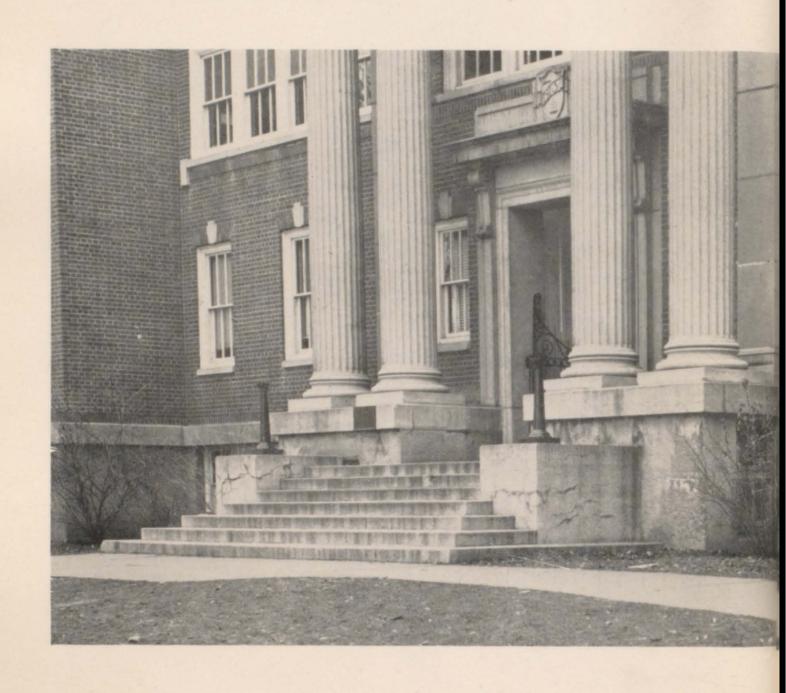


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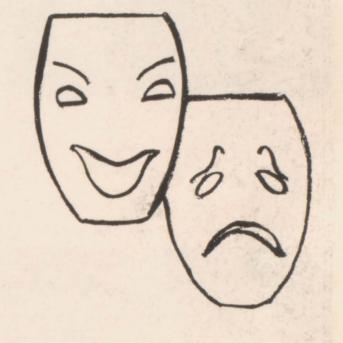


The Setting: Bennington High The Time: September 1948

# CATAMOUNT



A Production of the Senior Class



School, Bennington, Vermont June 1952

## Dedication

To MRS. BETTE RUSSELL, our class advisor, teacher, and above all, our friend, who worked untiringly for the Class of '52, we the Seniors, dedicate this book.





# Appreciation

Because of his sound advice and friendly attitude, we the Seniors of 1952, are deeply grateful to EVERETT DIMICK.

## In Memoriam = =



BETTY ANN

Our Yearbook is in memoriam of BETTY ANN FROST, a real trouper, who shared the limelight with us until our Senior year when a final curtain came down on her life, bringing it to a tragic end. Betty Ann's star performance at Benhi and her place in our hearts can never be filled.



"If music be the food of love, play on."

# The History of

## AS SEEN THROUGH THE EYES OF ONE OF THE CRITICS

On a sparkling morning in September, 1948, we started our dramatic careers as Freshmen in Benhi's friendly halls. That year we were really "big wigs" and became official members of BHS at our Freshman Reception. Don Perrott, Peg Griffin, Mary Pat Riley and Carol White became top stars and acted as our class officers.

We were almost professionals when the next September rolled around and our second year of important acting began. Don Perrott became our president again. Brenda Ralph took over the vicepresidential reins and Joan Barnhardt and Mary Pat Riley served as secretary and treasurer, respectively. We got into the swing at Benhi during our Sophomore year, and then, before we knew it

We were Juniors! Our class rings, the best ever, arrived. Also during that year we became finance crazy and started to raise money for our yearbook. Don and Mary Pat again were our officers and with the aid of Gene Krawczyk and Joan Barnhardt, guided us through a successful year. The Junior Prize Speaking Contest was held in May, and Burt Rockwood was our star performer. As in the final drama, Benhi has her critics, (teachers) and in June, thirteen students were chosen by the faculty to represent the Mighty Class of '52 at Boys' and Girls' States. Doris Stone and John Kenney were crowned at our Junior Prom and at the Senior Ball, Pat Shanahan, Peg Griffin, Ruth Ann Grant, and Beatrice Roy were chosen "royal attendants."

# the Drama

We returned to Benhi again, as Seniors this time, full-fledged actors and actresses. More money-raising projects were undertaken, and our class finally made money, under the guidance of Mrs. Bette Russell. The Senior Cabinet and Yearbook Staff were decided upon. The drama was to serve as our yearbook theme. We acted as monitors, and peace reigned in the halls of Benhi. We chose our class photographer. At Christmastime we lost a wonderful classmate, Betty Ann Frost. Yes, we were the "wheels" and at last ran Benhi. The Catamount took its annual trip to the "Big City." We were measured for caps and gowns, and all too soon the final week came with a tea, picnic, ball, banquet, baccalaureate and then . . . Graduation!

Some of us were in the limelight more than others during our all too brief stay at Benhi. Now we look back and realize that no longer are we students of the drama at our Benhi. We have entered into a world of our own, and now we're top-notch performers. In back of us lie the days of learning in school, ahead lies the future, The Drama of Life.

Here's Benhi

## The Directors



Left to right: Mr. Gilman, Assistant Principal; Mr. Thomas, Principal; Mr. Heath, Superintendent

## TO THE CLASS OF 1952

It has been a pleasure to work with you for three years. The quotation below may seem like "cold comfort," but the point to bear in mind is that every graduating class has had to face its problems and most of the classes have managed to get along with the problems and still live reasonably happy, useful lives.

Good Luck!

## A LITTLE COLD COMFORT

"What is the atomic bomb that we are so concerned with? Mustering our facts, we find little that is new. We find old principles, concepts, and elements united in a different form. The atomic bomb is a weapon, and weapons are not new.

This bomb has significance for all men, particularly citydwellers, but generically there is no difference between bomb and cross-bow. Each new major weapon has had its effect, and been retired into the museum.

For us who uneasily inhabit this portion of history, it is cold comfort to realize that modern weapons kill no more for their time than did the spear or arrow. What we seek to control is not the weapon, but the hand that rises in anger to threaten us."—Gordon Clay Godbey in Phi Delta Kappan.

Sincerely.

Gadon M. Thomas

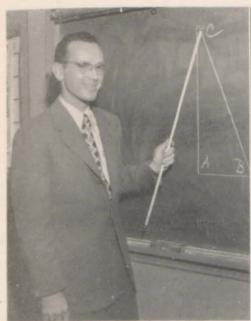
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Miss Gates

# Our Prompters







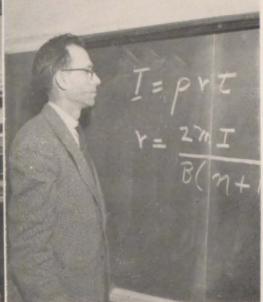
Mr. Page

Mr. Dimick

Mrs. Plumb







Mrs. Ducharme

Mrs. Russell

Mr. Maxfield



Miss Lanigan



Mr. Wood



Mrs. Scott and Dr. Shea



Miss White

Miss Bonham

Mr. Adams



Miss Lauretano



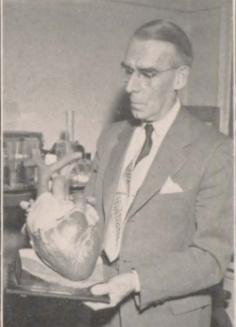
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Coach Friberg



Mrs. Shipp



Mr. Cramer



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Mrs. Adams



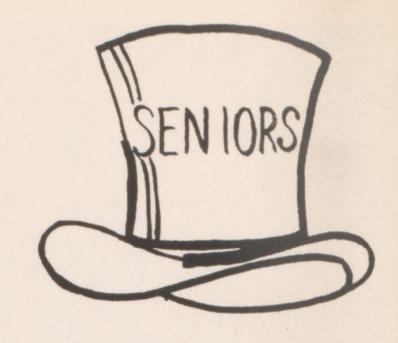
Miss Sinnamon



Miss Drew



Mr. Loughflin



## The Leads

President - Donald Perrott Vice-President - Christopher Vail Secretary - Sally Evens Treasurer - Mary Pat Riley Advisor - Mrs. Bette Russell



RONALD THOMAS ALDERMAN

"Ronnie"

"He is not as quiet as he seems."

Home Room Treasurer, 1; Band, 1, 2, 3, 4; All State, 3, 4; Junior Marshall, 3; Home Room Sports, 3; Student Council Representative, 3.



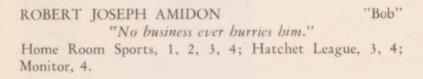


EVELYN MARY AMES

"Evie"

"Well, sir, I look for happy times."

Home Room Treasurer, 3, 4; G. A. A., 3, 4; Tri-State, 1, 3; Junior Marshall, 3; Home Room Sports, 1; Bowling Team, 3, 4; Monitor, 4; Drama, 3; "Why the Chimes Rang," "Nobody Sleeps"; Glee Club, 1, 2, 3, 4; Choir 4; Pro Merito, 1, 2, 3, 4.







JOHN CARLTON BAHAN
"Like, - - - but oh how different."
Home Room Sports, 1, 2, 3, 4.

"Jack"

## JOAN MILDRED BARNHARDT

"Cookie"

"I am sure care's an enemy to life."

Home Room Secretary, 3; Class Secretary, 2, 3; Band, 1, 2, 3; Tri-State, 1, 2, 3; All-State, 3, 4; Monitor, 4; Glee Club, 3, 4; Choir, 3, 4; Magazine Leader, 4; 30 and 40-Word Typing Certificates, 4; 80-word Transcription Certificate,





CLARENCE EUGENE BETIT

"A prosperous gentleman."

J. V. Football, 2; Varsity Football, 3, 4.

"Tate"

LEWIS HERBERT BETIT

"Rest is the sweet sauce of labour."

Home Room Sports, 3, 4.

"Lewie"





"From her shall read the perfect ways of honor."

G. A. A., 3, 4; Band, 1, 2, 3, 4; Tri-State, 1, 2, 3, 4; All-State, 1, 2, 3, 4; Spanish Club, 3, 4; Home Room Sports, 1, 2, 3, 4; Bowling Team, 4; Monitor, 4; Catamount, 2, 3, 4, Reporter, 2, 3; Exchange Editor, 3; Typist, 4; C. S. P. A. 3; 40-word Typewriting Certificate, 4; 80-word Transcription Certificate, 4; Girls' Basketball Varsity, 4.

NORMA JANE BILLERT

"Norma"

"In small proportions we just beauties see, And in short measures life may perfect be."

G. A. A., 3, 4; Band, 1, 2, 3, 4; Tri-State, 1, 2, 3, 4; All-State, 1, 3; Home Room Sports, 3, 4; Bowling Team, 3, 4; Monitor, 4; Drama, 3; "Why the Chimes Rang", "Elmer"; Assistant Business Manager, Magazine Campaign, 4; Office Assistant, 4; 30 and 40-word Typewriting Certificates, 3; 50-word Typewriting Pin, 4; 60 and 80-word Transcription Certificates, 3, 4; Band Officer, Secretary, 4.





RITA CORA BISHOP
"Tranquility! Thou better name than all the family of fame!"
Home Room Sports, 1; Monitor, 4.

IRENE JULIA BLANCHARD

"Reenie"

"Give me leave to speak my mind."

G. A. A., 3, 4; Girls' State, 3; Junior Prize Speaking, 3; French Club, 4; Home Room Sports, 1; Chemistry Club, 4; Student Council Representative, 1; Drama, 1, 3; "Nobody Sleeps", "Gloria Mundi"; Glee Club, 3; Magazine Leader, 4; Senior Cabinet, 4.





"Jan"

"And fair she is if that mine eyes be true."

Home Room President, 1; Home Room Treasurer, 4; TriState, 1, 2, 3; Outing Club, 1, 2; Junior Prize Speaking, 3;
French Club, 4; Home Room Sports, 1, 2, 3, 4; Bowling
Team, 3, 4; Drama, 3; "Gratitude"; Glee Club, 1, 2, 3, 4;
Choir, 2, 3, 4; Catamount, 3, 4; Assistant Exchange Editor,
3; Exchange Editor, 4; C. S. P. A., 3, 4.

BRUCE ALAN BUGBEE

"He was a gentleman on whom I built an absolute trust."

Boys' State, 3; Junior Marshall, 3; Spanish Club, 4; Chem-

istry Club, 4; Monitor, 4; Senior Cabinet, 4.





JANET RUTH BUSHEE

"Silence is one great art of conversation."

French Club, 4; Home Room Sports, 1, 2, 3, 4; Bowling Team, 3, 4; Monitor, 4; Drama, 3; "Elmer"; Glee Club, 3;

DAVID START BUZZELL "Buzz"

"Come, men, let us be merry."

Tumbling Exhibition, 1, 2, 3, 4; Boys' State, 3; Hatchet League, 1, 2, 3, 4; Varsity Football, 3, 4; Decoration Committee Senior Ball, 3.



GORDON HOWARD CLARK

"If chance will have me king,
Why chance may crown me!"

Outing Club, 1. 2; Home Room Sports, 1, 2, 3; Hatchet
League, 1, 2; Monitor, 4; Choir, 4; Decoration Committee
Senior Ball, 3; WNAW "Meet Benhi," 3.

JUNE ROSE CLARK
"With the twinkling of an eye,

June will come smiling by."

Monitor, 4; Drama, 4, "Pot Luck"; Certificate Winner, 4;

Catamount Typist, 4.





NANCY HELEN COMESKY

"As a wit, if not first, in the very first line."

G. A. A., 2, 3, 4; Girls' Hockey Team, Varsity 2, 3, 4; Girls' Basketball, Varsity 3, 4; Tumbling Exhibition, 3; G. A. A. President, 4; G. A. A. Vice President, 3; Softball Coaches, 3; Outing Club, 3; Home Room Sports, 1, 2, 3, 4; Bowling Team, 3, 4; Student Council Representative, 4; Athletic Council Representative 4; Monitor, 4; Yearbook Board, 4; Catamount Reporter, 2; Hockey Team Captain, 4.

"Give me a look, give me a face,
That makes simplicity a grace."

Home Room Secretary, 1; Home Room Treasurer, 2; Outing Club, 1; Home Room Sports 1, 2; Bowling Team, 3;
J. V. Cheerleader, 3; Varsity Cheerleader, 4; Monitor, 4;
Glee Club, 1, 2, 3, 4.





HERMAN EDWARD CULLINAN "Herm" "The rule of my life is to make business a pleasure and pleasure my business."

Home Room Sports; Hatchet League, 1, 2, 3, 4; J. V. Baseball, 1, 2; J. V. Basketball, 2, 3; Varsity Basketball, 4; Monitor, 4; Team Captain, 3; J. V. Basketball Captain, 3; Captain Hatchet League.

MARJORIE ANN DEFORGE "Pins"
"Her modest looks the cottage might adorn,
Sweet as the primrose peeps beneath the thorn."
Monitor, 4.





MARGARET MACKENZIE DICKIE

"How I love to talk!

By George, I could talk all day!"

G. A. A., 3, 4; Tri-State, 3; French Club, 3, 4; Bowling Team, 3; Monitor, 4; Drama, 1; Glee Club, 3; Yearbook Board, 4; Catamount Poet, 2, 3; C. S. P. A., 2; Co-Editor "Le Chat Francais", 4.

JUDITH ALICE DOUGLASS
"To do easily what is difficult for others is the mark of talent."

Home Room Secretary, 1, 3; G. A. A., 4; French Club, 4; Yearbook Board, 4; Decoration Committee Senior Ball, 3; Freshmen Reception, 4; WNAW "Meet Benhi", 3.





"MARY MARGARET DOYLE

"A heart whose love is innocent."

Home Room President, 1; G. A. A., 2, 3, 4; Outing Club 2; Home Room Sports, 1, 2, 3; Monitor, 4; Magazine Salesman, 4; Decoration Committee Senior Ball, 3; Freshman Reception Decoration Committee, 4; Catamount Business Manager, 4; Typing Award, 3.

SARA JANE EVENS

"Sally"

"Thy modesty's a candle to thy merit."

Home Room Secretary, 2; Class Secretary, 4; G. A. A., 3, 4; Tri-State, 2, 3; Outing Club, 1; French Club, 4; Bowling Team, 3, 4; Drama, 1, "Nobody Sleeps"; Glee Club, 2, 3; Magazine Sales Certificate, Magazine Campaign, 4; Second Prize, 4; Yearbook Board, 4; Senior Cabinet, 4; Decoration Committee Senior Ball, 3; Decoration Committee Freshman Reception, 4; WNAW "Meet Benhi," 4; Catamount, 3, 4; "Deep Thot"; C. S. P. A., 3, 4.

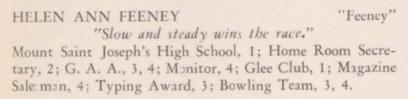




ROY AMADON FARNUM

"Ray"

"I would help others out of a fellow-feeling."
Home Room President, 2, 4; Tumbling Exhibition, 1, 2, 3;
Boys' State, 3; Home Room Sports, 1; Hatchet League,
1, 2, 3, 4; Varsity Football, 2, 3, 4; J. V. Basketball, 2;
Varsity Basketball, 3, 4; Student Council Representative,
2; Monitor, 4; Yearbook Board; Team Captain, 4; CoCaptain Football; Captain of Hatchet League.







ELIZA MAE FISK

"Liza"

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

Girls' Basketball, J. V., 3, 4; Band, 1, 2, 3, 4; Tri-State, 1;

2, 3, 4; Orchestra, 1; Home Room Sports, 1, 2, 3, 4;

Bowling Team, 3 4; Monitor 4; Drama 3, 4, "Elmer", 3.

## PATRICIA ANN FRAHER

"Patti" "Pleasure may perfect us as truly as prayer." Outing Club, 1; Home Room Sports, 1; Bowling Team, 3; Monitor, 4; Drama, 4, "Pot Luck", 4; Glee Club, 1, 2, 3, 4; Magazine Salesman, 4; Catamount Typist, 4; Typing Awards, 3; 30 and 40-word per minute.



## DOROTHY ELIZABETH GARDNER

"For we that live to please must please to live." Home Room Sports, 1, 2, 3, 4; Glee Club, 1, 2.



## GRETCHEN FAY GETTY

"Come what, come may,

Time and the hour runs through the roughest day." G. A. A., 4; Band, 1, 2, 3, 4; Tri-State, 1, 2, 3, 4; Orchestra, 1; All-State, 1, 2, 3, 4; Spanish Club, 4; Bowling Team, 4; Monitor, 4; First Prize Magazine Campaign, 4; Catamount, 2, 3, 4; Catamount Editor, 4; C. S. P. A., 2, 3, 4.



## MARGARET ANN GLEASON

"Gretch"

"Maggie"

"Dot"

"You fly your thoughts like kites." Home Room Treasurer, 1; G. A. A., 2, 3, 4; Girls' Basketketball J. V. 1; Tumbling Exhibition, 2, 3, 4; Band, 1, 2, 3; Tri-State, 1, 2, 3; Outing Club, 1; Home Room Sports, 1, 2, 3, 4; Bowling Team, 3, 4; J. V. Cheerleaders, 3; Varsity Cheerleaders, 4; Monitor, 4; Drama, 4; Glee Club, 2; Choir, 4; Decorating Committee Freshman Reception, 4; Decorating Committee for Christmas Cotillion, 4.



RUTH ANN GRANT

"Wudgie"

"Infinite riches in a little room."

G. A. A., 2, 3, 4; Band, 1, 2, 3; Tri-State, 1, 2, 3; French Club, 3, 4; Home Room Sports, 1, 2, 3, 4; Bowling Team, 3, 4; Chemistry Club, 4; Monitor, 4; Catamount, 3, 4; Catamount Associate Editor, 4; C. S. P. A., 3, 4; Senior Ball Maid of Honor, 3; Queen of Christmas Cotillion, 4.



"Gail"

GAIL ELLEN GREENSLET "The gentle mind by gentle deeds is known." Home Room Vice-President, 1, 2; G. A. A., 3, 4; Tri-State, 1, 2, 3, 4; All-State, 4; French Club, 3, 4; Home Room Sports, 1, 4; Bowling Team, 3, 4; J. V. Cheerleaders, 2; Varsity Cheerleaders 3; Glee Club, 1, 2, 3, 4; Choir, 3, 4; 30-word Typing Award, 4; Le Chat Français, 3, 4; Decoration Committee for Christmas Cotillion, 4.



NORA MARGARET GRIFFIN

"She hath indeed a good outward happiness." Home Room Secretary, 1; Class Vice-President, 1; G. A. A., 2, 3, 4; Girls' Basketball, J. V, 2; Home Room Sports, 1, 2, 3, 4; Bowling Team, 3, 4; Chemistry Club, 4; Student Council Representative, 2; Monitor, 4; Drama, 3, "Gratititude", "Elmer"; Glee Club, 1; Yearbook Board, 4; Catamount, 2, 3, 4; News Editors, 3, 4; C. S. P. A., 3, 4; Senior Ball Bridesmaid, 3.



DONALD THEODORE HALL

"Don"

"He's past your questioning."

Home Room Sports, 1, 2, 3, 4; Hatchet League, 2, 3, 4; Monitor, 4; Decorating Committee for Senior Ball, 3; Team Captain, 3.

"She is invariably in a hurry. Being in a hurry is one of the tributes she pays to life."

G. A. A.; Tri-State, 1; Home Room Sports, 1, 2, 3, 4; Bowling Team, 3; Monitors, 4; Glee Club, 1, 4; Magazine Salesman, 4; Typing Award, 4; 30-word Certificate.





ROBERT FRED HARRINGTON "Bob"
"He was ever precise in promise-keeping."

Junior Prize Speaking, 3; Home Room Sports, 2, 3, 4;
Drama, 3, 4, "Nobody Sleeps" and "Pot Luck"; Choir, 4;
Yearbook Board, 4; Decorating Committee Freshman Reception, 4.

SHIRLEY ANN HARWOOD "Shirl"
"It seems to me 'tis only noble to be good."
Tri-State 1, 2, 3, 4; Orchestra, 1, 2; Glee Club, 1, 2;
Choir, 3, 4; Catamount, 4; Cub Reporter and Typist;
Typing Award, 30-word Certificate.





"Cathy"
"Her voice was ever soft, gentle and low,—an
excellent thing in women."

G. A. A., 2, 3, 4; Girls' Basketball, J. V., 2; Tumbling Exhibition, 2, 3; Outing Club, 2; Junior Marshall, 3; Spanish Club, 3; Home Room Sports, 1, 2, 3, 4; Bowling Team, 3, 4; J. V. Cheerleader, 2; Varsity Cheerleader, 3, 4; Monitor, 4; Glee Club, 2, 4; Choir, 4; Senior Cabinet, 4; Decorating Committee Freshmen Reception, 4; Typing Awards, 30 and 40-Word Certificates; Shorthand Awards, Gregg 80 Word; Tri-State, 4.

TRINA GRACE HILL

"Trina"

"To err is buman, to forgive divine."

G. A. A.; Tumbling Exhibitions, 2; Tri-State, 1; Orchestra, 1, 2, 3; All State, 1, 2; Drama, 3, "Gratitude"; Glee Club, 1, 2; WNAW "Meet Benhi", 3; Typing Award, 3, 30 Word Certificate.



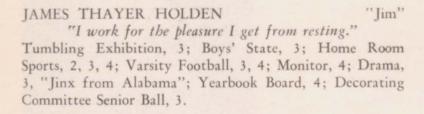


## CAROLYN ANNE HOBBS

"Kuy"

"For the great Gaels of Ireland Are the men that God made mad, For all their ways and merry And all their songs are sad."

G. A. A., 3, 4; Tri-State, 1, 2, 3, 4; French Club, 4; Home Room Sports, 3, 4; Bowling Team, 3, 4; Captain, 3; Glee Club, 1, 2, 3, 4; Choir, 3, 4; Magazine Salesman, 4; Yearbook Board, 4; Decorating Committee Senior Ball, 3; Catamount, 2, 4; Reporter, Business; Typing Awards, 3, 30 word; Co-Editor "Le Chat Français", 4.







JEAN MARIE HORST

"Ieanie"

"And true she is, as she has proved herself."

Home Room Treasurer, 2, 3; G. A. A.; Monitor, 4; Yearbook Board, 4; Decorating Committee Senior Ball, 3; Catamount Assistant Business Manager, 4; Typing Award, 30 word, 3; Christmas Ball Floor Show, 3; Decorating Committee Christmas Ball, 4.

MARY JANE INESON
"So full of grace and beauty."
Outing Club, 1; French Club, 4; Drama, 4, "Pot Luck";
Princess of Freshman Reception, 1.



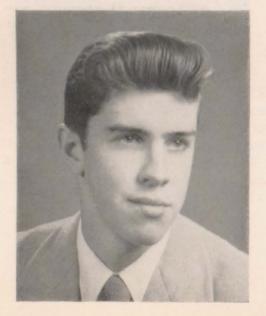


GLENN ROBERT JOHNSON "Glenn"
"I have laid aside business, and gone a-fishing."
Home Room Sports, 2; Monitor, 4.

"Edy"
"She's but the sign and semblance of her honour."

G. A. A., 3; Tri-State, 3, 4; Home Room Sports, 3;
Bowling Team, 3; Monitor, 4; Drama, 3, 4, "The Jinx from Alabama", "Nobody Sleeps", "Rehearsal"; Glee Club, 3, 4; Magazine Salesman, 4; WNAW "Meet Benhi," 3;
North Bennington High School, 1, 2.





JOHN PATRICK KENNY

"What should a man do but be merry?"

Home Room Vice-President, 2; Junior Marshall, 3; Home Room Sports, 2, 3, 4; Bowling Team, 2; Track, 2; Monitor, 4; Magazine Salesman, 4; Senior Cabinet, 4; Decorating Committee Freshman Reception, 4; King of Junior Prom, 3.

"Gene"
"A marvelous witty fellow, I assure you."

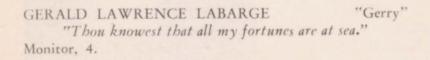
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BETTY LOU KREIG "Betty Lou"
"Virtue is bold, and goodness never fearful."

Home Room Secretary, 4; Tri-State, 3; Glee Club, 2, 3, 4;
Choir, 3, 4; Magazine Leader, 4; 30-word Typing Award,
3; 60-word Shorthand Award, 3.







FRANCIS ANDREW LAFLAMME
"Bove the continuous waves he kept, and sav'd
Himself with his good arms in lusty stroke."
French Club, 3; Monitor, 4.

VELTA VIVIAN LEONARD

"My crown is in my heart, not on my head."

Home Room Sports, 2; Magazine Salesman, 4; Catamount
Cub Reporter, 4.





MARGARET ELIZABETH LILLIE "Betty"
"She possesseth the two noblest things,
sweetness and light."

G. A. A.; Band, 4; Tri-State, 1, 4; Orchestra, 1; All-State, 4; Home Room Sports, 4; Bowling Team, 4; Monitor, 4; Magazine Salesman, 4; Catamount Typist, 4.

"CLAIRE SOPHIE LORENZ "Claire"

"A merry heart doeth good like a medicine."

Home Room Vice-President, 3; G. A. A., 4; Band, 1; TriState, 1; Outing Club, 2; Junior Marshall, 3; Home Room
Sports, 1, 2, 3; Monitor, 4; Yearbook Board, 4; WNAW
"Meet Benhi", 3.





JANET LOUISE MARTIN
"I have learned in whatsoever state 1 am,
therewith to be content."

Home Room Treasurer, 2; G. A. A., 2, 3; Tumbling Exhibition, 3, 4; Home Room Sports, 1, 2, 3; Bowling Team, 3; J. V. Cheerleader Captain, 3; Varsity Cheerleader, 4; Monitor, 4; Glee Club, 3, 4; Catamount, 2, 4; Reporter; Typist.

RYSONIA DAWN MAUSERT.

"Dawn"

"She that was ever fair and always proud, Had tongue at will and yet was never loud."

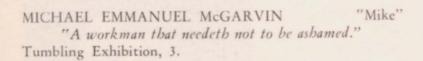
G. A. A., 2, 3, 4; Girls' Basketball Varsity, 2; Tumbling Exhibition, 2, 4; Tri-State, 1, 2, 3, 4; All-State, 4; Outing Club, 1, 2; Girls' State, 3; Junior Prize Speaking, 3; French Club, 3, 4; Home Room Sports, 1, 2, 3, 4; J. V. Cheerleaders, 2; Varsity Cheerleaders, 3, 4; Student Council Representative, 1, 3, 4; Student Council President, 4; Student Council Secretary, 3; Glee Club, 1, 2, 3, 4; Choir, 2, 3, 4; Magazine Salesman, 4; Decoration Committee Senior Ball, 3; WNAW "Meet Benhi", 3, 4; Co-Editor "Le Chat Francais," 4.





MARFISSA MARY MAZZETTI "Marf"
"Never idle a moment,
but thrifty and thoughtful of others."

Glee Club, 3; Magazine Salesman, 4; Yearbook Board, 4.





JOAN ELIZABETH MOON "Joanie"
"What is the worth of anything
but for the happiness it will bring?"
Monitor, 4; Broadalbin High School, Broadalbin, N. Y.

## JANET ANN MOORE

"Her talents were of the more silent class." G. A. A., 3; French Club, 3; Bowling Team, 3; Monitor, 4; Drama, 3, "Elmer", "Jinx from Alabama"; Glee Club, 1, 2, 4; Magazine Salesman, 4.



## MARY LORETTA NASH

"Trudy" "In faith, lady, you have a merry heart." G. A. A.; Outing Club, 1, 2; Junior Prize Speaking, 3; Spanish Club, 3, 4; Bowling Team, 3; Chemistry Club, 4; Monitor, 4; Drama, 3; Magazine Salesman, 4; Yearbook Board, 4; Catamount, 4; Assistant Business Manager.

DOROTHY ELIZABETH PERCY "Perc" "Laugh, if you're wise."
G. A. A., 4; Home Room Sports, 1, 2, 3, 4; Monitor, 4; Glee Club, 4.





## DONALD NICHOLS PERROTT

"Don" "None but himself can be his parallel." Home Room President, 1; Class President, 1, 2, 3, 4; J. V. Basketball Team Manager, 2; Boys' State, 3; Junior Marshall, 3; Junior Prize Speaking, 3; Home Room Sports, 1, 2, 3, 4; Hatchet League, 1, 2, 3, 4; Chemistry Club, 4; Varsity Football, 4; J. V. Baseball, 2; J. V. Basketball, 3; Student Council Representative, 3, 4; Student Council Representative to Athletic Council, 3; Choir, 4; Yearbook Board, 4; Senior Cabinet, 4; Junior Cabinet, 3; Decorating Committee Senior Ball, 3; Decorating Committee Freshman Reception, 4; Catamount, 2, 3, 4; Sports Editor; C. S. P. A., 2; State Conference of Student Councils at U. V. M., 2; Ski Team, 1.

JOAN LOUISE PERROTTA "Joanie" "In quietness and confidence shall be your strength." Majorettes, 1, 2, 3; Outing Club, 2; Bowling Team, 3; Monitor, 4; Drama, 3, "Jinx from Alabama", 3; Catamount Typist, 4; 30-word Typing Award, 3.

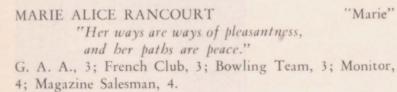




BRENDA JUNE RALPH

"To be merry best becomes you:

For, out of question, you were born in a merry bour." Home Room Secretary, 1, 2, 3; Home Room Treasurer, 1; Class Vice-President, 2; G. A. A., 2, 3, 4; Band, 1; Tri-State, 1, 3, 4; All-State, 1; Outing Club, 1, 2; Girls' State, 3; D. A. R. Award, 4; Junior Marshall, 3; Junior Prize Speaking, 3; Spanish Club, 3, 4; Home Room Sports, 1, 2, 3, 4; Monitor, 4; Drama, 4, "Pot Luck"; Glee Club, 1, 3, 4; Magazine Salesman, 4; Yearbook Board, 4; Editor, 4; Decoration Committee Senior Ball, 3; Decoration Committee Freshman Reception, 4; WNAW "Meet Benhi", 3, 4; Catamount, 3, 4; "Stylites" Editor, 4; C. S. P. A., 3, 4.



"Marie"





"Janet" JANET ANN READ "Holy, fair and wise is she." Bowling Team, 3; Monitor, 4; Glee Club, 1; Magazine Salesman, 4.

LUTHER JESSE REED "Jesse"
"If he had any faults, he has left us in doubt."
Home Room Sports, 1, 2, 3, 4.





MARY LOU REED

"As merry as the day is long."

G. A. A., 3, 4; Girls' Basketball, J. V., 3, 4; French Club, 4; Home Room Sports, 1, 2, 3, 4; Bowling Team, 3, 4; Chemistry Club, 4; Monitor, 4; Yearbook Board, 4; Office Assistant, 3; Home Room Treasurer, 4.

BARBARA JOYCE RICKER

"Love me little, love me long."

G. A. A., 2, 3; Home Room Sports, 1, 2, 3, 4; Monitor, 4; Glee Club, 1, 4; Magazine Leader, 4; Catamount Typist, 4.





CORINNE LUCILLE RILEY

"Virtue is the first title of nobility."

G. A. A., 3; Tri-State, 1, 2, 3, 4; Home Room Sports, 2, 3, 4; Bowling Team, 3; Drama, "Elmer", "Why the Chimes Rang"; Glee Club, 1, 2, 3; Magazine Salesman, 4.

MARY PATRICIA RILEY

"Mary Pat"

"There are few ways in which a man can be more innocently employed than in getting money."

Home Room Secretary, 1, 4; Class Treasurer, 1, 2, 3, 4; Monitor 4; G. A. A., 3, 4; Band, 1, 2, 3, 4; Tri-State, 1, 2, 3, 4; All State, 1, 4; Outing Club, 2; Bowling Team, 3; Magazine Salesman, 4; Yearbook Board, 4; Senior Cabinet, 4; Junior Cabinet, 3; 40-word Typewriting Certificate, 3; 60-word Certificate in Shorthand, 3; 80-word Certificate in Shorthand, 4; Band Officer, 2; Decoration Committee Senior Ball, 3; Ticket Committee, 3; Decoration Committee Freshman Reception, 4; Runner-Up Queen at the Christmas Cotillion, 4.





BURT FRED ROCKWOOD "Burt" "Glad as the cock that greets the coming day."
Band, 1, 2, 3, 4; Tri-State, 1, 2, 3, 4; All-State, 3, 4; Boys' State, 3; Junior Prize Speaking, 3; Home Room Sports, 2; Choir, 3, 4; J. V. Baseball, 3; Monitor, 4; Magazine Salesman, 4; Yearbook Board, 4; Senior Cabinet, 4; Catamount Reporter, 4; Band Officer, 4.

DOROTHY IRENE ROMANOWSKI "Dotty"

"An honest labour bears a lovely face."

Home Room Vice-President, 4; G. A. A., 4; Tri-State, 3;

Monitor, 4; Home Room Sports, 3, 4; Glee Club, 3; Catamount Typist, 3, 4; Business Manager of Magazine Campaign, 4; Providence Street Junior High, 1; High School of Commerce, 2.





"No word he spoke beyond the moment's need."

Home Room Sports, 2, 3.

### BEATRICE LORETTE ROY

"Bea" "A sweet attractive kind of grace."

Home Room President, 1, 2; G. A. A., 2, 3, 4; Outing Club, 1, 2; Tumbling Exhibition, 2; Home Room Sports, 1, 2, 3, 4; Monitor, 4; Yearbook Board, 4; 30-word Typing Award, 3; Senior Ball Bridesmaid, 3.

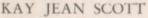


## JANE FRANCES RYAN

"Squint"

"Mind cannot follow it, nor words express Her infinite sweetness."

Home Room Treasurer, 4; G. A. A., 2, 3, 4; Band, 1, 2, 3, 4; Tri-State, 1, 2, 3, 4; Outing Club, 1, 2; Junior Marshall, 3; Home Room Sports, 1, 2, 3, 4; Bowling Team, 3, 4; Monitor, 4; Magazine Salesman, 4; Yearbook Board, 4; Decoration Committee Senior Ball, 3; Decoration Committee Freshman Reception, 4; Band Treasurer, 2, 3.



"Scottie"

"'Tis good to be merry and wise." Home Room President, 2, 4; Girls' Hockey Team Varsity, 2; Outing Club, 1, 2; Home Room Sports, 1, 2, 3, 4; Monitor, 4; Magazine Leader, 4; Decoration Committee Senior Ball, 3; Catamount Business Staff, 4.





PATRICIA JOY SHANAHAN "Patty Joy" "Joy rises in me like a summer's morn."

G. A. A., 2, 3, 4; Tumbling Exhibition, 3, 4; Outing Club, 2; Girls' State, 3; Junior Prize Speaking, 3; Home Room Sports, 1, 2, 3, 4; Bowling Team, 3; J. V. Cheerleaders, 2; Varsity Cheerleaders, 3, 4; Varsity Cheerleader Captain, 4; Monitor, 4; Drama, 3, "Gratitude", "Rehearsal", "Nobody Sleeps"; Magazine Production Manager, 4; Magazine Salesman, 4; Decoration Committee Senior Ball, 3; Decoration Committee Freshman Reception, 4; WNAW "Meet Benhi", 3.

ELAINE RUTH STAFFORD

"Elaine"

"Leave to beaven, in bumble trust, All you will do; But if you succeed, you must

Paddle your own canoe."
G. A. A., 1, 2, 3, 4; Hockey Varsity, 2; Basketball Varsity, 4; Tumbling Exhibition, 1, 2, 4; Varsity Cheerleader, 2, 3.



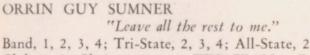


DORIS JEANNETTE STONE

"Doris"

"A thing of beauty is a joy forever."

Home Room President, 3; Home Room Treasurer, 1; G. A. A., 2, 3, 4; Bowling Team, 4; Monitor, 4; Magazine Salesman, 4; Yearbook Board, 4; Senior Cabinet, 4; Decoration Committee Freshman Reception, 4; 30-word Typing Award, 4; 60 and 80-word Shorthand Awards, 4; Queen of Junior Prom, 3; B. H. S. Activities Fund Bookkeeper, 4.



"Orrin"

Band, 1, 2, 3, 4; Tri-State, 2, 3, 4; All-State, 2, 3, 4; Glee Club, 1, 2; Choir 1, 2, 3, 4; WNAW "Meet Benhi," 3.





CAROLYN ETHEL SWEET

"Carol"

"Speech is great, but silence is greater." Tri-State, 1, 2, 3; Home Room Sports, 4; Monitor, 4; Glee Club, 2, 3; 30-word Typing Award, 4.

## GLENN GROVER THURBER

"Tex"

"His limbs were cast in manly mould, for hardy sports or contest bold."

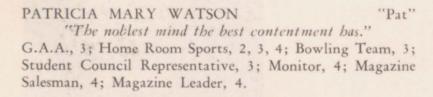
Tumbling Exhibition, 3; Boys' State, 3; Hatchet League, 1, 2, 3, 4; Varsity Football, 1, 2, 3, 4; Varsity Basketball, 1, 2, 3, 4; Monitor, 4; Team Captain, 4; King of Christmas Cotillion, 3.



## CHRISTOPHER LAWTON VAIL

"Kit"

"He doth indeed show some sparks that are like wit."
Home Room Vice-President, 2; Class Vice-President, 4;
Team Manager, Baseball, 3, 4; Football, 4; Junior Marshall, 3; Home Room Sports, 1, 2; Student Council Representative, 2, 4; Monitor, 4; Magazine Salesman, 4; Senior Cabinet, 4; Junior Cabinet, 3; Decorating Committee Christmas Ball, 3; WNAW "Meet Benhi", 3.







NORMA JEAN WEBSTER
"From the crown of her head to the sole of her foot,
she is all mirth."

Home Room President, 2; Home Room Secretary, 3; G.A.A., 2, 3, 4; Captain Girls' Basketball, J. V., 3; Junior Marshall, 3; French Club, 3; Home Room Sports, 1, 2, 3, 4; Student Council Representative, 4; Student Council Secretary, 4; Monitor, 4; Drama, 1, 3, 4, "Nobody Sleeps", "Jinx from Alabama", "Elmer"; Junior Cabinet, 3; Decorating Committe Senior Ball, 3; WNAW "Meet Benhi",

4.

CAROL ALICE WHITE

"Curly"

"Content to learn and not the less to teach."

Home Room Secretary, 1, 3; Class Secretary, 2; G. A. A., 2, 3, 4; Tumbling Exhibition, 2, 3, 4; Tri-State, 1, 2, 3, 4; Outing Club, 1, 2; Home Room Sports, 1, 2, 3, 4; Bowling Team, 3, 4; Varsity Cheerleaders, 2, 3; Student Council Representative, 1, 2; Monitor, 4; Drama, 1, 4; "Nobody Sleeps", "Pot Luck"; Glee Club, 1, 2, 3, 4; Choir, 1, 2, 3, 4; Magazine Salesman, 4; Yearbook Board, 4; Decorating Committee Senior Ball, 4; Decorating Committee Freshman Reception, 4; Catamount, 3; Team Captains, 2, 3.





"Whit"

"I am one of those gentle ones that will use the devil with courtesy."

Home Room Treasurer, 2; G.A.A., 2, 3, 4; Girls' Hockey Team, Varsity, 2, 3, 4; Girls' Basketball Team Varsity, 3, 4; Girls' Basketball Team, J. V., 2; Tumbling Exhibition, 2; Tri-State, 1; G.A.A. Treasurer, 4; Softball Coach, 3, 4; Outing Club, 1, 2; Girls' State Alternate, 3; Home Room Sports, 1, 2, 3, 4; Bowling Team, 3, 4; Monitor, 4; Drama, 1; Glee Club, 2, 3, 4; Magazine Salesman, 4; Yearbook Board, 4; Decorating Committee Senior Ball, 3; Decorating Committee Freshman Reception, 4; WNAW "Meet Benhi", 3, 4; Catamount, 4; Sports Editor, 4; C.S.P.A., 4; 30-word Typing Award, 4; 40-word Typing Award, 4.



RICHARD ALFRED YOUNG

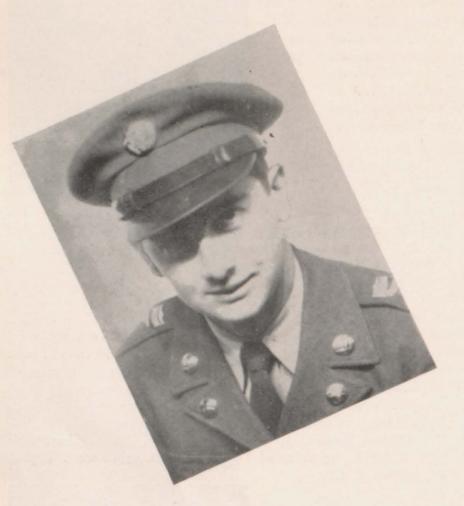
"Itch"

"A little nonsense now and then Is relished by the best of men."

Home Room Sports, 1; Hatchet League, 1, 2, 3, 4; Varsity Football, 4; Varsity Football, 3; J. V. Basketball, 4; Varsity Baseball, 3; Monitor, 4.



# Our Absent Troupers



LOANED FOR UNCLE SAM'S PRODUCTION

"TONY"

"Tony" Mezzetti and "Tim" Hunt, our classmates, left in 1950 to play a more important role, and they are putting in a top-notch performance serving in the United States Army.



"TIM"

# Stage Directions

### Class Will

We, the class of 1952, being unsound of mind but unbroken in spirit, leave to the underclassmen these tokens we feel should remain in Benhi:

- I, Ronnie Alderman, do leave my seat in the trumpet section of the band vacant.
- I, Evelyn Ames, do leave my life-of-the-party spirit to Lowell Heck that his social life may never suffer.
- I, Bob Amidon, do leave my ringside seat in King's popcorn wagon to Dick Sawyer that he may never miss the activities on Main Street.
- I, John Bahan, do leave Miss Bonham my blue corduroy jacket.
- I, Joan Barnhardt, do leave my old interests to find new ones.
- I, Clarence Betit, do leave to Gene Farrar my knack for keeping the women under control.
- I, Norma Billert, do leave Gail Ryan my quiet ways, that her friends may enjoy a few peaceful moments.
- I, Peggy Billert, do leave my Spanish know-how to any brave Spanish II student.
- I, Rita Bishop, do leave to Jean Chapman, my sewing ability that she may keep the basketball teams (girl's) in uniforms.
- I, Irene Blanchard, do leave my talent of arguing a point to the very end to Jane Pinsonneault that she may defend herself from her more aggressive classmates.
- I, Janet Buchanan, do leave my place as the most charming and graceful member in the Senior Class vacuous.
- I, Bruce Bugbee, do leave my "source of secret information" from Nichol's to any curious junior.
- I, Janet Bushee, do leave Betty Cutler without a twin.
- I, Dave Buzzell, do leave Donny Buchanan a lone wolf.

We, June Clark and Itchie Young, do leave Malon's Alley without two inseparable class clowns.

- I, Nancy Comesky, do leave for Mexico with my Spanish dictionary.
- I, Sue Corbett, do leave my Beech Street interest to Ruth Hier that she may try for him next year.
- I, Herm Cullinan, leave my long walks from the Benmont Avenue vicinity to Dick Long.
- I, Marge DeForge, do gladly leave my long walk to school to any prospective track star.
- I, Midge Dickie, leave my kilts to my brother, Buddy, so the Scotch may continue to be recognized at Benhi.
- I, Judy Douglass, do leave my artistic ability to Gail Moses.
- I, Mary Doyle, do leave to Barbara Mattison my title of being the first engaged in my class.
  - I, Sally Evens, do leave for Middlebury.
- I, Ray Farnum, do leave my art of making the girls blush to Billy Congdon.
- I, Helen Feeney, do leave my forgetful ways to obtain better ones.
- I, Eliza Fisk, leave my candidness to Kay Searles that she may never keep anyone guessing.
- I, Pat Fraher, do leave to Mary Ann Ryan my gift of gab that she may keep up with the most talkative.
- I, Dorothy Gardner, do leave my friendly disposition to Betty Cone.
- I, Gretchen Getty, do leave the Catamount in safe hands.

We, Peg Griffin and Buddy Clark, do leave to Wilma Reifenberg and Malcolm Gillis our ability to stick together in spite of everything.

- I, Maggie Gleason, do leave to Tootsie Hogan my facetious antics that all her classes may be kept in an uproar.
- I, Gail Greenslet, do leave to any aspiring linguist my knowledge of Latin and French.
- I, Don Hall, do leave my gymnastic skill to Tommy Whitman that he may learn another "art."

We, Pat Harrington and Lewis Betit, do leave to "Snoopy" our corner in the front hall so he may avoid the traffic.

I, Bob Harrington, leave to Larry Parizo my wood-working skill that Benhi may continue to have a handy man.

I, Shirley Harwood, do leave my friendly smile to Betty Sleeman.

I, Cathy Hier, do devise my giggle to Helen Kennedy that she may infect her classes with good humor.

We, Trina Hill and Mary Lou Reed, do leave our sisters our ability so that they may never worry about transportation.

I, Kuy Hobbs, do leave my "auburn" hair to my sister, Janet, that she, too, may deny being the possessor of "red" hair.

I, Jimmy Holden, do leave my "car" to Dick Trembley that he may always have a source of transportation to places of interest.

We, Jean Horst, Betty Lou Krieg, Ruth Ann Grant and Marfiisa Mazzetti, do leave in pursuit of four sailors.

I, Mary Jane Ineson, do leave my dog to any Junior so he may continue to compete with Mrs. Russell's "Big 3."

I, Glenn Johnson, leave to any weakening underclassman my determination to graduate.

I, Edith Keen, leave my amiability to Mary Margaret Zullo.

I, John Kenny, do leave to John Litster my passion for the Wild West.

I, Gene Krawczyk, do leave my parking ability to Billy Mayhew.

I, Jerry LaBarge, do leave my bashful ways to Gene Jolivette.

I, Bit LaFlamme, do leave my friends at Benhi to ioin all of my friends in the big, wide world.

I, Velta Leonard, do leave Benhi without a "small in size, but oh my!" girl.

I, Margaret Lillie, do leave my geniality to Joan Gates.

I, Claire Lorenz, do leave to Carolyn Coulter my love of fun and good times that she, too, may never have a dull moment.

I, Janet Martin, do leave my love 'em and leave 'em technique to Thayer Eldred.

I, Dawn Mausert, do leave my personality to Nancy Corliss to help her keep up with Benhi's activities.

I, Mike McGarvin, do leave my "famed collection" to John Burgess.

I, Joan Moon, do leave the Senior Class without

a Cadillac.

I, Janet Moore, do leave to follow my interest in nursing, medicine and doctors.

I, Mary Nash, do leave to Patsy Doyle my variety of nicknames, so she, too, may have a different name every day.

I, Dorothy Percey, do leave my talent of sleeping unobserved during activity period to any sleepy Junior.

I, Don Perrott, do gladly leave my bottles of aspirin to next year's Senior Class president.

I, Joan Perrotta, do leave my bowling ability to Frances Cone that she may continue to bowl 'em over.

I, Brenda Ralph, leave my originality to Alice Morse that she may keep up the morale of Benhi.

I, Marie Rancourt, do leave to Pruny Harrington my passion (?) for sweaters.

I, Janet Read, do leave my ability to outread everyone in my class to next year's 12A English class.

I, Jesse Reed, leave to any mechanical minded boy my interest in stock cars.

I, Barbara Ricker, leave Benhi to continue my gay life.

I, Corinne Riley, do leave my varied interests, excluding one, to Joanne Butler.

I, Mary Pat Riley, leave for Maine—if it's possible.

I, Burt Rockwood, do leave Benhi without a Beethoven, Junior.

I, Dorothy Romanowski, leave on a fast boat to Germany.

I, Harold Rowe, do leave more thoroughly educated in the ways of the world, thanks to a certain English teacher.

I, Bea Roy, do leave my ability of being small but yet seen to Joyce Houran.

I, Jane Ryan, do leave my ability to keep a fair haired boy charmed for four years to Shirley Kelly.

I, Kay Scott, do leave for Washington to discover a rich bachelor so that I, too, may be the proud possessor of a pastel mink coat.

I, Pat Shanahan, do leave for Hawaii to pursue my "Peanut" interests.

I, Elaine Stafford, do leave Mac in trust of the Junior Class.

I, Doris Stone, do leave the problem of balancing Benhi's books to some unsuspecting Junior.

I, Orrin Sumner, do leave my ability to remain interested in the same girl for four years to Fred Kennedy.

- I, Carolyn Sweet, do leave my daily trips to Bennington from Pownal to Carolyn Hohman that she get more exercise walking to school.
- I, Glenn Thurber, do leave the teachers of Malon's Alley in a peace of mind.
- I, Kit Vail, do leave Benhi without a "country gentleman."
- I, Pat Watson, do leave my interest in children to any future playground leaders.
- I, Norma Webster, do leave my "black" hair to any fair-haired girl in the Junior Class.
- I, Carol White, do leave Benhi without my Burlingon interest.
- I, Kathy Whitney, do leave my long legs to Ted Ripley that he, too, may be a basketball star.

In witness whereof, we, the class of 1952, set our hands and seal this day in the year of our Lord, one thousand nine hundred and fifty-two.

Shorty Malon. Red Woodward

WITNESSES,



#### Our Cast's Statistics



Name

Alderman, R.

Ames, E.

Amidon, B.

Bahan, J.

Barnhardt, J.

Betit, C.

Betit, L.

Billert, P.

Billert, N.

Bishop, R.

Blanchard, I.

Buchanan, J.

Bugbee, B.

Bushee, J.

Buzzell, D.

Clark, B.

Clark, J.

Comesky, N.

Corbett, S.

Cullinan, H.

DeForge, M.

Dickie, M.

Douglass, J. Doyle, M.

Evens, S.

Farnum, R.

Feeney, H.

Fisk, E.

Fraher, P.

Getty, G.

Grant, R. Griffin, P.

Gardner, D.

Gleason, M.

Greenslet, G.

Hall, D.

Harrington, P.

Harrington, R.

Harwood, S.

Hier, C.

Hill, T.

Hobbs, C.

Holden, J.

Ambition

Air Force

Elementary Teacher

Service

Mechanic

Secretary

Machinist

Carpenter

Medical Secretary Private Secretary

Nurse

Home Economics

Nurse

Engineer

Artist

Soldier

Hotel Manager

Secretary

Phys. Ed. Teacher

Secretary

Wholesaler

Nurse

Teacher

Artist

Housewife

College

Uncle Sam's Boy

Nurse

Secretary

Secretary

College

Nurse

Teacher

Housewife

Undecided

Language Teacher

Undecided

Housewife

College

Office Work

Typist

Secretary

World Travel

Cattle Auctioneer

Prognostication

Second Shakespeare

Waitress.

Inn Keeper

Squirrel Hunter

Met Soprano

"Dear" Slayer

Devil Driver

Fuller-Brush Lady

Hula Dancer

Hillman's Honey

Hash-Slinger

Mrs. America

Undercover Agent

N. Rockwell's Assistant

Traveling Salesman

Shockproof Idiot

Circus Tall-Lady

Bar-maid

"Kit's Girl"

Midget Racer

Public Speaker

"Scotch" Lover

Milk-Maid

Eskimo Squaw

His Favorite Brand

Cadillac Owner

Marie Wilson's Stand-In

Ballroom Dancer Debutante

"Times" Editor

Navy Bride

Model for Slick

Female Frank Buck

Librarian

Interpreter

College Joe

Old Maid

Lamplighter

Olympic Champ

"Shy-Girl"

Animal-Tamer Bleached Blonde

Song Writer

Idiosyncrasy

Going to Shop

Baby-Talk

Pop Corn

Girls Dick

"Heart" Theater

Pat's Companion

Spanish

Typing

Heartaches

"Yes, But-"

A Blue Truck

His Smile Betty C.

You All

The Gang Itch

"Pete's"

The Four Honeys

Model T

Buttons and Beaus

Rhyme in Time

Horsetail

Alaska

Deep-Thot

Pat

Oh Henry!

Trumpet

Convertibles Mad Monday

Rushin' Around

The Shakes

Carpenter Hill Sneeze

UVM

Sophomore Girls

'Da Betit Boy

Woodworking Violin

North Bennington

Her Car

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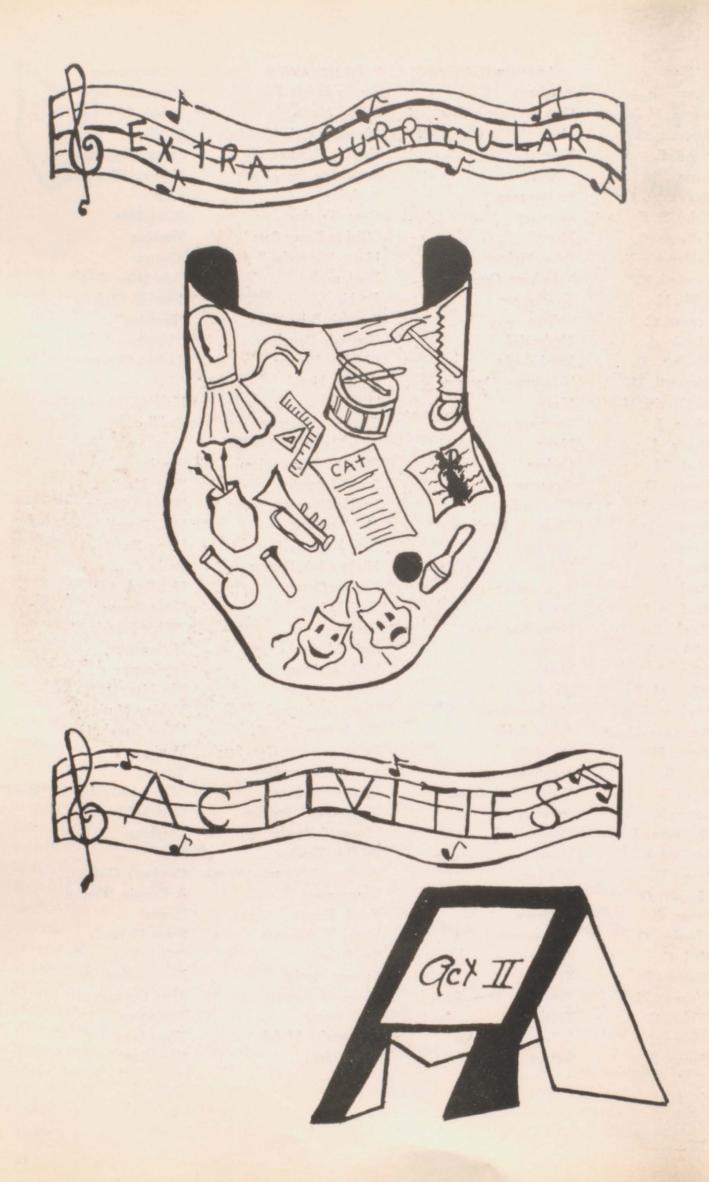
Ambition Prognostication Idiosyncrasy Name Teacher Square Dance Fan Undecided Now Horst, J. Glenn's sister-in-law School Marm Double Life Ineson, M. J. Photographer's Model Giggling Navy Johnson, G. Shorty's Understudy Doing Homework Keen, E. Teacher Reading "Boys' Life" Cowboy Substitute for Hoppy Kenny, J. Businessman Bachelor A&P Krawczyk, G. Navy-Blues Gym Teacher Secretary Krieg, B. L. "Girl in Every Port" Blushing Navy LaBarge, G. Horse "Scratcher" Women Prize Fighter LaFlamme, F. Blacksmith Shoe Shine Girl Leonard, V. Telephone Operator Four-H Club Bookie Lillie, M. Bookkeeper Brenda's Baby Sitter "Berrying" College Lorenz, C. Martin, J. Undecided Farmer's Daughter "Thanks a Lot" Chicken Farmer Endless Chatter Psychologist Mausert, D. Telephone Operator Esquire Model Sailing Mazzetti, M. "Cupid" Half of 'Jezebel' Duet McGarvin, M. Navy Cadillac Einstein's Secretary Moon, J. Secretary Tom Manville's 9th Wife Boys Moore, J. Nurse Owner of Rest Home Nash, M. College Sleeping Social Butterfly "My Man" Secretary Percey, D. Housewife Bubble-Dancer Western Music Perrotta, J. Mrs. Russell Chemical Engineer Mr. President Perrott, D. French Movie Star Home-Ec. Rancourt, M. Teacher Night Club Dancer Books Nurse Read, J. Famous Orator Hot-Rods Auto-racing Reed, J. Sister Sharon Taxi Driver Reed, M. L. Nurse "What Freckles?" Home Economics Comedian Ralph, B. Lady Marine Nicknames Ricker, B. Marriage Vet's Assistant Riley, C. Nurse Servicemen Fortune Teller The Navy Riley, M. P. Secretary Mathematician Usher in Carnegie Hall Making Music Rockwood, B. Army Bride Track Star "That Laugh (?)" Romanowski, D. Furnaceman at Gen. Stark Movies Machinist Rowe, H. 5 & 10 Floorwalker Tommy Rov. B. Beautician "Can't Make Up My Mind" "Zipper" Salesman X-Ray Technician Ryan, J. "Hope-Box" Peddler First Million Secretary Scott, K. "Peanut"-Vender Laughing Housewife Shanahan, P. English Teacher Mac Stafford, E. Wave Author of Western Novels Cowboy's Girl Secretary Stone, D. Commander A Certain Woman Sumner, O. Navy Pownal Secretary Torch Singer Sweet, C. Model T Salesman Poker-Player Thurber, G. Businessman "Ha-ha" Bus-Driver Vail, C. Farmer Knotty Pine Watson, P. Teacher Trapeze Artist Dramatic Actress Roxy Cleaners Webster, N. Telephone Operator T.V. Singer Burlington White, C. Teacher Whitney, K. Cheesecake Model X-Ray Technician Those Legs

Bar-tender

Service

Young, R.

Gambling





#### Benhi's Politicians

The Benhi representatives spent the week of June 24 to 30, 1951, at the mythical Boys' and Girls' States which are sponsored by the American Legion and Auxiliary.

Irene Blanchard, Brenda Ralph, Dawn Mausert, Pat Shanahan and Clara Dyer were the 1951 Girls' State delegates while Don Perrott, Gene Krawczyk, Bruce Bugbee, Ray Farnum, Dave Buzzell, Glenn Thurber, Jim Holden and Burt Rockwood attended Boys' State.

Getting a taste of college life, the girls spent

the week on the campus of Vermont Junior College in Montpelier, and the boys lived on Norwich Academy campus.

Triumphant Don Perrott was voted Auditor of Accounts. Glenn Thurber and Pat Shanahan ran for governor of their states, lost by close margins.

Our diplomats made lasting friendships with students throughout the state, learned town, county and state legislation, and feel that attending the States is a very worthwhile and educational experience.



### Vearbook Board

The Yearbook Board, selected by the Senior Cabinet, consists of twenty-three members.

Editor: Brenda Ralph.

Assistant Editor: Burt Rockwood.

Business Manager: Beatrice Roy.

Assistant Business Managers: Mary Pat Riley and Doris Stone.

Boys' Sports: Don Perrott and Ray Farnum. Girls' Sports: Kathy Whitney and Nancy Comesky.

Feature Editors: Carolyn Hobbs, Sally Evens, Peggy Griffin, Mary Nash and Claire Lorenz. Art Director: Carol White. Assistants: Jean Horst, Marfisa Mazzetti.

Class Editors: Jim Holden, Bob Harrington, Midge Dickie and Mary Lou Reed.

Photography Editors: Jane Ryan and Judy Douglass.

The class voted Andrick Studio of Hoosick Falls, N. Y., to do the photography, and it was next decided by the board that Carl Farnham of South Shaftsbury would be the '52 printer.

Most of the Seniors had their pictures taken early so they would have them for Christmas.

We've worked hard and long to make this the most original yearbook in the history of our Benhi.



Doris Stone, Mary Pat Riley, Irene Blanchard, Cathleen Hier, Sally Evens, Kit Vail, John Kenny, Don Perrott, Bruce Bugbee, Burt Rockwood.

#### Our Patrons

The responsibility of the Senior Cabinet was to raise funds to cover publication of the Yearbook and other graduation expenses through various business projects and social functions during the year. The Cabinet consisted of the four class officers and two representatives elected from each home room, capably advised by Mrs. Russell.

The first effort was the advance of Booster Day tickets which, through the generosity of the Alumni Association, swelled our treasury. This was soon followed by a highly successful Freshman Reception. By operating a snack concession at Benhi sports events, we were able to add further to the treasury.

Another task of the Cabinet was that of selecting the Yearbook Board, which was accomplished early in the year.

The annual Turkey Hop at Thanksgiving was enjoyed by square dance fans to the accompaniment of Orrin Sumner's "Four Sharps," who again did the musical honors at the Christmas Cotillion. The magazine campaign, the sale of "Benhi" scarves, and pencils engraved with the basketball schedule, completed the business history of the class. The final social extravanga was the Junior Prom in the spring, finishing off a successful senior year for the Class of 1952.



Don Perrott, Burt Rockwood, Clara Dyer, Mary Nash, Irene Blanchard, Pat Shanahan, Bob Harrington, Dawn Mausert, Janet Buchanan, Brenda Ralph.

#### Star Performers

As the Junior Prize Speaking Contest rolled around on May 17, the ten budding orators pictured were found facing a most responsive audience. These students had been selected to compete in the annual Benhi speaking contest. Burt Rockwood, whose timely subject, "Does Ben-

nington Need a New High School," emerged the winner. Robert Park, the 1950 winner, introduced the speakers.

Eugene Clark, local attorney; Catherine Corcoran, NBHS principal, and Coe Norton, director of speech at Bennington College, were judges.



### Production Managers

The Student Council, which is composed of one representative from each home room and the president and vice-president of the Junior and Senior classes, started the year by electing its officers, who were: Dawn Mausert, president; John Burgess, vice-president; Norma Jean Webster, secretary; Doris Johnson, treasure; and John Litster, social chairman. Carl B. Williams was the faculty advisor.

Nancy Comesky and Bill Congdon were chosen from the student body as representatives to the Athletic Council. A Model Security Council was held in Hoosick Falls in March. The Social Studies classes chose John Litster, Lowell Heck, and Patricia Sauer as representatives and Norma Jean Webster represented the Student Council.

Four members of the Council went to Burlington as delegates to the State Student Council Convention. The Council also headed up boys' home room basketball league.

The Student Council carried out its duties and successfully maintained peace at Benhi during the year.



Brenda, Peggy, Mary, Miss Cartier and Clara.

### Foreign Actresses

"The Court is like a palace built of marble,
Made up of very hard but very polished people."

"Los Caracters de la Corte"

La Corte Castellana, Benhi's popular Spanish club, originated in our Junior Year, 1951. Under the able direction of Miss Therese Cartier, it was composed of all students studying Spanish.

At first, meetings were held in class, but when food became one of the main features we congregated at the homes of the Courtiers.

An effort was made to speak Spanish at all meetings.

One of the most outstanding events in our minds of our first year as Courtiers was a most successful hot-dog roast.

And then, we will always remember the typi-

cal Spanish dinner with "arroz con pollo" as the main dish. Imagine all this was prepared by us. Since this also served as our Christmas party, the well-known Spanish "piñata" played an important role that evening.

In early May we journeyed to "The 1896 House" in Williamstown, for a banquet, terminating a most eventful year of our club. It was hard to believe that this was the last time we could think of ourselves as Courtiers.

We Seniors, as pillars of the Court, earnestly hope that "La Corte Castellano" will continue in the years to come, to remain one of Benhi's most active clubs.



### Imported Players

Le Cercle Français was first introduced to Benhi during our junior year with Mademoiselle Hutton and Mademoiselle Cartier as our advisors. That year we published the first issue of "Le Chat Français," the French version of the "Catamount."

Our senior year saw many additional activities as well as the continued publication of "Le Chat." Christmas found us wishing a Joyeux Noel to our French pen pals with a gift package and to Benningtonians with our French carols. The festival of Mardi Gras was celebrated in appropriate style with a masquerade ball. The third year students enjoyed a typical French dinner of their own preparation.

While providing an enriching experience, Le Cercle Français offered us many good times which we will not soon forget.



#### Production Chemists

This school year, a new club was started for those seniors who took chemistry last year. Qualitative Analysis and Organic Chemistry were the subject matter. An elective course, students chose to join the class, under the leadership of Walter C. Wood.

The interested students gave up two of their study halls a week to devote that time to the work and experiments which took place in the lab.





Norma Webster, Sally Evens, Gretchen Getty, Dawn Mausert, Evelyn Ames, Brenda Ralph, Pat Shanahan, Jane Ryan, Eliza Fisk, Gail Greenslet, Kathy Whitney, Pat Harrington.

#### Financial Backers

Proving our selling ability, we, the mighty Seniors of '52, sold over \$1,700 worth of subscriptions, thus making a profit of \$597 for our class.

Pat Shanahan as promotion manager, was ably advised by Miss White. With Dot Romanowski holding the money bags (she was business manager) and Norma Billert acting as her assistant, this project was a lot of fun and very profitable for us, too.

Gretchen Getty was top salesman, bringing in \$162.75, and won a nice table model radio.



CSPA Delegates

Mary Nash, Alice Morse, Penny Gillette, Janet Buchanan, Ruth Ann Grant, Gretchen Getty, Peggy Griffin, Brenda Ralph, Eupha Bonham, advisor, Sally Evens, Maureen Barnes and Kathy Whitney.



Back Row: Vera Drew, financial advisor; Janet Buchanan, Kathy Whitney, Don Perrott, Nancy Buchanan, Clara Dyer and Eupha Bonham, literary advisor. Front Row: Mary Doyle, Brenda Ralph, Sally Evens, Peggy Griffin and Gretchen Getty, editor.

"CAT" STAFF



### "Cat" Understudies

The publishing of the "Catamount" this year provided much fun and the proper amount of work for the students in Journalism class with Miss Bonham advising in the literary department and Miss Drew helping with finances.

Highlights of the year were the special Christmas issue with the mysterious picture of the staff posing as kiddies at Santa's knee, and the surprise April Fool number in which we really let our imaginations run loose.

By sponsoring a waste paper drive in the fall, we realized enough money to provide for a picture in nearly every issue. On March 12 we embarked on our annual journey to C.S.P.A. in New York. Besides the conferences, we especially enjoyed President Truman's speech at the banquet and the Broadway plays. Making the trip were: Peggy Griffin, Mary Nash, Ruth Ann Grant, Gretchen Getty, Sally Evens, Janet Buchanan, Brenda Ralph, Kathy Whitney, Maureen Barnes, Penny Gillette, and Miss Bonham.

We closed this year with the traditional Catamount Banquet and reluctantly left behind our Catamount jobs for the juniors to take over.



Monitors

#### Pro Merito





#### Professional Performers

"All the world's a stage

And every man must play a part."

Drama got off to a new start in September under the competent and energetic direction of Mrs. Agnes Shipp. For the first time in several years it was offered as an extra-curricular activity.

The aim of the Dramatic group was to reach just as many students as possible. Therefore, in stead of including only Juniors and Seniors, as had been the custom in the past, all students were invited to join.

The fall term was spent in preparing four oneact plays: "When the Sun Rises," "Pot Luck," "Johnny In a Jam," and "Almost Seventeen." This series was presented on November 16, to a large and appreciative audience. The Christmas program was also different than former holiday performances. It was in the form of a musical Choral drama. With the assistance of the projector, many of the great masterpieces were visualized. This program was presented to both Junior and Senior assemblies, and also to the P.T.A.

After Christmas vacation approximately thirty students began working on the last group of plays for the year, which were presented to a full house on March 6. "Life O' the Party," "The Day After Forever," "Finder's Keepers," and "The Wooden Leg," brought the dramatic lives of many of us to an end.

### Our Angels Sang ...



The Benhi chorus and newly formed "Chordettes" participated actively in one program after another during the school year, under the enthusiastic direction of Marilyn Drake. They sang at the Christmas program, the P. T. A., Tri-State, and Memorial Day exercises.

Practices were held during activity periods, noon hours, and evenings. The groups became very interested in the vocal projects and became "Song-birds" over night.

The "Chordettes," an advanced group started in January and composed of twelve high school girls, sang four part music. The members were: Joan Barnhardt, Elizabeth Browning, Janet Buchanan, Ina Buck, Nancy Corliss, Carolyn Coulter, Gail Greenslet, Cathleen Hier, Doris Johnson, Edith Keen, Dawn Mausert and Carol White. The girls auditioned at All-State in Burlington and received an "A" rating.

A spring concert, made up of a variety of music, including light and serious pieces, was presented by the group. The music department, represented by both band and choral groups, contributed to Commencement Week exercises. Whenever the opportunity arose, the chorus and Chordettes were always available and willing to present to the public of Bennington a sample of their talents.



"The man that hath no music in himself, ...

Let no such man be trusted."

THE MERCHANT OF VENICE, ACT V, Sc. II

Benhi's Band completed a very successful year under the capable leadership of George S. Clinton, our new Director.

Officers for year '51-'52 included President: Burt Rockwood; Vice-President, Joan Kennedy; Secretary, Norma Billert; and Treasurer, Ronald Alderman.

Some of the Band members toured to Burlington for the All-State Festival, and two concerts were presented during the year. Our Band played in all of the national holiday parades and at all home football and basketball games. The snappy new field formations added much to our games.

Nine key positions were held by Seniors who departed in '52. These graduating musicians include Burt Rockwood, Orrin Sumner, Eliza Fisk, Peggy Billert, Norma Billert, Mary Pat Riley, Jane Ryan, Ronald Alderman, Gretchen Getty, and Margaret Lillie.



#### 9. A.A.



Benhi's Girls' Athletic Association was headed by the following officers: President, Nancy Comesky; Vice-president, Patsy Doyle; Treasurer, Kathy Whitney; Secretary, Nancy Buchanan; Business Manager, Shirley Kelley; Assistant Business Manager, Joanne Murray; Freshman Representative, Joanie Riley; and Miss Clorinda Lauretano, Faculty Advisor.

The organization welcomed all its new members in September. A party initiating those poor freshmen was lots of fun.

A volleyball tournament was held in the fall and the winners competed with the faculty. Later during the year bowling teams were organized and each week our Benhi Bowlers took off for Union Street to take over the alleys.

In the fall the most talkative officers were sent to the radio station with Miss Lauretano to tell the public about our G.A.A.

Mount Anthony was the destination for about fifteen ambitious gals on one Sunday afternoon. When the top was reached we played a game of touch football.

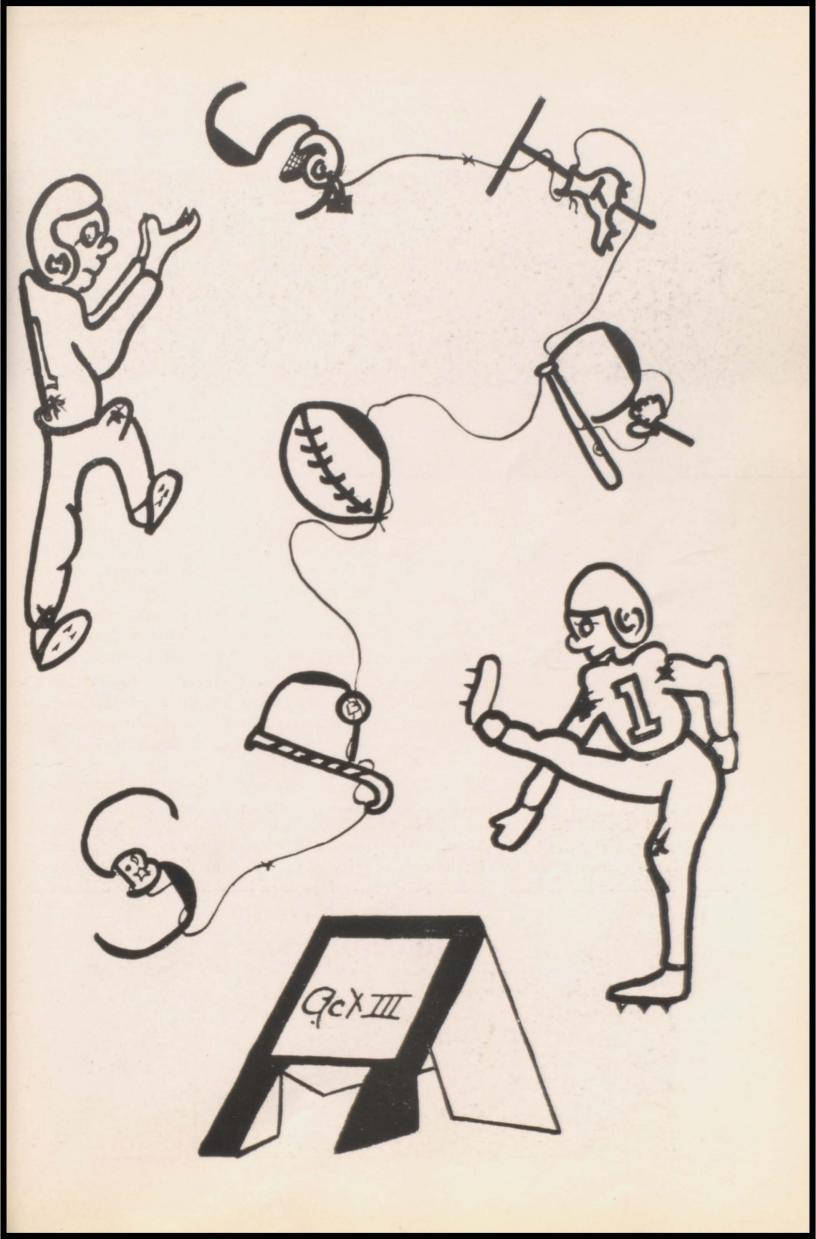
The girls took in money for the Association by holding a food sale, faculty-student games, collecting dues, and many other activities.

At the annual banquet in June the Senior Award, Beth Baker Award, and all athletic awards were given out to the G.A.A. members.

#### G.A.A. OFFICERS

Shirley Kelley, Pat Doyle, Joanne Murray, Nancy Buchanan, Kathy Whitney, Joan Riley, Nancy Comesky and Miss Lauretano.





#### Brawn Behind the Scenes



Although the Catamounts lost all eight games, the Bennington High School grid fans saw the return of the single wing under Coaches William Friberg and Carl Williams.

Rutland High, Vermont's top team, took the first game 28-0 in a hard fought battle. Going into the third quarter of the Brattleboro game on the short end of a 33-0 score, the Cats put on a surge of power as they stopped the Colonels cold on the line of scrimmage and scored three consecutive touchdowns and two extra points.

In the following match, Springfield invaded Alumni Field and sank the Cats 19-6. Losing the M.S.J. game 28-6 didn't hurt our team as much as losing Bobby Racicot, who broke his leg upsetting an M.S.J. pass. We ran up against a heart-breaker when we lost 7-6 to Williamstown. Benhi made the extra point but a penalty caused the play to be called back and the second try was missed. Bill Congdon ran 75 yards for the last play of the game but fell short of a touchdown by 5 yards—a heartbreaker indeed. Bellows Falls



at home and St. Joe's of Pittsfield away both ended with a 19-6 score. The final game was at home with Spaulding, the score 33-7. The scores of the games fail to indicate the fine play showed by the team. Most of our boys were inexperienced and light, while the experienced players had to learn a new system. Of the twenty-three who received letters only eight were seniors. Next year the Cats will have more experience in their new system and are looking forward to playing the teams we lost so heavily to in our senior year.

Highlighting the season were the 70-odd yard runs of Co-Captains Ray Farnum and Glenn Thurber, Billy Congdon, and the defensive play of Henry McLenithan and Dave Buzzell. Henry and Dave were commended bythe Rutland Herald for being the outstanding defensive players of the Rutland-Benhi game.

The eight seniors who left were Co-Captains Glenn Thurber and Ray Farnum, Clarence Betit, Dave Buzzell, Don Perrott, Jim Holden, "Itchie" Young and Manager Kit Vail.





### Benhi's Hockettes

Approximately twenty-five lassies took time from their studies to try out for the hockey squad for the year 1951.

The chosen squad was coached by Misses Dorothy Bradshaw and Rose Somensini, student teachers who substituted for Miss Clorinda Lauretano while she was on tour of the British isles with the United States Women's Lacrosse Team. The team ventured to Arlington for their first game of the season which ended in a tie score of 3-3. The return game with Arlington at Benhi was a great disappointment to the Benhi lassies, the final score being Arlington 3, Benhi 0. The meeting of North Bennington High and Benhi brought on the first win of the season, 4-0, for the Benhi lassies.

Late in September Wilmington High School held a Hockey Clinic and Benhi sent five members of their team to represent them. Those who attended were Nancy C., Kathy W., Alice M., Joan P., and Faye E.

This year's season was cut short due to an early snow fall and the return game with North Bennington and both Wilmington games had to be cancelled.

October 27, the lassies attended a Hockey Play Day sponsored by the Mohawk Field Association held at Saint Agnes Academy, in Albany. Benhi played three games and lost one, tied one, and won one. The team gave an excellent showing and Ida Main was chosen from Benhi to play on the All Star Reserve Team.

This year the team loses three members by graduation: Captain Nancy Comesky, Kathy Whitney and Helen Feeney.





Left to right: Coach Williams, D. Burke, D. Estes, L. Heck, D. Trombley, G. Niles, manager. Sitting: G. Thurber, R. Farnum, H. Cullinan, B. McGuire, captain, D. Long and G. Jolivette.

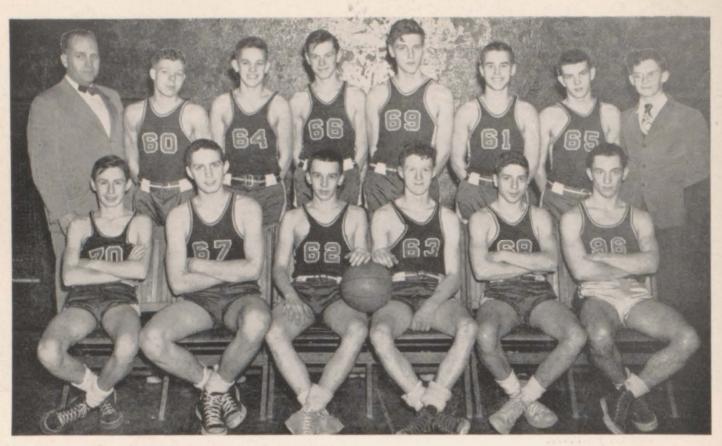
## Cat's Big Men

Severely lacking in height this year, the Varsity basketball squad had a mediocre season, winning twelve out of twenty contests.

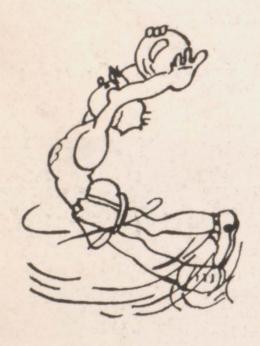
The "Cat" aggression started off on the wrong foot by losing three straight, but then "got hot" and stayed in the top half of the Southern Vermont League only to taper off and drop into a two way tie with the Bellows Falls Terriers for fourth spot.

In the playoff for a berth in the Southern Vermont Tourney, the Varsity trailed by 15 points with about 12 minutes to play. Going into the final eight minutes the Catamounts cut the Terriers' lead to two points, but Maguire and Long fouled out and Bellows Falls went on to win, 62-52.

Bob Maguire was high scorer for Benhi for the second straight year. This season he had a total of 344 points for a game average of 17.2. "Mac" also won high-scoring honors in the S.V.L., netting 234 points. Although heavily guarded by the opposition, "Mac" always hit double figures.



Junior Varsity Jeam



Dick Long, the only returning Varsity player, was second high scorer with 208 points for a 10.4 mark, while Glenn Thurber had 204 for a 10.2 average. Ray Farnum was fourth and Herm Cullinan finished fifth.

Bob Maguire, Glenn Thurber, Ray Farnum, Herm Cullinan and "Itch" Young all ended their high school basketball careers this year. Four of these boys were members of the first five varsity and one was a jayvee.









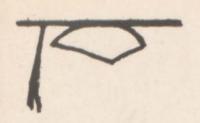




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### Senior Week Program

June 6-Senior Ball. 9 to 1 o'clock in the gym.

June 8—Baccalaureate in the assembly hall at 5 o'clock. Speaker, Father Benjamin Kuhn of Siena College.

June 9-Senior Tea and Senior Banquet.

June 10-Introduction of Seniors into the Alumni Association.

June 12-Graduation at 8:30. Commissioner A. John Holden, Speaker.

Class of '52 Motto
"The Golden Age Lies Before Us and Not Behind Us."

