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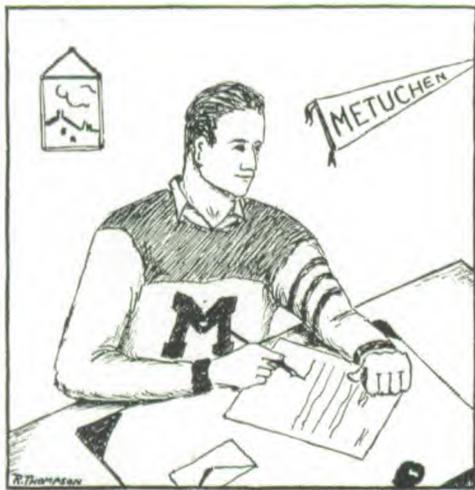
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Dear Miss Farrell,

Because we, the Seniors, feel that you are our dearest friend, this book is your book. In appreciation of your fine work among past Senior English Classes and the time that you would have spent with us this year, we are addressing this letter to you. We hope that it will give you an outline of the year in which you have been ill. We feel that we have done our work well and would like to share it with you.



In the past six years, we have come to take for granted the assistance which our teachers continually offered us. We have suddenly realized that the Senior year is a parting of the ways and the rest is up to us. They have come to know us well, and whether we succeed or fail, we are all better equipped to face our problems. You may not recognize some of their faces, perhaps, because of additional gray hairs or because they were new to us this year. Old or new, they're all our friends and helpers, the ones we're leaving behind us, The Faculty

The first day of school dawned at last, and we sauntered down to find so many old friends there that it was impossible to greet everybody. The usual assembly was held with chief speakers, Mr. Spoerl and President Dick Hale. Dick mentioned how glad he was to welcome our smiling faces back (as if they'd be smiling long) and introduced Mr. Spoerl. We were told of the rules of the school, and even with the memories of the work of our Junior year behind us, we found it hard not to share our principal's enthusiasm for the coming year.

The second day of school, however, a whispering campaign started around the school (you know how

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those things travel!). The incredible news was that you were sick and weren't expected back for some time. The Seniors, especially, groaned loud and long. Their curiosity had already been stirred by pictures of that handsome Lord Byron, to say nothing of Shelley and Keats! However, we tripped gaily into English class and decided that we would just sit back and wait for you to return. After a few weeks, we decided that, after all, we, as Seniors, should set a good example for the Juniors next door. The girls had even started peeping at that picture of Byron in the literature book. Not to be outdone the boys started work, and by the time the first marking period had crept up we were all deep in our studies and spending our nights doing homework instead of going to the movies.

In between the homework and classes, however, we glimpsed the many football games, dances, plays, and other coming social events. We shall try to give you a picture of the activities throughout the school year.

The first notice which the students found on the bulletin board upon returning in September was the one concerning football practice. Mr. Seitzer lost no time in getting down to business. About thirty fellows, half of them inexperienced, reported

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 Anker, J. Saville, E. Crowell, P. Seitzer,
 I. Fennon.



for practice at the first call, and from that day on could be seen working faithfully at the field from three to six each afternoon.

The successful season which followed was due largely to the hard scrimmages the squad went through each day and the constant practice in kicking, passing, etc. The young assistants from Rutgers, as well as coaching, caused quite a stir among the students, particularly the girls.

Through Thornall's kicking and receiving, Rainsford's and Rossi's running, Powell's passing, and Stork's and Risler's tackling, the team was able to come out on top. The team and the school were especially proud to have one player, "Big Walt" Stork, a tackle, make the All-County Team and receive honorable mention on the All-State list. Walt played sixty-minute games all season, and his presence in the line-up was an important factor in winning our games.

But, after all, why not hear some actual words from those giants of the gridiron themselves. Here is an interesting bit of information from

In football the boys use their brains
as well as brawn.

guard, Bob Thompson, as he says, there is a certain "feeling before the game".

"One never knows what a nervous nature he has until he takes part in some kind of sport."

"Forget about football," is the advice of the coaches on Friday afternoon, after a short signal practice. This advice seems futile because you are unable to forget football.

"Saturday morning you arise not later than nine, for staying in bed makes you groggy. A hearty breakfast is advisable because your appe-



tite wanes as the morning progresses. Dressing for the game isn't so bad because you're with the rest of the squad. You joke and chat, and this sets you somewhat at ease.

"The next thing you know, the coach is giving you last minute instructions. The whistle is blown; the ball is kicked, and from then on your nervousness has disappeared and you enjoy the game."

After all, what's one man's opinion? Let's see what tackle, Enos





Let's go! Hip! Hip!

girls, including: Captain Kay Malan, Ethel Estoppey, Barbara Rolfe, Jane Muha, Dot Phillips, Shirley Sorg, Mary Louise Crowell, and Almena Mott. The Junior Varsity squad of four consisted of: Captain Myrtle Volk, Ann Gerber, Ruth Westcott, and Jean Tompkins.

Rainsford, has to say about "Carrying the Mail".

"The wild fluttering of the heart just before the ball is snapped is a sensation I haven't forgotten even after two years of football. Knowing that ten other fellows are depending upon you to carry the ball the right way, is a feeling not easily overcome. When I have an assignment other than handling the ball, I don't get that anxious, panicky feeling. Football isn't a game for anyone with a weak heart. The feeling one receives when he breaks into the open is better imagined than described."

We know you're convinced now, Miss Farrell, so let us tell you about the cheerleaders, who played an important part in all of the games. This year we had a Varsity squad of eight

These girls, who knew their routine as well as any vaudeville chorus, added lots of pep to all our games, and they certainly inspired those weary, tired, battle-scarred, Blue and White Warriors to "give their all" for Metuchen!

One thing we've always loved about our school, Miss Farrell, is the multitude of extra-curricular activities that anyone may join. In the past four years, we have learned that school is a place to play in as well as work. If you have known the feeling of being in the school building at about five o'clock some afternoon, you know what we mean. The halls are so empty and deserted that it seems foreign but still familiar. You recall all the times that you have walked down this hall, stood in this





gym. So many memories come back that you hasten home before you begin to think of the next year when you won't really belong in these halls at all. In the extra-curricular activities there is a chance to know the school as it really exists, as a friend.

The Footlighters have always commanded the respect of the entire school. Their faculty adviser was, as before, Miss De Frates. The annual teachers' tea was given just before Christmas with many solos and good food. To tell the truth, Miss De Frates nearly went wild trying to keep the members from eating up all said food before the guests came. However, help came in the form of President, Norma Kansol; Vice President, Lloyd Kornblatt; Secretary, Margit Sporre; and Treasurer, Eleanor Jarema. The club also put on the traditional Christmas play which was a great success. The club was given the treat of seeing a display of real acting ability when members took a trip to Drew University where they saw an excellent performance of "Cyrano de Bergerac".

The Glee Club was another opportunity center. Under the direction of Mrs. Saville, who could go wrong? The club gave a glorious concert in November which was enthusiastically received by all the students. The group helped, along many assembly programs and their definite talent was noticeable in each one of them. As a change from the jitterbug style of entertainment, the students enjoyed the club's too infrequent appearances. However, when in the spring another concert was given, the attendance was huge. The club seems to have done a great service to the

school by pulling the students out of the chaos of rug-cutting and tuning their ears to the familiar light classics.

The German Club also got under way early in the year. Miss Anker seemed to take them into Germany in their meetings, so complete was the transformation. Under the leadership of Betty Laday, President, the many members played German games, sang German songs, and even made Lebkucken, German cakes, at one of the members' home! Inspired by such happy faces as those of Vice President Ruth Lamp, Secretary Bernadine Testa, and Treasurer Pat Dana, the members managed to scrape up enough money to furnish themselves with a trip to New York. How our clubs did get around!

The Latin and French clubs also asserted themselves in their activities. Both took part in the Christmas assembly program and the school carnival.

The Latin Club had as officers, Consuls, if you know what they are, Margit Sporre and David Packard, and Senators, Lars Ehnebuske, Billy Ganss, Barbara Halvorsen and Dot Hollender. The French Club didn't quite leave us for Paris and kept the good old American terms with President Bill Fraser, Vice President Nathan Smith, and Secretary-Treasurer Ruth Kramer. The main social event

of both clubs was achieved when the members went literally bouncing up to Montclair for the annual Language Festival. The French, German, and Latin Clubs printed a newspaper, duly corrected by advisers, Mr. Graham, Miss Thurston, and Miss Anker. The Latin Club was under the leadership of Miss Thurston, a new member of the faculty this year.

The organization of the orchestra was delayed, but was completed in January. At this time, Mrs. Saville took over the baton. The students were very proud of the orchestra for its performance in their own assembly programs, and also in those which were exchanged with other schools. Our musicians also gave their talents to add background to the concert given with the Glee Club in June.

What's New? With the assistance of Faculty Advisers Miss Zabel, Miss Thurston, and Mr. Lawrence, the What's New organization attempted to give the school the answer. The answer came out in newspaper form every month, with Isabelle Waring acting as Editor-in-Chief and Allen Hansen as Assistant Editor. The paper furnished the students with art, stories, editorials, personals, and the latest in humor.

The Varsity Club, composed of the basketball and football heroes of the hour, was advised by Mr. Schmidtchen. They had as officers those husky brutes: President, Jim Rossi; Vice President, Alvin Lawrence; and Secretary-Treasurer, Ed Risler. Their "Sadie Hawkins" Noon Dance was a riot with the boys hiding under the chairs from their best girls. As if they hadn't done enough to tease the girls already, they actually imported



the Rutgers' football team to play a game of basketball with them! The fellows didn't have the heart to charge for autographs!

Under the direction of Mr. Herb and President Vivian Olsen, the History Club had regular meetings and visited the county court in New Brunswick. The Vice President, Louise Sinclair, and Secretary-Treasurer, Margaret Neun, found themselves with little to do as the Program Committee of one, Ruth Jensen, arranged speeches by members of the faculty about their travels.

The Middionettes is probably the club you've been waiting to hear about, Miss Farrell, as you were their former faculty adviser. The example you set was followed by Miss Cook, and their accomplishments were similar to those of other years. President Mary Stevens and Vice President Alice Troller led the members in dressing fifteen dolls at Christmas time. Secretary Hazel Salus and Treasurer Agnes Sofield saw that the dolls were sent to a children's home. Individual projects for hospitals were also undertaken by members. The student body has every right to feel proud of this organization for its charitable work.

The Student Government, which is indeed a government of the students, by the students, and for the students carried out its duties very well this past year. They sometimes carried them out so well that the students not directly connected with the Senate, House of Representatives, Supreme Court, or Cabinet did not know that there were problems. However, those near President Dick Hale or Vice President Donald Koyen knew that

those splendid Friday assembly programs presented many headaches to the two officers. Besides these weekly undertakings the students managed to buy and decorate a Christmas tree in the upper hall, distribute baskets to the poor, and lastly staged their biggest venture, the Carnival, which was called "Showboat".

It was so pleasant to pick up the town paper and find the write-ups of all activities during the week right under our noses. The Recorder Club acted as publicity department for all the other clubs. Assignments were handed out by the Editor and his Associate, namely, Quentin Dietz and Allen Hansen, assisted by Miss Haitzsch, Faculty Adviser. When these work-loving students managed to comb their hair straight again, after pulling it out by the roots for weeks, they put on their best bibs and tuckers and took a trip through the New York Times Building. After this adventure they wrote more columns in their best literary style.

The Astronomy Club, under the supervision of Mr. Palmer, if you re-



member, flourished in a highly satisfactory manner this year. The club had several question bees about the fine points of astronomy after which they were convinced that they should take a post-graduate course. These worthy folks, who wanted to know what made the world go 'round, went to the Hayden Planetarium in New York, led by their President, Jim Rossi, and Vice President, Ed Risler. After several letters written by Secretary, Ethel Estoppey, the club also traveled over to the Rutgers' Observatory and gazed through telescopes. The meetings were enlivened by reports from the members and that well known authority, Mr. Palmer. Dues were gladly accepted by Horace Orr.

The G. A. A. Society has become a club consisting of girls who love sports. Only those who have earned one hundred points in their gym classes are eligible. The girls, inspired by the efforts of President Veselka Matick, Vice President Eleanor Lange, and Secretary Lillian Semenchuk, sold football and basketball pins, and pennants. Their work afforded them a tidy sum which was handed over to Treasurer Isabelle Waring to help them put on their annual exhibition.

The Tri-Y really did some good deeds this year. In addition to giving Miss Crowell and assistant faculty adviser, Miss Platt, gray hair, the girls gave generously filled Thanksgiving and Christmas baskets to poor families. The club tried to cooperate more with the Hi-Y this past year by having a joint initiation for new members. Their Leap Year Dance in the spring was a great success and





the girls took full advantage of the opportunity offered them. President Ruth Wuest, Vice President Ann Gerber, Secretary Jean Tompkins, and Treasurer Shirley Sorg helped the club gain a greater recognition in both the town and the school by their loyalty.

The Hi-Y, as a part of the national organization, helped to swear in the new officers of the Perth Amboy Hi-Y. President Bob Wright sent four of the members to the State Conference at Jersey City. The boys, who had replaced Mr. Bailer with Mr. Lawrence as faculty adviser, organized a bowling team which had a grand time throughout the year. These Lone Rangers, through a bright idea of Vice President Dick Hale, managed to raid their mothers' closets successfully enough to fill a Christmas basket which Secretary Bill Fraser took to a poor family. Besides this very noteworthy deed the fellows, led by Treasurer Bill McLaughlin, built a new bicycle stand for the "Y", of which they are very proud.

A club which was brought more and more to our attention this past year was the Reviewers. Their adviser, Miss Haitzsch, led them in interesting and critical discussions of the latest books, plays, and movies. The group, under the general leadership of Ruth Jensen, President; Helen Pastor, Vice President and Marie Scarpelli, Secretary-Treasurer, kept informed on their everyday surroundings by means of round table, discussion speakers, and a trip to a stage production.

Of course, we mustn't forget to mention the Blue Letter Staff, which

made this book possible. The staff dared to revolutionize the year book of Metuchen High School by putting the Seniors in the middle of the book and running a narrative straight through it. We only hope you like it.

The Photography Club was made up of a group who went to work and actually took, developed, and enlarged their own pictures! President Bill Liebeck and Vice President Bob Wickberg attempted to find new ways of taking their photographs. The Secretary-Treasurer, Virginia Peters, got some actual experience taking photos of the Christmas play. Miss Cook, the faculty adviser, gave several interesting talks of the structure of the camera and how to make bigger and better pictures.

The girls, to prove the equality of the feminine sex decided to throw themselves around a bit. The Tumbling Club functioned without the benefit of officers, a purely democratic arrangement. The members practiced new stands and flips while Miss Crowell and Miss Croes stood by ready to catch the girls if they slipped.

The Library Club played an invisible part keeping the library of the school in order. President Eva Siro and Vice President Joe Thac assisted at the desk, did typing, filing, shelving, and mending of the books. Secretary Elsie Farrell and Treasurer May Carver treated the club to a Halloween and Christmas Party, and collected the profits from their George Washington Noon Dance. The club, under the leadership of Mrs. Cooke, sponsored an essay contest, and gave an assembly program on Book Week.

The Junior High School didn't have many clubs but the ones they did



have were good. Miss Sparkes, the teacher we left behind us, was the adviser of the Math Club. President Dora Waring, Vice President Florence Leis, Secretary Gloria McLaughlin, and Treasurer Jack Edwards joined the club in playing Math games and having a general good time.

To those of us who intensely dis-

to school but cut all our classes and had the most marvelous time!

We got there just after the late bell had rung and left our coats on the radiators in the hall. As we were walking past Mr. Spoerl's office, we tripped over a huge line extending out into the hall. Having never been tardy ourselves, it took a little inquiring to discover that here was the



Better late than never



Boo!

like writing letters, the Correspondence Club was made up of remarkable people. Their inspiration may have been in the form of Miss Mundy, their faculty adviser. As if just writing letters wasn't enough, the members, under the leadership of President Gloria McLaughlin, Vice President Marjorie Bien, and Secretary Mary Lou Kramer, wrote letters to students all over the world.

One sunny morning early in January we caught a terrible case of spring fever. We decided to play an entirely new type of hooky. We went

late line. Then we scurried around the corner and decided to see what the classes were doing.

The first classroom we peeked into was the Freshman general science class. Miss Cook was actually helping them to take Oscar apart. It gave us such a queer feeling to see sections lying on the table that we hurried away before the Freshmen started on us!

Horrors! There went the passing bell and here we were just strolling around without any books or any-



thing. We put on that innocent look and glided around through the crowd. We simply ignored everyone and went on our way.

We were laughing heartily at a joke when we spied Mr. Richards looking around the corner. We decided it would be rather embarrassing if he caught up to us, so we quickened our pace. Even after we'd slipped down the stairs into the lower hall, we heard his footsteps behind us. We got rather frantic, then, but flew into the locker room with a sigh of relief.

In there we found a bunch of girls either getting ready to take gym or fixing themselves up before the next class. Nothing makes you feel better than a little makeup, eh, girls? Thinking it time to leave, we strolled up to the nurse's office. There we found a Home Nursing class in full





swing. The students even had one of their classmates in bed. We lingered around for a while to see if they were going to operate but nothing happened, so we grabbed our lunch and went down to the lunchroom to wait for noon hour to strike.

The crowd piled down at last. Now, there's nothing more glamorous than having a picture taken with half a sandwich in your mouth, so we took one. It wasn't of ourselves, of course, but we still think it's good.

In the afternoon we returned to the Biology Lab again. Mr. Killian was showing his Sophomore biology class the fine art of dissecting frogs. When we saw what they were looking at, however, we felt a distinct yearning to be outside; so we staggered to the hall, where we felt much better.

We crept on our hands and knees past Mr. Spoerl's office and took the



opportunity of walking into the library when Mrs. Cooke wasn't looking and slipped into the back room.

We were very glad to find in one of the classes a "budding romance". Ah, me! I guess they got spring fever early, too.

We decided to end up our day with a glimpse of our own Seniors, so we slipped into a sociology class and listened to Mr. Bailer talk about inter-relationships. It was most interesting but, well, it was the last period and we were getting hungry again! Off we went declaring that it was more fun than going skating.

A week after Thanksgiving, Mr. Seitzer posted a notice on the bulletin board announcing that basketball season would begin. From that day, when forty eager aspirants reported for practice, until the final game of the season, the life of the school centered around one little leather sphere. The first week proved disastrous for the fellows whose names appeared on the fatal cut list, but, finally, Mr. Seitzer made the selections and the Varsity squad remained with twelve fellows while the Junior Varsity team was limited to fifteen.

Every afternoon from then on those twenty-seven, hard-working fellows were seen shooting from all angles for that ever waiting basket, and from every imaginable position, under the watchful eyes of Mr. Seitzer, Mr. Killian, and Mr. Lawrence. Perhaps you would appreciate a word from one of our best players, Ed Risler, on a game.

"The third quarter of the Jay-Vee game has just been completed. It is

time to start dressing. In the locker room you hear a flood of chatter, which indicates that the fellows are trying not to show their nervousness.

"Here is where a cold, clammy perspiration comes, and its effects are felt in the hands, feet and knees. Hastily we don our clothes and chew the gum provided for us. There are Bill and Yabs passing the ball around.



"Bing! the game has ended. The Jay-Vees pour in with perspiration wringing from their brows. Amidst cheers we get into our warm-up drills.

"For last minute instructions and the line-up, we again return to the locker, a little more confident than when we entered.

"The fellows file out and doff their sweat clothes. With a feeling of comradeship, remarks are passed as we pledge with hands to give our best.



Just arriving for the fun.

"We don't hear the cheers and jeers after the toss-up, and victory or defeat, the fellows did give their all."

Making a basket must have done something to those boys, because they were never tired of trying.

When the first game rolled around, the team and coaches were very much dismayed to find that two of the veterans were unfit to play. Jim Rossi was kept out of play most of the season with an infected knee, reminiscent of football, while Bill Thornall was kept out of the line-up for only the first few games. Bill got around again and finished up the season true to form.

The school was over-flowing with activity every Tuesday and Friday

night when our team played host to a visiting squad. The gym was crowded with spectators, whose time was busily divided between munching the Varsity Club's peanuts and watching the progress of the game.

The Jay-Vee game was played first, but the crowd didn't really settle back until the main game was in progress. What girl didn't get a thrill when those Varsity boys came running on the floor in their colorful suits? Even though the score went against the boys in many a game, they fought hard and gave the spectators a thrill. Their efforts were somewhat rewarded in the last game when they upset a highly favored Princeton team.

The fellows who probably turned in the best performances of the sea-

son were Bill Thornall, whose height and skill enabled the team to score many points, Ed Risler, who could usually be depended upon to get the ball off the backboard, and Don Breen, who divided the scoring honors with Bill in many a game. Basketball got a backing more than ever this year. This may have been due to the cheerleaders. They seemed to be in a second childhood doing some of their cheers. In one of them they had the sudden urge to join in a game of leap frog. They looked as if they were having so much fun! They just checked themselves in time, remembering that someone had to uphold the dignity of Seniors!

The inspirations for most of the students during their darkest hours were the many social events which were held during the year. All the dances were conceived, organized, advertised, and decorated by the students themselves. We were even surprised to see some of the fellows from the check-room dancing at the risk of some tips. We certainly had a time, Miss Farrell, scraping up enough money to go to all the events! Of course, if one didn't go to every dance, play, and concert one just wasn't popular! We didn't want

anything like that thought of us, so at the risk of our bank account we went to everything! Herein lies the reason for tired eyes and unfinished homework.

Although the "Twilight Sing" made more work for the Glee Club and Mrs. Saville, the students were certainly proud of the concert. We were surprised to find so many talented soloists in our midst and were more respectful to them following that night. The students recognized many of their old favorites such as "Roll, Jordan, Roll" and "Sylvia". We left with the tune of "Now the Day Is Over" ringing in our ears and felt that the evening had indeed been well spent.

We, the Seniors, had a grand time planning our dance this year. We called it "The Senior Winter Dance" and then proceeded to make it wintery. The decorations really were good, if we do say so ourselves, with two big snowmen on either end of the stage and trees which were covered with snow in the corners of the room. With the fancy decorations and all the dancers in evening gowns (not the boys, of course!), we felt very grown up. It seemed only natural that the Senior Dance should





be made as formal as possible. It was a pleasant shock to see all the girls we had noticed for days racing up and down the halls with their hair flying, waltzing around very sedately with tidy locks. Oh, yes, our respective teachers were there, too. They appeared surprised that even their backward pupils were able to show genius when it came to decorating. Talent must be in fields other than math. We splurged and contracted Lee Temple and his orchestra to play for us and found that we were well in the clear after the dance.

The Seniors really came through with the Senior Play. It was a mystery thriller and nearly the whole class had something to do with "The Last Warning". During the last week of rehearsals, Ed Risler and Kay Stonaker were asked by Mr. Bailer to take the parts of Alex Fletcher and Kay Malan. There were really some spooky parts in the melodrama and

And they're here from as far back as 1925.

we were scared. It was just like a real Broadway production!

The Alumni Dance was held on March first and sponsored by the Cabinet. The gym was decorated with beautiful palms. A book was left at the entrance with pen and ink where the alumni were asked to put their signatures. Copies of the Alma Mater were passed out. Jimmie Martin and his orchestra played the school song while we sang.

Many of us gulped down our lunches and rushed to pay our nickels for the weekly noon dances. Contrary to popular opinion, the dances brought out the best in us as proved by the fact that most of the dancers preferred the slower type of music. This year has been the most successful, according to records, for receipts and enthusiasm. Long live the Noon Dance! In the spring someone had the grand idea of holding Sunset Dances. The whole school sat up and cheered while Francis Meany went scurrying around looking for orchestras. These were to be no ordinary dances. The lucky afternoons came at last.



All of us had a wonderful time dancing from three to five and then rushing home to do the fatal homework.

The Juniors met their real test when they gave their first dance, "The Junior Swing Dance". The walls of the gym were covered with bars and notes while the baskets were made into drums with the hits of the day printed on the backboards. The hit of the dance was the grand orchestra, Wally Hicks and His Clef Club Orchestra. The decorations were almost as good as ours were last year! The worries of a Junior girl at this time were really interesting. "This Is the Life" is described by Ann Gerber, who really ought to know. "Why does everything have to come at once! Imagine it, only thirteen dollars and fifty cents, and the Junior Dance only three days off. And that drum would have looked so nice in the doorway. We may not even have a dance! But on second thought we decided we had better look our best. After all, one doesn't go to dances very often. Money just seemed to roll in the next two days and by Friday, the excited Junior class had sixty dollars. The dance went over with a bang, and they cleared the huge sum of twenty-three dollars".

The Hi-Y, Tri-Y Dance popped around as usual this year, and it was decided to give the girls a chance. The Leap Year Dance went off beautifully which proves that some work must have been done, strange as it seems. Both clubs claimed all the credit for their success anyway. The orchestra committee pulled a new one out of the hat, a man by the name of Frank Lehman, and his orchestra.

The Carnival was a red letter event on our social calendar this year. Near-



A glimpse of our carnival

ly every activity in the school made a sideshow specialty its goal, and the orchestra and glee clubs combined to play and sing appropriate songs. The theme, "Showboat", was chosen with a real melodrama in the offing. To enter the school, the patrons had to go up a gangplank. The stage was decorated to represent the prow of a boat. Each floor of the school was converted into a deck with portholes, sideshows, and refreshments. We hope that this may form another tradition in this school of ours, and that we may have a carnival every

year, bringing the work of all the activities to a common end.

President—Mrs. Reginald Crowell

First Vice President—Mrs. Tompkins

Second Vice President—Miss Mundy

Secretary—Mrs. Hughes

Treasurer—Mrs. Risler

For example, when the seventh, eighth, and ninth grades were complaining because they had no share in the social activities, the P.-T. A. sponsored a dance for them. Decorations were hung and refreshments were served. The youngsters were thrilled to have their basketball heroes come home from a big conflict



What would we do without the guidance of our parents and teachers?

The Parent-Teachers' Association was brought more and more to our attention this past year. It seemed that every time we were in need of money this organization would spring to our aid. The meetings were held in the evening in order that the parents might discuss with the teachers the problems of their children. No doubt many of the notices of meetings remained in the students' pockets and failed to reach their parents. The P.-T. A. never ceased to think up new ways to cooperate with the students.

in time for a few dances that evening.

As spring rolled around and the students began to seek outdoor recreation, new sports appeared on the athletic calendar. This year we had three major spring sports.

The track squad flourished this season. Many of our boys had had experience in winter meets held in Brooklyn, Newark, and other nearby cities. "Big Bill" Thornall who has already won a number of medals in

indoor meets proved even more successful in the outdoor meets. Bill was responsible for many of our points during the season. Bob Krog jumped just under six feet this year, and the team was proud to have this point winner. Bill Thornall, Ed Risler, and Walt Stork covered the field events admirably, while Lucian and Larry Bruno handled the mile run.

The team entered in nine big meets during the season and came out quite successfully. Among the events in which we participated were pole vaulting, shot-put, discus, javelin, high jump, broad jump, running, and hurdles. The school was certainly proud to have a track team as good as we had this year.

The tennis team captained by one of last year's old standbys, Thomas McKeown, held their home matches at the Y. M. C. A. Their manager was Duncan McKeown and their faculty adviser, Mr. Graham. We didn't produce any Bill Tildens or Don Budes, but the boys used their rackets to good advantage and managed to win a majority of their matches.

The golf team was organized this year for the first time since 1937 with Ruth Wuest as manager and Miss Platt as faculty adviser. The home greens were those of the Metuchen Country Club, and the boys teed off to a goodly number of victories.

The Juniors again proved their worth when they presented us with the annual Junior-Senior Prom. The

Meet the Spring athletes.





Have you all signed this?

decorations were beautiful. The dance also had a sobering effect on us, for it was our last dance together as a class. We pepped up, however, and tried to look on only the good side of our coming graduation. Our exams were over before the rest of the high school finals, and we wandered around the halls fully appreciating our freedom while the juniors, sophomores, and freshmen struggled with the facts. Although our mornings were spent in rehearsing, our afternoons were our own and all those except commencement speakers, who were biting their fingernails with the gall of it all, spent their money at the shore and movies.

As we come to the end of the year, we think of the school which will stand empty all summer. This thought has been expressed well in the following poem written by one of the seniors.

EMPTY CLASSROOMS

In summer the desks become restless
 No company keeps them awake.
 They must miss all the ink spots and
 scratches
 And the carvings put there, "by mistake".

So just for a change in their routine
 They start a "September-in-June"
 But instead of a classroom of students
 It's a solemn and quite empty room.

While the desks appear dusty and
 lonesome
 As innocent desks ought to be
 They're engaged in some Chaucer or
 Shakespeare
 (Which brings back my class mem-
 ory).

Now you may believe these desks silly
 For using their time as they do
 But they know when school starts
 next season
 That they'll be much smarter than
 you.

By Norman Stateman

We have tried to show you what our Senior year contained. We know, in leaving Metuchen High School that work and play have brought us closer and closer to our friends and filled our hours with worthwhile thoughts. In leaving we just want to say: "We had a wonderful time! Wish you had been here."

Sincerely yours,
 The Seniors





They, too, guide us through the year.

The Senior Class Acknowledge

Mr. Hugh Price, Pres.

Mr. Charles Bacha

Mrs. Wm. C. Bohlke

Mr. Albert Gerber

Mr. Clarence Hofer

Mr. Thomas McKeown

Mr. Sherwood Mundy

Mr. John Remensnyder

Rev. Harold C. Dennis.

The Senior Class is very desirous to express an opinion of a group of citizens whose services cannot be too deeply appreciated. Every member of the class knows what these people have sacrificed in time and energy, giving their all willingly and voluntarily in order to distribute the taxpayers money in such a way that children of Metuchen might derive the greatest benefits from school. No compensation and no rewards are theirs. Only the joy of serving is their pay. The Class wishes to take this opportunity, printed to be a lasting record, to thank them for all they have done and to wish them success in the many endeavors they have planned for the future. It stands in salute before the members of the Board of Education of Metuchen.

ATKINSON ALATARY

"Atkie"

"A very hard worker in our senior play, He hopes to be an electrician someday."

Lib. C. 1-2-3, Kampus Kapers 1.



RUTH MAE ALLEN

"Ruthie"

"Another secretary on our list, Is this pleasant little Miss."

Glee C. 3-4, Middionettes 3.

BLANCHE GRACE ARRONET

"Blanche"

"Is she nice? Yes, very, And she hopes to be a private secretary."

Dram. C. 1, Ger. C. 2-3-4.



LOUISE MARIE BAUMAN

"Lou"

"Lou is hard to describe in name, But we are sure that she'll reach fame."

Dram. C. 1, Ger. C. 2.

LILLIAN MARION BOOTH

"Lil"

"To business school, we know not where, But hope she'll be successful there."



DANIEL B. BREEN

"Fuzzy Jr."

"His Irish eyes and wavy hair, Are really quite beyond compare."

Harm. C. 1-2, Track 2, Mgr. 3-4, B. Ball 3-4.

DONALD V. BREEN

"Fuzzy"

"Oh, the famous Mr. Breen, Who was quite a star on our basketball team."

Track Mgr. 1-2, Tennis 2-3, B. Ball 4, Golf 4, Harm. C. 1-2.



LAWRENCE BRUNO

"Cheeko"

"Cheeko is his nick-name And we predict that he'll reach fame."

Track 4, Harm. C. 3.

LUCIEN V. BRUNO

"Cyclone"

"Bright brown eyes and an
impish grin,
We are definitely going to
miss him."

F. Lighters 1-2-3-4, Fr. C.
3, Lib. C. 3-4, Astronomy C.
4, Ger. C. 3, Track 1-2-3-4.



GERTRUDE DOLLY
BURKE

"Dolly"

"A smile for everyone she
passes,
And a worker in all her
classes."

Lat. C. 1-2, Ger. C. 2-3-4,
Glee C. 4, F. Lighters 4, As-
tronomy C. 4, Lib. C. 4, G.
A.A. 4, Sr. Play.

KATHRYN ELIZABETH
CAMPBELL

"Betty"

"A career in art is what
she'll seek,
And we hope she reaches
fame's high peak."

Dram. C. 1, Reviewers 3,
B. Letter 4, Astronomy 4.



CONSTANCE CHRISTINE
CLARKSON

"Chris"

"Who is known to all as
Chris?
Why this very sweet little
Miss."

B. Letter 1-2-3-4, F. Light-
ers 4, Tri-Y 2-3-4, Jr. Sr.
Prom.

JEAN ELIZABETH
CONNORS

"Jean"

"As you look at Jean you
can clearly see,
An able accountant she will
be."



JOHN CONNORS

"Punkin"

"We know he'll seek further
education,
But drafting is his future oc-
cupation."

EDWARD J. CRAWFORD
"Eddie"

"Ed's talent lies in aviation,
This field will be his voca-
tion."

Dram. C. 1-2, Hist. C. 2,
Aviation C. 2-3.



MARY LOUISE CROWELL

"Mibs"

"Mary plans to go to college,
And Mary Washington is
where she'll seek her
knowledge."

Stu. Gov't. 1-2-3-4, B. Let-
ter 1-2-3, Dram. C. 1-2-3, Jr.
Sr. Prom. 3, Cheer Leader
3-4, Sr. Play.

CHRISTIAN EDGAR
DALSGARD

"Dank"

"Tall, blond and mighty, too.
We think he's quite nice,
don't you?"

F. Ball 3-4.



RICHARD ERNEST
DAVIS

"Dixie"

"Richard Davis is his name,
And General Ceramics is his
aim."

ROBERT SMITH DAVIS

"Bob"

"Since he has witnessed
many sport events,
A good sports writer he will
be in years hence."

F. Ball 3-4, Varsity C. 4.



HARRY W. DECK

"Harry"

"Harry's one who's always
glad,
For he's a very gallant lad."

Orchestra 1-4, Band 3.

W. MELVIN ELLIS

"Mel"

"Mell's humor is the best
we've found,
It has been a pleasure having
him around."



RITA MARIE EOSSO

"Rita"

"Rita's well liked and couldn't
be better,
She worked like a trooper for
this Blue Letter."

Reviewers C. 3-4, Hist. C.
3-4, B. Letter 4.

ETHEL MURIEL
ESTOPPEY

"Eth"

"Here is a studious little
lass,
Who takes high honors in
any class."



ALEXANDER FLETCHER

"Stretch"

"Alex has quite a brilliant
mind,
Another like him would be
hard to find."

Glee C. 3-4, Track 2-3-4.

GLADYS LOUISE
FREEMAN

"Gladys"

"A newcomer this year is
Miss Freeman,
She's made many friends
throughout the season."



ROSE ANNA FUCHS

"Rose"

"Rose is liked extremely well,
And intends to go to Wood-
bridge Vocational."

Dram. C. 2-3, G.A.A. 1-2-
3-4, Glee C. 3-4.

FRANK A. GANGEMI

"Gani"

"A thought of Frank's is
'Life's worth while,'
Illustrated for you by his
pleasant smile."

F. Ball 3-4.



DE WITT SCOTT GILES

"Witt"

"A big he-man is Mr. Giles,
And he's worth more than
his weight in miles."

RUTH ELLA GRAF

"Susie"

"A member of a nursing
staff,
Is a wish that we give to
Miss Graf."

H. Patrol 2-3, B. Letter 4,
S. Patrol 4, Dram. C. 3,
Photo C. 1.



RICHARD MANN HALE

"Dick"

"Dick is the President of our
school,
And is far from shy as a
rule."

B. Ball 3, Hi-Y 3-4, Jr. Sr.
Prom 3, F. Lighters 3.

SYLVIA V. HALVORSEN

"Tibby"

"A quiet person and very
sweet,
We hope success and she will
meet."



JOHN JOSEPH HANSEN

"Johnny"

"John's favorite sport is
baseball
And as a pitcher he beats
them all."

Baseball 1-2, Track 3.

JOSEPH THOMAS
HAZLETT

"Joe"

"Joe is seen around the halls,
He's always at your beck and
call."



HENRY HENDEL

"Henny"

"Here's a boy called 'Henny',
And he is definitely liked by
many."

PAULA M. HERMANSEN

"Polly"

"A description of Polly that
suits her well,
Is sweet and simple as you
can tell."

Dram. C. 1, Lat. C. 1, Glee
C. 4, Stu. Gov't. 4



RUTH ADELE HOLLIS

"Ruth"

"To be a working girl is
Ruth's wish,
We sincerely hope that she
will be this."

Hist. C. 2-3, Reviewers 3,
Glee C. 3-4.

JAMES THOMAS HOLTON

"Jim"

"A famous doctor he will be,
He's starting now to cut up
you see."

Ger. C. 3-4, Hist. C. 3, B.
Letter 4, Astronomy C. 4, F.
Lighters 4.



MARY HIFKO

"Mary"

"Her plans are indefinite as
to vocation,
She's just going to further
her education."

ELEANOR JAREMA

"El"

"Here's a popular little
Miss,
We'll miss her all the more
for this."

Lat. C. 2, Ger. C. 3-4, F.
Lighters 3-4, Hist. C. 3, Jr.
Sr. Prom 3, Glee C. 4, Stu.
Gov't 4, Pub. Speaking 3.



MICHAEL JAROS

"Mike"

"As you look at his picture
you may grant us,
A great person, this Mr.
Jaros."

RUTH MAY JENSEN

"Jensy"

"Ruth is a very pleasant lass,
Who made the best secretary
of our class."

Dram. C. 1, Glee C. 3-4,
Reviewers 3-4, Hist. C. 3-4,
Rec. C. 3.



RUTH JUNE JINDRACEK

"Ginger"

"In gym class all girls have
to take a back seat,
For Ruth is our star athlete."

B. Letter 4, B. Ball 2-3-4,
Rec. 3-4, G.A.A. 3-4.

ANNA MARY JONES

"Jonesy"

"Always a smile upon her
face;
To compete with Anna would
be quite a race."

Lat. C. 1.



NORMA KANSOL

"Norm"

"Norma's attractive and in-
telligent, too,
We think she'll be a success,
don't you?"

Lat. C. 2, F. Lighters 3-4,
Hist. C. 3, Glee C. 4, B. Letter
4.

WALTER KIEFER

"Barney"

"Kiefer's quite a basketball
shark.
And we know he'll always
make the mark."

F. Ball 4, B. Ball 4.



RITA ELLEN KIDDER

"Rita"

"Rita looks for her future in,
The course of becoming a
beautician."

WALTER KONCUR

"Walt"

"He is bright as a rule,
And is quite the he-man of
our school."

Sr. Play



LLOYD B. KORNBLOTT

"Korny"

"Here's an intelligent boy,
though small,
Whose humor always bright-
ens us all."

Lat. C. 1, Orchestra 1-2-3-
4, Dram. C. 1-3-4, Track 1,
Stu. Gov't 4, Jr. Sr. Prom.

RUTH BARBARA
KOSCIELNIAK

"Ruth"

"Ruth hopes to find a position soon,
After leaving school in June."



LOUIS H. KRAUS

"Lou"

"Another athlete here we find,
And you can see he's just the kind."

Track 2-3-4, F. Ball 3-4, Varsity C. 3-4, Hi-Y 3-4.

ROBERT KROG

"Bob"

"Next year he'll sing, 'On The Banks of the Old Raritan',
For he plans to be a Rutgers man."

Track 3-4, Baseball 2, Fr. C. 2-3, Varsity C. 3-4, Hi-Y 3-4, Orchestra 4.



ELIZABETH LADAY

"Buzzie"

"An actress in our senior play
Was this lovely lady, Miss Laday."

G.A.A. 2-3-4, Dram. C. 2-3-4, Sr. Play, Glee C. 4, Ger. C. 3-4, Hist. C. 3, Lat. C. 2.

RUTH H. LAING

"Ruthie"

"Another member of our class,
Is Miss Laing, a sweet young lass."

Lat. C. 1-2, Ger. C. 4, Tri-Y 2-3-4, H. Patrol 2.



RUTH OLGA LAMP

"Ruth"

"Ruth is quite a lovely lass,
And she's been noticed in our class."

Dram. C. 1, Middionettes 2, Ger. C. 2-3-4.

ELEANOR ELSIE LANGE

"El"

"Eleanor is quite an athlete, too,
Her tumbling is really something to view."

F. Lighters 3-4, G.A.A. 2-3-4, B. Letter 4, Hist. C. 2, Fr. C. 2, Rec. C. 3-4, H. Patrol 3.



MARY COWAN LANG

"Mary"

"We find a girl whose name is Mary,
Is she sweet? Yes, very."

MARION VIRGINIA
LAUSTEN

"Blonde"

"She has a smile that wins
your heart,
We regret to think that we
must part."



BETTY S. LAYBURN

"Bette"

"A girl with ambitions true,
Whose heart's been in her
work right through."

Dram. C. 2-3, B. Letter 2-
3, Fr. C. 2, G.A.A. 2-3-4, Lib.
C. 2-3, H. Patrol 2.

HELEN MARIE
LEHLBACK

"Helen"

"In baseball she is quite a
star,
To find one like her, you'd
have to search far."

Dram. C. 1, Glee C. 3, G.
A.A. 1-2-3-4.



ELIZABETH MARIE
LEIS

"Betty"

"Success in business we fore-
see,
A fine secretary she will be."

Dram. C. 1, Stu. Gov't 1-2,
Hist. C. 3-4, Rev. C. 3-4,
Rec. C. 3-4, Glee C. 4.

DAVID LEVINE

"Dave"

"Dave is an actor for sure,
And is always there ready
for more."

Lat. C. 1-2, Hist. C. 2-3,
Sr. Play, Astronomy C. 4,
Public Speaking 3.



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CATHERINE ROSE
MALAN

"Kay" *Kay*

"Sincerity, personality, and
everything plus,
And she is liked by all of
us."

Dram. C. 1, B. Letter 4,
Jr. Sr. Prom, Sr. Play, Stu.
Gov't 4, Cheer Leader 3-4.

JAMES J. MALLEY

"Jimmy"

"Jimmy's writings are very
keen.
In his hidden talents we have
seen."



VESELKA MATICK

"Veselk"

"This young lady can roller-
skate
In professional competition
we hope she'll rate."

G.A.A. 1-4, Glee C. 4, Stu-
Gov't 4, S. Patrol 3, F. Light-
ers 3, B. Letter 4.

STERLING ELLIOTT
MAYO

"El"

"A great actor in our Senior
Play—Oh,
Is this fine Mr. Mayo."

Lat. C. 1, Orchestra 1-2-
3-4, Sr. Play 4, Dram. C. 2-
3-4, Astronomy C. 4.



RICHARD MCGINNIS

"Mick"

"He wants to be a navy man,
And we are sure he's the one
who can."

F. Ball 2-3, B. Ball 3-4.

THOMAS K. McKEOWN

"Tom"

"Now here's an engineer to
be,
We hope success in the fu-
ture he'll see."

Aeroplane C. 1, Tennis 2-
3-4, Sr. Play, B. Letter 4,
Stu. Gov't 4.



WILLIAM MCGONEGAL

"Mac"

"A fellow known to all is
'Mac',
And we hear that he can
act."

FRANCIS E. MEANEY

"Fran"

"In our student government
he's made many ad-
vances,
And to him goes the credit
of our noon-dances."

R.R.C. 1, Kampus Kapers
1, B. Ball Mgr. 1-2-3, Hi-Y
2-3, Varsity C. 2-3-4, Jr. Sr.
Prom, Stu. Gov't 2-3-4.



RICHARD MEYERS

"Dick"

"Dick never has much to say,
And we're beginning to think
it really does pay."

Photo C. 1, Astronomy C.
4, Sr. Play, Public Speaking
4.

EVELINE MOHRING

"Eve"

"Eveline's future is all
planned,
And we hope happiness will
be on hand."

Dram. C. 1-2-3, Ger. C. 2-
3, G.A.A. 3, Middionettes 1-2.



ANTHONY MONTALBANO

"Monte"

"To see him once is enough
to tell,
That he's a fellow who dress-
es well."

KATHERINE ANN MOORE

"Kay"

"This girl with the bow in her hair,
Intends to go to business school, but we know not where."

Glee C. 3-4, Germ. C. 3-4.



JAMES MORYAN

"Crit"

"Jimmy, we want to tell you that you're
A basketball star, to be sure."

F. Ball 4, B. Ball 4.

BARBARA JEAN MOSS

"Babs"

"Now we pause to find something to rhyme with Moss,
We know without her, we'd be at a loss."

Lib. C. 3-4, F. Lighters 3-4, G.A.A. 2-3-4, Astronomy C. 4, Glee C. 4, Public Speaking 3.



ALMENA JEANETTE MOTT

"Meme"

"A great cheerleader on our list,
Who, we are sure, will be missed."

F. Lighters 3-4, G. Letter 4, Tri-Y 2-3-4, Lat. C. 1-2, G. A.A. 3, Hall Patrol 2-4, Cheerleader 3-4.

JANE MARIE MUHA

"Janie"

"A description of Janie is hard to find,
She's pretty, she's friendly and Oh, so kind."

Dram. C. 1, Glee C. 3-4, Tri-Y 4, Cheerleader 3-4, Jr. Sr. Prom, G.A.A. 3-4, B. Letter 4, H. Patrol 4.



HAROLD NELSEN

"Harold"

"Harold is noted for his smile,
And he wears it all the while."

HELEN MARIE NEUN

"Helen"

"Now we see a Miss named Neun,
We hope a job she'll find quite soon."

G.A.A. 4, Hist. C. 3, Ger. C. 2-3, B. Letter 4.



MARGARET ELIZABETH NEUN

"Margie"

"In the future Margie hopes to be,
A most perfect medical secretary."

Hist. C. 2-3-4, Reviewers C. 3-4, B. Letter 4.

VICTOR NIELSON

"Vic"

"He's noted for his rosy cheeks,
And undecided as to what future he seeks."

F. Ball 4.



VIVIAN EMILY OLSEN

"Viv"

"Now here's a girl in our senior class,
Who has always been an ideal lass

Dram. C. 1, Hist. C. 2-3-4,
Reviewers C. 3-4, Recorder C. 3-4.



HORACE JULIUS ORR

"Buddy"

"Buddy Orr whom we cannot pass
Is the best dancer in our Senior class."

F. Lighters 2-3-4, Glee C. 2-3-4, Public Speaking 4, Recorder C. 4, Astronomy C. 4, Sr. Play 4.



BLANCHE GWENDOLYN OSBORNE

"Blanche"

"Here we find Miss Blanche Osborne,
Who works hard from night till morn."

Glee C. 4.



HELEN ANN PASTOR

"Helen"

"A position is what she's out to find,
May she win her way and may fate be kind."

Glee C. 3, Hist. C. 3-4, Reviewers 3-4.



ELIZABETH MILDRED PERRINO

"Betty"

"A great deal of credit goes to this young lass,
For she helped produce the Blue Letter for our class."

B. Letter 4, Reviewers 3-4, Rec. C. 4, Hist. C. 3-4.



HELEN MARIE PETERCSAK

"Helen"

"She's conscientious and Oh so real,
And you can see she's quite ideal."

Reviewers 3, B. Ball 4, G. A.A. 4.



ROBERT A. PETERSON

"Pete"

"All may do what has been done—
Is always said by Mr. Peterson."

Astronomy C. 4, Sr. Play 4, Aeroplane C. 1.



DOROTHY PHILLIPS

"Dot"

"Humor is one of Dot's great treasures,
To which we've found no one that measures."

Stu. Gov't 1-2-3, Jr. Sr. Prom, F. Lighters 1-2-3-4, Tri-Y 2-3-4, Lat. C. 1-2, B. Letter 4, Glee C. 4, Orch. 4, H. Patrol 1-4, Sr. Play 4, Cheerleader 3-4.



ELEANOR M. REYNOLDS

"El"

"She's just as quiet as can be,
And very sweet as one can see."

Lat. C. 1, Ger. C. 4.

CHARLES ENOS RHOADES

"Charlie"

"Charlie has just what it takes,
He works like a trooper without complaining of aches."

F. Ball 1-3-4, B. Ball 2, Jr. Sr. Prom, B. Letter 4, Sr. Play 4, Golf 4.



MARY JANE RICHARD

"Mare"

"Mary Richard is her name,
We predict she'll attain great fame."

Ger. C. 4.

GEORGE JOHN RINK

"Rink"

"George wants to be an architect,
And he'll reach his goal we expect."



EDWIN RISLER

"Ed"

"As a football hero he's on top,
But Metallurgy is his stop."

F. Ball 1-2-3-4, B. Ball 2-3-4, Track 2-3-4, Varsity C. 1-2-3-4, Stu. Gov't 3-4, Astronomy C. 4.

JAMES ROSSI

"Jimmy"

"As a football hero, he's won a name,
And he should go to Notre Dame."

F. Ball 2-3-4, B. Ball 3-4, Baseball 2, Varsity C. 2-3-4, Hi-Y 4, Astronomy C. 4, Jr. Sr. Prom, Class Pres. 4.

BARBARA ROLFE

"Barb"

"A vote of thanks to this young lass,
Who is another hard worker in our class."

Lat. C. 2, B. Letter 1-2-3, Ed. 4, Dram. C. 3, Jr. Sr. Prom, Cheerleader 3-4, G.A. A. 2-3, Stu. Gov't 3-4, H. Patrol 4.



You interopted (?) me one day but I was glad to see we met you!

SOPHIE SALEY

"Sonya"

"Sophie's folk dances are simply grand, She surely deserves a great big hand."

Photo. C. 1, Glee C. 2-3.



WILLIAM SALEY

"Bill"

"A smile can always be seen on his face; Of unhappiness there is no trace."

LOUISE MARIAN SINCLAIR

"Lou"

"In the lower office she is found, Whenever noontime comes around."

Jr. English C. 1, Hist. C. 2-3-4, Ger. C. 2, Reviewers C. 3-4, B. Letter 4.



EVA IRENE SIRO

"Eva"

"Eva works in the library She's quite efficient as you can see."

Library C. 3-4, Hist. C. 3-4.

GILBERT C. SLAIGHT

"Gil"

"Gil's knowledge of puns is quite immense, Though there are some that don't make much sense."

B. Ball 1-2.



GRACE MARIE SMITH

"Gracie"

"To become a nurse is Grace's urge, And she'll take her course at Muhlenberg."

B. Letter 4, Astronomy C. 4, Sr. Play.

JOHN ALVIN SORENSEN

"Swede"

"Here is a boy we all call Swede, Whose opinion we always heed."

Track 3-4.



SHIRLEY H. SORG

"Shirl"

"Personality? Oh Yes, And she's everything that's in the best."

H. Patrol 2-3-4, Lat. C. 2, G.A.A. 2-3-4, Tri-Y 2-3-4, Jr. Sr. Prom 3, Cheerleader 3-4, F. Lighters 4, Sr. Play 4, B. Letter 4.

MARGIT LINNEA SPORRE

"Margit"

"A lovely lady is on our list,
Margit, you're definitely going
to be missed."

Lat. C. 3-4, F. Lighters 3-4,
Stu. Gov't. 2-3-4, Sr. Play.



NORMAN H. STATEMAN

"Norman"

"Norman has talent as a poet,
The verses he has written
show it."

Harmonica C. 3.

MARY STEPHENS

"Mary"

"Mary's in the commercial
line,
And we hope a job she'll
find."

Middionettes 4.



KATHERINE A.

STONAKER

"Kay"

"Though she's been with us
just a year,
She's won friends from far
and near."

Tri-Y 4, Sr. Play 4, Glee
C. 4.

WALTER STORK

"Walt"

"Undecided about his future
as yet,
He'd do well in professional
football, we bet."

F. Ball 1-2-3-4, Track,
Varsity C.



FRANCES IRMA
SYVERTSEN

"Frances"

"Frances has a lot of poise,
And we hope she'll have great
joys."

Public Speaking 4.

ALFRED J.
TAGLIABOSCHI

"Tick"

"You may see as you pass
Tick in the hall,
He always has a smile for
all."

Baseball 1-2, B. Ball 4, S.
Patrol 3, H. Patrol 1-2, Sr.
Play 4, Jr. Sr. Prom.



DOROTHY ANN TATE

"Ann"

"A smart young lass is Miss
Tate,
Success we're sure will be her
fate."

Lat. C. 1-2, G.A.A. 2-3-4,
Public Speaking 3-4.

WILLIAM R. THORNALL
"Bill"

"You'll find him at almost any track meet, Winning top honors, he can't be beat."

F. Ball 2-3-4, B. Ball 2-3-4, Track 2-3-4, Varsity C. 2-3-4, Astronomy C. 4.



CHARLOTTE BERTHA
TOBEHN
"Charlotte"

"To be a bookkeeper is a wish made by Charlotte, And she'll be one of the best we're willing to bet."

ANDREW TOTH
"Andy"

"A very quiet fellow is Mr. Toth, Is he kind or grand? You're right; he's both."



PETER TRICULIS
"Pete"

"We know his heart and soul he'll yield, To architectural drafting, his future field."

CHRISTINA GERTRUDE
VENETT
"Chris"

"Now here is a girl of whom we will never tire, Her brilliant mind we do admire."

Lat. C. 1-2, G.A.A. 2-3-4, F. Lighters 2-3-4, Fr. C. 3-4, Glee C. 3-4, B. Letter 4, Public Speaking 4.



BETTY VROOM
"Betty"

"A young lady, sweet and small, Whom we are sure is liked by all."

Dram. C. 3-4, Glee C. 4, Public Speaking 3, Stu. Gov't 3-4, Sr. Play.

FELIX B. WAGNER
"Feet"

"Our ideal man? And how Come on Feet—take a bow."

Golf 1-4, F. Ball 2-3-4, B. Ball 2-4, Track 3.



EVELYN JEANNE
WEBER
"Evie"

"Evie is a quiet girl, And when really known is quite a pearl."

Lat. C. 1, Tri-Y 2-3-4, Glee C. 4, Astronomy 4.

ARTHUR E. WICKBERG

"Art"

"Our blond Clark Gable, we cannot pass,
For he's the hardest worker in our class."

B. Letter 4, Astronomy C. 4, F. Ball 1-2-3.



EVELYN JANE WINES

"Evelyn"

"Evelyn is very simple and sweet,
We hope success and she will meet."

Middionettes 3-4.

It has been great having you with us this year. All the best of luck.

ROBERT S. WRIGHT *B.S.*

"Bob"

"A description of Bob is in this rhyme,
Tall, handsome and very fine."



RUTH V. WUEST

"Ruth"

"Ruth manages the golf team,
And does it quite well it seems."

H. Patrol 2-3-4, Orch. 4, Tri-Y 3-4, B. Letter 2-4, F. Lighters 4, Jr. Sr. Prom, Sr. Play, Stu. Gov't 3.

HELEN PHYLLIS YATCZYSZYN

"Helen"

"Helen is a sweet little lass,
Even though she's now at the end of our class."

Hist. C. 2-3, Reviewers C. 2-3, Glee C. 3.



ROSE ZACK

"Rose"

"Commercial work all through high,
Office work now she will try."

Glee C. 3-4.

The Senior Poll

This vote was taken by a representative group of Seniors.

Movie Actress	Bette Davis
Movie Actor	Errol Flynn
Stage Actress	Katherine Hepburn
Stage Actor	Maurice Evans
Novelist	Margaret Mitchell
Poet	Carl Sandburg
Winter Sport	Football
Summer Sport	Tennis
Radio Comedian	Charlie McCarthy
Dance Orchestra	Glenn Miller
Singer	Marion Hutton
Male Singer	Ray Eberly
Movie	"Gone With the Wind"
Book	"Rebecca"
Magazine	"Esquire"
Song	"Starlit Hour"
Radio Program	Bob Hope
Radio Announcer	Don Wilson
Hangout	Messerly's
Glamour Girl	Cobina



The Jolly Juniors were quite noticeable this year with President, Bob Thompson, reminding his classmates that they must settle down to work. There was much work accomplished (when those Juniors settle down, they settle down!) including a Spring Dance, a benefit movie, a series of cake sales, and the annual Junior-Senior Prom. The dance in the spring was called the "Junior Spring Dance" and was very effectively advertised. The posters hanging on bulletin boards, walls, and doorways, were remarkable. Everytime we turned a corner, we were reminded of Wally Hicks and his Clef Club Orchestra. The Juniors seemed to have a knack for giving good dances. We only wish they had been Seniors last year. Many of the mothers of the students were relieved of their Saturday baking by the delicious cakes sold by the Juniors. Vice President, Joe Schwalje was prepared to help in any emergency, and Reggie Crowell stood with outstretched hands, eager for any dues, profits, or donations. We pass the title of Seniors on to these courageous Juniors with a feeling of confidence. Surely, any group that can put over such a grand total of successful social events, can bear up under the duties of the Serene Seniors.



In spite of many other activities, the Sentimental Sophomores rallied to elect Hazel Salus to guide them through the year. Their Vice President, Shirley White, reported proudly that there were one hundred and sixty students in the class. Unfortunately that jolly brunette, Margaret Miller, didn't have much work to do as there were hardly any financial problems in the class. Wait until next year, Peggy! Most of the Sophomores, however, did manage to invade our social affairs. It was not at all unusual to find half the class at most of our events. It was true, perhaps, that the players on the squad attracted so many of the Soph girls to our games. Their undying loyalty neutralized our pessimism. Usually when we saw a Sophomore, our hopes lifted. We know that the Sophomores can't wait until next year to give their first dance. Let's not disillusion them!

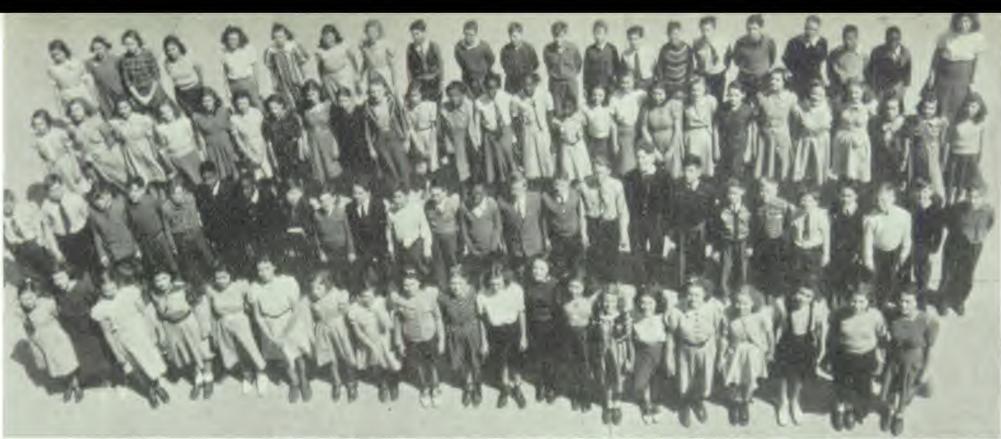
This year, as usual, Miss Farrell, those Frisky Freshmen came bouncing up every once in a while. We were continually surprised that they were not in our way more often. You can see how we love to complain about people. The Freshmen were taller this year as compared with the past, but the thing which impressed us most was their undying curiosity. The first event that called our attention to this romping group was their annual noon dance. One of the specialties was a balloon dance at which time patrons tied balloons to their ankles. The pops and candy kisses were given for prizes. We had to admit, even to ourselves, that the Freshmen had asserted themselves with a bang into the school activities. In the midst of the flood of Latin and algebra homework, they managed to elect as officers: President, William Thompson; Vice President, Muriel Weinberger; and Secretary-Treasurer, Jean Rupp. Even though we teased them whenever possible, we did appreciate their hearty support of our sports. Although most of us felt that we really should maintain our so-called dignity, we enjoyed their boisterous, hair-raising screams when the team was ahead.

*The Best of Everything is a
 success of a
 girl,
 Margaret*

*Lucy
 Betty
 Charlotte*

*Katharine
 1932*





Now we come to the Seventh and Eighth Graders of our school. Because the junior high has a hall of its own, we very rarely caught a glimpse of these students. Between our glimpses, they certainly must have been busy if one can judge by the things they accomplished. The younger generation did great things this year. Under the leadership of President Robert Evans and Vice President Ralph Heller, the classes held a seventh, eighth, and ninth grade dance, under the sponsorship of the P.-T. A. The students dipped their pens into the inkwells and helped prepare the junior high section of the What's New paper. In the Intramurals, also, the boys joined in, and section 8-2 won the Junior High Championship. The class got its traveling instinct started and joined the seventh grade in a trip to New York. This trip included the N. B. C. radio tour, a trip to the Museum of Natural History, and the Museum of Science and Industry. As if this weren't enough in the line of education, the class also had time enough to enjoy a trip to a book exhibit at N. J. C. All we can say is that the youngsters must have had little homework and much time.

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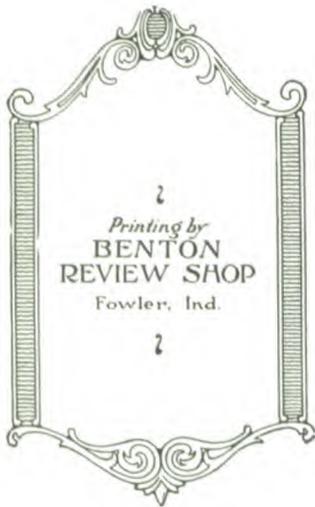
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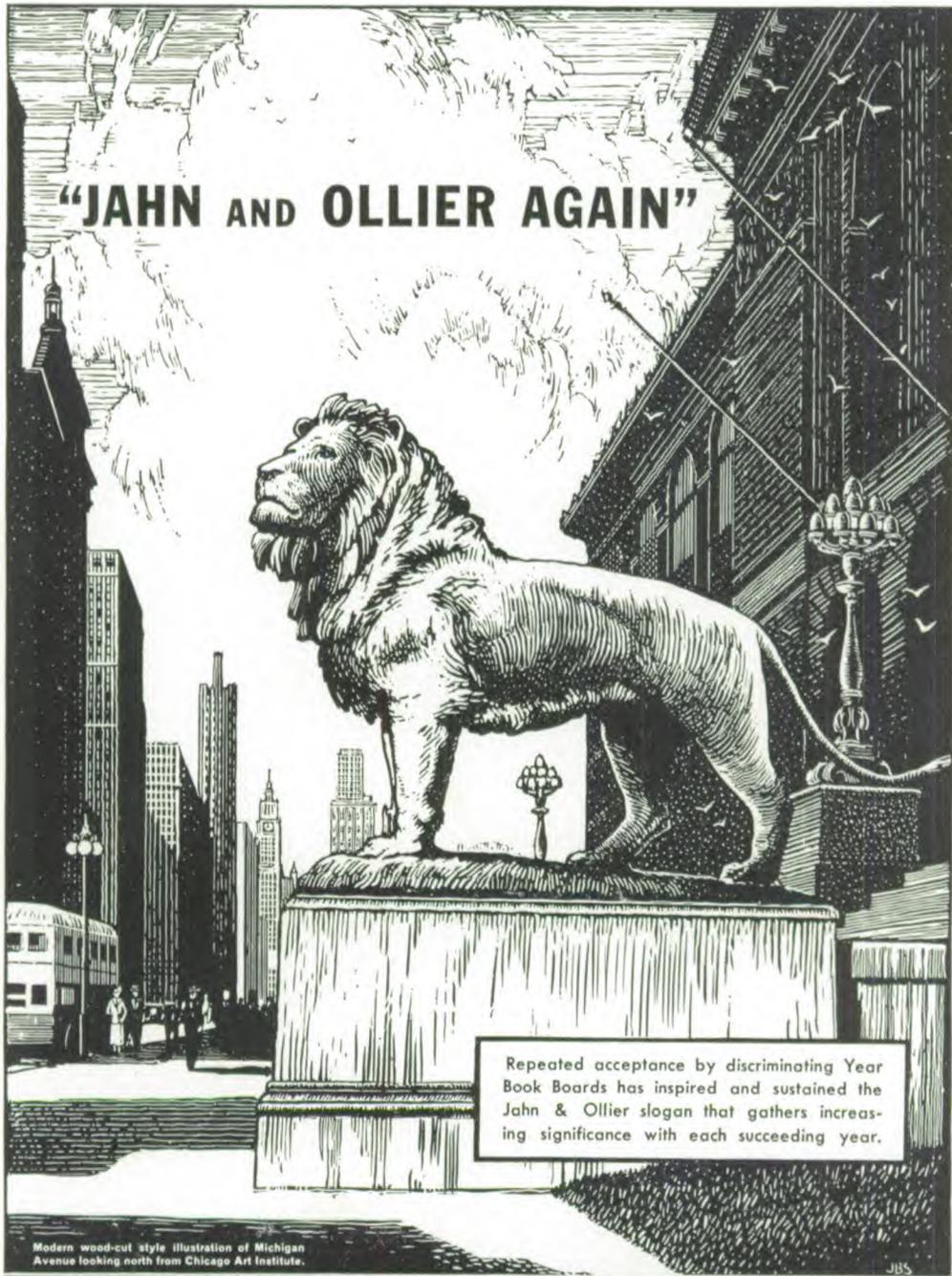
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