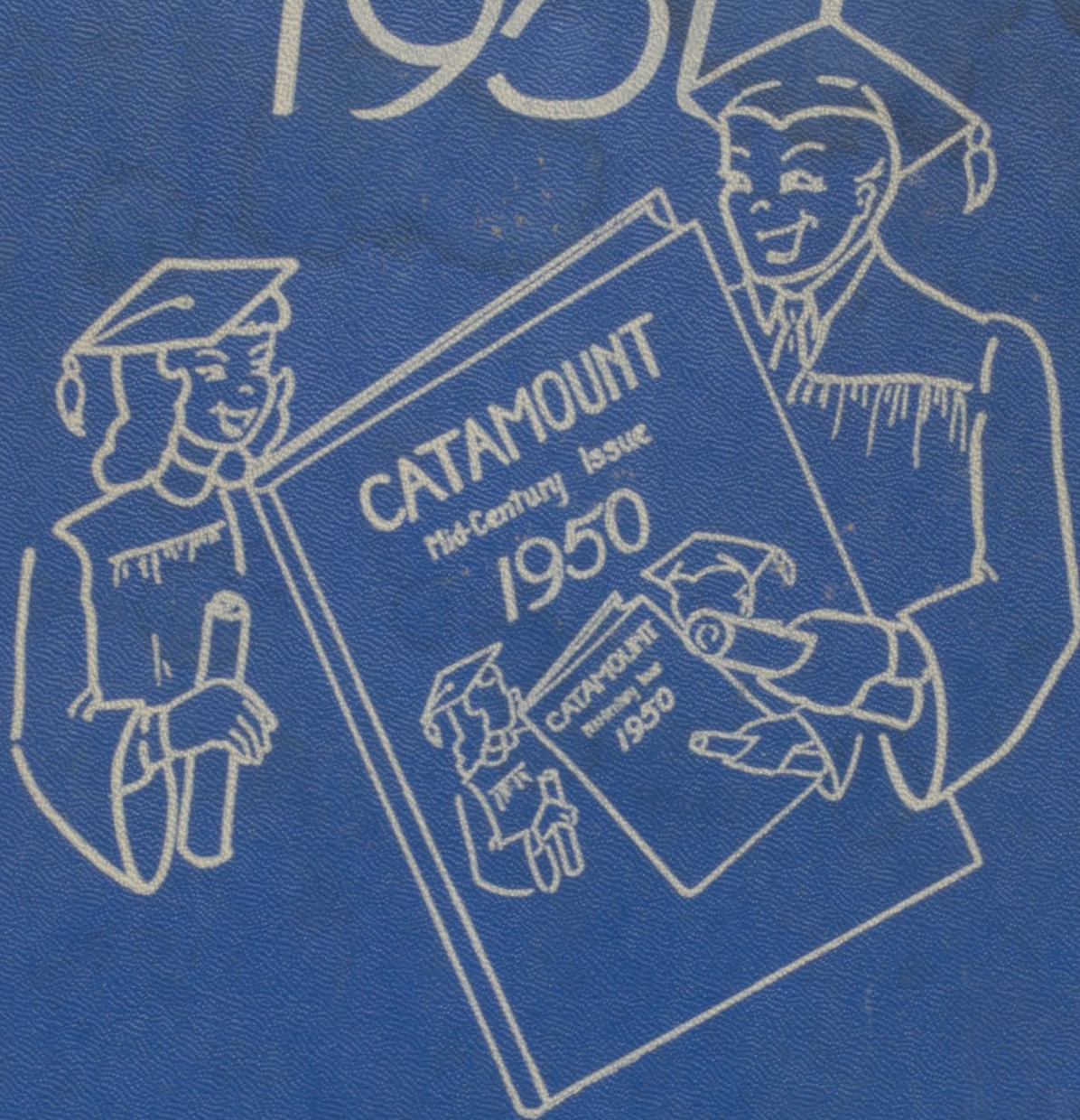
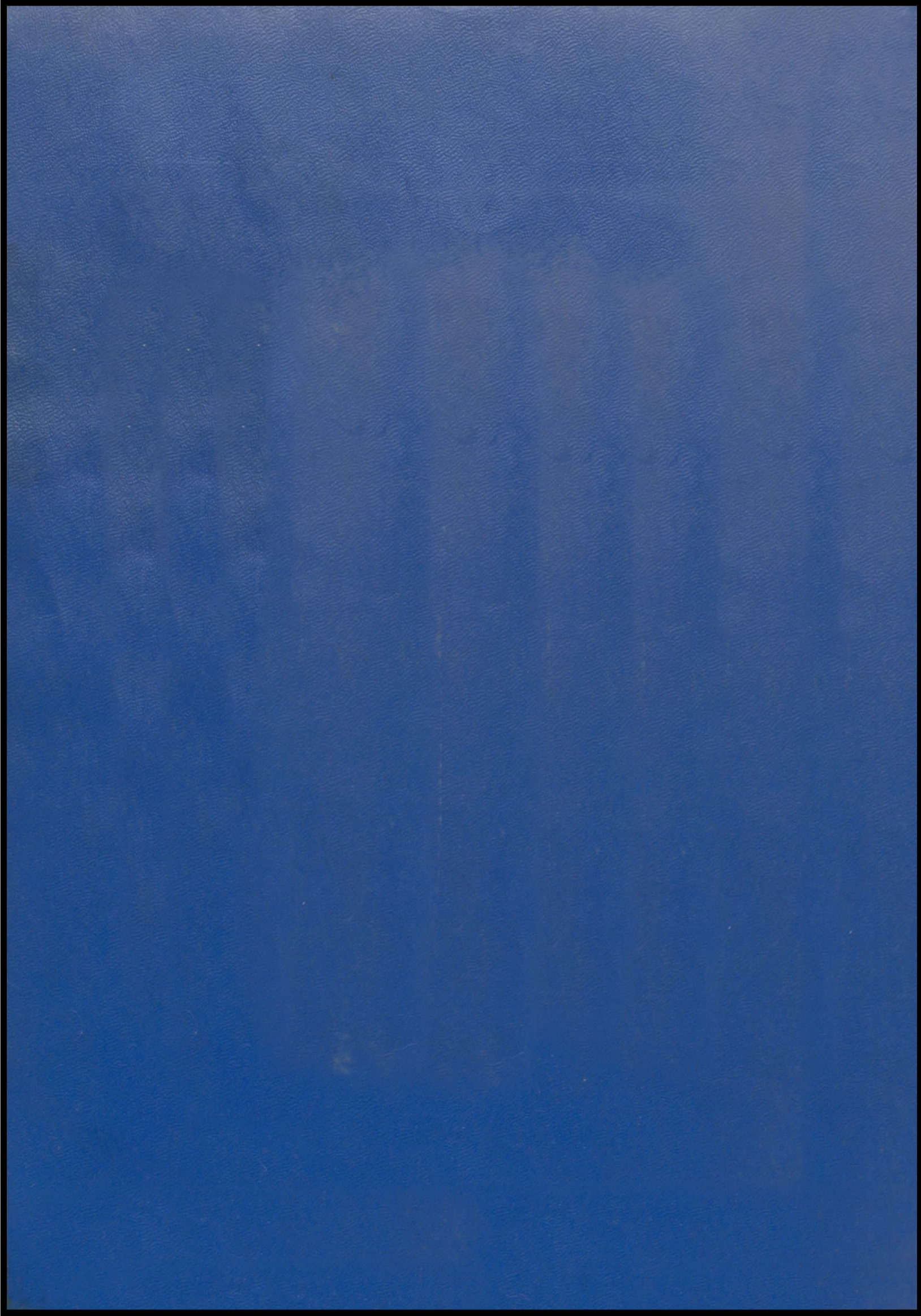


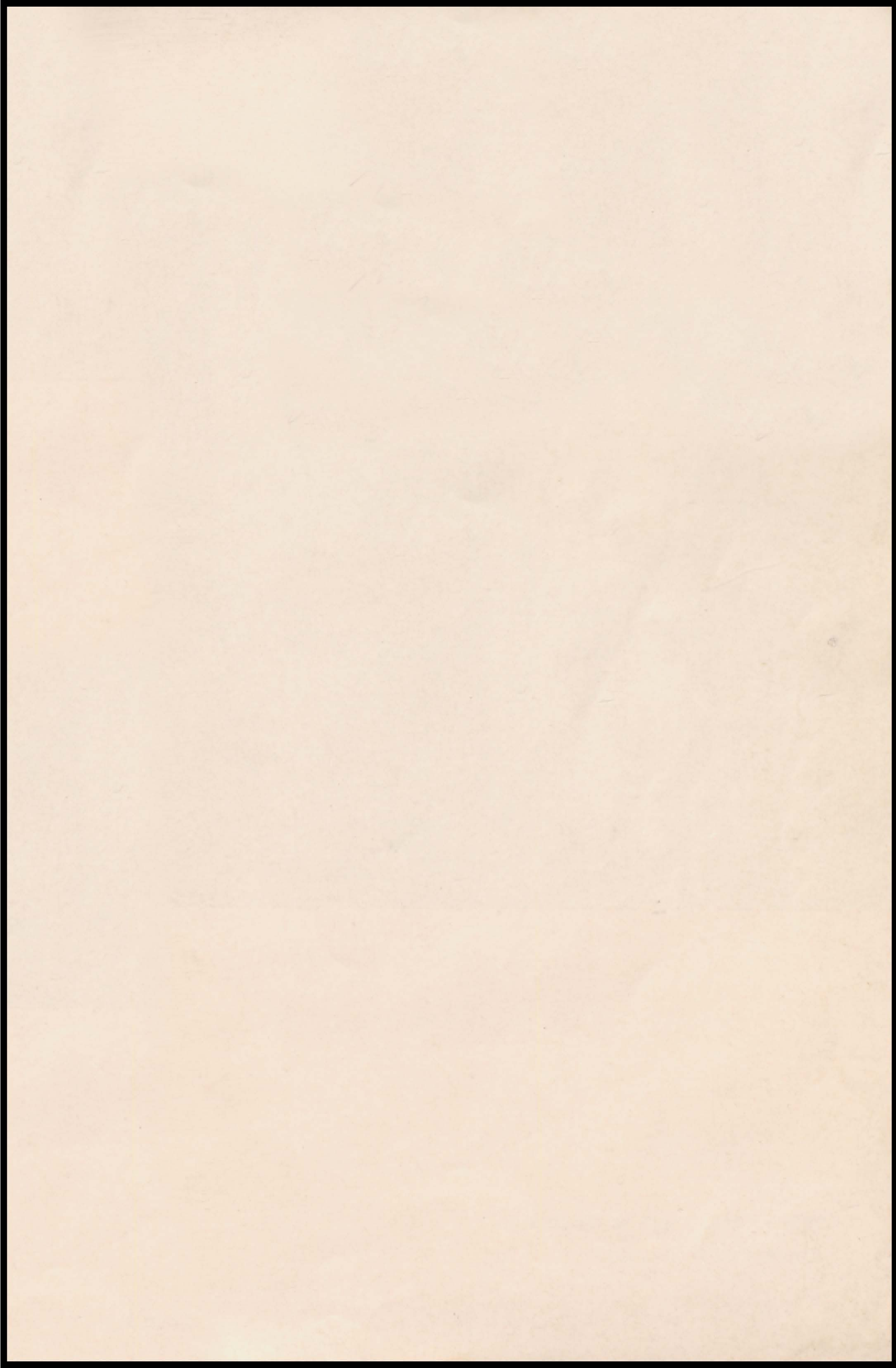
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Dedication

To WALTER C. WOOD, our principal for three formative years of high school, who has done so much for us as a class and individually, we the Class of 1950, dedicate our yearbook.

In Appreciation

We, the class of 1950, wish to extend our heartfelt thanks and appreciation to our senior class advisor, EVAN LITTLEFIELD, whose understanding and guidance was always a source of refuge to us during 1950.



Administration



Left to right: Supt. Allan J. Heath, Assistant Principal Elliott Gilman, Principal Gordon M. Thomas.

Faculty



Mrs. Adams



Miss Calhoun



Mr. Beach



Miss Hutton



Miss Carney



Mr. Richardson



Miss Drew



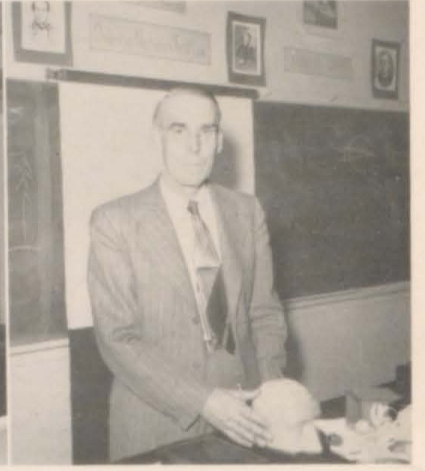
Miss Cartier



Miss White



Miss Pillsbury



Mr. Cramer



Miss Welch



To Emily -
Name will I
forget the pretty
Valentine.
Catherine Russell



Mr. Adams



Miss Kelly, Secretary



Mrs. Phillips



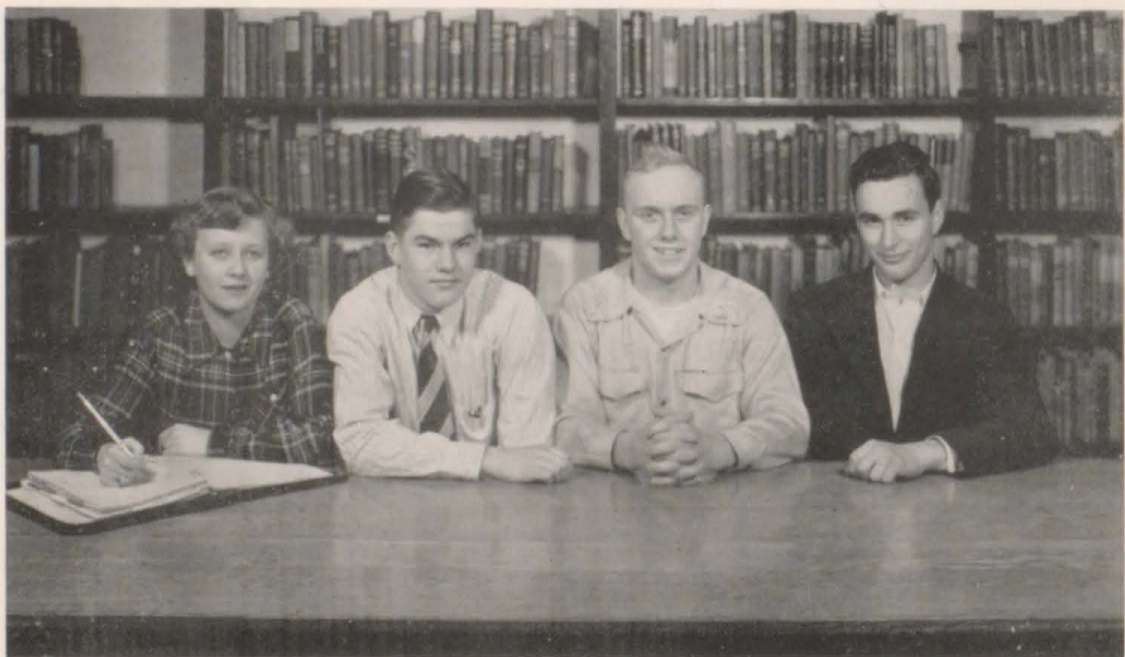
Mr. Maxfield



Senior Class



Class Officers



Left to right: Joanne Douglass, Secretary; Ivor Pelsue, Vice President; Sam Hibbard, President; Robert Levine, Treasurer.

Class History

('46—'50)

September 1946, and there we were nervously clutching our schedule cards ready to take our first step into the bewildering halls of Ben-hi. Our young faces plainly showed our amazement and wonder at the "mighty upperclassmen" but, after making the usual freshman blunders, like getting lost and appearing in the wrong rooms at the wrong time, we proceeded to elect our class officers. Our slate of officers consisted of Bob Elwell, president; Jim Ralph, vice-president; Pat Gray, secretary; Teddy Quinlan, treasurer. The two main events of our first year in high school were the Freshman Reception, sponsored by the seniors, and our class picnic at Hedges Lake.

The fall of '47 found us occupying the sophomore ranks with more privileges and responsibilities. As sophomores we joined the Outing Club, the G. A. A., the J. V. Cheering squad, the athletic teams, and other organizations whose doors were closed to us as freshmen. That year our officers were Bob Elwell, Jim Ralph, Peg Cahill and Sam Hibbard. We ordered our class rings in the early spring and eagerly looked forward to wearing them during our third year in the halls of Ben-hi. Class picnic day again found us at Hedges Lake enjoying ourselves in spite of the rain.

The next September we entered Ben-hi as juniors and for the first time we were considered to be "the upperclassmen." We had a busy year and the first thing we did was to elect Jim Ralph, president; Sam Hibbard, vice-president; Rita Cleminson, secretary, and Richie Nolan counted our money until he moved out of town, at which time Bob Elwell filled his office. Our class rings arrived early in the year and we proudly displayed them to any and all admirers. In April eight members of our class proved themselves capable of public speaking in the Junior Prize-Speaking Contest. First prize was awarded to Jim Ralph who spoke on Socialized Medicine in England. In May the seniors sponsored the annual Junior Prom in our honor and Bob Elwell and Pat Gray were chosen king and queen. In June sixteen members of our class were chosen Junior Marshals at graduation and all of us enjoyed another picnic at Hedges Lake. After school closed five girls were sent to Girls' State at Vermont Junior College in Montpelier and four boys went to Boys' State at Norwich University in Northfield.

Our last and most important year! Finally we were the "dignified seniors" with a yearbook to edit, more responsibilities, and only a few more months in the halls of Ben-hi that had now become very familiar to us all. At our elections held in June of our junior year, we elected Sam Hibbard to hold the presidential reins. He was ably assisted by Ivor Pelsue, vice-president; Joanne Douglass, secretary, and Bob Levine, treasurer. President Hibbard appointed his cabinet and we got underway toward our goal which was graduation. We had our pictures taken, received calling cards, put on the Christmas Cotillion, and the Junior Prom, and edited our yearbook under the guidance of Mr. Littlefield, our class advisor, and Miss Ross, our yearbook advisor. Barbara Mackey was chosen as D. A. R. Girl. The year swiftly disappeared and before we knew it June was here again.

We shall never forget Senior Week with its banquet, picnic, Senior Ball, Pre-Commencement Exercises, and Graduation, as long as we live.

Ah, yes, we had a good time in Ben-hi and we will never forget those good times.

Mid-Century Thoughts

Dear Readers:

Here it is 1950, and here we are settled right in the center of the twentieth century. What a century this has been. Maybe the Greeks thought their centuries of culture and enlightenment were outstanding, as did the English under Queen Victoria and her little helpers, Gladstone and Disraeli; and the French under their Sun King, Louis XIV, but they were all inconsequential compared to this century of achievement, destruction and predictions.

Yes, this is mid-century, the year of the H-Bomb, constant friction with Russia, threats of a third world war which might possibly exterminate mankind, and the year we graduate from Bennington High School.

Through our newspapers, magazines, radio and movies we are informed of the state of world affairs. Information plays such an omnipotent hand in the game of understanding our fellow men in the search for world peace, that throughout our annual chronicle we have placed images of ourselves searching for information.

Our older friends, counselors and parents, disheartened with the events of the first half century of 1900, may condone our efforts to seek peace through understanding based on unbiased information, as useless. Yet we do not want to be defeatists even before we plunge into the sea of life.

As General of the Army, Dwight D. Eisenhower said in speaking to the twenty-sixth annual Columbia Scholastic Press Conference last March in New York, "Every generation has had its H-Bombs — — don't be defeatists and pessimists, for tomorrow you make today!" Yes, we believe as General Ike that by realizing that today, not years from now, is the time to make the world we want tomorrow.

Here are my classmates, who believe as I, that we can better the existing conditions in the world by meeting them, fully informed, with an open mind and a determined heart.

Thoughtfully yours,

EILEEN CONE, *Catamount* Editor, 1950



JAMES WALTER BARSCHDORF "Lefty"

"Books are good enough in their own way, but they are a mighty bloodless substitute for life."

Basketball Varsity 4; Junior Varsity 3; Hatchet League 1, 2, 3, 4; Baseball Varsity 2, 3, 4; Junior Varsity 1; Football Varsity 4; Junior Varsity 1, 3; Catamount 3, 4; Sports Editor 4; Year Book Board 4; Hammond, Indiana, High School 2; Tumbling Exhibition 3; Senior Review 2.

JUDITH RIKER BEACH "Judy"

"Nothing great was ever accomplished without enthusiasm."

Outing Club 4; Drama 3, 4; "The Case of the Weird Sisters" (State Play) 3; "Sardines" 3; "The Purple Doorknob" 4; "Seeing Double" 4; Student Council 4; Girls' State 3; Representative to Girls' Nation, Washington, D. C., 3; State Play 3; Junior Prize Speaking 3; Home Room Officers 3.



ETIENNE GEORGE BERARD "George"

"A well-bred silence always at command."

Home Room Sports 4; Home Room Representative 4.

CHARLES W. BETT "Chuck"

"Facts are stubborn things."

Football Varsity 3, 4; Junior Varsity 2; Track 3, 4.





JEROLD JOSEPH BETIT

"Jerry"

"Books are friends. Come, let us read."

Monitor 4; Catamount Typist 4; Home Room Officer 4; Magazine Salesman.

KATHERINE LOUISE BOSTWICK

"Kate"

"I am a simple maiden and therefore wealthiest"

G. A. A. Basketball Varsity 4; Junior Varsity 3; Hockey 4; Home Room Sports 1, 2, 3; Cheerleaders Junior Varsity 3, 4; Outing Club 4; G. A. A. 2, 3, 4; Librarian 1, 2; Captain of J. V. Cheerleaders 4; Tumbling Exhibition 3; Representative to Mohawk Association Hockey Meet 4.



BARBARA ANN BURGESS

"Barbie"

"Slow and steady wins the race."

Drama, "Why the Chimes Rang" (Choir) 3, 4; Choir 3, 4; A Capella 3, 4; Girls' Glee Club 1, 2, 4; All State 3, 4; Tri-State 3, 4; G. A. A. 3; Catamount 4.



MARY MARGARET CAHILL

"Peggy"

"The joy of youth her eyes displayed."

G. A. A. Basketball Varsity 2, 3, 4; Hockey 4; Home Room Sports 1, 2; Junior Varsity Cheerleader 3; Outing Club 2, 4; Drama, "The Three Weird Sisters" 3; G. A. A. 2, 3, 4; Junior Marshal 3; Monitor 4; WKOB Radio Plays 3; Class Officer 2; Librarian 2; Snow Queen of Ski Team Contest 2; Social Committee 3.





NILES EDWARD CALLANAN "Kelly"

"No matter what may happen; whatever may befall, I only know I'm mighty glad I'm living, that is all."

Bowling 4; Hatchet League 1, 2, 3, 4; Baseball 2, 3, 4; Football 2, 3; Basketball 2, 3; Freshman Team 1; Student Council 3; Social Committee 1.

ANN LORRAINE CAMPBELL "Red"

"A rhapsody of words."

Hockey 2; Home Room Sports 1, 2, 4; Cheerleading Junior Varsity 3; Varsity 4; Outing Club 2, 3, 4; Drama, "Sisters Under the Skin" 3; Girls' Glee Club 2; G. A. A. 2, 3, 4; Junior Prize Speaking Contest 3; B. H. S. Activities Fund, Bookkeeper 4; General Business Manager for Magazine Campaign 4; Guidance Receptionist 4.



RICHARD EMERSON CENTER "Cicero"

"Music is the thing of the world that I love most."

Drama, "Why the Chimes Rang," "If Men Played Cards As Women Do;" A Capella Choir 1, 2, 3; Boys Glee Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Orchestra 3; All-State Music Festival 2, 3, 4; Tri-State Music Festival 3, 4; Catamount 4; Librarian 3; Banking Cashier 1; Guidance Office Receptionist 4.

RITA CLAIRE CLEMINSON "Clem-clem"

"Good health and good sense are two of life's greatest blessings."

Softball 2; Home Room Sports 1, 2, 3; Varsity Cheerleader 4; Outing Club 2, 4; Drama, "The Case of the Weird Sisters," "A Pair of Lunatics;" Girls' Glee Club 1, 4; G. A. A. 2, 3, 4; Junior Marshal 3; Librarian 1; Home Room Officer, President 1; Ski Club 3, 4; Drama 3; Junior Varsity Cheerleader 3.





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EILEEN MARY CONE

"Eileen"

*"With a tint of blueness from the sky
And a hint of mischief in her eye."*

G. A. A. Junior Varsity Basketball 3; Home Room Sports 1; Outing Club 2, 4; G. A. A. 2, 3, 4; Girls' State 3; Columbia Scholastic Press Conference 3, 4; Catamount 2, 3, 4; Assistant Editor, Stylites Editor 4; Yearbook Board Editor 4; Junior Prize Speaking 3; Banking Cashier 3; Home Room Officer, Treasurer 3; Student Forums 3; Pro Merito 2, 3, 4.

HELEN FRANCES CONE

"Helen"

"Gentle and low, an excellent thing in a woman."

G. A. A. Varsity Basketball 2, 3, 4; Hockey 2, 3, 4; Hockey 2, 3, 4; G. A. A. 2, 3, 4; Softball 2, 3; Home Room Sports 1, 2, 3; Outing Club 2, 3, 4; Band 1, 2, 3; All State 1, 2, 3; Tri-State 3; Girls' State 3; Monitor 4; Catamount 2, 3, 4; Yearbook Board 4; Librarian 2; Office Assistant 4; President of Outing Club 4; Co-captain of Hockey 3; Captain of Hockey 4; Co-captain of Varsity Basketball 4; Tumbling Exhibition 3; Representative to Mohawk Association Hockey Meet 4.



JEANNE CONE

"Dimples"

"The principal business of my life is to enjoy it."

Bowling 4; Home Room Sports; Outing Club 2, 3, 4; Girls' Glee Club 2; Band 2, 3, 4; Orchestra 3; All-State 3; Tri-State 3; New England Music Festival 1, 2, 3; Catamount 3, 4; Office Assistant 3; Librarian 1, 2; Home Room Officer 1, 2; Ski Club; Tennis.

LOREEN MARY CONE

"Reenie"

"Her wise, rare smile is sweet with certainties."

G. A. A. Varsity Basketball 2, 3, 4; Bowling 4; Home Room Sports 1, 2; Heads of Sports 4; Outing Club 2, 4; Cat Typist 4; Drama 3; Office Assistant 3; G. A. A. 2, 3, 4; Librarian 2; Student Receptionist; Secretary of Outing Club 4; Playground Director 3; Tennis 2.





MARY FRANCES CONNELLY

"Mary"

*"I have never sought the world;
the world will have to seek me."*

Home Room Sports 3; Outing Club 4; Drama 3;
Catamount 2; Librarian 1.

LEIGHTON CORLISS

"Leighton"

"A peck of troubles."

Bowling 3, 4; Ski Team 3; Band 1, 2, 3, 4; Orches-
tra 1, 2; All-State 2, 4; Marshal 3; Yearbook Board
4; Guidance Dept. 4.



DOROTHY LOUISE CROSS

"Dotty"

*"There is no duty we so much under-rate as the duty
of being happy."*

Home Room Sports 1; Girls' Glee Club 1, 2.

ROBERT EDWARD CUMMINGS

"Bob"

"I never like being hit without striking back."

Basketball Varsity 4; Junior Varsity 3; Hatchet
League 1, 2, 3, 4; Baseball Varsity 3, 4; Junior Var-
sity 1, 2; Home Room Sports 1, 2; Outing Club 2, 4;
Choir 4; A Capella Choir 4; Junior Marshal 3;
Monitor 4; Social Committee 2; Home Room Vice
President 3; Magazine Certificate 4; Boys' Glee Club
4.





JAMES MICHAEL DERMODY "Derm"

*"Life is a jest and all things show it,
I thought so once, but now I know it."*

Basketball Junior Varsity 4; Hatchet League 2, 3, 4; Baseball Junior Varsity 1; Home Room Sports 2, 3; Outing Club 2, 4; Drama 3, 4, "Thank You Doctor," "Dead to Rights," "Seeing Double," "The Trysting Place," "Sham;" Junior Marshal 3; Monitor 4; State Play 4; Catamount 3, 4; Yearbook Board Feature Editor 4; WKOB Radio Plays 3; Class Officer; Social Committee 1, 2, 3; Chairman 1, 2, 3; Home Room Vice President 1.

JOANNE DOUGLASS "Joanne"

"How poor they are that have not patience."

Girls' Glee Club 3; Senior Cabinet 4; Junior Marshal 3; Class Officer, Secretary 4; Guidance Receptionist 4.



JOHN FREDERICK DUNHAM "Rusty"

"Quietness is the sign of a good man."

Band 2; Home Room Officer, Treasurer 4; Hatchet League 2, 3, 4; Home Room Basketball 4; Chairman of Sick Committee 3.

VIVIAN GERALDINE DUNHAM "Vivian"

"She does little kindnesses which most leave undone or despise."

Girls' Glee Club 3; Tri-State 3; Guidance Receptionist 4.





GEORGE EDWARD DUPEE

"Dukee"

"We easily believe that which we wish."

Hatchet League 3, 4; Home Room Sports 4.



THOMAS DWYER

"Tommy"

"I prefer silent prudence to loquacious folly."

Junior Varsity Football 1; Home Room Sports 1.



ROBERT HEALY ELWELL

"Bob"

"A good mind possesses a kingdom."

Junior Varsity Basketball 3; Varsity Basketball 4; Junior Varsity Baseball 1, 2; Track 4; Home Room Sports 1; Outing Club 2; Drama 3, 4; "Dead to Rights" 3; "Thank You, Doctor" 3; "Seeing Double" 4; "The Trysting Place" 4; "Why the Chimes Rang" 4; A Capella Choir 1, 2, 3, 4; Boys' Glee Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Band 1, 2, 4; Orchestra 1, 3; All-State 2, 3, 4; Tri-State 3, 4; Student Council Vice-President 2; Boys' State, Secretary of State; Monitor 4; Yearbook Board Feature Editor 4; Junior Prize Speaking 3; WKOB Radio Plays 3; Class President 1, 2; Class Treasurer 3; Junior Prom King 3; Banking Cashier 2; Home Room President 2, 3, 4; Student Forums 3; Pro Merito 1, 2, 3, 4; Athletic Council Representative; Band President 4; Prize Essay on "Music and the Community"; Senior Review 2; Magazine Salesman.



FRANCIS ROBERT ELY

"Peter"

"To err is human, to argue inevitable."

Home Room Sports 1, 2, 4.



ROBERT WILLIAM FARNUM

"Bob"

"He too serves a purpose who only stands and cheers."

Hatchet League 3, 4; Track 3, 4; Home Room Sports 4.

FREDERICK EARL GAGE

"Freddie"

"Only a wise man knows how to love."

Basketball Varsity 3, 4; Basketball Junior Varsity 2; Hatchet League 1, 2, 3, 4; Baseball Varsity 3, 4; Baseball Junior Varsity 2; Football Varsity 4; Home Room Sports 2; Basketball Co-Captain 4; Choir 3; A Capella Choir 3; Student Council 3; Monitor 4; Class Officer 4; Banking Cashier.



PATRICIA MARY GAGNE

"Pat"

"Few things are impossible to diligence and skill."

Home Room Sports 1, 2, 3; Monitor 4; Catamount Typist 4; Office Assistant 4; Home Room Officer, Secretary 4; Guidance Office Worker; 30 and 40-Word Competent Typist Award 3; 80-Word Certificate in Shorthand 4; Athletic Cashier 4.



BARBARA MAY GATES

"Barb"

"There is great ability in knowing how to conceal one's ability."

Home Room Sports 1, 2, 3; Monitor 3, 4; Catamount Business Manager 4; Yearbook Assistant Editor 4; 30 and 40-Word Competent Typist Award; 80-Word Certificate in Shorthand 4.





DOUGLAS RICHARD GERITY

"Doug"

*"He who does not love wine, women and song
Remains a fool his whole life long."*

Basketball Junior Varsity 1, 2, 3, 4; Baseball Varsity 1, 2, 4; Football Varsity 1, 2, 3; Home Room Sports 4; Outing Club 2, 4; Hatchet League 1, 2, 3, 4; Boys' Glee Club 4; Catamount Typist 4.

PATRICIA ANNE GRAY

"Pat"

"She is pretty to walk with, witty to talk with, and pleasant, too, to think on."

Home Room Sports 1, 2; Drama Plays, "Thank You, Doctor," "Sisters Under the Skin," "The Case of the Weird Sisters," "The Purple Door Knob," "Why the Chimes Rang," "Sham"; Girls' Glee Club 2, 3, 4; Tri-State 3; G. A. A. 2, 3; Council 3; Senior Cabinet 4; Girls' State 3; Junior Marshal 3; Monitor 4; State Plays 3, 4; Yearbook Board 4; Junior Prize Speaking 3; WKOB Radio Plays 3; Class Officers 1; Secretary; Junior Prom Queen 3; Home Room Officer, Secretary 1, 3; Student Forums 3; Pro Merito 1, 2, 3, 4.



LEROY ROBERT HARRINGTON

"Beet"

"I'm not in the role of common men."

Hatchet League 3, 4; Junior Varsity Baseball 1, 2, 3, 4; Drama, "The Trysting Place," "Why the Chimes Rang" 4; Boys' Glee Club 3, 4; P. A. Announcer 2, 3; Varsity Baseball Scorekeeper 3; Co-Captain of Home Room Basketball 4; Home Room Sports 1, 2, 3, 4.

SAMUEL NEWCOMB HIBBARD

"Sambo"

"Born for success he seemed, with grace to win and heart to hold."

Hatchet League 1, 2, 3; Varsity Football 2, 3, 4; Track 3, 4; Drama, "Sisters MacIntosh"; "Christmas Play" 3; Boys' Glee Club 3, 4; Senior Cabinet 4; Student Council 4; Boys' State 3; Junior Marshal 3; Monitor 4; State Plays 2; Junior Prize Speaking 3; WKOB Radio Plays 3; Class Officer 2, 3, 4; Home Room Officer 1, 3; Class President 4; Student Forums 3; Football Team Captain 4; Harvard Book Prize 3.





MARJORIE ANN HICKS

"Marge"

"Patience is a flower that grows not in everyone's garden."

G. A. A. Junior Varsity Basketball 1; Home Room Sports 1; Girls' Glee Club 1, 2, 4; G. A. A. 2, 3, 4; Librarian 1, 2.

*Emily loads
of luck to a
feature senior type.
"Marge"*

ROBERT GEORGE HICKS

"Bob"

"Of science and logic he chatters, I'm sure he's a talented man."

Home Room Sports 4; Outing Club 2, 4; Junior Marshal 3; Monitor 4; Catamount Business Assistant 4; Radio Club 3.



LOUIS HENRY HODGDON

"Louie"

"Size is not grandeur, and territory does not make a nation."

Junior Varsity Basketball 2; Hatchet League 1, 2, 3, 4; Bowling 3, 4; Home Room Sports 3, 4; Home Room Officer 1, 2, 3.

MARGARET ANNE JEWETT

"Peg"

"I hate scarce smiles; I love laughing."

Hockey 4; Manager of Hockey 3; Heads of Sports 3; Outing Club 4; Drama 3, 4; "Sisters Under the Skin" 3; "Why the Chimes Rang" 4; G. A. A. 2, 3, 4; Junior Marshal 3; "Boomerang" 4; Monitor 4.





THELMA JEAN JOLIVETTE

"Thelm"

*"Let ignorance talk as it will,
Learning has its value."*

Softball 2; Home Room Sports 1, 3; Girls' Glee Club 1, 3, 4; G. A. A. 2, 3, 4; Librarian 1; Home Room Officer 1.

SHIRLEY MAE JOLY

"Shirley"

"As merry as the day is long."

Girls' Glee Club 1; G. A. A. 2; Librarian 2; 30-Word Typing Certificate 3.



ESTELLA LORRAINE JONES

"Stella"

"The highest of distinction is service to others."

G. A. A. Junior Varsity Basketball 2, 3, 4; Hockey 3, 4; Home Room Sports 1, 2; Drama, 3, 4; "Why the Chimes Rang" 4; "Seeing Double" 4; "Sisters Under the Skin" 3; "If Men Played Cards as Women Do" 4; Girls' Glee Club 1; G. A. A. 2, 3, 4; Monitor 4.

ROBERT BEECHER KENNEDY

"Artist"

*"The world may well go on without me,
But I doubt it."*

Hatchet League 3, 4; Home Room Sports 4; Home Room Officer 1.





LOUISE MARIE KNAPP

"Louise"

"The mildest manners, and the gentlest heart."

Home Room Sports 1; Outing Club 1; Drama 3; "Sardines"; Band 1; Office Assistant 4; Bookkeeper for Athletics; Assistant Cashier for Athletics; Complete Theory Award in Shorthand; 80-Word Certificate in Shorthand; 30, 40 and 50-Word Competent Typist Awards.

EDWARD JAMES KRAWCZYK

"Eddie"

"An hour's patience is worth a pound of brains."

Hatchet League 2, 3, 4; Basketball Junior Varsity 3, 4; Track 3, 4; Home Room Sports 1; Office Assistant 1.



RALPH GEORGE KUHMANN

"Ralph"

"My favorite books were women's looks."

Basketball Varsity 3, 4; Hatchet League 3; Baseball Varsity 3, 4; Baseball Junior Varsity 1, 2; Football Varsity 3, 4; Home Room Sports 1; Home Room Officer 3, 4; Macomber Vocational School 2; All-State Football Team, First Team, 4.

JULIEN JOSEPH LaFLAMME

"Julien"

"He dances like an angel."

Orchestra 3; All-State 2; Tri-State 1; Senior Cabinet 4; Monitor 4.





RAYMOND LEO LaFLAMME "Garcon"

"The rule of my life is to make business a pleasure, and pleasure my business."

Football Varsity 2, 3, 4; Football Junior Varsity 1; All-State Football 4.

WALTER EDWARD LAMPMAN "Walt"

"Everything comes to him who waits."

Junior Marshal 3; Monitor 3, 4.



LOUISE ANN LAMPRON "Louise"

*"I have often regretted my speech,
Never my silence."*

Girls' Glee Club 4; 30-Word Competent Typing Award.



MARCIA MARGARET LARIN "Peggy"

"Good humor only teaches charms to last."

Home Room Sports 3; Outing Club 4; Sacred Heart Academy, Stamford, Connecticut 1, 2; Home Room Guidance Representative 4.





RALPH JESSE LEONARD

"Lin"

"Everything has been said."

Home Room Sports 4.

IRWIN ROBERT LEVINE

"Bob"

"A finger in every pie."

Junior Varsity Basketball 3, 4; Hatchet League 3, 4; Track 3, 4; Home Room Sports 1; Outing Club 4; Drama 3, 4; "Thank You, Doctor" 3; "A Pair of Lunatics" 3; "Seeing Double" 4; "Trysting Place" 4; "The Voyage of the Ark" 4; A Capella Choir 2, 3, 4; Boys' Glee Club 1, 2, 3, 4; All State 3, 4; Tri-State 3, 4; Senior Cabinet 4; Student Council 3; Boys' State 3, Office, Attorney General; Monitor 3, 4; Yearbook Board 4; Junior Prize Speaking 3; P. A. Announcer 2, 3, 4; WKOB Radio Plays 3; Class Officer 4; Banking Cashier 1, 2; Home Room Officer 3; Student Forums 3; Science Club 1; Senior Review 2; Pro Merito 1, 2, 3, 4; School Social Committee 3, 4; Magazine Campaign Achievement Award, 2nd Prize 4.



DWIGHT LARRY LORENZ

"Dewey"

"Life is my college, may I graduate with some honors."

Hatchet League 3; Home Room Sports 4; Outing Club 2, 3, 4; Drama 4; "If Men Played Cards As Women Do" 4; "Seeing Double" 4; A Capella Choir 3; Boys' Glee Club 3, 4; Band 1, 2; Orchestra 2; All-State 2; Benhi Swing Band 2; Senior Review 2.



GORDON RICHARD LYONS

"Speed"

"I never think of the future, it comes too soon."

Basketball Varsity 2, 3, 4; Varsity Baseball 3, 4; Varsity Football 2, 3, 4; Boys' Glee Club 4; Hatchet League 1, 2, 3, 4.





BARBARA MACKEY

"Bobbie"

"She moves a goddess, and she looks a queen."

Home Room Sports 1, 2, 3, 4; Junior Varsity Cheerleader 2; Varsity Cheerleader 3, 4; Captain Varsity Cheerleader 4; Outing Club 2, 3, 4; Drama Secretary 3; "Sisters Under the Skin" 3; G. A. A. 2, 3; Senior Cabinet 4; Junior Marshal 3; Monitor 3, 4; WKOB Radio Play "The Ghost of Ben Sweet" 3; Treasurer of Home Room 1; Vice-President of Home Room 4; Student Representative to Athletic Council 4; D. A. R. Award 4; Captain Home Room Sports 3.

CHARLES DAVID MAIN

"Chuckie"

"He regulated his life wisely."

Hatchet League 1, 2; Junior Varsity Basketball 1; Junior Varsity Baseball 2; Track 3; Home Room Sports 1; Home Room Officers 1.



JOHN EDWARD MALONE

"Joe"

"I have never confined myself to facts."

Varsity Football 4; Junior Varsity Football 2, 3; Hatchet League 1, 2, 4; Home Room Sports 4.



PATRICIA ANN MALONEY

"Pat"

"All humanity is summed up in two words—wait and hope."

Home Room Sports 1, 3; Outing Club 4; Girls' Glee Club 4; G. A. A. 2, 3, 4; Monitor 3, 4; Catamount Business Assistant 4; Librarian 1, 2.





WILLIAM THOMAS MARCOUX

"Pepsi"

"Where there is music, there can be no mischief."

Hatchet League 1, 2, 3; Varsity Baseball 3; Junior Varsity Football 2, 3; Home Room Sports 1, 2, 3; Choir 1, 2, 3, 4; Boys' Glee Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Band 1, 2, 3, 4; Orchestra 1, 2, 3, 4; All-State 2, 3, 4; Tri-State 3, 4; Benhi Swing Band 1, 2.

JOHN HENRY McNEILLY

"McSquash"

"Nothing is so hard but search will find it out."

Hatchet League 1, 2, 3; Home Room Sports 4; Outing Club 2; Drama 4, "If Men Played Cards As Women Do," "Seeing Double;" Boys' Glee Club 3; Monitor 4; Banking Cashier 2; Basketball Manager 2, 3, 4; Baseball Manager 1; Asistant Basketball Manager 1.



JEAN MARY MORAN

"Sal"

"Between laughing and talking, her day is full."

Home Room Sports 1; Outing Club 2, 4; Band 2, 3, 4; Orchestra 3; All-State 3, 4; Tri-State 3, 4; New England Music Festival 4; G. A. A. 2, 3, 4; Junior Marshal 3; Office Assistant 4; Librarian 2; Tennis 2; Christmas Ball Decoration Committee 4; Senior Ball Decoration Committee 3; Magazine Salesman 4.



JOAN LOUISE MURRELL

"Joanie"

"I have a voice but why wear it out."

Home Room Sports 1, 3; Outing Club 2, 3, 4; A Cappella Choir 3; Girls' Glee Club 1, 2; All-State 3; Tri-State 3; G. A. A. 2, 3, 4; Monitor 3, 4; Office Assistant 3, 4; Librarian 1, 2; Competent Typist Award, 30-Word; Magazine Certificate 4.





CATHERINE ANN PARENT

"Kitty"

"She is not difficult to please."

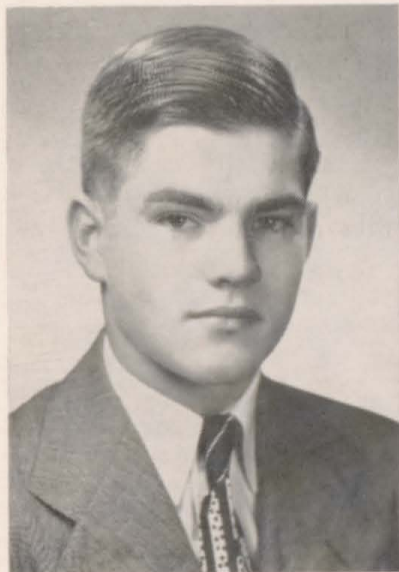
Home Room Sports 1, 3; Catamount Business Assistant 4.

MARY GABRIELLE PELLERIN

"Mary"

"Of more than common friendliness."

Home Room Sports 1, 2, 4; Outing Club 2; 30-Word Competent Typist Award.



IVOR SENECA PELSUE

"Scooter"

"People who know little are usually great talkers, But wise men who know much say little."

Hatchet League 3, 4; Baseball Varsity 3, 4; Junior Varsity 2; Football Manager 4; Home Room Sports 4; Senior Cabinet 4; Student Council 3, 4; Student Council President 4; Junior Marshal 3; Class Vice-President 4; Home Room Treasurer 4; Montpelier High School 1; Bookroom Manager 3, 4.

KENNETH LEON PERCEY

"Ken"

"Fools admire, but only men of sense approve."

Junior Varsity Football 1; Bowling 3; Track 3; Monitor 4; Catamount Typist 4; 30-Word Competent Typing Award 3; Home Room Magazine Treasurer 4.





BEVERLY ANNE PETRELIS "Bev" or "Bap"

"As the sun colors flowers so does art color life."

Hockey 3, 4; Softball 2; Home Room Sports 1, 3; Varsity Cheerleader 4; Junior Varsity Cheerleader 2, 3; Outing Club 3, 4; Drama 3, 4; "The Trysting Place" 4; "Case of the Weird Sisters" 3; "Seeing Double" 4; "Chimes" 3, 4; A Capella Choir 3; Girls' Glee Club 1, 2, 4; All-State 3; Tri-State 3; G. A. A. 2, 3, 4; Girls' State 3; State Play 3; "Sardines," Yearbook Board 4; WKOB Radio Plays 3.

RAYMOND JOHN PINSONNEAULT "Pepsi"

"The world's great men have not commonly been great scholars; nor its great scholars great men."

Junior Varsity Football; Varsity Baseball 2, 3; Boys' Glee Club 2; Home Room Sports 1, 2, 3.



JAMES RICHARD RALPH "Creamy"

"He thinks like a philosopher and acts like a king."

Varsity Basketball 4; Junior Varsity 3; Hatchet League 1, 2, 3, 4; Varsity Baseball 3, 4; Junior Varsity 2; Home Room Sports 1, 2, 3, 4; Choir 2, 3, 4; "Why the Chimes Rang" 2, 3, 4; A Capella Choir 2, 3, 4; Boys' Glee Club 1, 2, 3, 4; All-State 3, 4; Tri-State 3, 4; Senior Cabinet 4; Student Council 3, 4; Boys' State, Lieutenant Governor 3; National Boys' Forum 3; Junior Marshal 3; Monitors 3, 4; Catamount 4; Junior Prize Speaking; Class Officer 1, 2, 3; Banking Cashier 1, 2; Home Room Officer 1, 2, 3, 4, Chairman; Student Forums 3; Football Manager 1; Pro Merito 1, 2, 3, 4; Treasurer Student Council 3; Vice-President Student Council 4; Ski Team 2; Certificate of Achievement on Magazine Campaign; Gym Exhibition.



PAULITA RANCOURT "Paulie"

"I had a pleasant time with my mind because it was happy."

Home Room Sports 1, 3; Drama, "The Weird Sisters," "Seeing Double," "Attuned," "Chimes" 3, 4; Properties on "Dead to Rights," "Sardines," "The Trysting Place"; A Capella Choir 3; Girls' Glee Club 1, 2, 4; All-State 3; Tri-State 3; State Play 3; Drama Club Secretary 4.





JEANNETTE ALICE REAGAN "J. J."

"It is quality rather than quantity that matters."

Home Room Sports 1, 3; Band 4; Monitor 4; Catamount 2.

ROBERTA ORPHA REVETT "Bobbie"

"Never say more than is necessary."

Arlington High School 1, 2, 3; Catamount Typist 4.



MARJORIE JOANNE RICHINGS "Marge"

"Sing away sorrow and cast away care."

Home Room Sports 1, 3; Outing Club 4; Drama 3, 4; "Sisters Under the Skin" 3; "The Trysting Place" 4; "Why the Chimes Rang" 4; Girls' Glee Club 1, 3, 4; Tri-State 3, 4; G. A. A. 2, 3; Yearbook Board 4.



ROLAND DAVID ROUSSEAU "Roland"

"It matters not how long we live, but how."

Hatchet League 2; Home Room Sports 3.





ROLAND THOMAS ROY "Bon Homme"

"Size is not necessarily a sign of strength or greatness."

Home Room Sports 1; Outing Club 1.

THOMAS JOHN SAUSVILLE

"Tom"

"He is often seen, but seldom heard."

Home Room Sports 4.



EDWARD WILLIAM SLEEMAN

"Ed"

"Thou shalt find him the king of good fellows."

Hatchet League 1, 2, 3, 4; Football Varsity 2, 3, 4; Home Room Sports 1, 4; Catamount 4; Home Room Play 3.



DORIS ELIZABETH SNOW

"Doris"

"A pleasing girl with pleasing ways."

Home Room Sports 1, 2; Varsity Cheerleader 4; Junior Varsity Cheerleader 2, 3; Outing Club 2, 3; Girls' Glee Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Tri-State 3; G. A. A. 2, 3, 4; Junior Marshal 3; P. A. Announcer 3; Librarian 1, 4; Home Room Officer 4

Gaye
To Emily
May you really
have the
loads of luck
Doris





ISABELLE PAULA STAFFORD

"Sally"

"It is only the ignorant who despise education."

Varsity Basketball 2, 3, 4; Hockey 2, 3, 4; Home Room Sports 1, 2, 3; Hockey Co-captain 3; G. A. A. 2, 3, 4; Monitor 4; Home Room Secretary 4.

LOIS REBECCA STONE

"Lois"

"Laughter well became her youth, her dimples and her bright eyes."

Varsity Basketball 3, 4; Hockey 1, 2, 3; Home Room Sports 1, 2, 3; Drama 4; "The Trysting Place" 4; "Why the Chimes Rang" 4; G. A. A. 2, 3; Junior Marshal 4; Office Assistant 4; Home Room Officer 4; Drama Class Bookkeeper 4; Tumbling Exhibition 3; Representative to Mohawk Association.



NELSON WILLARD SUMNER

"Summertime"

"His ways were ways of easiness."

Hatchet League 2, 3, 4; Junior Varsity Football 1, 2, 3; Varsity Football 4; Track 3, 4; Home Room Sports 1, 4; Outing Club 4; Boys' Glee Club 1, 2; Ski Team 1.

QUENTIN ALLEN TAYLOR

"Quent"

"Wit makes its own welcome and levels all distinctions."

Junior Varsity Basketball 3; Hatchet League 1, 2, 3, 4; Football Varsity 3, 4; Junior Varsity 1, 2; Home Room Sports 1, 4; Outing Club 2, 4; Boys' Glee Club 3; Student Council 4; Monitor 4; Home Room Treasurer 3; Gym Exhibition 3, 4.





MYRTIS ANNE TIMONEY

"Myrt"

"My heart is fixed."

Girls' Softball 2, 3; Home Room Sports 1, 2, 3, 4;
Cheerleaders Junior Varsity 3; Outing Club 2, 3, 4;
Girls' Glee Club 1, 2; G. A. A. 2, 3, 4; Monitor 4;
Librarian 1, 2.

GERALD EUGENE WAGER

"Jerry"

"To know him is to like him."

Bowling 3, 4; Home Room Sports 1; Outing Club 4;
Choir 3, 4; Boys' Glee Club 1, 4; All-State 3, 4;
Tri-State 3, 4; Monitor 4; Guidance Council 4;
Football Manager 1, 2, 3; Basketball 2, 3.



MABLE ANN WATSON

"Mable"

"She who has friends has riches."

Monitor 4.

NAOMI MAE WHITE

"Sally"

"A cheerful companion is worth gold."

Girls' Glee Club 4; Outing Club 4; Librarian 1, 2;
Hoosick Falls High School 3; "Why the Chimes
Rang" 4; "The Voyage of the Ark" 4.





FRANCIS ELIZABETH WOOD "Farmer"

"By the work one knows the workman."

Hockey 2; Home Room Sports 1, 2; "The Purple Door Knob" 4; "The Voyage of the Ark" 4; "Why the Chimes Rang" 4; Office Assistant 1, 2, 4; Kitten Typist 4; Band and Orchestra Bookkeeper 4; Competent Typist Awards 30, 40 Words 3.

Senior Cabinet



Left to right: James Ralph, Joanne Douglass, Ivor Pelsue, Sam Hibbard, Robert Levine, Pat Gray. Not shown, Julien LaFlamme and Barbara Mackey.

This year's Senior Cabinet really had a task ahead of it. It's members had to figure out some way to raise about \$800 in order to meet expenses.

Composed of seven students, the four class officers and three appointees of the President, under the capable supervision and direction of Mr. Littlefield, the Senior Cabinet really got to work and surmounted all barriers.

The Cabinet discussed many possibilities for accumulating funds and eventually set up an outline of those ideas which were to be used.

The first idea, the sale of all magazines published by Curtis, was a great success, due mainly to the efforts of most of the class.

The sale of pencils engraved with the basketball schedule was then dreamed up with the immeasurable aid of Mr. Littlefield. Once again, the Cabinet met with success, as every pencil was sold.

Immediately following the pencil campaign, the Cabinet planned a yuletide dance, giving it the name "Christmas Cotillion." Each member of the Cabinet was required to captain some committee for the "Cotillion." Thus, with the splendid co-operation of those old-faithfuls, the dance was a social if not a financial success.

When basketball started, the Cabinet requested the concession at all the ball games from the Student Council. Given the okay, the Cabinet once again found a means of raising funds for the year. By this time, the class treasury was pretty well off.

By urging the class to pay their dues, the Cabinet appropriated an additional \$200 to the Yearbook Board. This was done after a treasurer's report showed that the class was safe from financial worries.

Pro Merito



Back row, left to right: S. Hibbard, J. Ralph, R. Center, R. Levine.
 Second row, left to right: P. Jewett, I. Pelsue, R. Elwell, J. McNeilly, P. Gray.
 First row, left to right: R. Cleminson, B. Mackey, E. Cone, P. Rancourt, B. Petrelis,
 J. Douglas.

Monitors



Left to right, First row: Jeannette Reagan, Helen Cone, Myrtis Timoney, Joanne Douglas, Katherine Bostwick, Mabel Watson, Sally Stafford, Paulita Rancourt, Jean Moran, Beverly Petrelis, Barbara Gates.

Second row: Gerald Wager, Dorothy Cross, Patricia Gagne, Peggy Jewett, Thelma Jolivette, Robert Farnum, Margie Richings, Joan Murrell, Estella Jones, Pat Gray, Patricia Maloney, John Dunham.

Third row: Kenneth Percey, Dwight Lorenz, John McNeilly, Quentin Taylor, Jerold Betit, Judy Beach, Peg Cahill, Eileen Cone, Jim Ralph, Robert Cummings, Ralph Kuhman, Walter Lampman.

Fourth row: Edward Krawczyk, Sam Hibbard, Robert Levine, Francis Ely, Robert Hicks, Norton Englehart, Robert Elwell, Edward Sleeman, James Dermody, Robert Kennedy, LeRoy Harrington.

Class Will

We, the members of the class of 1950, being mentally unbalanced and unable to remain in the halls of Ben-hi any longer, do give, devise and bequeath to the underclassmen these tokens which we have accumulated during our four years in high school.

I, James Barschdorf, do will my famous hook shot to "Dick" Perrott.

I, Judy Beach, do will my short hair to Sally Nelson so that it won't get wound up in her baton.

I, George Berard, do leave my quiet ways to Rita Dailey so that the halls of Benhi may be quieter.

I, "Chuck" Betit, do leave my ability to do physics problems to any aspiring young physicist.

I, "Gerry" Betit, do bequeath my love for books to "Vic" Young so that he may cultivate his literary interests to the fullest extent.

I, "Kate" Bostwick, do leave the Junior Varsity cheerleaders without a captain.

I, Barbara Burgess, do will my position at Woolworth's to any ambitious female in the Junior class.

I, "Peg" Cahill, do leave my height to Clarence Green so that he may be center on the 1950-1951 basketball team.

I, Niles Callanan, do will my ability to jump from the sophomore to the senior class to any high jumper on the track team.

I, Ann Campbell, do bequeath my tap dance routines to Pat Shanahan so the class of '52 will not be without a dancer.

I, Richard Center, do leave my position as pianist at assemblies to Norma Dickieson and hope that she will continue to entertain the students as I have.

I, Eileen Cone, do bequeath my many headaches on the "Cat" to John Hutton.

I, Helen Cone, do leave my position in athletics to Ann Crosier.

I, Jeanne Cone, do leave my position as a "Cat" typist to Barbara O'Neill, the up-and-coming typist of the Junior class.

I, Loreen Cone, do bequeath my ability to get my hair combed before the bell rings to Joan Williams.

I, Mary Connelly, do leave my ability to be seen and not heard to Jean Plourde.

I, Leighton Corliss, do will my bus ticket to North Bennington to anybody that wants it.

I, Dot Cross, do will my giggles to Ann Dailey so that she may annoy the teachers.

I, "Bob" Cummings, do bequeath my inability to speak Spanish to Elaine Stafford so that she may continue to amuse Miss Cartier as I do.

I, James Dermody, do leave my ability to leave them laughing to "Bill" Barschdorf.

I, Joanne Douglass, do will my ability to take notes during noisy class meetings to next year's class secretary.

I, John Dunham, do leave my commercial abilities to Pat Barnes so that she too may have success in Miss White's classes.

I, Vivian Dunham, do will my job as student receptionist in the guidance office to Arlene Hamilton.

I, George Dupee, do bequeath my tardiness at dismissal to one of Miss Bonham's future home room pupils.

We, Tom Dwyer and Mary Pellerin, do will our title as the quietest couple in the senior class to Ed Bevis and Ellen Tift.

I, Bob Elwell, do bequeath my part as priest in "The Chimes" to any member of the Junior drama class who can look angelic.

I, Francis Ely, do leave my secret in trisecting an angle to any Einstein in Mr. Gilman's geometry class.

I, Robert Farnum, do leave my Banner route to my brother, Roger.

I, Fred Gage, do will my bottle of hair tonic to Bob Park so his hair will stay in place while playing basketball.

I, Pat Gagne, do will my place behind the ticket window to Marie Woodell.

I, Barbara Gates, do leave my ability to keep up with Miss Drew in shorthand class to Marjorie Harrington.

I, Doug Gerity, do leave Benhi to go to Canada.

I, Pat Gray, do bequeath my Irish accent to any little Frenchman in the drama class.

I, LeRoy Harrington, do leave my rhythmic beating foot to Bernie LaCroix to keep time while singing.

I, Sam Hibbard, do will my crutches to any member of next year's football team who may need them.

I, Marjorie Hicks, do will my long ride in the morning to Gwenn Olson.

I, Robert Hicks, do will my genius in mechanical drawing to any would-be architect.

I, Louis Hodgdon, do will my ability to shoot foul shots to "Ish" Noble.

I, Peggy Jewett, do leave my French accent to Betty Moss.

I, Thelma Jolivette, do bequeath my pug nose to Joyce Oatman.

I, Shirley Joly, do leave my laugh to Marise Senecal so that she may have a smile for her customers at "Pete's."

I, Estella Jones, do will my ability at collecting drama props to Rosamond Sweet.

I, Robert Kennedy, do leave my gullibility to any unsuspecting junior.

I, Louise Knapp, do will my typing and shorthand abilities to Peggy Miller.

I, Edward Krawczyk, do leave my name to anyone who can spell it.

I, Ralph Kuhman, do bequeath my All-State berth to Butch Corbett.

I, Julien LaFlamme, do leave my tumbling skill to Jack Stewart.

I, Raymond LaFlamme, do bequeath my position as tackle on the football team to Bill Browning.

I, Walter Lampman, do will my parking place at school to Mr. Gilman so that he may not lose his rear fender.

I, Louise Lampron, do leave my earrings to anyone who would like them.

I, Peggy Larin, do bequeath my talent for playing music by ear to Peg Burkman so that she won't have to carry any music.

I, Ralph Leonard, do leave my chicken business to Lorna Bass so that she may keep the residents of Pownal supplied with poultry.

I, Robert Levine, do will my gracefulness and agility on the basketball court to George Koskore, so that he may continue to be his graceful self.

I, Dwight Lorenz, do bequeath my "new cars" to Fred Towslee so that he will not have to hitch-hike from Pownal.

I, Gordie Lyons, do leave my ability to go out for sports late and still make the varsity to Mickey Fraher.

I, Barbara Mackey, do bequeath my captainship of the Varsity Cheerleaders to anyone with a lot of patience.

I, Charles Main, do leave my interest in junior girls to any future senior boy.

I, John Malone, do will my weight and height to Donald Davis.

I, Pat Maloney, do leave my interest in chemistry to Philip Hall so that he may have an excuse for taking it two years in a row.

I, Billy Marcoux, do bequeath my trumpet to any junior boy so that I may have a representative in the trumpet section of the band.

I, John McNeilly, do will my position as basketball manager to Tommy Siciliano.

I, Jean Moran, do leave my clarinet to Jane Ryan.

I, Joan Murrell, do leave my seat in Miss Drew's room to Marion Oakes.

I, Catherine Parent, do leave my ability to crack gum to Marie Mattison so that she too may bother Mr. Curran.

I, Ivor Pelsue, do leave the bookstore without a clerk and the football team without a manager.

I, Ken Percy, do bequeath my square dancing ability to Mert Snow.

I, Beverly Petrelis, do will my artistic talents to Arlene Riley so that the bulletin boards of Benhi will continue to have posters.

I, Ray Pinsonneault, do bequeath my baseball bat to Jack Evans.

I, Jimmy Ralph, do bequeath my blushes to next year's Freshman girls.

I, Paulita Rancourt, do leave my choir robe to Tommy Dinnell.

I, Jeannette Reagan, do bequeath my cymbals to anyone who wants them.

I, Roberta Revett, do will Joan Murphy my naturally curly hair.

I, Marge Richings, do leave my angel wings to anyone strong enough to wear them.

I, Roland Rousseau, do will my bashfulness to Dawn Mausert.

I, Roland Roy, do bequeath my ability to shoot a turkey to any hungry junior.

I, "Pat" Ryan, do leave my curls to "Pete" Taylor.

I, Thomas Sausville, do will my bookkeeping troubles to Pat Savage.

I, Ed Sleeman, do will my physique to Ralph King.

I, Doris Snow, do bequeath my cheering uniform to Kathleen Hier, if it will fit.

I, Sally Stafford, do leave my position on the hockey team to Clara Dyer.

I, Lois Stone, do bequeath my dimples to Regis Forest so that he may charm the Freshman and Sophomore girls.

I, Nelson Sumner, do leave my love for hunting to any woodsman in the junior class.

I, "Quent" Taylor, do will my impossible basketball shots in gym class to Ray Farnum.

I, Myrtis Timoney, do bequeath my long ride to anyone who can stand it.

I, Jerry Wager, do leave my position on the bowling team to Bob DesLaurier.

I, Mable Watson, do will my cheerfulness to Joan Reed.

I, Naomi White, do leave my honor of being the only girl to go deer hunting to any girl who loves the out-of-doors.

I, Frances Wood, do will my stencil cutting know-how to Margo Dragon.

In witness whereof, we the Class of 1950, set our hands and seal this day in the year of our Lord, one thousand nine hundred and fifty.

Witness,

Shorty Malone

Class Statistics

<i>Name</i>	<i>Ambition</i>	<i>Prognostication</i>	<i>Idiosyncrasy</i>
Jim Barschdorf	Pro baseball	Bat-boy	Tardiness
Judy Beach	Dramatics	Theatre janitor	"My word"
George Berard	Undecided	Wrestler	Freckles
Chuck Betit	Tradesman	Carpenter	Muscles
Jerry Betit	Commercial artist	Cartoonist	Books
Kate Bostwick	Nurse	Barmaid	Ailments
Barbara Burgess	Nurse	Missionary	Headlines
Peg Cahill	Designer	Ipana ad model	Ohio
Ann Campbell	Accountant	Dancer	Temper
Niles Callanan	Undecided	Truck driver	Girls
Richard Center	Music teacher	Bar room pianist	Ties
Rita Cleminson	Nurse	Mayor of Woodford	Woodford
Eileen Cone	Journalist	Lonely hearts advisor	Winking
Helen Cone	Physical Ed. teacher	Fat woman	Basketball
Jeanne Cone	Nurse	Playgirl	Giggling
Loreen Cone	Secretary	Housewife	Bill
Mary Connelly	Stewardess	Plane mechanic	Noise
Leighton Corliss	Architect	Clown	Photography
Dorothy Cross	Work in E. Z.	Mountain climber	Shagtown
Bob Cummings	College	Butler	"I'll be there"
Jim Dermody	Radio announcer	Carnival barker	Outdoor theatre
Joanne Douglass	Castleton	Baby sitter	Allergies
John Dunham	Business student	Pres. Dunham Furn. Co.	Portable bleachers
Vivian Dunham	Beautician	Mgr. of an orphanage	Front tooth
George Dupee	Undecided	Bouncer	Tardiness
Tom Dwyer	Farmer	"Hot rod" dealer	Mary
Bob Elwell	Doctor	Butcher	Accompanying "Derm"
Francis Ely	Salesman	Human beanpole	Geometry
Bob Farnum	Storework	Singer	Crooning
Fred Gage	To be lucky	Minister	Co-captain
Pat Gagne	Secretary	Housewife	Tickets
Barbara Gates	Secretary	Miss Drew's assistant	Shorthand
Doug Gerity	Woodsman	Royal "Mountie"	Rochester, N. Y.
Pat Gray	Dental hygienist	False teeth mfg.	Doodling
Leroy Harrington	Radio technician	Disc jockey	Slide rules
Sam Hibbard	College	Farmer	Trucks
Marge Hicks	Business school	Farmerette	Absence slips
Bob Hicks	Engineer	Undertaker	Slow driving
Louis Hodgdon	Navy	Rear admiral	Bowling
Peg Jewett	Physical Ed. teacher	Scrub woman	Weak bones
Thelma Jolivette	Teacher	Slave driver	Accent
Shirley Joly	Bookkeeper	Singing typist	Hoosick Falls
Estella Jones	Nurse	Ticket saleman	Drama props.
Robert Kennedy	Artist	Esquire artist	Art
Louise Knapp	Private Secretary	Champion typist	Typing
Ed Krawczyk	Undecided	General	Silence
Ralph Kuhman	College	Jet pilot	Drum corps
Julien LaFlamme	Undecided	Duke's assistant	Dancing
Ray LaFlamme	Fortune Hunter	Charles Atlas, Jr.	Football
Walter Lampman	Chicken farmer	Dodge dealer	Friendliness
Louise Lampron	Secretary	Telephone operator	Braids
Peggy Larin	Study music	Night club entertainer	Piano playing
Ralph Leonard	Undecided	Owner of Nichol's	Dirty windows

<i>Name</i>	<i>Ambition</i>	<i>Prognostication</i>	<i>Idiosyncrasy</i>
Bob Levine	Politician	Huckster	P. A. room
Dwight Lorenz	Army	Guardhouse keeper	Widdle accent
Gordon Lyons	Owner of a hot rod	Barber	The loop
Barbara Mackey	Nurse	Roadhouse proprietor	Cheering
Charles Main	Army teacher	Kindergarten teacher	Joyce
John Malone	Undecided	Janitor	Size
Pat Maloney	Traveler	Saint	Pessimism
Bill Marcoux	Pro trumpet player	Second Harry James	Trumpet
John McNeilly	Chemist	Second Einstein	"I found a flaw"
Jean Moran	Medical secretary	Hairdresser	Combs
Joan Murrell	Secretary	Seamstress	Baby sitting
Catherine Parent	Nurse	Housewife	Gum
Mary Pellerin	Office worker	Housewife	Tommy
Ivor Pelsue	Engineer	Scientist	School supplies
Kenneth Percy	Accountant	Owner of Fairdale Farms	Square dancing
Beverly Petrelis	Artist	Girl Scout leader	Art
Ray Pinsonneault	Storekeeper	Hair tonic manufacturer	Throwing pennies
Jimmy Ralph	Surgeon	Ambassador to Hawaii	Rita
Paulita Rancourt	Nurse	Cook	Blushing
Jeanette Reagan	Undecided	Congresswoman	Cymbals
Roberta Revett	Undecided	Librarian	Typing
Marge Richings	Wave	Campfire girl	Spanish
Roland Rousseau	Undecided	Undertaker	Pontiacs
Roland Roy	Undecided	Hunter	Hunting
Pat Ryan	Mechanic	Tumbler	Bar work
Tommy Sausville	Business student	Fisherman	Fishing
Edward Sleeman	Woodsman	Draftsman	National Guard
Doris Snow	Nurse	Fisherwoman	Fred
Sally Stafford	X-ray technician	Pro hockey player	Alaska
Lois Stone	Secretary	Pro basketball player	Dimples
Quentin Taylor	College	Mathematician	Job hunting
Myrtis Timoney	Nurse	Wife	"Squirt"
Jerry Wager	Accountant	Pro bowler	Trick knee
Mable Watson	Undecided	Leave town	Knitting
Sally White	U. V. M. Student	Home Ec. teacher	Deer hunting
Frances Wood	Undecided	Chef's wife	Sewing



Boys' Coaches



JOHN M. MAHONEY with patience and understanding coached Benhi to a highly successful football season. To better transfer his ideas to his baseball prodigies, he was frequently dressed for action. Our football and baseball coach attended Drury High School and Middlebury College. At Middlebury, he was a three-letter man and captained the basketball squad. At Drury, he was a four-letter man and was selected for All-Western Massachusetts honors in football and All-Berkshire Selections in basketball and baseball.

CARL B. WILLIAMS, who annually produces a winning basketball team, may succeed in his ambition to cop the Vermont State basketball title in 1951. Good luck to him on this and his new venture of coaching the track team. His high school education was received at Dalton, Massachusetts, where he was prominent in athletics. He trained for physical education teaching at Ithaca College, Ithaca, New York. At Ithaca, he was also prominent in athletics; earning monograms in football, basketball, baseball and wrestling.

He didn't





First row, left to right: J. Malone, J. Barschdorf, C. Betit, S. Hibbard, J. Ralph, R. LaFlamme, R. Kuhman, Q. Taylor, G. Lyons, F. Gage.
 Second row, left to right: N. Sumner, E. Sleeman, M. Fraher, F. Crobett, Wm. McGarvin, Wm. Browning, C. Gillette, Wm. Noble, F. Towslee.
 Third row, left to right: G. Thurber, Betit, R. Racicot, F. Harvey, B. LaBarge, R. Farnum, E. Bevis.
 Standing, left to right: Assistant Manager Boutin, Coach J. Mahoney, Manager Ivor Pelsue.

Football

Benhi's 1949 grid season ended with four wins, three losses, and one tie; the best record since 1946 when Pete Plourde, Walt Gavin, Billy Thibodeau and company came up with a six-two record.

Starting off the season, the Catamounts almost turned back the Red Raiders of Rutland. The first touchdown of the season for the Cats was tallied by Jim Barschdorf on a short jump pass from Butch Corbett. Ralph Kuhman's 90-yard touchdown run was the highlight of the game. These two spurts of scoring weren't quite enough to overcome Rutland's lead. Final score, 19-13.

Brattleboro was next and 0-0 was all the Cats could buy in the Organ Town. The star spot of this game came when the Bennington boys held the Organ Grinders for four downs on the three-yard line. Jimmy Ralph was the hero of the game when he came out of nowhere with a great tackle to stop a potential Brattleboro touchdown on the three.

The Cats had somewhat of a rest when Bellows Falls came to town. With Butch Corbett scoring "a la Galiffa" on two bootleg plays, the Cats ran up a 19-0 score for their first win.

Next came the Mount St. Joe game, which was not much to talk about. The Mounties ran up a 33-0 score before the Cats could realize what had happened to them. The Mounties were Vermont State champs and placed five men on the all-star team.

Recovering fast from the drubbing handed them by M. S. J., the Cats went to Williamstown and showed Coach Johnny Mahoney they could do it too. The second team was especially impressive. Score, Bennington 28, Williamstown 0.

The Drury jinx still hovered over the Cats on that muggy afternoon, October 29. The Cats held their own in a savage first half. They went right out and got a touchdown in the first two minutes of play after Jimmy Ralph blocked a punt. The score was 7-6

at halftime. Drury, using its ample manpower, went wild in the last half and made the final score, 27-6.

St. Joseph's of Pittsfield was the next victim to feel the newly-sharpened claws of the Catamounts. Boltin' Bill McGarvin played his best game, running hard, tackling harder, and intercepting passes. Corbett scored on another of his famous bootleg plays and rock-hard Peanut LaBarge made his first touchdown. Score, 20-6.

Bennington—? Spaulding—? That's what appeared in the weekly Benhi Catamount last fall. Well, the outcome of the Benhi Booster Day game is no longer a question mark in the minds of the people. Little Ralphy came up with two 75-yard runs; the first coming when Benhi's ace left half intercepted a pass on his own 25 and jaunted all the way. The other started from a Corbett-to-Kuhman flat pass. Peanut LaBarge showed off his fine blocking and tackling abilities. The seniors all played excellent ball in their farewell appearance on the gridiron.

Since a lot of time and effort was put in by the coaches and squad, a few words should be written to credit a deserving football team. So, here they are!

Coach Johnny Mahoney, an ironic but easy going man who has patience for even the slowest. Without his capable guidance and understanding the Catamounts would have had a much harder struggle accomplishing a successful grid season.

Coach Carl B. Williams, line coach who directed the front wall strategy in his always capable manner.

Gordy Lyons, an end, who got banged around a lot but always had that fighting spirit. It was thought that Gordy would be unable to play, but nothing could keep him from holding down one of those end positions. Sweeps were infrequent around Gordy's end because he had a reputation for stopping them no matter how many blockers accompanied the ball-carrier.

Chuck Betit, an easy going fellow who ordinarily wouldn't hurt a fly; but just send a ball carrier through his hole and see Chuck pick him up and gently lay him on the ground.

Ray LaFlamme, left guard, chosen on second All-State team, who could hold down two positions by himself, is a rough and tough lad with a lot of hustle and spirit.

Jimmy Ralph, one and only center of the squad, centers the ball swift as a bullet and blocks and tackles with the force of a roaring river. Regardless of pain Jimmy kept driving and kicking spirit into his mates.

Sam Hibbard, who was hurt in the first game of the 1948 season, came back to his guard slot and turned in many days of hard work this season. When he was hurt and had to be benched, his voice could be heard above the "voice of the crowd." That last touchdown was for you, Sam.

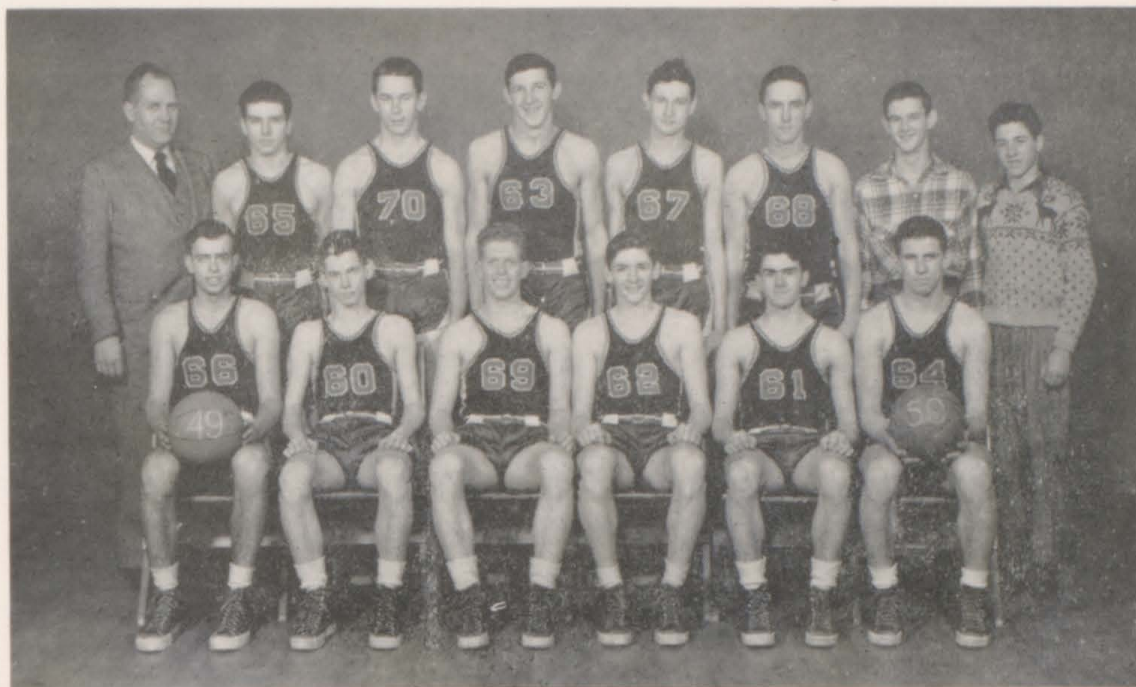
Quent Taylor, when Butch was having a hard time, stepped in and ran the club. He threw some nice passes throughout the season.

Jim Barschdorf, end, was one of those few and far between fellows who never knew when he was licked. A replacement, he was always a tower of strength on defense. Ask the opposing backs.

Ralph Kuhman, speedy, shifty left-half and tailback, is so slippery and swift that it is undecided as to whether Mercury could catch him or not. Ralph made some brilliant touchdown runs this season.

Our gift to the All-State team was Ralph Kuhman, who certainly earned his honor. Jimmy Ralph and Butch Corbett received honorable mention for the All-Star team.

A great deal of credit is due to the underclassmen on the squad. These men, who will make up the nucleus of the squad next fall are: Dick Perrott, Bill Browning, Bob Racicot, Ed Bevis, Peanut LaBarge, Butch Corbett, Bill McGarvin, Ray Farnum, Chris Gillette, Fred Towsley, Glenn Thurber, Ish Noble, Mickey Fraher, Bill Congdon and Fred Harvey.



First row, left to right: Co-captain Fred Gage, Robert Cummings, James Ralph, Robert Elwell, James Barschdorf, Butch Corbett, co-captain.
 Second row: Coach "Curley" Williams, Ralph Kuhman, Gordon Lyons, Edward Bevis, Robert Maguire, Glen Thurber, John McNeilly, Thomas Siciliano.

Varsity Basketball

Bennington fans were provided with some fine basketball throughout the season by the Catamount cagers. The Curleycats' record of 16 wins and 6 losses was not that of just a mediocre ball club. Every basketball team has a breaking point and the tournament game against Mount St. Joseph's just turned out to be one of the "off nights" for the Williamsmen.

Statistics show that the Cats got off to a bad start, reached their peak at mid-season, then simmered down toward the finish. If they had gotten off to a good start, suffered their defeats at mid-season, and reached their peak toward the end, not a team in the state would have been able to keep pace with them.

But, the blow has been struck and nothing can change history, so, let's not dream of the past. The future holds more light. Four of this year's starters will return next year and the "grab bag" will be full of wonderful prizes. The combo of Corbett, Maguire, Bevis and Thurber have a full season of playing together behind them and ahead of them is an entirely new season. With the new talent coming up, next year's squad may be even stronger than that of this year, and Curley already has his eyes on that "grab bag."

The second five consisted of all seniors and they were definitely one of the most important factors that made the team one of the best in the state.

Along with Co-captain Fred Gage, the graduating men of the squad are: Ralph Kuhman, Jim Barschdorf, Bob Elwell, Jim Ralph, Bob Cummings and Gordy Lyons.

The season's scoring totals show that Butch Corbett was the high point man of the club with Bob Maguire not far behind. In the Southern Vermont League for the first time in the history of the school, Corbett had 233 points (one behind the league's high scorer, Faridoni of Brattleboro) for an average of 14.56 points per game. For the season of 22 games, the high-scoring Cat kept a 12.86 average and scored a total of 283 points.

Junior Varsity Basketball

Reporter



First row, left to right: Regis Forrest, Raymond Farnum, Richard Perrott, Douglas Gerity, Robert Park, George Koskore, Victor Young, Wiliam Noble, Michael Frahar. Second row: Coach Williams, Manager Donald Perrott, William Barschdorf, James Dermody, Fred Towslee, Robert Levine, Edward Krawczyk, Leo Boutin.

Once again, the Bennington County "small school" Tournament came back to Ben-hi. The annual tourney was a "hopping" affair with the JV's edging out North Bennington in the opener and then copping the title by downing Arlington, 34-20.

Ray Farnum, season's high scorer for the Kits, was chosen for the all-tourney team and Doug Gerity and Regis Forrest were selected for the second all-tourney team.

The Kits ended the 1950 campaign with a 13-7 record; the losses coming at the hands of the Alumni, Adams, Rutland, Arlington twice, Wilmington, West Rutland and Mount St. Joseph's. Their 13 wins were gained from: Drury, Adams, North Bennington (three one-pointers), Bellows Falls, West Rutland, Brattleboro twice, Wilmington, Mount St. Joseph, Rutland and Arlington.

This year's JV squad will help to cement next year's varsity.

The individual scoring is as follows:

<i>Name</i>	<i>Points</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Points</i>
Ray Farnum	135	Dick Perrott	36
George Koskore	128	Fred Towslee	31
Regis Forrest	105	Doug Gerity	23
Vic Young	83	Peanut LaBarge	23
Ish Noble	57	Timmy Hunt	5
Bob Park	56	Ed Krawczyk	4
Mickey Fraher	42	Jim Dermody	3

Baseball



First row, left to right: F. Gage, R. Cummings, J. Ralph, I. Pelsue, F. Corbett, G. Thurber, G. Lyons, J. Evans.

Second row, left to right: Coach J. Mahoney, J. Barschdorf, R. Kuhman, R. Pinsonneault, C. Taylor, L. Harrington, D. Gerity, M. Frahar, Manager Boutin.

The 1950 Benhi baseball squad will have twelve men from last year's team returning to their positions. Through graduation, only one regular and two reserves were lost.

Competition is keen for the backstop post, with Butch Corbett, Glenn Thurber, Bill Barschdorf and Herm Cullinan all trying out. Butch and Glenn shared the duties last year. Bill was unable to play because of a foot operation, and Herm saw action in some J. V. games and caught batting practice for the varsity.

Pitchers are also plentiful this season with three veterans; Jim Barschdorf, Mickey Fraher and Gordy Lyons defending their hurling posts. Several promising rookies will round out the mound corps. Jim and Mickey have two years of experience behind them and Gordy has one.

Fred Gage and Jack Evans will be expected to continue their battle for the first sack starting nod. Last year, Freddy handled most of the work with Jack in reserve. The rest of the infield from last season include: Bob Cummings at second base, Ivor Pelsue at shortstop and Jimmy Ralph at third base. Welles Chapman, who saw action with the Junior Varsity, should develop into a fine infielder.

Returning to the outer gardens are: Ray Pinsonneault, Pete Taylor and Ralph Kuhman. Bill Marcoux, who was in the starting lineup for the first few games last year will try out again this year.

Coach Johnny Mahoney, who anticipates a 16-game schedule, says that the club will compete independently this year. Most of the games will be played against Vermont clubs with a few lined up against traditional Berkshire foes. At this writing, it is hoped that a Taconic Valley League in baseball will be organized which will enable Benhi to field a J. V. club and thus keep a greater number of boys engaged in the national pastime.

A strong bid will be offered by the Cats to get into the playoffs for the mythical Vermont State Championship and baseball gives Benhi its last chance this school term to do the very thing that it has not been able to do in the past; that is, bring home a Vermont State Championship.



First row, left to right: Charles Hunt, Edward Krawczyk, Fred Towslee, Nelson Sumner.

Second row: Coach Williams, Robert Farnum, LeRoy Harrington, Robert Levine, Quentin Taylor.

Not present: C. Betit, S. Hibbard, C. Gillette.

Track

1949 introduced to Benhi, a new sport; track! During its 1949 participation, the track team emerged highly successful.

Fred Towslee, a husky Pownal lad with tremendous endurance, brought home a Vermont State championship for Benhi. He won the Southern Vermont titles in both the mile and the 880-yard dash and went on to win the state championship for the mile. Representing Vermont in the New England meet, he nearly did it again for Benhi. Up against the best in New England, Fred came in fourth in the mile run.

Chris Gillette, who is a little on the heavy side, doesn't look like a speed merchant, but if you were to have the opportunity to see him run the 100-yard dash you would then be convinced that he is fast. Chris earned second spot in the 100 at the Southern Vermont meet.

Charlie Betit and Sam Hibbard, the two weight-throwers of the team, have gained a year of experience in what was an entirely new field and will be heard to beat in the shot-put, discus and javelin throws in 1950.

Besides the four already mentioned, here are the rest of the veterans returning to the 1950 track squad: Nelson Sumner, dashes; Timmy Hunt, distance runs; and Leroy Harrington, dashes; Robert Levine, dashes; Edward Krawczyk, hurdles.

Bowling Team



First row, left to right: L. Corliss, L. Hodgdon, Mr. Curran, C. Hunt, N. Siciliano.
Second row: G. Wager, R. Park, B. Barschdorf.

Because opponents were scarce, the Benhi Bowling Team could not schedule many matches, but did manage to list four matches with Williamstown High.

The locals defeated the Williamstowners in three of the four meetings. Benhi was the victor in the first, third and fourth matches with the college town taking the second.

The Cats ended the season with a total pinfall of 5,346 and a team average of 88.43.

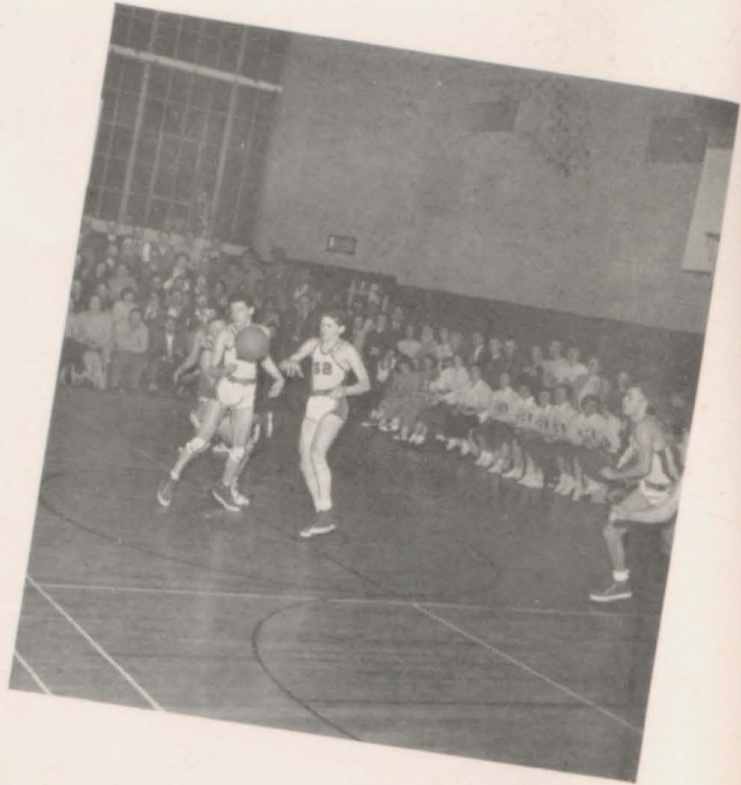
Bill Barschdorf, the team's anchor man, led the close high-average race with a 96 average. Louis Hodgdon and Bob Park were not far behind with 94.51 and 91.44 respectively. Bill and Louis bowled all of the twelve scheduled games while Bob bowled nine. Dick Perrott, who bowled five strings, had a 96.20 average.

Coach Curran enjoyed coaching the team this year and hopes that they will continue bowling.

Even though the team bowled only four matches, the boys and their coach feel that the season has been a successful one.

The individual averages are as follows:

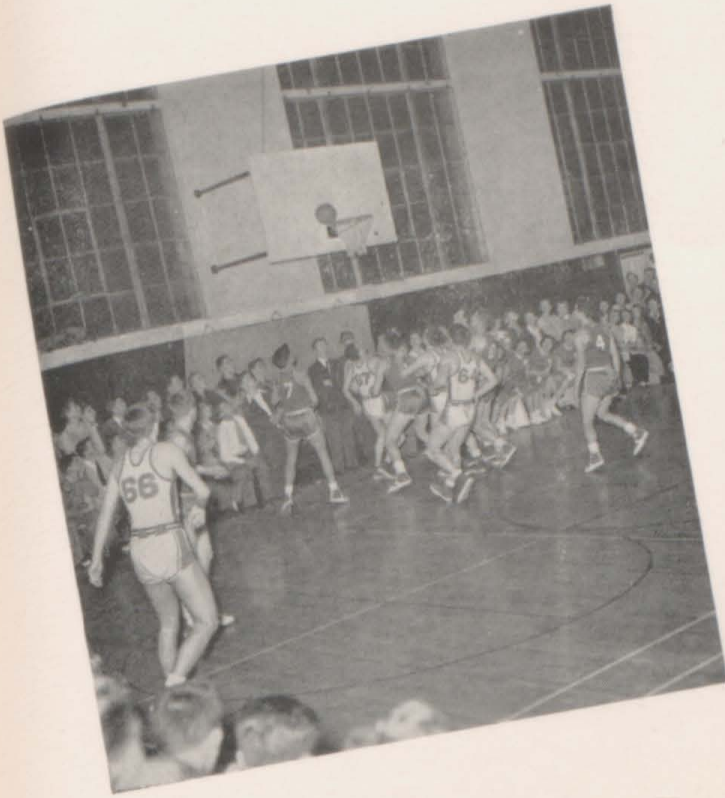
	<i>Games</i>	<i>Total Pinfall</i>	<i>Average</i>
Perrott	5	481	96.20
Barschdorf	12	1,152	96
Hodgdon	12	1,135	94.51
Park	9	823	91.44
Wager	10	823	82.30
Levine	2	163	81.50
Percey	1	80	80
Hunt	6	479	79.50
Roberge	2	137	68.50
Siciliano	1	68	68



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Girls' Sports



MISS MARIE MILLER, Girls' Physical Education Teacher and Coach for the past three years at Benhi, hails from Danbury, Connecticut, where she was graduated from Danbury High School. Coach Miller, never without a winning smile, is always in her uniform ready with confidence and many ideas for her gym classes and athletic teams. She is a 1947 graduate of Sargent College, where she received her B. S. Degree in Physical Education and Health. In her four college years she showed excellent ability in every sport played including basketball, hockey, lacrosse, tumbling and swimming. Coach Miller also was a member

of many clubs and was the Business Manager and Treasurer of the Athletic Association. Appreciation of Miss Miller's efforts has been evidenced by the large number of girls who have become interested in athletics.



Standing: Coach Marie Miller and Co-Captains Helen Cone and Ann Crosier.

Hockey



First row, left to right: E. Jones, L. Stone, E. Stafford, A. Crosier, H. Cone, K. Bostwick, S. Stafford, A. Dailey, *Harant*
 Second row: Miss Miller, A. Reilly, B. Crosier, K. Scott, P. Jewett, B. Petrelis, N. Comesky, C. Dyer.
 Third row: G. Olson, K. Whitney, E. Tift, P. Cahill.

The 1949 hockey season for the girls was one of the most successful ever seen at Bennington High School. Approximately thirty-five enthusiastic girls with plenty of pep and fighting spirit turned out in the fall to be considered candidates for the team. Helen Cone was chosen captain and Ann Crosier co-captain of the squad.

Under the supervision of Coach Marie Miller, the team held practices three and four times a week at Memorial Park. After many long and hard practices, the first game of the season was held October 4 on the college field against North Bennington, the contest ending 0-0. On October 6 the hockettes traveled to Arlington where the game ended again in a tie 2-2. The return game with North Bennington was on October 12 when the Benhi team still couldn't seem to break their jinx of ties, as the game ended again 0-0. The last game of the season caught the Benhi hockettes on the losing side to Arlington 2-1 for their first defeat of the year.

On October 22 they had the unusual privilege of being invited to participate in a Hockey Play Day in Troy which was sponsored by the Mohawk Field Hockey Association. Bennington competed against three New York State schools, which included Mount Pleasant of Schenectady, Albany Academy of Albany and Columbia High School of East Greenbush. All of these games were won by the Benhi hockettes to the tune of 1-0. Benhi was the only Vermont School invited to attend which made the girls feel very privileged. With the record including only one loss, three ties and three wins the team had a very successful season. The team loses eight members by graduation this year, Estella Jones, Peggy Cahill, Peggy Jewett, Katherine Bostwick, Sally Stafford, Helen Cone, Beverly Petrelis and Lois Stone.

Varsity Basketball



Left to right: L. Cone, N. Chapman, K. Bostwick, P. Cahill, E. Tift, L. Mausert, S. Stafford, L. Stone, H. Cone.
Standing: Miss Miller.

An extremely large turnout of approximately sixty "basketball-minded" girls tried out in November for the Varsity and Junior Varsity Basketball teams. Many practices were held and finally the teams were chosen by Coach Marie Miller. Loreen Cone and Helen Cone were elected co-captains by their teammates. The season consisted of six games for the Varsity.

Although the season was not as successful as the hockey, the fans saw the girls play very close and exciting games throughout the entire season. The first game of the season was at home and the Benhi girls found their opponents to be the North Bennington girls, who ended up on the winning side 23-11. On December 13, the girls played a very exciting game against Wilmington and when the last toot of the whistle sounded the girls found the game ended in a tie, 19-19. The best played game displayed by the Benhi-ites was the contest against Arlington on January 6. Arlington won by a small five-point margin, 32-27. The first game away was on January 11 in Wilmington when the Benhi girls lost another "hard-fought" close game by one point, 35-34. On January 17, the Benhi girls traveled to North Bennington where they fought, determined to beat the North Siders, but failed by only one basket, the score ending 33-31. The last game of the season was at Arlington on January 26. The Benhi girls lost 26-33.

The seniors who will be greatly missed next year are: Sally Stafford, Katherine Bostwick, Lois Stone, Loreen Cone, Peggy Cahill and Helen Cone. Good sportsmanship and teamwork were stressed by Coach Marie Miller, and this was very well displayed by the team. All the seniors regret leaving their coach and swell team members behind them.

Junior Varsity Basketball



Front row, left to right: Kathleen Hier, Nancy Comesky, Clara Dyer, Margaret Griffin, Margaret Gleason.

Standing: Kathleen Whitney, Coach Marie Miller and Estella Jones.



IN ACTION



Varsity Cheerleaders



First row: A. Campbell, B. Mackey, Captain, E. Stafford.
Second row: D. Snow, R. Cleminson, B. Petrelis, A. Crosier.

Junior Varsity Cheerleaders

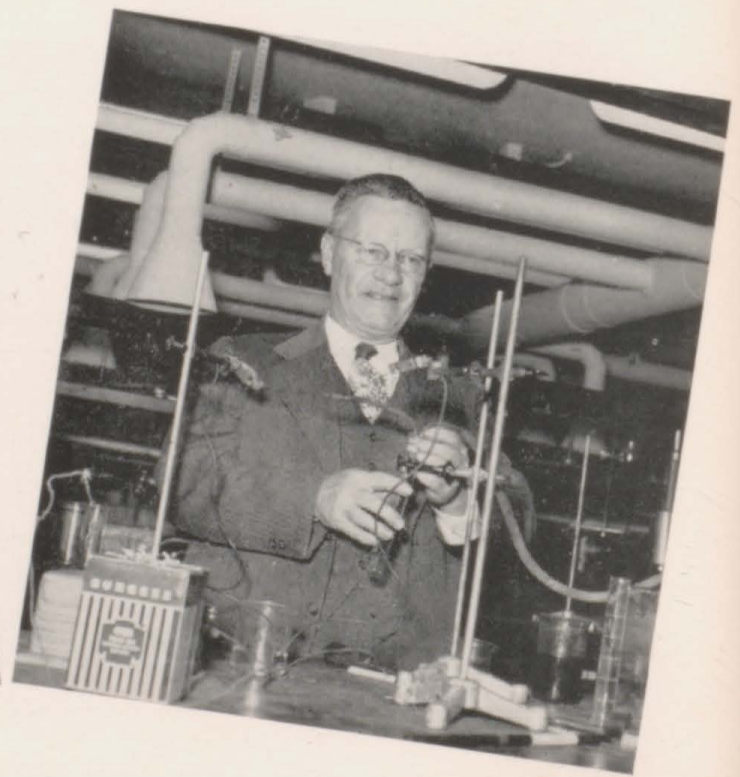


Left to right: G. Greenslet, A. Reilly, K. Bostwick, Mascot "Cat", P. Shanahan,
K. Hier, D. Mausert.

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Top left, Shorty and Red
Top right, Industrial Arts
Bottom left, Library
Bottom right, Lab, Mr. Wood





Drama



First row, left to right: M. Miller, M. Matteson, A. Crosier, R. Sweet, B. Moss, N. White, P. Rancourt, L. Stone, L. Reilly, B. Petrelis.

Second row: R. Curran, L. Lariviere, P. Gray, E. Jones, M. Richings, F. Wood, P. Jewett, B. O'Neil, Mrs. Phillips.

Third row: D. Lorenz, E. Garant, C. Mattison, J. Dermody, J. Beach, E. Tift, L. Harrington, J. McNeilly, D. Maynard.

Fourth row: R. Elwell, J. Hutton, B. Browning, R. Park, R. Center, J. Evans, B. LaCroix, R. Levine.

The junior and senior drama classes, under the direction of Mrs. Janet R. Phillips, had another successful year and many new members.

During the early part of the year the seniors presented the first series of one-act plays. "The Purple Door Knob," "The Trysting Place," and "If Men Played Cards As Women Do" started the year off with a loud round of applause. The next group of plays consisted of "The Valiant" and "Oh Johnny" presented by the juniors, and the rollicking comedy, "Seeing Double," presented by the Seniors.

In March "Sham" was selected for Regional State Play Contest and placed first among the five plays entered. The cast was composed of Jim Dermody, Pat Gray, Bob Elwell, and Johnny McNeilly, all members of the senior drama class.

In the spring five more one-act plays were presented for the public and school assembly programs. "The Blue Teapot," "The Voyage of the Ark," "Exclusive Model," "Boomerang" and "Antic Spring" all received well-earned praises from the audiences. The impressive and well-known third act of Maxwell Anderson's "Elizabeth the Queen" was also presented with authentic costumes and scenery.

The traditional Christmas play, "Why the Chimes Rang," for the first time in many years, had the part of the angel and the old lady taken by two different girls. Marge Riching portrayed the angel and Sally White was the old lady.

Radio plays, introduced during the '48-'49 school year, proved popular again. The juniors adapted "The Valiant" for a radio audience, and both groups put on several programs throughout the year.

Drama "B's" will be awarded at the end of the year to any eligible member of the drama classes.

State Play



Back row, left to right: John McNeilly, Robert Elwell, John Hutton, Jim Dermody.
Front row, left to right: Mrs. Phillips, Judy Beach, Peggy Jewett, Paulita Rancourt, Pat Gray, Beverly Petrelis.

One-act play contest honors came back to Bennington High School this year, as "Sham," a satire by Frank Tompkins, rode in to the North Bennington High School gym to cop first place in the Annual Regional State Play Contest. Selection of Benhi's entry as the first place vehicle was made by the judge, Professor Ronald H. Humphrey of the University of Vermont.

"The plot of the play centers around a couple who have made a collection of imitation bric-a-brac in order to keep on even social position with the other residents of the section. Making a tour of the section is a thief who is caught red-handed in their house and who has already helped himself to a goodly number of valuables in neighboring homes. Apprehended by the couple, the thief refuses to take away any of the imitations and the unfolding of the play finds them regretfully vowing to purchase only one genuine valuable and discard the copies."*

James Dermody gave an excellent portrayal of the thief, ably assisted by the outstanding performances of Robert Elwell and Patricia Gray as the "Sham" couple, and John McNeilly as the reporter. Stage manager was Judy Beach and property manager was Beverly Petrelis. The overall success of the play could not have been accomplished without the capable guidance of Drama Director, Mrs. Janet R. Phillips.

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"John, have you got the dummy?" "Norma, where's your feature?" "Eileen, where is your column?" "Is boys' sports in yet?" . . . yes, these and many other exclamations may be heard every Monday morning when the voice of Benhi, the Catamount goes to press. The Cat as it is always called is printed as a section of the Bennington Evening Banner on every Tuesday during the school year.

The paper is a member of Quill and Scroll, National Scholastic Press and Columbia Scholastic Press Associations. Each year in March delegates accompanied by the adviser, Miss Eupha Bonham, attend the CSPA convention held at Columbia University in New York City. In March of this year fourteen local scribes made the trip to the CSPA convention which lasted from March 8 to 12. The delegates made their headquarters at the Hotel Woodstock, which is just off Times Square, and saw two Broadway hits, "Kiss Me Kate" and "The Devil's Disciple." The group interviewed Henry Aldrich (Ezra Stone), Maurice Evans, and heard General of the Army Dwight D. Eisenhower address the closing session at the luncheon held in the Waldorf-Astoria on Saturday, March 11. Those making the trip were John Hutton, Eileen Cone, Mary Catherine Evitt, Peggy Burkman, Norma Dickieson, Gretchen Getty, Midge Dickie, Don Perrott, Jim Ralph, Judy Beach and Barbara Burgess, accompanied by their adviser; also making the trip were two delegates, Helen Hewson and Claire Lorom, from North Bennington High School.

To successfully publish this paper it takes the combined efforts of the editor and associate editor working with their other staff members, the staff of general reporters and the business staff, all working under the capable direction of Miss Bonham and Miss Vera Drew, business adviser.

Girls' Glee Club



Boys' Glee Club



A Capella Choir



First row, left to right: J. Williams, P. Rancourt, B. Petrelis, D. Mausert, M. Dragon, Joyce Oatman, N. Dickieson, B. Moss.

Second row, left to right: G. Wager, B. Daigneault, J. Murphy, B. Elwell, Mr. Richardson, R. Center, E. Tift, B. O'Neil.

Third row, left to right: B. LaCroix, J. Ralph, M. Snow, B. Park, L. Harrington, R. Levine, L. Harrington, R. Cummings.

Vocal Music

Benhi's vocal department this year consisted of three vocal groups, the girls' glee club, boys' glee club and choir, comprising as a whole approximately 100 voices.

The boys' glee club was the early worm, with the first meeting convening October 28. Twenty-eight boys reported and rehearsals were scheduled for the last half of the fourth period on Tuesday and Thursday. The boys were so enthused about it that it has remained practically the same throughout the year, with only three dropping out.

Next in line was the girls' glee club. Seventy-five girls reported to the first meeting, which was held the last Tuesday in November. Because Music Supervisor John S. Richardson was desirous of promoting musical interest in the high school, no one was rejected. Some drop outs were caused, however, by curriculum conflicts and lack of time on the part of the students. Therefore, the number gradually dwindled to sixty-four, the largest club Benhi has had for a number of years. The first public performance was on Parents' Night of Career Week, 1950, when they appeared jointly with the mixed choir.

Although the mixed choir was late in starting, Mr. Richardson finally found a few minutes of time and called the first meeting on February 27. Meetings were held from that time on, the last half of the fifth period on Monday and the first period on Friday. In spite of the brief time period of preparation, the first public performance of this group was presented in conjunction with the girls' glee club on Parents' Night, March 20, 1950. This organization also appeared in the Tri-State Festival, Richard Center was piano accompanist for all three of the organizations. Norma Dickieson and Paulita Rancourt were chosen to attend the All-State Festival in Burlington as sopranos, and Barbara Burgess, Bette Moss and Beverly Petrelis as altos. Bob Levine was the only tenor sent and James Ralph and Gerald Wager made the trip as basses. On the whole this may be counted as a very successful year for the Benhi vocal department.



First row, left to right: M. Mattison, P. Hogan, J. Kennedy, J. Ryan, M. Austin, B. O'Neil, S. Nelson, E. Tift, J. Moran, M. Riley, G. Getty, M. Billert, M. Getty.

Second row, left to right: J. Williams, J. Perrotta, Mr. Richardson, O. Sumner, B. Marcoux, N. Billert, J. Butler, J. Oatman, I. Buck, S. Thomas, R. Alderman, J. Barnhart, S. Crawford.

Third row, left to right: R. Daily, J. Reagan, R. Grant, B. Daigneault, M. Gillis, R. Pilling, W. Browning, L. Corliss, M. Gleason, P. Kelly, M. Gibney, S. Crawford, M. Getty.

Band

"There's something about a Hometown Band—" specifically our High School Band which holds an enviable place in the hearts of the students, the faculty and the parents alike. The appearance of the band in major holiday parades and at every home basketball and football game, lends color and kindles enthusiasm. The one night the band did not appear at a basketball game showed us all just how much it means to all sports events.

The new hand that waves the baton of leadership this year is that of Mr. John Richardson. With but little experienced material with which to begin, his perseverance, capability and genial personality has molded our band this year into a unit which is indeed a credit to our school.

Early in the year we drew up a constitution and chose for our officers: Robert Elwell, president; Ellen Tift, vice president; Mary Patricia Riley, secretary, and Jane Ryan, treasurer. The student government within the band was very active this year and regular business meetings were held in the Band room one evening a month. We have Mr. Kendall Adams, the Industrial Arts instructor, to thank for enlarging and sound-proofing the band room, making it a much pleasanter room in which to practice. We also appreciate the generosity of all Benningtonians who contributed so liberally to our band on Tag Day which was held early in the year.

At the second annual Tri-State Music Festival which was held in Bennington on April 20 and 21, our Band was greeted with praise and applause as it marched down Main Street in the parade and again as it played its two selections at the Band concert. We were most fortunate again this year to have Mr. George Slater as guest conductor of the massed bands. Though in its infancy this event is a memorable one and one looked forward to by schools within a twenty-five mile radius. This year the schools represented were from Cambridge, Wilmington, Whitingham, Manchester, North Bennington, Bennington, Adams, North Adams, Williamstown and Lenox, Mass.

May 4, 5, 6 were the dates of the Vermont Music Festival which is held in Burlington. On Thursday a limited number left Bennington in private cars. They were Peggy Billert, Bill Browning, Jeanne Cone, Gretchen Getty, Jean Moran, Joyce Oatman, Billy Marcoux, Orrin Sumner, Bob Pilling, Leighton Corliss, Ina Buck and Bob Elwell. On Saturday the entire band traveled to Burlington to participate in the parade.

Band Officers



First row, left to right: E. Tift, R. Elwell, J. Ryan.
Standing, left to right: Director Mr. Richardson, Mary Pat Riley.

Majorettes



Left to right: Malenda Getty, Sally Crawford, Marie Mattison, Sally Nelson,
Rita Dailey, Joan Williams, Martha Gibney.



Seated: D. Maynard, P. Doyle, Q. Taylor, J. Ralph, I. Pelsue, J. Beach, B. Sleeman, P. Griffin.
 Standing: R. Farnum, C. Winslow, P. Hall, D. Perrott, J. Evans, Mr. Thomas, S. Hibbard, R. Farnum, K. Vail, J. Litster.

Student Council

The Student Council, only an infant in age, in the space of three short years has grown up and is now a definite part of the high school life.

It is composed of representatives from each home room, and the presidents of the junior and senior classes.

These students represent their respective home rooms, and bring the ideas, some constructive and some not so constructive to be discussed and acted upon by the Council.

Having the four regular officers, President Ivor Pelsue, Vice-President James Ralph, Treasurer Quentin Taylor, and Secretary Judy Beach, the Council functioned smoothly thus showing its compactness as a well knit group.

One of the outstanding contributions of the 1950 Council was the establishment of the Home Room Basketball League. This idea, placed in the hands of the Council by Mr. Williams, was immediately carried out and proved to be a huge success not only to the students but also to the faculty and coaches.

Other worthwhile matters over which the Student Council had control were the regulation of dance dates, the selection of next year's special assemblies, the purchasing of records for school dances, the planning of all assembly programs, the selling of milk at lunch, the acquiring of programs at the football games, and last but not least, the operation of the "Coke" machine.

Most of the money in the treasury was acquired through the selling of "Coke." All the funds thus gained are being used to help Benhi's struggling activities survive.

The Council further established a law that from now on, the concession on soft drinks at all basketball games may be obtained by the Senior Class if this class desires it.

Up until this year, most of these matters had to be decided by the school principal, adding many more headaches to the principal's duties. Now, he is relieved of some of these less important tasks.

From what is written above, it can easily be seen that the Student Council of '49-'50, under the expert guidance of Mr. Thomas, got off to a great start and really hit its stride after the first few weeks of school. At the same time, showing that the Student Council does have and always will have a definite part in school activities.

Year Book Board



Front row: H. Cone, Miss D. Ross, M. Richings, E. Cone, B. Gates, B. Petrelis, P. Gray.
Back Row: J. Barschdorf, L. Corliss, J. Dermody, R. Levine, R. Elwell.

One of the first important steps the Senior Cabinet must take when they begin their policy-determining for the Senior Class in September is to elect the yearbook board, which will publish the annual *Catamount*. The yearbook board is responsible for making arrangements to obtain the class photographer for both individual and group pictures and to provide for a printer, who will do both engraving and printing.

In the early part of October, the class voted to make the Warren Kay Vantine Studio in Boston the official photographer for the class of 1950. As soon as the photographer had been obtained, the yearbook board engaged the services of Carl Farnham, of South Shaftsbury as the printer for the 1950 edition.

Individual pictures were taken November 16, 17 and 18 in the band room. All re-sittings and the groups were taken February 9 and 10. At that time the photographer took action shots of the Bennington-Brattleboro game replete with the band, majorettes, cheerleaders, etc.

Members of the board are as follows:

Editor-in-chief: Eileen Cone.

Associate Editor: Barbara Gates.

Sports Editors: James Barschdorf, Helen Cone.

Feature Editors: Patricia Gray, Robert Elwell, James Dermody, assisted by Marjorie Richings.

Art Editor: Beverly Petrelis.

Photography Editors: Leighton Corliss, Robert Levine.

Miss Dorothy M. Ross was chosen as advisor of the annual chronicle when the Senior Cabinet heard of the fine job of editing she did as yearbook editor of the UVM *Ariel*.

Magazine Sales Team

attorney *Doctor*



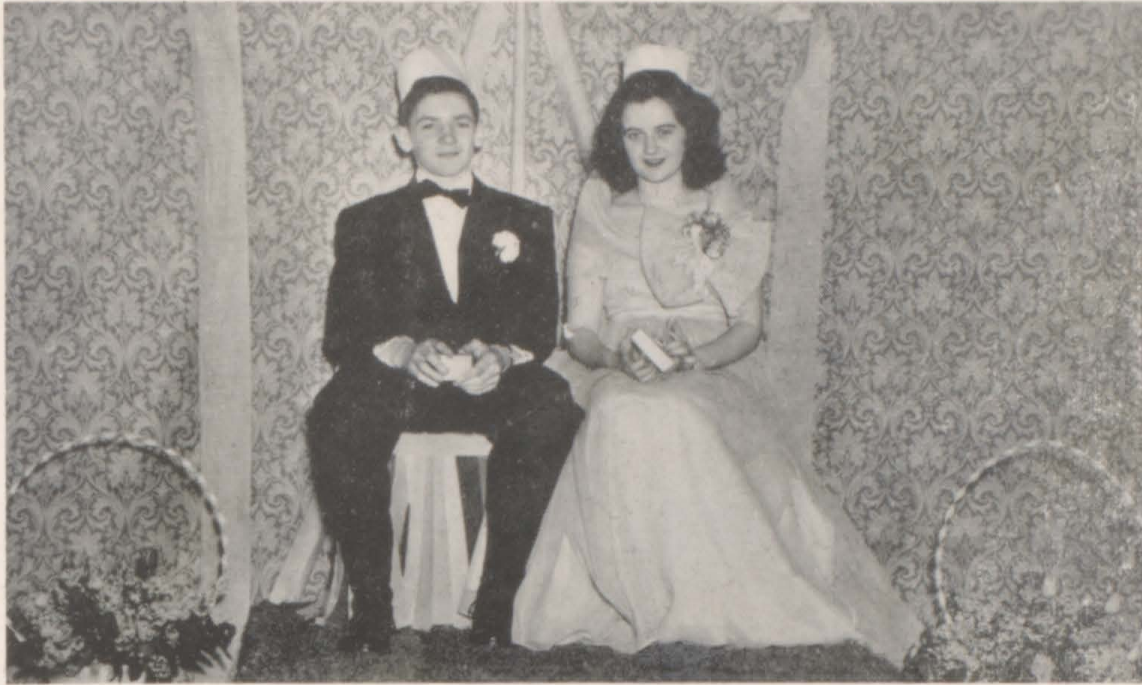
First row, left to right: J. Moran, A. Campbell, R. Levine, J. McNeilly, J. Murrell, L. Lampron.

Second row, left to right: W. Lampron, R. Cummings, J. Ralph, R. Elwell, K. Percey, G. Bétit.

Outing Club



Junior Prom



Reigning over Highlight of Junior Social Events: King, Bob Elwell; Queen, Pat Gray.

Junior Prize Speaking



Seated: P. Gray, E. Cone, J. Beach, A. Campbell.
Standing: S. Hibbard, B. Elwell, J. Ralph, R. Levine.

Boys' and Girls' State



First row, left to right: H. Cone, E. Cone, J. Beach, P. Gray, B. Petrelis.
Second row, left to right: S. Hibbard, R. Elwell, J. Ralph, R. Levine.

Every year in June, the week following graduation sees the departure of the Benhi representatives to the mythical states, Boys' and Girls' state, sponsored jointly by the American Legion and its Auxiliary. The purpose of these states is to give high school students a wider knowledge of the principles involved in governing a nation, a state, a county and a town. The week spent at the states is what one might call an investment in the future citizens of Vermont.

Nine delegates from our school attended the states for the week of June 19-25, 1949. Boys' State is held on the campus of Norwich University while the female counterpart is encamped at Vermont Junior College.

During their stay, delegates run for state offices, county or town positions. These mock elections and running of a government are executed in the same manner as those used in the state.

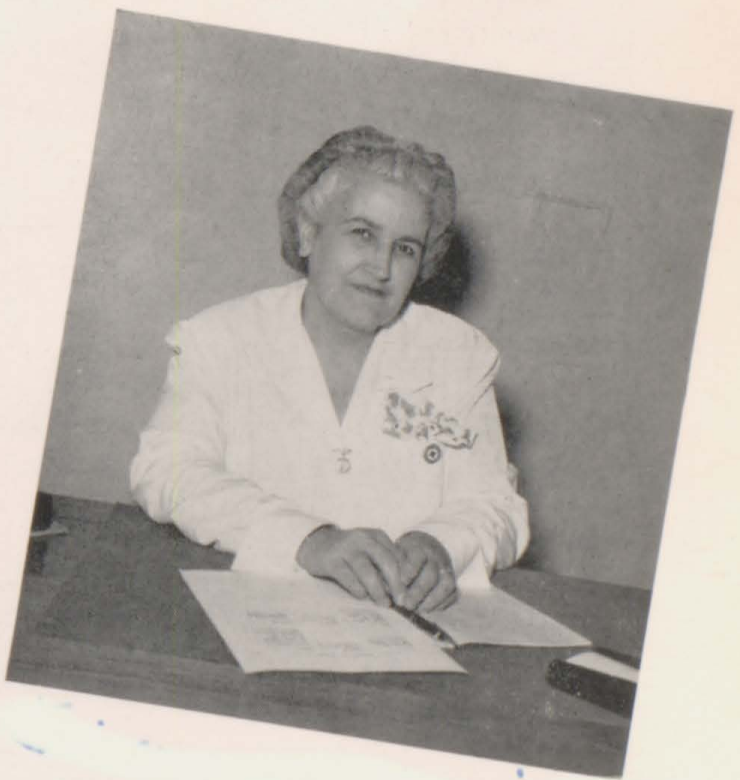
Judith Beach, Eileen Cone, Helen Cone, Patricia Gray and Beverly Petrelis were the 1949 Girls' State delegates. Boys' State representatives were Robert Elwell, Robert Levine, Sam Hibbard and James Ralph. Two delegates brought more honors to Benhi when they were chosen to represent Vermont at the national meeting; Judy was chosen to represent Green Mountain Girls' State at Girls' Nation in Washington, D. C., and James was a representative from Vermont to Boys' Forum also held in the nation's capital.

These states are a very good instrument with which to promote democracy and citizenship training and the 1950 delegates hope that the following delegates will receive as much of a rewarding experience from attending Boys' and Girls' State as they did.

HERE AND THERE



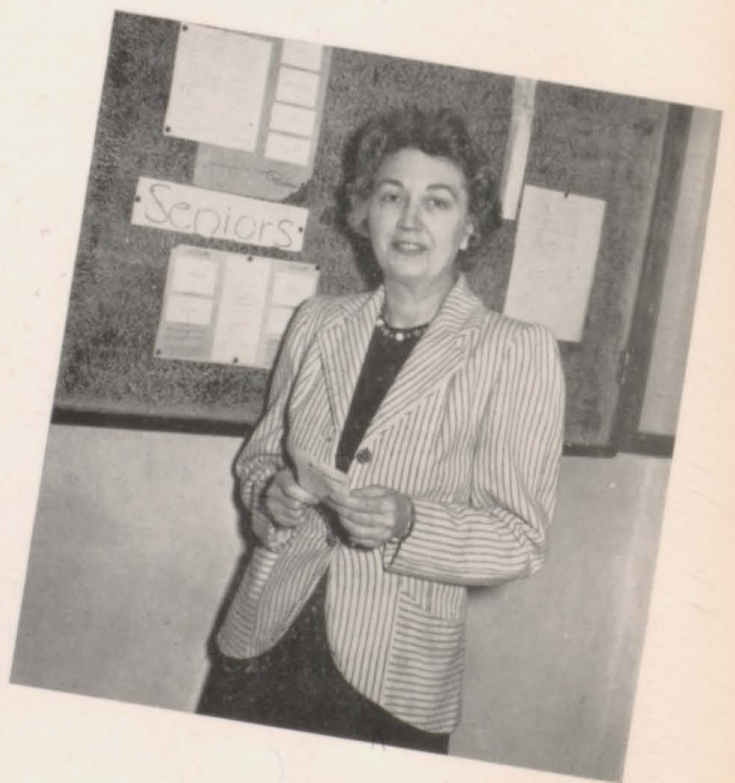
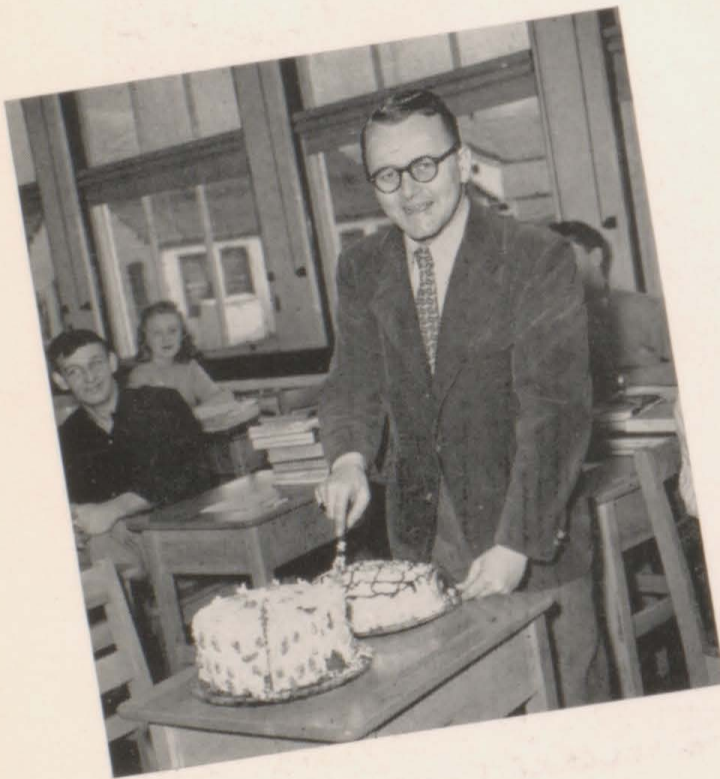
Top left, Mrs. Plumb
Top right, Mrs. Ducharme
Bottom left, Miss Lanigan
Bottom right, Mrs. Scott



FACULTY



Top left, Sewing, Miss Child
Top right, History Class, Miss Ross
Bottom left, Happy Birthday, Mr. Curran
Bottom right, Miss Bonham





Doug



Ken



Hampton Beach



Kathy



Pat & Judy



Rita, Peg, Doris, Myrt & Kate



Rusty & Leighton



Jim, Bob, Jerry, Timmy & Quent



Paulita



Myrt



Bob L.



Jean & Gordy



Peg C.



Dwight



Girls' State



Jean



Gordy



Doris



Bob E.



Ken



Myrt



Jeanne



Hampton Beach



Norma, Reene & Jeanne



Jim



Helen & Bob



Jeanne & Jean



Doris & Fred



Sam



Bobby



Kate & Ken



Louise & Lois



Leighton & Jack



Jerry



Louise



Judy



Peg



Doris



Boys' State



Leighton



Girls' Gym



Bob, Jerry & Bob



Jim, Bob & Jerry



Ralph



Sam



Barbara



Eileen



Jeanne & Jean



Leighton



Gordy



Junior Class



Jean



Bobby & Rita



Peg, Jeanne & Jean



Jean, Jeanne & Eileen



Eddy



Marjorie



Ralph & MacSquash



Kate, Lorna & Bobby



Dwight



Leighton



Junior Prom



Helen



Jim



Bob & Bob



Carol & Reene



Sam, Doug & Mac



Eileen



Nelson



Girls' State



Betty & Peg



Eileen



Myrt & Peg



Ann, Doris, Rita & Ann



Bob & Carol



Peg



Bob & Doris



Fred



Dwight



Peggy & Doris



Pat



Peg



Jeanne



Xmas Ball



Bob & Peggy



Helen



Cheerleaders



Doris & Pat

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We take this time to thank Mr. Thomas and the faculty for their co-operation in helping us publish this book.

Sincerely,

THE YEARBOOK STAFF

