3, 4, Baseball 3, 4, Science Club 1, 2, Treasurer of the Senior Class 4, Student Council 4.

Smile, Now Hold It! John's around with his camera again. "Official Yearbook Photographer"—that's only one of "Pooch's title.

He is chief Scorekeeper for the Varsity Basketball games and off the record he runs up quite a score with Edice. In Football he was Chief substitute in the right end spot.

Good Luck in your new G. I. suit!



RUFUS ANDERSON

"Rufe"

Football 1,2,3,4, Basketball 1.

Football takes precedence over all else in Rufe's life. A leg operation kept our light, fast right end off the team for a few weeks but he was back long before having fully recovered.

Have you heard that Rufe rushed the photographer to give Charlotte a picture before they broke up?

CATHERINE AUER

"Puggy"

Dancing Club 1,2, Bowling Club 2, Glee Club 1,2, Commercial Club 1,2,3, Student Council 1, Typing Club 2, Twirling Club 2,3,4, Minstrel 1,3.

Charming, popular and very attractive is Catherine. Her personality and cute smile have won her the rank of "Drum Majorette" of Sayreville High.

The most unique thing about Kate is her sneeze—or is it cough—or what is it? Be careful—"The eyes of Texas are upon you"—OH- Henry!

INEZ ASH

"Inie"

Art Club 1,2, Newspaper 2,3, Dancing Club 1, Minstrels 1,2,3, Glee Club 4, Commercial Club 1, Typing Club 2.

Inez wins all honors for being the tiniest, most delicate girl in the senior class. The only thing noticeable about Inez in a crowd is the huge bows on her head.

Usually very exact in diction, there was a time when she slipped badly in front of a huge audience with "Two doity poiple boid-s" Remember?



MALCOLM CHECK

"Peck"

Science Club 1,2, Football 2,3,4, Basketball 1,2,3,4.

"Peck's Bad Boy!" Notice any connection? Yes, Peck has been the most mischievous person among the group.

He has two interests: one is football, the other??? Dot's right!

Strictly a man's man and opposed to all forms of obligation, there has been a queer change in his policy during his senior year. Cherchez la femme.

ROBERT CHEVALIER

"Bob"

Dancing 1, Science 1.

Where would our football team be without Bob and his air conditioned truck? . . . In Sayreville most of the time! He is the answer to their transportation problem.

Bob is slow but sure. When it comes to law, there is none smarter.

He always has a smile and a hello for everyone. After school you can generally find him chatting with the teachers.

DONALD CZOK

"Mike"

Basketball 2,3,4, Baseball 2,3,4, Football Mgr. 3,4, Minstrel 2,3.

When it comes to wolfing you can bet Mike takes second place to noone- Why, one night he knocked on seven doors before he got a girl, but that doesn't stop Mike. The flash—on the S.H.S. basketball five!

The "Shop" boy transported the players to the games and then carried the water bucket at the game. What style! What Dexterity!







HOMER DILL

"Boo-boo"

Science Club 1, Dancing Club 1, Football 2,3,4, Basketball 2,3,4, Baseball 2,3,4.

Boo-boo began high school a timid freshman, but developed into official pinup boy of S.H.S. in his senior year.

Homer is a great hunter, but it seems he likes to hunt the halls better than the woods. Ambition—girls. Hobby girls. Chief occupation—girls. Best game for hunting—girls. That's Homer!

MIRIAM EBERLE

"Ebb"

Twirling Club 1,2,3,4, Dancing Club 1,2, Minstrel 3, Basketball 4, Bomberettes 3,4, Art Club 1.

Not only is Miriam a very good athlete but she is also very active in other extra-curricular activities. Twirling, basketball, and newspaper are the main interests on her long list. Everyone admires her friendly, "down-toearth" personality.

One of Ebb's dislikes is Mathematics. She is a bit bashful and modest but still in all, she is a good scout. In Miriam we have one of the stars of the girls' baskeball team.

LEONA DOMINIK

"Lee"

Glee Club 1,2,3,4, Minstrel, Dancing Club.

"Lee" has a double love—sewing and books, preferably love stories. She takes her sewing seriously and has taken a course in dress-making. Leona also has singing ability and is a staunch supporter of the Glee Club.

Thanks to 'Lee" the students in Room 22 were always up-to-date on their current events.



MARIE ELLISON

"Dolly"

'Glee Club 4, Typing Club 2.

If you ever see a chugging, wheezing, green, 1938 Plymouth crowded to the doors, you'll know it's Dolly transporting the members of the "Bedroom Choir."

Marie is a fun-loving, happy-go-lucky senior. "Do I worry about home work? Never! And she doesn't.



FRANCIS FABISZEWSKI

"Fabby"

Victory Corps 3.

Yes Frank's here. Over in the corner —way over there! One of his outstanding characteristics is his desire "to be alone," unless, of course, there's a female around. For four years, Frank has worked hard and maintained high marks —in Math especially.

All the boys in S.H.S. envy Frank, his wave, but not the hours of preparation he puts into it!



"Kaye"

Cheerleaders 2,3,4, Minstrels 1,2,3, Newspaper 1,2, Bowling Club 2, Dramatic Club 2 Student Council 2, Dancing Club 1, Class Treasurer 1.

Was that Marine cute! and that Buick! You can bet that's Kate sizing 'em up. She has plenty of male company and her love affairs are fast and furious. Bubbling over with energy, Kate has made a very attractive cheerleader and she is mighty proud of that three-year stripe. School work was always easy for Kate and as for ability to study on a few hours' sleep, Kate takes the lead by far!







MARGARET FRITZ

"Marge"

Vice-President 3, Yearbook, Minstrel 2, Glee Club 1,2,4, Basketball Student Council 3.

Who's the gal behind that big Marine pin? Marge—and she is absolutely faithful, too, Eh, Homer? One thing we give her credit for is that "the big affair" didn't interfere with her keeping her marks high. Usually quiet, when Marge's Irish temper gets up—things fly.

Definitely irresistable to S.H.S. wolves, we now choose Marge the "Swoon Queen of this class!"

GEORGE FROSS

'Birpie"

Band 1,2,3,4, Varsity Show.

Um-pah, Um-pah, Um-pah—don't run —it's just George blowing the tuba in the band. Such a little boy to carry such a big load on his shoulders!

There was a time when the word "bashful" might have been used to describe this lad, but, since he has been driving—Ow-ooo, Ow-ooo!

THEODORE GALIBEDES

"Teddy"

Baseball 2,3,4, Basketball 2,3,4.

It's the Dodgers—they'll win- Baseball is wonderful and those Dodgers eh, Teddy? Basketball is another favorite with Ted. He played so well on the Jay-Vees that he was promoted to the varsity (to sit third from the end on the bench!)

Everyone has seen an end table (handmade in shop!) followed by dark complected, constantly grinning Ted running to make the Morgan school bus.





JOHN GAVRON

"Pidge"

Dancing 1, Science 1.

Gavron—Studious, industrious, wellbehaved and well-mannered. Those are adjectives not to be used lightly or carelessly—we don't. John especially enjoys working in the Shop. Of all things, he raises pigeons. How do you train them to find their way home?

For John, girls don't exist. He and Bill are a steady "two-some."

DOROTHY GOMINGER

"Dot"

Newspaper 1,2,3, Yearbook, Dramatic Club 1,2, Basketball 4, Minstrel 1,2,3, Student Council 1,4, Glee Club 1,2.

Don't let Dot fool you. She is definitely the exception to "the beautifulbut-dumb idea." Along with being brainy—she has had her share of admirers and crushes. We're expecting big things of her and we know she'll be alumna that S.H.S. will be proud of. Check? Check!



CHARLES GRABOWSKI

"Casey"

Mat Club 1, Minstrel 2,3, Industrial Arts Club 2,3, Science Club 2.

Every day about $8:48\frac{1}{2}$ a.m. you can see "Peanuts" leisurely strolling out of his home as though he had all the time in the world. Thanks to "Casey" and his hidden humor the Industrial Arts boys have kept up to date on the latest jokes.



ANDREW HAHN

"Andy"

Bowling 1.

Oh Andy, if only some of the other boys had your gift of silence, how quiet things would have been. Although Andy is interested in being a "carpenter, deluxe," he's been gaining experience this year as a "grease monkey."

Andy hasn't bothered with girls recently. He lives in the thoughts of his eight-grade romance with "Birdie."

MARY HAMATY

"Giggles"

Dancing Club 1,2, Minstrels 1.

Good lick of twee

There's never a serious moment in her school life. Giggling, joking, laughing, that's Mary and her constant companion, Betty. Miss Koch claims that some day they'll walk into class with a serious express. So far, it hasn't occurred.

Mary earns money by working at the drug store. Rumor has it she flirts with all the male customers. Is it true?

GLADYS HOOVER

"Gee"

Bowling 2, Glee Club 3,4, Minstrel 1,3.

Was it Johnny or Ray? No, this letter came V-mail—and on and on through the weeks. Gladys never would believe that there's a man shortage.

When everyone else was stumbling over a-s-d-f-g-h, Gladys was whizzing by with 30 words per minute on the typewriter.

Memo to the Mistaken Identity Department—Is it Gladys or Janet M.?





ANTOINETTE KAPICA

"Mickey"

Dancing 1, Typing 2.

"Mickey" calls on Miss Bohm quite often after school, we wonder if her steady conversing with Terry in study is to blame for that. What do you and Terry find to discuss?

She delights in chewing on peanuts during English and Law Classes. Making the honor roll is not an unusual achievement. When asked about her plans for the future she says, "Time will tell." As present her main interest is the Army. Patriotism????

WILLIAM KROEGER

"Bill"

Student Council 3.

The more the merrier seems to be Bill's theory. Heck, ten is just company for him. How do you find this on dates, Betty? Maybe he's afraid of the dark. Until Miss Hudak moved Bill next to Newsie, you'd never know he was there. Now he "talks just like any other Senior."



ANTHONY KRONOWSKI

"Kron"

Dancing 1, Basketball 2,3, Baseball 1,2.

Operator? O-p-e-r-a-t-o-r ? – Wake up, Kron, and answer that call. You're the night operator, remember? He's really fast-on a basketball court. As a Sophomore he managed (and very well) the Varsity Basketball team while playing Jay-Vee Ball. One thing very perplexing is his name. Please, somebody, is it Kron or Kronowski?





JEAN LANG

"Sleepy"

Newspaper 2,3, Dancing Club 1, Art Club, 1,2, Glee Club 4, Minstrel 1,2,3.

"They dream of Jeanie with the jet black hair." Her black tresses and fair complexion are the envy of every Senior girl. Jean is the artist of our class. She has been the chairman of the decorating committee for all our affairs. Her artistic ability has two sides to it. Whenever she has a piece of paper and pencil there is no telling what might happen. Generally any resemblance to anything is purely accidental.

JOHN LAPA

"Johnny"

Football 3,4, Baseball 2,3, Student Council 4.

"Stand clear" here comes Johnny down the street in his Chevvie. When he whizzes through town, people scatter. Oh well, he is only preparing for his flying career that will soon come. Johnny has been very co-operative in class activities, and mostly all sports. Good luck in the Air Corps!

LAVERNE LASCO

"Verne"

Art Club 1,2, Dancing Club 1,2, Commercial Club 1, Glee Club 4, Newspaper 2,3, Minstrels 1,2,3.

Who's the last person to come to class? You have probably seen Laverne come straggling in with a late excuse and that carefree smile. Her little mind is just too full of a certain "Smash-up" Sailor to be concentrated on Studies. In Algebra she uses her math to count the days till Chops will be home again. Hmm!





DOUGLAS LINDEN

"Doug"

Band 1,2, Science Club 1,2.

Off he goes into the wild blue beyond sky. Doug's one ambition is soon to become a reality. He has been sworn in as an Aviator Cadet. Ever since he entered High School he has been preparing himself for this career.

Even pilots have other interests. Silent communications are sent from Doug to a certain girl at another study hall table and back again. Maybe he's practicing code!

IRENE LOCKWOOD

"Renie"

Hold the school bus- Don't leave Morgan yet, Renie still has chickens to feed!

When there is an outburst in the commercial class it is sure to be one of Renie's subtle (?) jokes.

Renie is one of the most valuable members of the Girls' Varsity Basketball team. She tallies the baskets as the girls sink them.

GEORGE LOWRY

"Minnow"

Football 2,3,4, Science 1,2, Vice President, 1, Newspaper 1, President 1,2, Student Council 1,2, Victory Corps 3, Yearbook.

Half the fun of football practice was watching Minnow speeding down the field, rushing here, there, everywhere but fast! But I suppose he has the right idea—why hurry? There's plenty of time.

The title of "heaviest member of the class" goes to you, "Minnow" and its usual accompaniment—the jolliest personality.



JENNIE MACIOROWSKI

"Mac"

Dancing Club 1,2, Newspaper 2,3,4, Basketball 4, Bomberettes 3,4, Student Council 4.

Swish—Swish there goes Jennie off to some meeting. Who wouldn't be on the go with the job of Business Manager for both Echo-Lites and Quovadis. Such ambition demands admiration. Jennie has managed to find time for sports and, in fact, she's one of the leading Bomberettes. She receives very regular mail from many "cousins (?)." Of course, we believe you, Jennie!

RAYMOND MALISZEWSKI

"Ray"

Football 3.

Did you bag that deer today, Ray? When hunting season rolls around school fades into the background for this enthusiast. Most of the noise in the upstairs corridor was Ray, Homer and Minnow arguing over the deer that got away. Have you ever tried hunting more feminine "deer", Ray? With those shoulders and good looks you'd meet any girl's qualifications.

HELEN MANSFIELD

"Stretch"

Bamberetts 3,4, Basketball 4.

Stretch has one ambition in life to become a Physical Education teacher. Why not? She's our outstanding athlete among the girls. It was a blow to Helen—and to the team when a fractured wrist kept her from practicing. Fortunately she recovered quickly—to collect the acclaim she deserves. A certain soldier is attempting to side-track her first ambition with that certain ring. What's the score, Stretch?





WALTER MARKULIC

"Marki"

Football 1,2,4, Dancing 1, Mat 1,2, Mechanical Drawing 1.

Marki always saves his "Ipana smile" for the Cheerleaders, especially when they come 5' 8" and are called "Janie." From a woman-hater, Marki jumped a long way—Sayreville to Morgan.

Iron man of the football squad, what Marki has is "Intestinal Fortitude." That unforgettable grin characterizes his carefreeness as he engages in his hobby, "Playing Hooky."



EVERETT MAYER

"Newsie"

Football 2,3,4, Science 1,2, Class President 3.

No name could be more appropriate than Newsie- That fellow could argue his way out of any situation.

Plenty tough as guard, this season especially, he played the entire game.

A big smile and those dimples add to the personality which makes Newsie such a fem-charmer. For seasons, Margaret has been his main objective.



GLORIS McCHESNEY

"Swooner"

"My Devotion" is you, "Frankie," is Gloris's theme song as she croons her way from class to class.

"Shoo Shoo, Baby" is echoed by her class mates as she vocalizes in Study Hall.

Gloris's only ambition is to sing with a name band and we know she'll realize it. Studies don't phase "Butch," she ignores them "As Time Goes By."



DORIS MENZLER

"Sweets"

Typing Club 2, Minstrels 1,3.

"Sweets" is one-half of the "Smiling Twins." Quietness and neatness are her main characteristics. She is very sociable and has a pleasing personality. Doris leads the "life of Riley." After completing her homework, she has absolutely nothing to do. Can't anybody take a hint?

RUTH MENZLER

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"Menz"

Typing Club 2, Minstrels 1,2,3.

Hello Doris—oh, you're Ruth. Time and again has that little conversation taken place. It has taken us this long to discover how they agree on what to wear. Doris gets dressed first, then Ruth just follows suit. Wouldn't that be wonderful, girls? No more, "Oh, what shall I wear?"

GEORGE MERTEL

"Ghandi"

Minstrel 1,2,3.

Ghandi is by far the quietest boy in the class—and one of the most humorous. A favorite of both the girls and the fellows. He and Henry (Mutt and Jeff to you) have always been the Abbott and Costello team of S.H.S. Ghandi's ambition is to be a bookkeeper. Well, anyway he can try.





THERESA MOSAKOWSKI

"Terry"

Typing Club 2,3, Dancing 1,2.

Don't judge a book by its cover! When you observe the quiet, calm Terry going unobstrusively through the corridors, you aren't getting the entire picture.

Terry spent her summer at the Raritan Arsenal where she was so pleased with her surroundings she debated returning to S.H.S. According to "Terry" those boys at the arsenal are definitely "Out of this world."



ANNE MOSKAL

"Annie"

Industrial Arts Club 1.

Annie, how we envy your contageous laugh—one giggle from you and laughter spreads through the group like wildfire.

You will always be remembered by us as one of the most willing and co-operative girls we've ever met. Never change!

JANET MUNDY

"Min"

Twirling Club 1,2,3,4, Newspaper 3, Student Council 2, Bowling 2, Dramatics Club 1,2.

What would "Minerva" do without Betty? Their locker won't even open unless they're both in school.

Janet is one of the attractive S.HS.. twirlers and a very chic dresser. (Thanks Sis.)

Rumor has it that her mailman is about to revolt. Why don't you explain that you correspond with most of last year's class? Now, "Min!"





DOROTHY NOWAK

"Dot"

Industrial Arts Club 1, Twirling 1,2,3,4.

"When Johnny Comes Marching Home Again, Hurrah! Hurrah!"—that's the new number the band plays as Dot skillfully twirls her baton. Her nimble fingers make her a whizz at typing which coupled with her taste in clothes and her quiet manner, make her—the perfect secretary.

HENRY PARCIAK

"Legs"

Football 1,2,3,4, Basketball 3,4, Minstrel 1,2,3,4.

Whadda-ya say, Ghandi? Thus Legs tries to coax his partner into singing a song or doing a dance. A Class favorite ... always good for a laugh ... good sport ... football player ... a natural comedian ... song writer, hit of all school shows ... and artist (draws b - r) Set 'em up, Henry!

DOROTHY PEARCE

"Pearceie"

Dancing 1,2, Glee Club 2,3,4, Newspaper 1, 2,3,4, Varsity Show.

Copy! Copy! Hold the presses-Pearcie has a scoop! Dot's chief ambition is to be a journalist on the *Perth Amboy News*. When she isn't writing she's either singing or rooting for the Dodgers. She is now about in the fifth chapter of a book she is writing about them. Too bad they can't win all the time, Dot.





FRANK PIECH

"Tommy Dorsey"

Band 1,2,3,4, Science 1.

Piech—"Tommy Dorsey of Sayreville High." Every weekend Frank plays at all the gayest social affairs in Morgan, Old Bridge, and other bright spots.

Frank is proud (and rightfully so) of his experience as one of the big shots of "Hercules University" and his diploma from the "Institute of Bricknology." What an education can do!



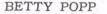
BENNY PIECHOCINSKI

"Benjy"

"Give 'em to me plenty young!" Grade-school women are just Benny's style!

In school he is quiet and does all his homework. One of those shop boys, he and Teddy are inseparable. They are always grinning. What's the joke boys?

For six months Ben has kept the Titanium Pigment Plant producing.



"Bets"

Glee Club 1,2, Dancing 1, Newspaper 2, Minstrels 1,2,3.

"Has the mailman been here?" "How many letters did I get?" The answer to the last question is usually anywhere from five on up. Our Bets has been an ardent supporter of the pen pal organization ever since her grammer school days Most of her correspondents are fellows, both civilian and servicemen. What's the trick, Bets? Betty's other hobby is the Colony Theater. Movies . . . Letters . . . Movies. Must be monotonous!





MILDRED PYNE

"Sis"

Cheerleader 2,3, Typing Club 2, Dancing Club 1,2.

Time: 8:50 A.M. Scene: Homeroom 21. Roll is being taken. Mildred Pyne —silence! We see an empty seat in the second aisle. Sis is absent again. If a count were taken it would be found that she is out of school more than she's in. Sis's other hobby is jitterbuging. The faster the beat, the happier Sis is. She's really hep. In the groove means but deep to her and it takes her a few days to get out. Result absentee list one name longer.

DOROTHY SPRAGUE

"Spraguie"

Twirling 1,2,3,4, Minstrel 1, 2, Bowling Club 2, Dramatic Club 1,2.

Dotty is that quiet twirler (well sometimes) whose copper colored waves were seen industriously bent over her desk in chem class—doing shorthand. Her ambition, is of all things, to become a school marm, but her heart's in the Navy, and the war can't last forever. To see is to believe. Dot's flowing waist length hair made her the "Dorothy Lamour" of our Freshman Class.

CLAIRE STORRS

"Mickey"

Glee Club 1,2, Bowling Club 1, Varsity Show 1,3, Commercial Club 1, Typing Club 2.

He is so the best looking movie star. "That must be Claire talking about Alan Ladd. Certainly she should know because she spends a great deal of time at the movies. What is the big attraction at South River, Claire? Could it be a certain someone that interests you?





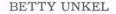
JEAN SYSLO

"Bombshell"

Twirling Club 1,2,3,4, Industrial Arts 1, Dancing 1.

Before Jean went to Mr. Lyons office as a practice secretary she was surely worried! She didn't have to be—because we heard from the office (Spy No. 2 reporting) that she was considered one of the best.

She was always a loyal supporter of the football team as a twirler and a rooter. Jean, why didn't you come to the prom with Henry? It would have been fun!



Den)

"Unk"

Glee Club 1,2, Commercial Club 1,2, Minstrels 1.

Under that quiet exterior, this tiny jitterbug is full of fun. Betty and her erstwhile companion, Mary Hamaty, certainly enjoy school for their constant laughing and conversing during classes indicate this.

If you should hear a few screeches about 8:45 A.M., don't worry about them too much because it's just Betty, Mary and Janet Mundy having their daily collision at their lockers.

Do you know Betty's adoring dancing partner? "Schirer."



"Jammer"

Art Club 1,2, Dancing Club 1,2, Student Council 3,4, Cheerleader 2,3,4, Newspaper 2,3, Basketball 4, Minstrels 1,2,3.

T-E-A-M—Whether it's on the football field or the basketball court, Jammer is always out there leading the cheers.

Her popularity was proved by her election as President of the Student council. Remember New York, Janet? "I'll take wanilla."





HARRY WECK

"Wecky"

Band 1,2,3,4, Mat Club 1,2, Newspaper 1, Student Council 4.

Harry is the Senior's solid trumpeter in the band. If names have anything to do with success, his first one should send him far. He is very active in clubs and is the Vice President of the Student Council. Ruthie no doubt agrees with "B. B." in thinking of him "as that nice little boy."

SONYA WESTERGARD

"West"

Basketball 4, Photography Club, Glee Club 4, Varsity Show.

This beautiful blue-eyed blond came to us from the wilds of South River at the beginning of our Junior year. Sonya's main interest is Navy and if ever you want to see her beam, just sing "Elmer's Tune." Afternoons Sonya can be found painting portraits and doing a grand job of it.

JOHN WORTLEY

"Minka"

Football 2,3,4, Basketball 2,3,4, Baseball 2,4, Science Club, Varsity Show, Vice President 2.

Greased lightening on the Basketball court; a tough little quarterback going through center—that's our Johnny. After graduation, this sixteen-year-old, plans to go to college and become an athletic coach. Romance plays a part in his plans too. Marge, what about the future?





MARTHA ZALESKI

"Marty"

Typing Club 2.

Still water runs deep. We always thought that Martha was just a little girl who stayed at home, and now we find that she is quite the social butterfly.

She does have a serious side, though, as her report card will testify. Martha is especially adept at Commercial Law.



MARY ZIEMSKI

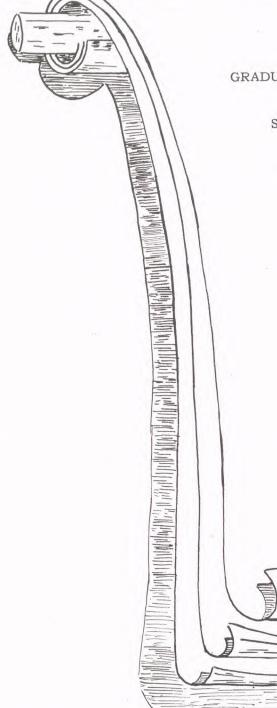
"Blondie"

Student Council 3, Newspaper 3,4.

"We don't know how lucky we are to have Mary in our English class." That's the usual remark after the Seniors leave Room 29. She knows all the answers about appositives, verb forms, conjugations, and what not.

I'll bet that Mary could answer any question about Navy regulation, too!





GRADUATION HONOR ROLL

SUMMA CUM LAUDE

Dorothy Gominger

MAGNA CUM LAUDE

Mary Ziemski Dorothy Sprague Jennie Maciorowski Janet Mundy

CUM LAUDE

Theresa Mosakowska Antoinette Kapica Rufus Anderson Dorothy Nowak Harry Weck John Gavron Inez Ash Martha Zaleski Kathryn French Helen Mansfield Francis Fabiszewski Jean Syslo



SAYREVILLE HIGH SCHOOL



SAYREVILLE, N. J.

March 10, 1944

Dear Graduates,

It has been my pleasure and privilege to serve the Class of 1944 in the capacity of Senior Class President.

The past year has been a happy one - and a successful one. Had it not been for the unselfish work and cooperation of each senior, our activities might have been failures.

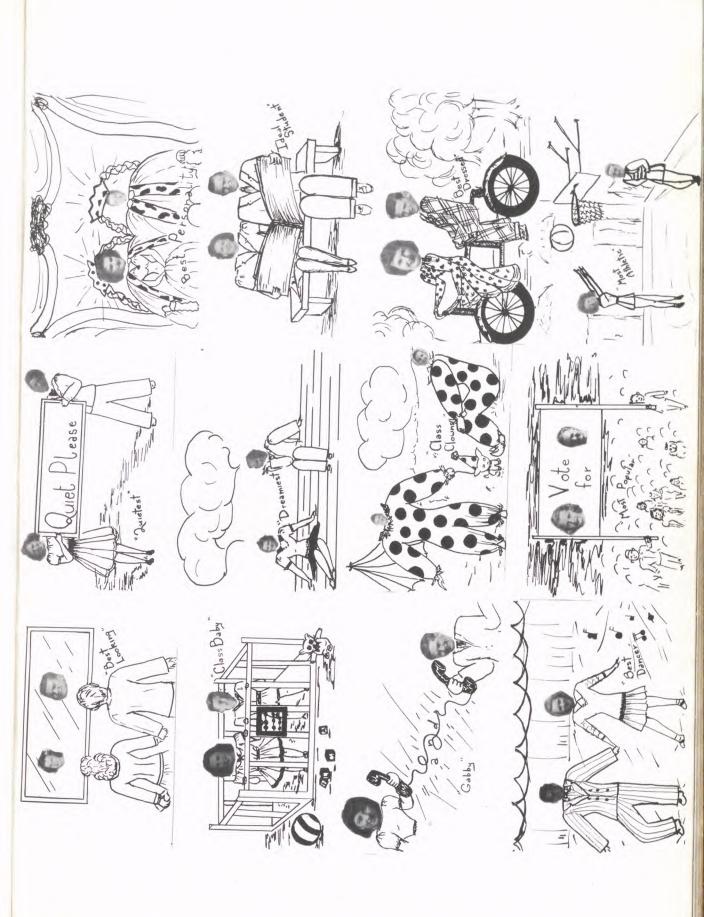
From within our ranks, we have developed leaders in scholarship, art, sports, and business management. We have also lent many of our relatives and friends to the service of our country. As members of the same class each one of us feels proud of these things, and justly so.

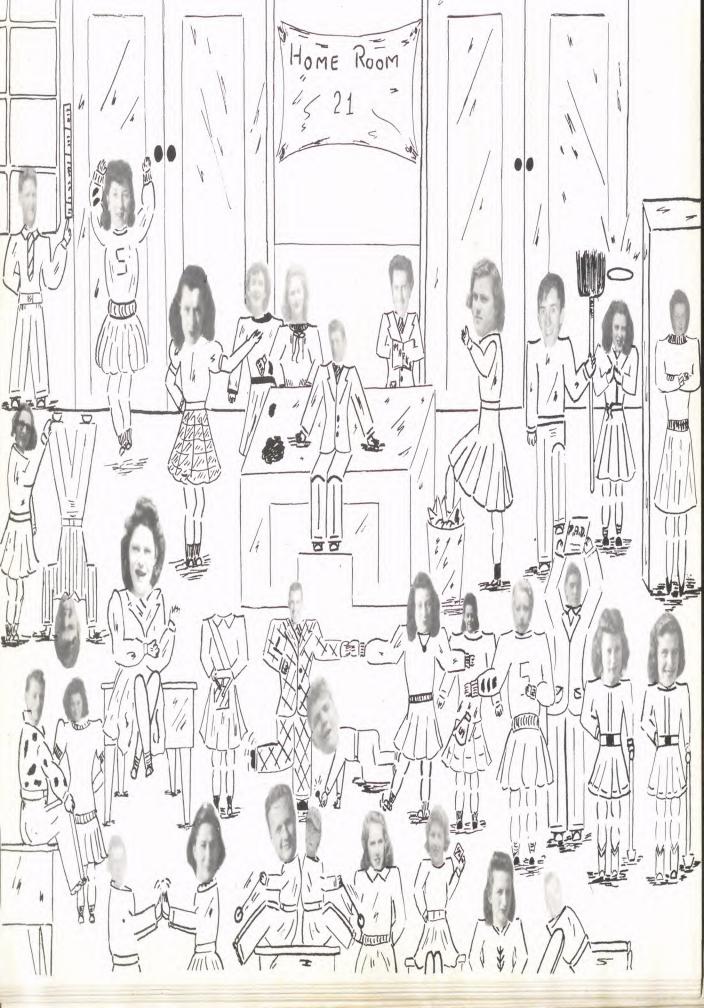
I appreciate the confidence you have shown in all of the class officers. Best luck to you -Classmates of 1944.

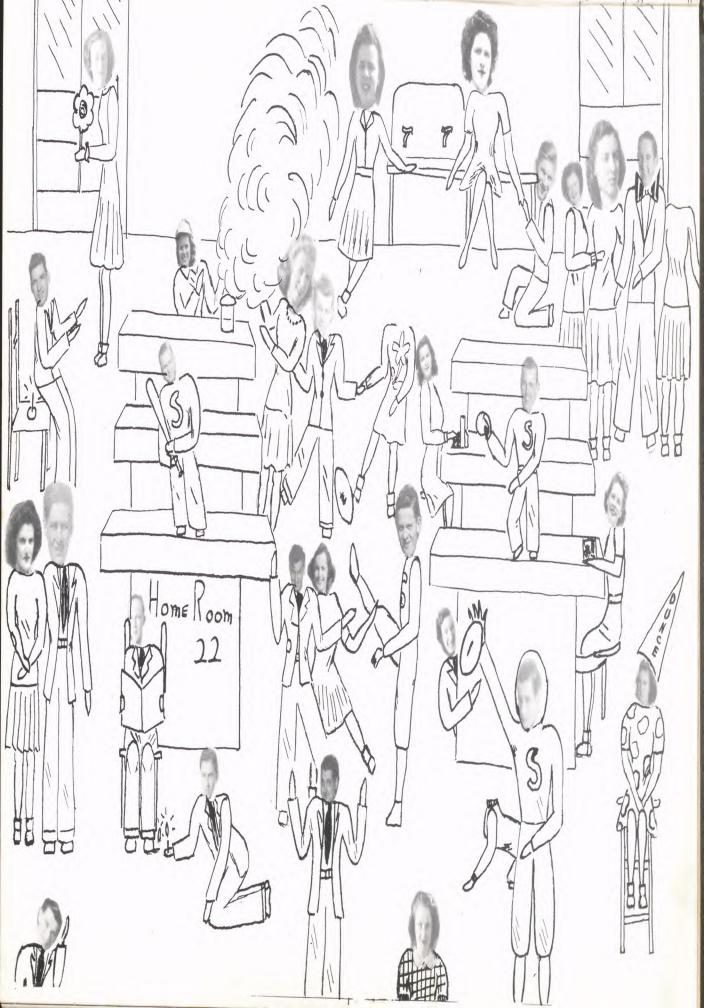
Sincerely,

Walter Ruchi

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September, 1940.

Dear Diary:

At last I'm a Freshman! The first day of high school was bewildering. We were herded into the auditorium where we sat while Mr. Lyons called the names of all the upper classmen. When he finally got to us, I was so frightened I could have crawled under the chairs. If he had ever missed my name and left me sitting there alone—but he didn't. Am I glad that's over.

October . . . School is well under way now. Our chief concern in English class is who has to go to the cafeteria for candy. Mr. Hudak certainly gets annoyed with George because he doesn't like Shakespeare—but throwing the book at him won't help.

December . . . The Shop boys had some fun today. Checky nailed Henne's coat to the table. Henne tried to walk away—and now he has "tails". The fellows from Home Room 3 have quite a time sneaking out of the window. You should see Parciak. What a sight!

February . . . The Science Club trip to the Franklin Institute was quite a success. I'll never forget it. Johnny Lapa developed a crush on Theresa Gorczyca. They were inseparable until dinner time, then he remembered he had someplace else to go. When she came out of the cafeteria, he was right there waiting for her. Mertel and Parciak thought the Planetarium was a movie. After discovering what it really was, they tried to find their way out by crawling on the floor with a little flashlight. As far as I know they're still looking for the exit.

April... This year is flying by. Here it is Spring and Toots and Kron are still putting a different coat of paint on the same birdhouse and getting A's for it.

May... The time that we had on that newspaper trip to New York. Such a racket when George fell out of bed! By insisting that we attend a ten a. m. forum at Columbia, we maneuvered an over-night stay. It was embarrassing to have to be awakened at noon by Mr. Lyons. Oh! I know I'll reek of gardenias for days.

June... Final exams. Pass—Fail? Oh well, I have three years to make it up. High school life is a cinch now. Believe it or not, my freshman year is over and it was so dull! Nothing ever happens . . .

September, 1941.

This is my second year in high school. I am now a dignified Sophomore and feel qual-

Dear Diary:

ified to show those green Freshmen how to behave.

As we entered French class for the first time, while we giggled and squirmed and felt foolish, Miss Walsn stood there speaking French to us. All 1 knew and could answer was, "Oui, oui." I'll bet that wasn't a good response to every question asked.

October... Flo told me that the Commercials are about ready to drop Bookkeeping. They just don't understand it. It must be really aifficult from the sound of it—chronological, voucher, debtor!

There's a groove worn in the hall outside of the Math room. Henry claims he's responsible as he spends most of the period walking in and out of the room—to the office.

December... A new boy joined us—his name is Czok. There's a story going the rounds that Dillie greeted him royally — with a shovel. Nycz and Toots were separated again today, but they'll be sitting together tomorrow ... Do you know who is definitely not so quiet any more? Jean Lang. She bothers poor Mr. Morrison so after school 'till he looks as if he's going to lose control of himself. I know it's hard to believe, but I saw it.

February . . . Diary, the biggest moment of my life so far was last nite—our Soph Hop. The auditorium was crowded. We were excited for a while about the punch, but Mr. Currie came through as usual.

March . . . This is a very sad day. Our Mr. Currie was called for duty in the Army. In assembly he tried to say a few words of farewell but he felt as bad as we. He's been a wonderful friend to us. We're going to miss him—a good coach and a grand teacher.

April... An attempt to put some money in our treasury failed completely. The event? An afternoon dance to records. About twenty customers came and then the victrola failed us. The treasury is still low.

June... All in all, it's been rather a good year. The football team was undefeated and were we proud! The baseball season was favorable for us, also. The first class graduated from Sayreville High School. Gosh! in the fall we'll be Juniors!

September, 1942.

Dear Diary:

Things are beginning with a Bang! For the past two years we've all had the same classes, but now our schedules are different and we are being assigned to different courses.

November... The Varsity Show is over and was a great success. Its loads of fun to attend practices and to give the performances. I'll never forget Newsies's shorts with the beautiful hand painted roses. How the audience went for "Praise the Lord and Pass the Ammunition" by Henry and Yock. What the outsiders couldn't appreciate was this. The custumes were rented and as might be expected, Henry's wasn't big enough. In fact, the pants were ankle length. When Hank took a deep breath to shout "Pass the Ammunition"—Rip—went the pants up the back.

In the kindergarten scene, Dot really played the old, wrinkled teacher to perfection. Sonya was the class beauty with her blond pigtails, horn rimmed glasses—and apple. Then Inie recited the memorable "Two Doity Poiple Boids!"

November . . . Football season is completed. Rufe and Toots proved themselves outstanding players.

December . . . Our assembly was a "Truth and Consequence" program today. Among other nonsensical things, George Mertel had to propose and sing, "I Love You Truly" to Janet. Teddy had to imitate a baby crying for his bonnet. It was really funny!

February... The Hercules Village Crowd went out on the hook yesterday. They sneaked out of the door, but Mr. Lyons saw them and called their parents. The reception committee awaiting them on their return home was a real surprise. Gosh, I never thought they'd play hookey.

May... Am I tired—but happy. The Junior Prom last night was wonderful. The decorations were lovely—thanks to Jean for her originality and to all the girls and fellows who co-operated with her. Right in the midst of the dance, we had a blackout. Of course, the auditorium would be an air raid shelter and the wardens had to pull all their First-aid equipment from under the stage. So, we watched them—and they watched us. The ban on pleasure driving kept us at the dance longer than usual—and we enjoyed it!

June ... Vacation begins today. Most of us plan to work this summer—and I, for one, am eagerly looking forward to it. Did I write that? My childhood has gone forever!

September, 1943.

Dear Diary:

I just can't believe it—we're Seniors, the leaders, the models for all the underclassmen. Walter Rucki is our choice for class president and Janet Warden is President of the Student Council. These two competent students should insure us a successful year.

Our first assembly was a good, peppy one. The football season was launched with cheers for everything—from the Coach right on down to the water bucket. Mertel and Ramona are such good sports—they put on a cheering contest which roused everyone to yelling. We completely exhausted the cheerleaders by singing a chorus of "Our Team Will Shine Tonight" for every single player.

October . . . Pictures for "Quo Vadis" were taken today. Wonder what they'll look like? Great things happen during football practice. Those extra-sized pants of Lowry's are always good for a laugh. Homer was hit hard and was in a fog all nite. Rufe was injured but is now fully recovered.

November . . . Many of the girls have joined the Bomberettes which is now open to all. There will be a new interest this basketball season—a girls' team. You should see the teamwork when they play. Outstanding are the Senior members. Stretch, Dot, Flo, Miriam, Margaret, Sonya, and Jennie.

December . . . The absentee list is *that* long. If you don't have flu or grippe, you're just not in style. Christmas holidays begin next week —no they don't! School closed today because of the epidemic. That means more than two weeks' vacation. Would it be wrong to say, "What a wonderful epidemic?"

January . . . The Senior Ball was held last night. Smooth music, beautiful decorations (we're noted for them) and plenty of room to dance. It was a wonderful time for everybody, but particularly the faculty. They even did a Conga. Can Mr. Falton dance! To see the fellows in their tuxedos, and on their best behavior, it's impossible to believe they're the same ones who attend classes with us every day. What a change!

February . . . Poor Pooch, all he ever does is beg for dues. He's done a great job this year as Treasurer. Our basketball team is going places this season. Why not? Most of the Varsity players are Seniors and we're proud of them! The cheerleaders deserve loads of credit. They're a grand-looking and a grand-performing group.

March... Diary, I believe we're on the home stretch. All the year book material has to be in this week. The most exciting and important events of our school life we have yet to experience—senior trip, class night and graduation. Looking back over the past four years fills me with contradicting feelings of joy and sorrow. The thought that never again shall I be a high school student is not a pleasant one, but the happy companionships and times will always be pleasant memories. It's been a wonderful experience—how grateful I am that I've had the opportunity to enjoy it.

> Sincerely, DOROTHY GOMINGER '44

Whither goest thou? How can we attempt to answer such a question in the present world? The destinies of many of our boys and girls will be determined by the government in military service. To plan for them is useless and unreal. For many of them life will end in battle.

Quo Vadis

Those who remain on the home front fighting a war of production have no certain future before them. For a short period they will work to full capacity until the close of the war when jobs will disappear and they must be prepared. The question is, "How can they prepare?" After the war the changes which are now obvious will be more numerous and rapid. Working requirements and conditions will be more exacting than can be met with an interrupted education. Each year new inventions require new methods and new methods demand men acquainted with new ideas.

After the war, victory at last with us, those who do return home will be absorbed in working a lasting peace in our nation.

To predict a bright, happy, prosperous future is difficult in these treacherous times of murder, war and confusion. With the realization that life must go on, what can we cling to as security for the future?

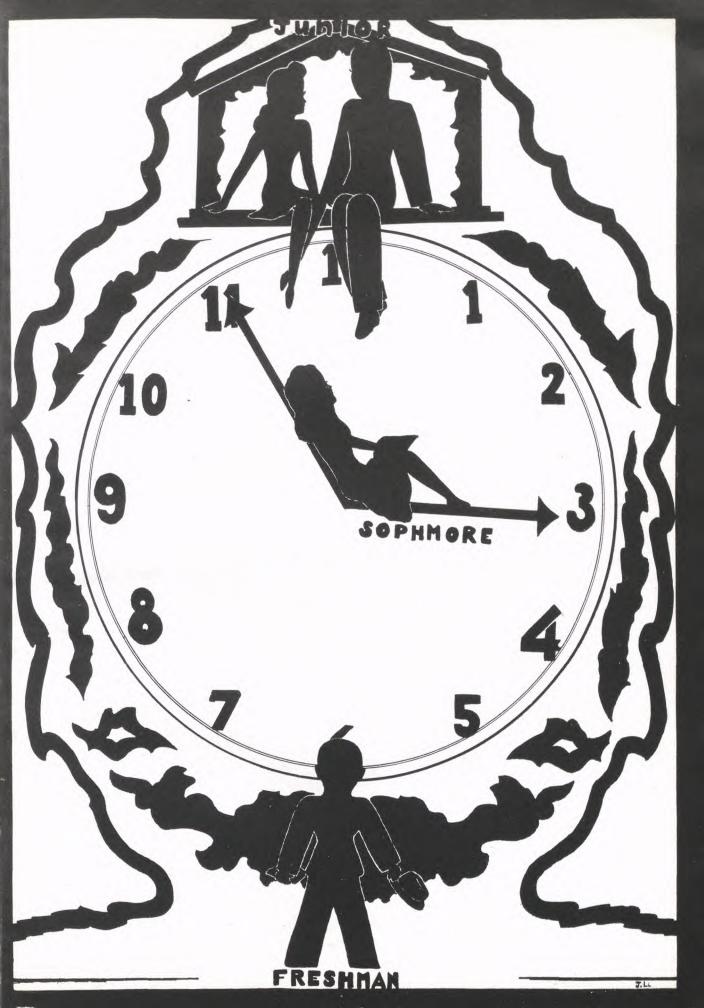
One of the foundations of this great nation is love—pure, wholesome love. This love can keep us together and give us the courage so necessary to carry on. That love that parents have for their children, so protective and proud, that is a love which we are fighting to keep. The hope in the mother's eye as her sailor son comes home, the pride of the beaming father, this love makes all hearts swell.

In response to this feeling is the love of the child to his parents. This blind, eversearching, trusting, instinct in a child which fills him with the desire to be with his parents, to love and keep them is something that can and shall withstand the storms of words or wars.

We love each other. Yes, love of parents, children, neighbor, church, nation—all of these characterize our life at home and in society. We are grateful for the opportunity to exercise this privilege of love which is the most steadfast foundation of our country.

Quo Vadis? That is a desperate cry now, not a question, but we will never lose faith. We have three great beacons of strength—three invincible truths to guide and fortify us now and always,

> "We love our children still, still them we love Who gave us birth and still we love each other."









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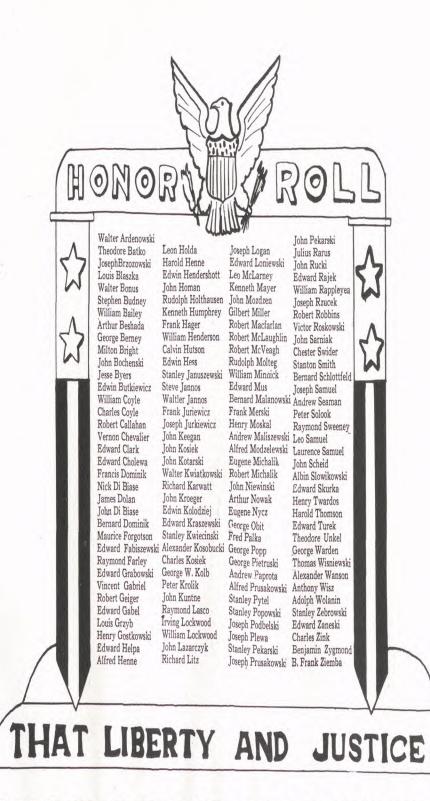
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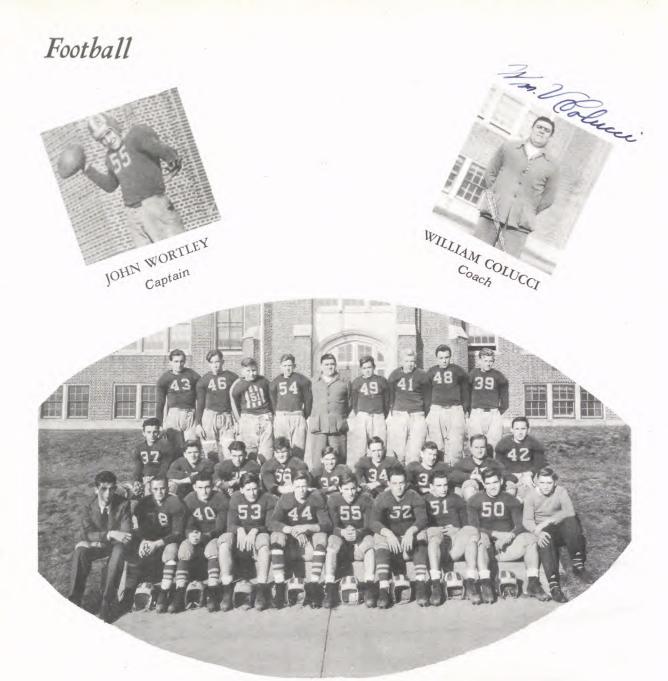




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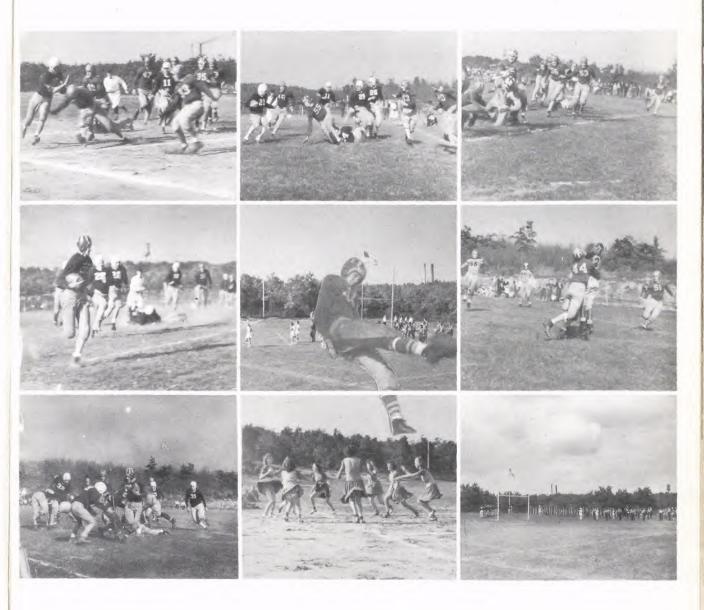
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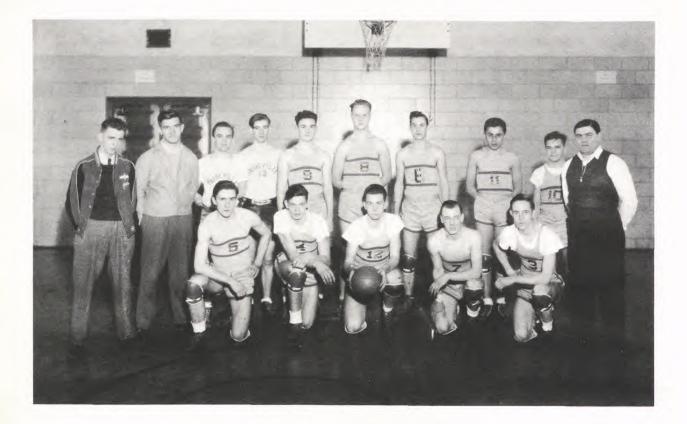
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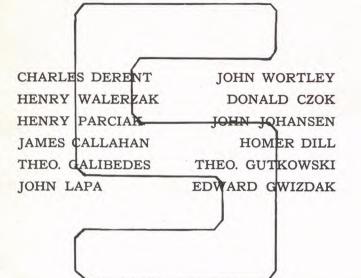


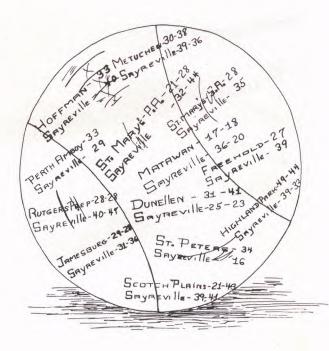


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Boys'







Girls'

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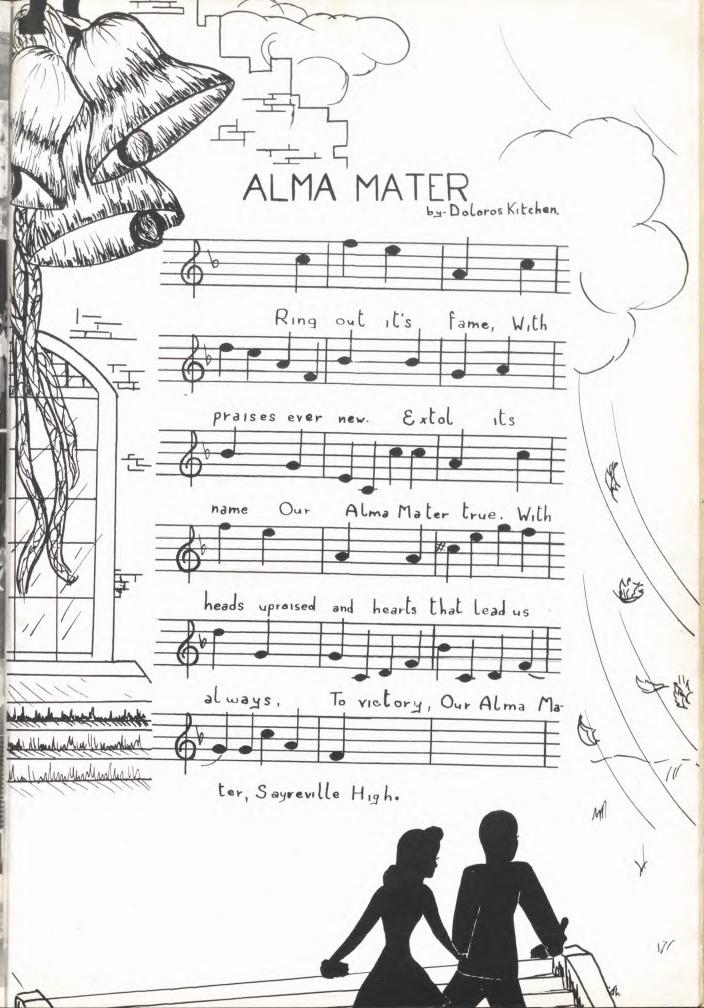












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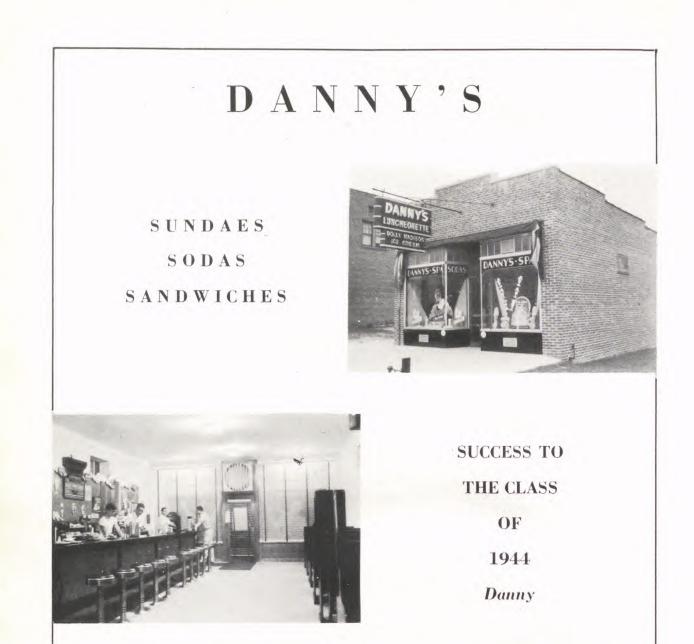


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