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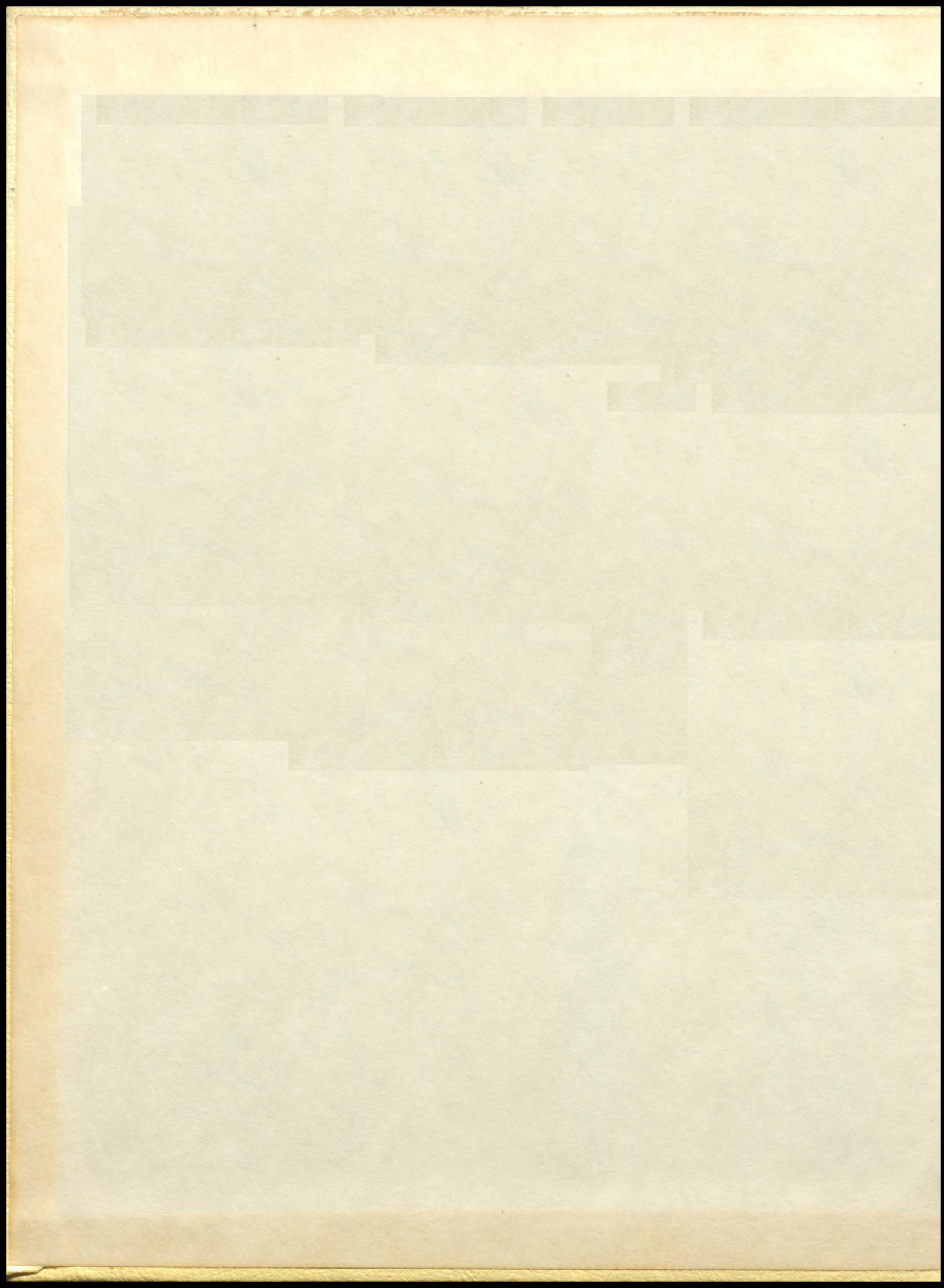
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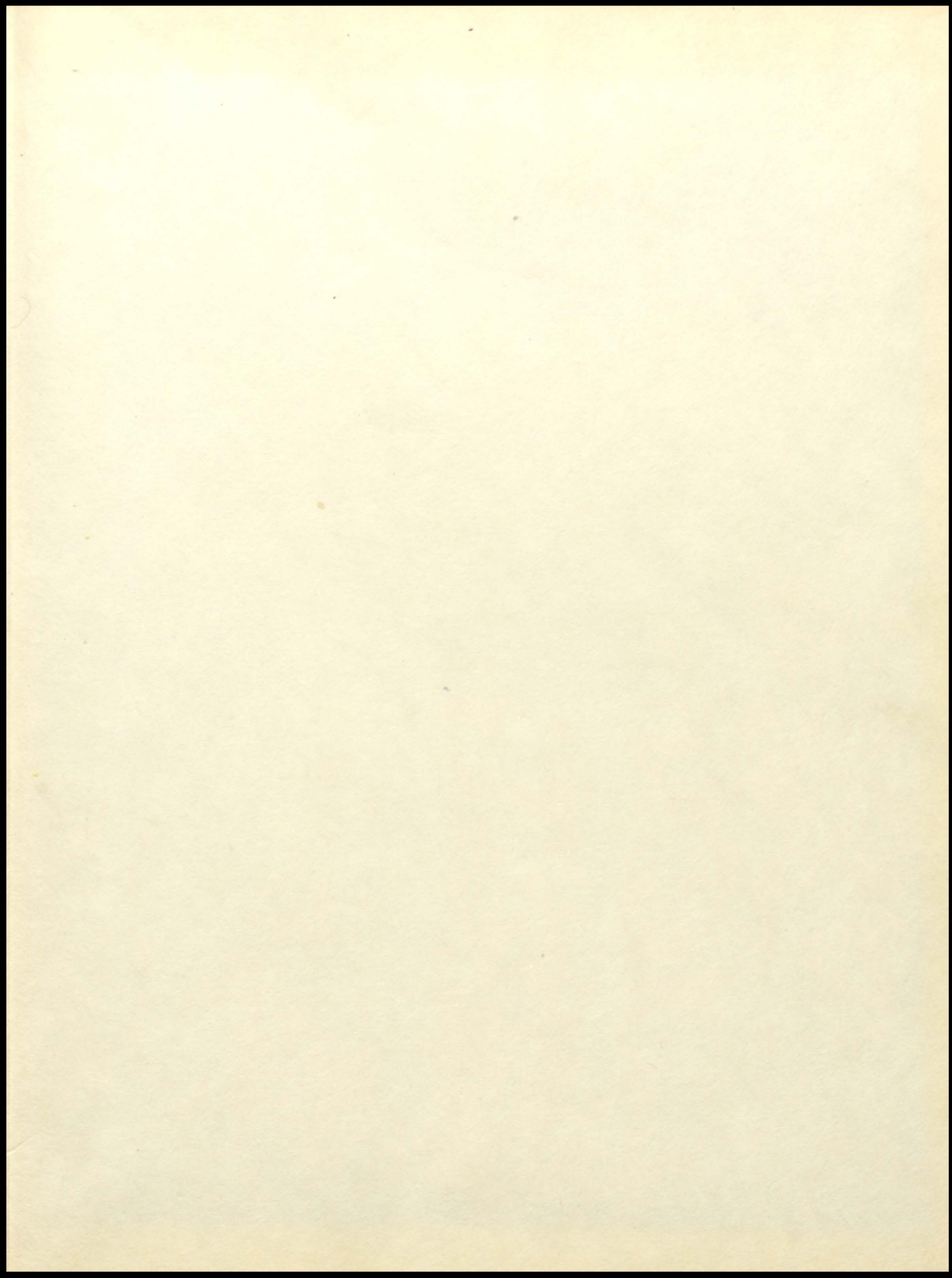
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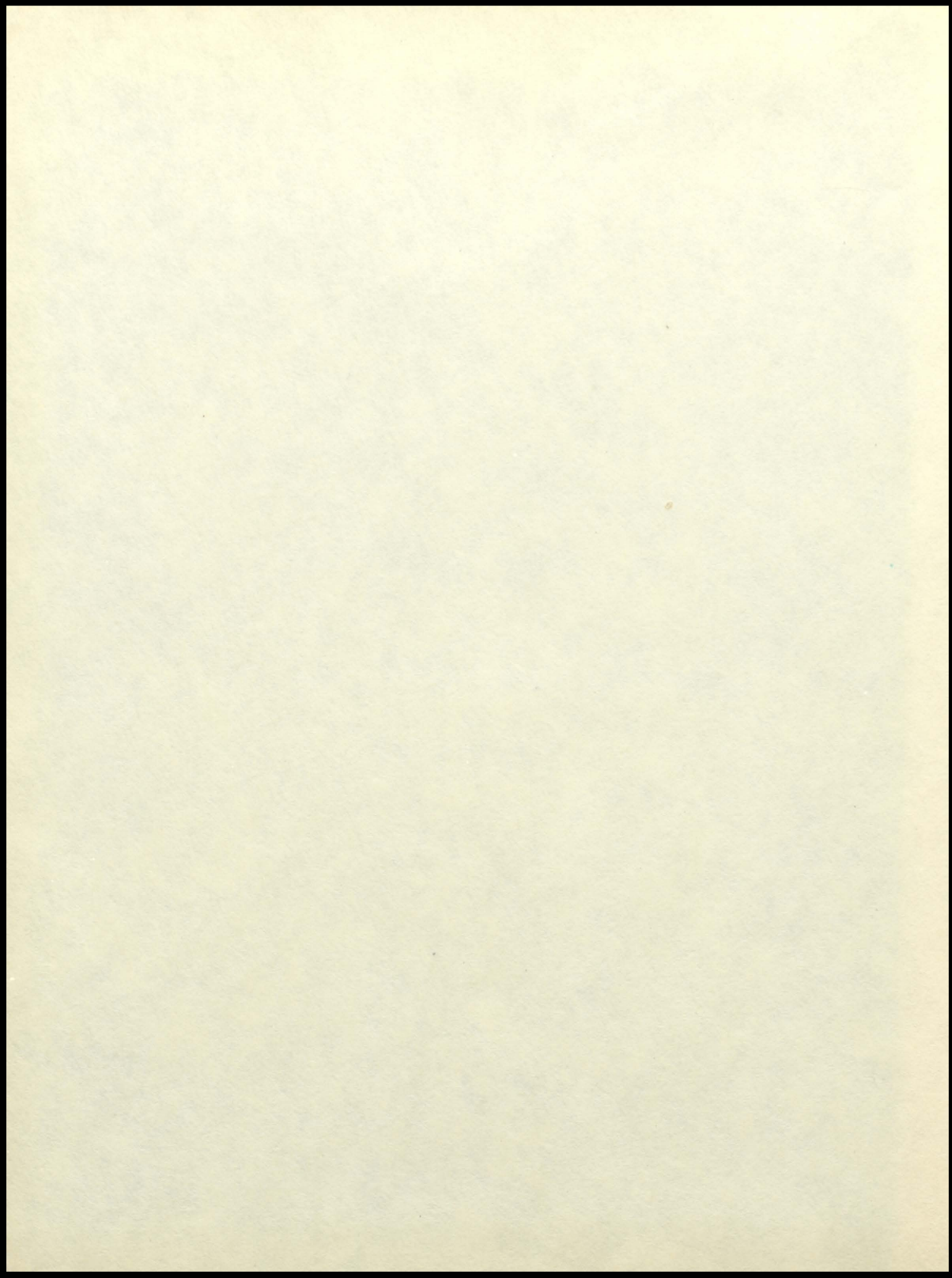
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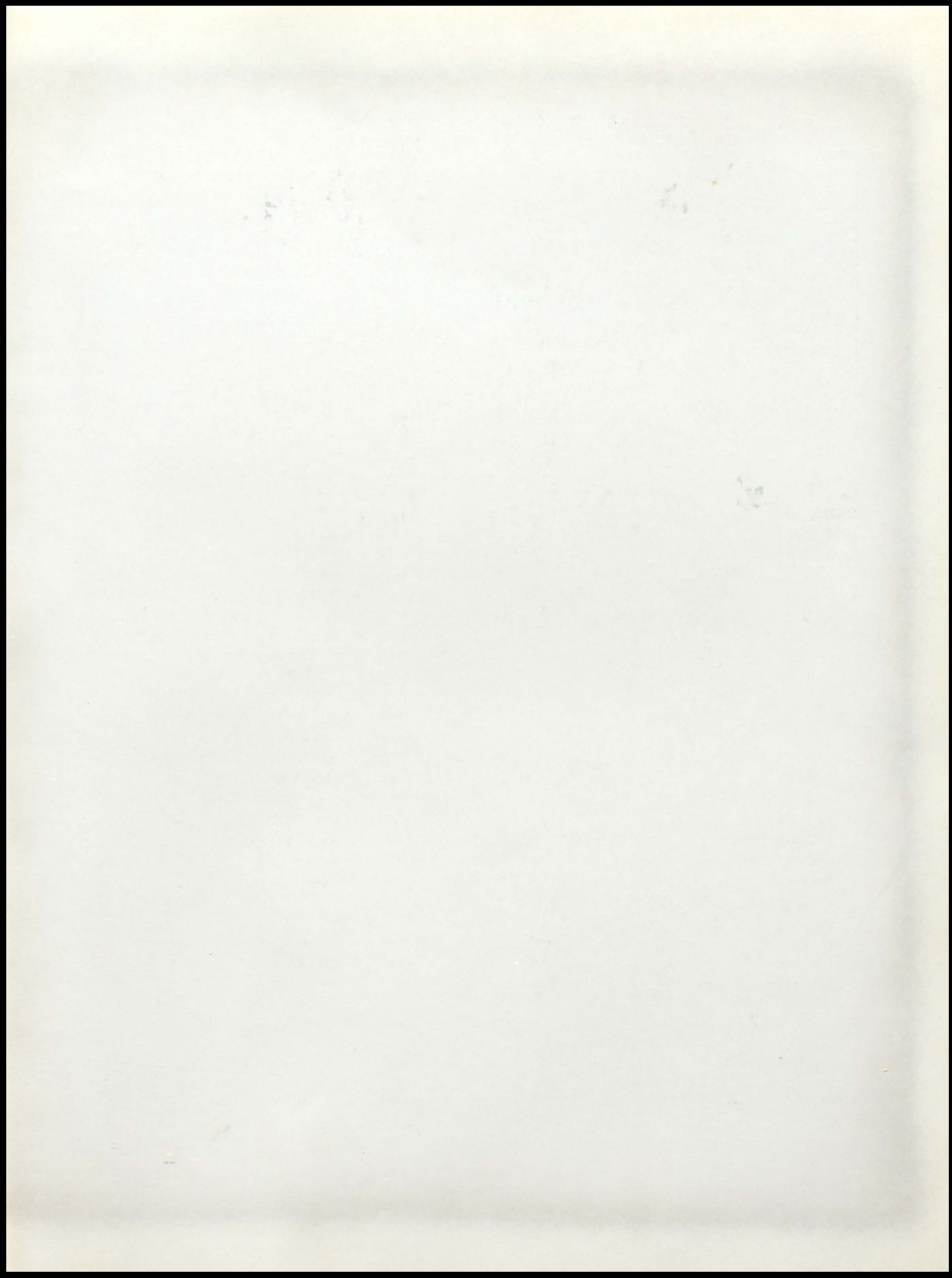
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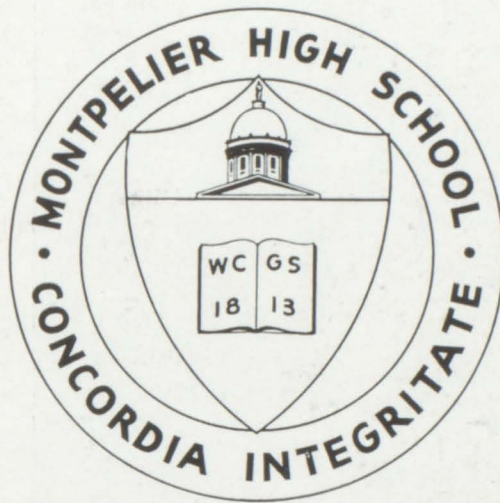






THE RECORD

1953



Montpelier High School

Montpelier, Vermont



Superintendent Donald W. McClelland

We, the Class of 1953,
dedicate our *Record* to Mr. McClelland
in appreciation of his quiet humor,
his extensive scholarship, and his sincere interest in us
during his eight years of service
as Superintendent of the Montpelier Schools.

FOREWORD

A LOOK AT THE RECORD

Montpelier's first high school occupied the top floor of the old Washington County Grammar School. However, the walls were not elastic enough to stretch in proportion to the number of students desiring a high school education; so in 1910 the decision was made to break ground for Montpelier's first high school building.

By 1913 Montpelier High School was a reality. The 390 students who entered the new brick building, which had a seating capacity of 400, were the first to wear and cheer our colors, green and white. They were also the first to sing our song, "Montpelier High". Football, basketball, and baseball games as well as track meets received the enthusiastic support of students and faculty. Off to a flying start, we captured state championships in both football and basketball.

Lest anyone think that we were, or are, muscle-bound, a look at the *Records* will show that music, dramatics, assembly programs, journalism, student government, library experience, and teaching as a profession are very important to M. H. S. students. Of course, since 1913 some activities have replaced others as our interests have changed; but always our pride in our school has kept alive the extra-curricular activities. As a matter of fact, the *Record* began life as a school newspaper and continued until the *Solonscope* was organized.

Yes, M. H. S. has known many changes in administration, faculty, students, courses, and activities. Regardless of any changes which may occur in the future, it is certain that the enthusiastic and loyal spirit of the students of M. H. S. will neither change nor be forgotten.

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Record Board

One of the hardest working organizations at M. H. S. is the Record Board. Supervised by Miss Branch, the staff members strove to put out a year book which would be bigger and better than those of previous years. To help finance this project we held a very successful food sale in October. In addition to this we sold M. H. S. book covers at intervals during the year. The Board also sold candy bars, cokes, ice cream, and potato chips at all of the home basketball games, with the members of the Board taking their turns behind the counter.

The staff of this year's *Record* is as follows:

Editor	Claire Barney
Assistant Editor	Susan Lindsay
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	Myrna Greaves
	Beverley McGibney
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First Row: Miss Briggs, Mrs. Small, Mrs. Spaulding, Mr. McClelland, Mr. Chastney, Miss Newton, Miss Kettelle, Miss Dixon, Miss Branch.
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 Third Row: Mr. Shipp, Mr. Belding, Mr. Carbaugh, Mr. Towle, Mr. Aiken, Mr. Myrick.
 Missing: Mr. Brown, Mr. Caswell, Mr. Coane, Miss Hallgren, Miss Holmstrom.

ROBERT H. CHASTNEY PRINCIPAL OF MONTPELIER HIGH SCHOOL

He was a short powerfully-built man with features so rugged that they seemed to have been carved from granite. He spoke with a slow twang characteristic of sea-faring men who were born and bred on the Maine coast. His formal education had ended when he left a one-room school at fourteen to go to sea; but he was the wisest man I have ever known. He truly belonged to the age of iron men in wooden ships.

One summer day while we were sitting on an old wharf idly watching a lobsterman paint his boat I asked,

"Harry, were you ever shipwrecked?"

"Yes, just once, on Christmas Eve of 1901. I was second mate of the three-master 'Sophia Ann'. We had put out of St. John for the Sugar Islands with a cargo of lumber on December 21. A southeaster struck us when we were abreast Cape Ann. It snowed so hard we couldn't see the length of the vessel ahead of us. The deck, the deck-load and the rigging were coated with ice. Suddenly our main-mast gave way and fouled the rudder. While we were trying to cut the rigging away a huge wave hit us. It carried the captain over-

board, tore away the rudder and took out the foremast. Then we wallowed in the trough and began to take in tons of water. There were four of us left so I put us all on the bilge pumps in shifts of two—thirty minutes on and thirty minutes off. After six hours of pumping our cook said 'Boss, the water's gaining. What do we do now?' I replied 'Keep on pumping.'

After ten hours at the pumps one of the crew called out 'The decks are almost awash. We'll soon sink. What do we do now?' I replied 'Keep on pumping.' When you have been at the pumps for ten hours in ice cold water up to your knees even death loses some of its terror.

After eleven hours at the pumps, on Christmas Eve, at dusk, suddenly a Gloucester fisherman appeared right beside us dimly through the driving snow.

They saw our plight and four of those codfish-chokers put off in a dory and took us off. I remember nothing after I jumped for that dory until I woke up ten hours later in a snug bunk on the Gloucesterman.

Ever since then I have felt, whenever I was working my heart out on a hopeless job, there was just one thing to do. KEEP ON PUMPING."

GLENN AIKEN

SCIENCE

Although there have been many "characters" in my classes over the past 20 years, most of them were, fortunately for me, forgettable rather than unforgettable. During my first year at New York Military Academy I had occasion to reprimand a senior cadet for refusing to do some assigned work in class. He became very angry; his face grew livid with rage; and I was aware that the rest of the class had become completely silent and the whole room charged with an atmosphere of tension so heavy you could have cut it with a knife. I realized the boy was fighting a losing battle with an almost uncontrollable temper, so I suggested that he and I leave the room, and the situation was finally brought under control. What I did *not* realize until afterward was that he was the heavy-weight boxing champion of the entire corps of 350 cadets! He later went into the army and lost a leg in the Battle of the Bulge in World War II, but the thing I remember most about him was his method of apologizing for the above incident. His pride would not allow him to offer a direct apology, but several days after the incident mentioned he stopped at the desk where I had been demonstrating in physics and said, "Sir, if you'd like to have me, I'd be glad to help you put away that apparatus in the cases." Needless to say, it made a far greater impression upon me (and, I suspect, on him) than any apology which might have been wrung from him by force.

MRS. ARLIE BARROWS

ART

My most unforgettable character in this Class of '53 is a very tall, slender boy, a "Jack of all trades" ready to fix a washing machine, a toaster, or a flat-iron at a moment's notice. He is not only ready but also willing, and does a

first-class job. Walking is not his favorite sport, as will be recalled by the antique Fords he has always been able to keep in running order. He wields a wicked paint brush or produces a tune on the piano or harmonica with equal ease.

"This handy lad I have described
Is second to no other—
All through the years I've called
him "Son",
And he has called me "Mother".

ROBERT F. BELDING

MATHEMATICS

The selection of my most unforgettable character at M. H. S. this year is difficult, since there have been several who have properly qualified for inclusion in this category. However, I shall choose one that has made a great impression on all of us. I cannot describe this character since I don't know his or her or its looks. But I am sure that my most unforgettable character at Montpelier High School is — whoever or whatever set those fires!

ELIZABETH M. BRANCH

ENGLISH

This is it, my first attempt at surrealistic painting. How do you like it? It's not a "what" but a "who"—it's my Most Unforgettable Character, known hereafter by the initials M. U. C. Don't ask me where that jalopy in the upper left corner is going, but I've put in enough MHSers who can put their feet through the floorboards and pedal if it should break down. And what's that X? Oh, those are MUC's skis marking the spot of his latest trip into a snowbank. When he finally surfaces in the spring, he'll find that plaid shirt and those blue jeans quite comfortable. Those people standing around the refrigerator in the

upper right corner represent his family who've hardly seen him since last summer; they're waiting for him with a supply of cokes and hamburgers. When spring comes, MUC will be hidden behind that sheet of music which you can see on the right border; or else he'll be behind those reference books and "Do Not Disturb" sign just below the music. Along the bottom and left borders are scattered the signs and tools of his trade: pencils, autographed notebook, slide rule, and paper airplane. The thermometer dangling from the fishline is his own invention for measuring spring fever. If you had X-ray eyes as the faculty does, you might see a diploma and activity awards in the small box just below the jalopy. Why is the center blank? Why, that's for your picture—YOU are MUC!

KATHLEEN I. BRETTELL
ENGLISH AND FRENCH

Among those attending Sub-Freshman Day several years ago, was a no-nonsense, red-headed eighth grader from a near by rural school. With the others he had toured the building, taken a general ability test, attended a special assembly, and received a copy of the courses offered by the high school in the freshman year. Some moments later he arrived in the office and asked to talk with the principal. When the latter was available, the boy, glancing down at the mimeographed course of study in his hand, presented his case something like this: "I understand about English, Latin, and algebra; but what's this here civics?" "Civics," said the principal, "is the course that explains all about your government: local, state, and federal. It's civics that will teach you, when you're old enough to vote, how to vote." Immediately this native son of Vermont's hills stiffened, looked straight at his informant, and replied, "When I vote, I'll vote Republican."

E. WINIFRED BRIGGS
GUIDANCE DIRECTOR

I remember a girl who made herself very well known in high school. She was talented in many ways and contributed a great deal to the assemblies and the Masque. She is rather small, quick, and a perfect mimic. Well do I remember her in a little girl's short dress, pig-tails with red ribbons, legs bowed for the moment, as one of the more obstreperous pupils in a classroom scene staged by the Masque. She is in college now and seriously interested in making good.

GEORGE D. BROWN
COACH AND DRIVER TRAINING
INSTRUCTOR

Although I must admit it is not too difficult to find "characters" wandering through the charred halls of M. H. S., I could single out one in particular who fits nicely into the unforgettable class. I am not at all certain that the incident which so classified this "character" came about by sheer coincidence. It seems that a certain editor of a year book descended upon said school's faculty with an inspiration which could root only from fiendish intentions. Apparently the burden of textbooks had found its mark, for the idea was along the lines of homework in reverse. Our "character" proceeded from one teacher to another with the assignment, "Write an essay on your most unforgettable character." Of course the uproar among the faculty was tremendous. It wasn't that this scholarly group was opposed to spending several hours on arranging a page of words. The insubordination among the ranks was too great a pill to choke on—students giving teachers homework. There was some muttering that the whole thing should be taken over by the English Department. Apparently one of the coaches who majored at foul shooting at Cowcollege University was afraid

the Student Council would find out they gave him his diploma when he learned to spell his name. Anyhow, after five hours of heated debate at a special faculty meeting one night, it was decided it would be better to humor the pu-pills along; but an extension of one week's time was requested. With all due respect to the esteemed position held by the "character" in question, her name will be withheld — which also demonstrates the high ethical standards of the faculty. However, I do deCLAIRE it certainly was a lot of BARNEY.

JOHN E. CARBAUGH
COACH AND PHYSICAL TRAINING
DIRECTOR

To name the most unforgettable character since my arrival at M. H. S. is beyond my ability. Many of the persons with whom I have dealt will be remembered for a long period of time because of their contributions, while others will fall into this class because of their eccentric behavior. The character whom I am about to describe typifies a group of boys whom I refer to as "The Groaners". The Groaners, for some usually *known* reason, are the recipients of such a series of misfortunes, that they must inform me of their incapacity to participate in the day's activities. These individuals usually greet me with, "Coach, I can't do anything today." This is followed by reasons which vary from having had a bad night the night before to sugaring, lameness or to having stubbed the toe while dressing in the morning. It seems that the Groaner suddenly remembers his ailments when his group moves to the parallel bars. Yet, if he is excused from the bars, I might find him slipping away from the group and performing the stunt somewhere else which puts more strain on the "injury" than it would receive in the required work. The first day the classes were asked to do shoulder stands on the parallel bars, there were enough suffering individuals

to fill Heaton Hospital. Yet, after the stunt was performed, most of these individuals suddenly were in good health and continued to participate. Fortunately, the club is not large. Yet its members have already provided me with so much interesting rationalizing that I shall never forget them.

HENRY W. CASWELL
SOCIAL STUDIES

My most unforgettable character is a boy who has since left school "'cause there ain't no sense to this here book-learnin'", as he put it. Let's call this boy "Tom", chiefly because I don't think I ever had a Tom in any of my classes. Now Tom was the type of farm boy that city folks think of Vermonters as being: backward in his ways, awkward in his speech and manners, and a murderer of the king's English. Because he was not very adept at reading, he had very little interest in English. His rather cynical attitude characterized the English class that year. As a result I found it very difficult to motivate any type of composition work. One day I asked the class to write an essay on any subject they wished. Tom, per usual, couldn't think of anything to write about; so, knowing he was on "The Great White Father's" J. V. football team, I suggested he center his essay around what he had learned in football this year. Tom's reaction to this was, "As far as I kin see, 'bout all them fellars do in football is ta set ya up in a line and then bang ya heads." And that was Tom's honest opinion of football.

GRAY R. COANE
MATHEMATICS AND SCIENCE

To two brothers whose parents were born in a foreign country the encouragement and training received at Montpelier High School has meant much. Their home had little money to sustain it. However, and more important than mon-

ey, it was a home of love, courage and principle. During their senior year they lost their father by death. In many characteristics the brothers were the antithesis of each other: one was serious, the other was jovial and always wise-cracking; one was the play-maker, the other the scorer. These boys also had a lot in common—integrity, courage, a determination to get ahead in life, and a desire to establish homes that would provide more than the necessities of life. These young men are now well on their way to fulfilling their desires. This fulfillment has not come without a struggle. With no money for college each persevered by studying at night and while working. These young men are now engineers and hold responsible positions. Both of them have fine families and fine homes. In their experiences it has been demonstrated that by hard work, initiative, and courage many of the problems of life can be solved successfully.

MILLICENT L. DIXON
COMMERCIAL

I find it impossible to mention one "most unforgettable character of M. H. S." It is impossible because there are too many in my mind who are "unforgettable". During my ten years at M. H. S. those who are unforgettable seem to fall into two classifications. First, there are those who were a joy to have in classes. Each time I think of these people it is with genuine pleasure. Secondly, there are those who, so it seemed, tried to make my work as a teacher as difficult as they could. They were continually absent; their assignments were never done; little attention was given when explanation of new work was being given; and they figured study hall was for anything *but* study. Fortunately, the first group is by far the larger. In fact, with few exceptions, all the students at M. H. S. whom I have helped prepare for a business career have been

a pleasure to work with. They are unforgettable in that I shall always be interested in them and all their activities. The unpleasant unforgettables I would rather forget!

MILDRED L. HALLGREN
SCHOOL NURSE

Where is that small group of high school students who were such little children a few years back? When they were in the grades they thought they were too grown up to take advice from their parents or teachers, but they were not grown up enough to take pride in their health and personal appearance. Where are the ones who said they liked school but would rather stay out of the classroom; the poor sport at basketball practice who finally made the team; the one who enjoyed getting attention because of poor posture but is now a straight six-footer; the ones who liked new clothes but didn't take time to keep tidy and clean; the ones who could not bother to brush their teeth but admired people with attractive smiles; and the one who continually complained about minor aches and pains but is now enjoying good health? They are in high school now, growing up and happy.

ISABEL J. HOLMSTROM
GIRLS' PHYSICAL TRAINING DIRECTOR

The most unforgettable character I have met has graduated from M. H. S. Her influence was not extended to all the classes, but her sense of humor was generally known. When confronted with an unhappy situation, she just grinned and came out with an appropriate joke. Among her many school interests she enjoyed hiking. The pack was sometimes bigger than she, but one could always tell what kind of a character she was by the odd hat which she wore. I believe that she had a terrible fear of being cold, as she always wore her father's long underwear which she loved

to show off. At least she was always warm, and perhaps no other girl at M. H. S. has hiked as much of the Long Trail as she has.

ALFRED W. HURLEY

DRAMATICS AND SPEECH

In speech class one day during a discussion of some of the mannerisms that speakers have, one of the male members of the class raised his hand in objection and said, "Don't women do these things too?" Thus, to assuage his masculine dignity and to be certain that the females assumed their share of the responsibility, the word "Womannerisms", or "Misserisms", was coined.

VIOLET E. KETTELLE

SCIENCE

I find it impossible to think of a most unforgettable character in present or past classes. All pupils have some outstanding trait which makes each unforgettable. Memories of some are most delightful and of others, most disagreeable. Those who come to class with lessons prepared, enter into discussions, do well on tests and conduct themselves as good school citizens are most unforgettable when pleasant memories of M. H. S. are indulged in. Those who come to class unprepared, do not take part in class work and cause disturbances in class are also most unforgettable characters when unpleasant memories of school are recalled.

VERNE L. McDONALD

COMMERCIAL

One of the most unforgettable characters in my experience at M. H. S. was a senior of a few years ago. This lad had the misfortune of possessing an over-active imagination concerning his own athletic abilities; therefore, on the football field his antics were a sight to

behold. I'll never forget the day Whiz played his first game. Although Whiz didn't get into the game until the first half was well under way, this didn't seem to dampen his ego much. As the teams lined up at the scrimmage line, Whiz's appearance was terrifying. He knelt on the line, grabbed the turf in his huge hands and dug his cleats at least four inches into the ground. He braced himself, and then as the ball was snapped he kicked his heels, mule like, up into the air and when they came down, he charged in like a tank for the tackle. It was fortunate for his teammates and opponents alike that they were lying in a heap when Whiz hit them. Whiz could have been a star in football if only he could have built his oil pressure in time to tackle the opposition when they had the ball instead of when they were lining up for the next play.

FORREST G. MYRICK

HISTORY

The person whom I select to fill the category of my most unforgettable character is not one who stood out in a crowd because of any apparent physical or mental characteristic which was out of the ordinary to the casual observer. Bill (which I shall call him, chiefly because that was not his name) was not the valedictorian of his class, nor was he noted for his brilliant recitations. School work did not come easily to him, but he could always be depended upon to have it done to the best of his ability and could usually come up with the right answer when most of the others had failed. My closest contact with Bill was on the athletic field, where again he was not the star who made the headlines because of his spectacular runs in football or home runs in baseball. However, he was the man who was called upon when that last yard to the goal line was needed; he was the man at the bottom of the pile on the defensive goal line stands; and he was the one whom I liked to see

come to bat in the ninth inning with a man on third, the score tied, and two men out. As he did not live in town, he did not attract much attention among his classmates early in his school career. Still, in his senior year he was voted by those same classmates to be the one most likely to succeed. Just how this prophecy would have turned out I cannot say, because Bill's career was suddenly cut short while he was leading a break-through against the Cermans in World War II. Perhaps that is a success story in itself.

DORIS I. NEWTON
MUSIC

The most unforgettable characters of 1953??? Well, robes have been given out, and the buses are at the door. When I ask the wardrobe mistress for a final check, she says, "There are still two to go." "Whose are they?" I ask, and she replies, "Oh, John's and Don's." Then there was the concert when these two arrived just in time for their quartet performance—after having just stepped out of the cast of "Minor Miracle" which was being given in Waterbury that same night. We lost a few fingernails that time, but the quartet was worth waiting for. So—how can we forget John and Don!

HELEN T. SAULT
LATIN AND ENGLISH

Perhaps my first impressions are the lasting ones; perhaps that is why the memory of one particular character of M. H. S. has stayed with me. Yet I do not think that would have been enough had not certain traits of his personality been very unusual. My first impact with my new friend was physical and almost catastrophic. We came together as I hastened across the street laden with two enormous bags of groceries, while he sped through the same intersection, in the opposite direction, on his bicycle.

After apologies had been made, I recovered sufficiently to observe that the rider of the dangerous vehicle was unusually small of stature and nervous of manner. Much more impressive than either of these facts was his extreme solicitude for my predicament. Quite surprisingly this encounter proved to be the first of many, for the cyclist was also a member of M. H. S.'s conglomerate family. Always he hurried—practically scurried—about the halls, heavily laden with paraphernalia. Always, too, he appeared eager to be friendly and helpful, yet too harassed by numerous worries to indulge in idle conversation. Yet he will always be vivid in my memory for his nervous overtures of friendship, his frequent kindnesses, and his preoccupied, perplexed reactions to students, situations and pupils.

HAROLD W. SHIPP
HISTORY AND ENGLISH

Just a few years ago there occurred an incident which seemed about as amusing as any which I have experienced in Montpelier High School. During the course of a United States history class I asked a certain young lady just what an injunction was. She replied, "A place where people go to get the train—like Montpelier Junction."

MRS. MARGUERITE S. SMALL
ENGLISH

No doubt alumni of M. H. S. remember with nostalgia the assembly programs which are always conducted with decorum. However, occasionally some incident occurs which brings a momentary smile to us all. Such was the situation a few years ago when during an awards assembly one boy was seen standing on the stage after all the others around him were seated. In a brief period the group on the stage rose again as a unit and this particular boy, smiling pleasantly and turning neither to the

right nor left, was oblivious, and perhaps still is, of having been "stood up".

MRS. LUCILLE C. SPAULDING
SECRETARY TO MR. CHASTNEY

It is impossible for me to pick out any one person as a "most unforgettable character". So many students are in and out of the office every day. Of course, there are those that just never seem to get anywhere on time—they just love to stay after school. Then there are the money collectors—with their "Please, will you put this into the safe for me?" Five minutes later after it is all locked up, "Will you please put this money in with the other money I just gave you?" !! But let's not forget the Athletic Association treasurer—he is constantly lost in a maze of tickets and change! However, none of these should be called "characters" and all of the students are unforgettable.

MRS. DOROTHY C. TOBEY
HOMEMAKING

I have many thoughtful girls in home-making, but I have one girl who seems to be always willing, waiting and eager to help. Every Monday morning without fail she asks if I would like her to come during her study periods to help with the faculty tea. She often stays through the noon hour to work in the lab and is the first to offer to go up-street, regardless of the weather, if extra supplies are needed. She gave up her study periods to help with our exhibit for the Winooski Valley Teachers' Convention. Last week I noticed her helping others in the class with the buttonhole attachment. This week she tells me she can stay after school and into the evening as long as I need her to help with the School Board banquet. Although she lives out of town, she has al-

ready talked this over with her mother and together they have planned a way for her to get home. These are only a few of the many examples of her acts of thoughtfulness. This girl is so quiet and unassuming that I wonder if sometimes we just take her for granted!

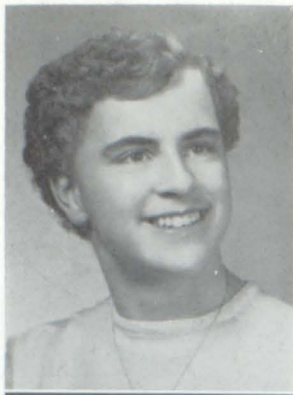
DONALD S. TOWLE
INDUSTRIAL ARTS

There are always a few students who make life interesting for a teacher, whether it is a year book reporter, a study hall gigolo, or a certain John Doe. Now John, for instance, is the kind that never underestimates his own ability. He trips in after each marking period and in his own subtle way airs his very illuminating views on why he thinks he should have received a higher mark. I listen sympathetically. His arguments are so good that I end up by being a little ashamed of myself for not having given him an A plus. This habit is so well established that I have come to look forward to it. One period passed when John *did* live up to his estimation of himself. Even I gave him a hearty A and with a flourish. "Now," said I to myself, "I shall miss the cheery and uplifting regular visit from John." You can imagine my amazement when I walked John, as was his custom, with the look that only a proud and mistreated student can give and in his same persuasive manner began to lecture and make me feel like a heel. After he had delivered a three-minute oration, I suddenly remembered the A I had given him. "But, John," I pleaded guiltily, "have you looked at your report card?" "Why, no," he said in a you-never-give-me-what-I-deserve attitude. I asked to see his report card and with a dramatic flourish showed him the A. Was he surprised—and pleased! Life was dull and uninteresting for a while, but—he came back!



S.A.M.

SCHOOLBOYS



JOYCE ABBEY

"Jo"

Class Treasurer (4); Librarian (1, 2); Masque (3, 4); G. A. A. (2, 3, 4); 50 Point Award (2); Girls' Glee Club (2); Pro Merito (4); Solonscope (3, 4); Junior Prom Ticket Committee Chairman; "Mamma's Bank Account" (4); Sophomore Dance Committee.

Jo never hurries or worries and has a supply of contagious giggles. She likes all sports and did a good job as our senior class treasurer. Her chief ambition is to succeed as a secretary and to hold her interest in Barre. At home and at school she's a gal who works hard.



LORRAINE ANNIS

Girls' Glee Club (2, 3); Freshman Chorus; Mixed Chorus (3).

Lorraine is our happy-go-lucky twin who always has a joke for our enjoyment during class time. Among her favorites are dancing, singing and cowboy ballads. She has that infectious laugh that lets everyone know she's around.



LOUISE ANNIS

Freshman Chorus (1); Girls' Glee Club (2, 3); Mixed Chorus (3).

Louise is the quiet twin who is always worrying about her marks and having minor troubles with her twin. In spite of all this she does, however, find time to be sociable. She likes to work and we hope she'll be very successful as a nurse or doctor.



VAN ARMSTRONG

Ski Team (2); Masque (1); Student Council (3, 4).

Van rates the best and could step in anywhere. As a junior he was an M. H. S. representative to Boys' State. As a dashing figure on skis, he has speed, spark and a competitive spirit.



JOHN ASHFORD

"Sonny"

John likes sports, dancing, and out-of-town women. If there were such a thing, he might be called the Class Wolf. Although he almost always has the right answer, he loathes homework. Sonny knows how to talk to his teachers and, what's more, how to make them believe him.

WENDELL AUSTIN

Librarian (3); Pro Merito (4); Boys' State (3).

Wendell, in his own way, is quiet and friendly with manners up to par. He attended Boys' State and was a credit to M. H. S. For Wendell we wish "the best to one of the best."



CAROL BAILEY

Carol is one of the girls whose favorite tune is "Diamonds Are a Girl's Best Friend". Sincere in her friendship, she always has a smile for everyone and always gets one in return. We're planning to "dance at her wedding" sometime in June.



CECELIA BALDWIN

"Minnie"

G. A. A. (2); 50 Point Award (2); 100 Point Award (2); Librarian (2, 3, 4); Masque (4); "Icebound" (4); Variety Show (4); Freshman Chorus (1); Girls' Glee Club (2, 3); Solonscope (3); Style Show (3); Office Staff (3); Projectionist (3).

Minnie loves to dance and wherever she is you can be sure that everyone is having a good time. Although she has many friends, she finds time to treat everyone with special favor. Her plans include a wedding in the fall.



ANN BANFIELD

Freshman Chorus (1); Girls' Glee Club (2, 3, 4); Pro Merito (4); Style Show (2).

Ann is the kind of girl everyone likes. She is neither shy nor bold, and her serene mildness of manner adds charm to her personality. Knowing her ambition to be a court stenographer, we predict her success and wish her luck.



SHIRLEY BARCLAY

Debating Club Varsity (2, 3), Treasurer (3); Pro Merito (3); Office Staff (2); Solonscope (3, 4); G. A. A. (3, 4).

Shirley is one of our East Montpelier girls who proudly wears a well-deserved Pro Merito pin. She has done very well in her four years here at M. H. S., and we're sure she'll make a very efficient secretary.





CLAIRE BARNEY

"Butch"

G. A. A. (1, 2, 3, 4), 50 Point Award (1); Cheerleading J. V. (1, 2), Varsity (3, 4); Class Vice-President (1); Masque (1, 2, 3, 4), Pin (3); Girls' Glee Club (3), Mixed Chorus (3); Pro Merito (3); Silver "M" (3); Record Board (2, 3, 4), Editor (4); Program Committee Chairman Freshman Reception (4); Program Committee Chairman Junior Prom; "I Remember Mamma" (4).

Claire, our efficient editor-in-chief and very peppy cheerleader, has a sparkle in her eye and a fella named Doug on her mind. A unique package of perfection and a pretty one, she is fun-loving and gay with a cheerful greeting for all.



NORMAN BARROWS

"Peanut"

Ski Team Varsity (4); Football Manager (1, 2); Basketball Manager (1, 2); Masque (1, 2); Projectionist (1, 2, 3, 4); Athletic Association (1, 2, 3).

Very much alive and agile, Peanut can make fun move almost quicker than the eye can follow. Since he has given up riding his bike, everyone knows him as the boy with "the Ford out front". Although Peanut provides us with much amusement, he knows where he's going and has the courage of his convictions.



MARGARET BATTEN

"Peggy"

Mixed Chorus (2, 3, 4), Girls' Glee Club (1, 2, 3, 4); Office Staff (4); Style Show (3).

Peg is the girl whose naturally wavy hair and friendliness are envied by us all. She has a cheery greeting for all and a smile almost as sparkling as the diamond she wears. As you can see, Peg's interest in the future is not limited to secretarial work!



FRANCIS BEVERINA

Pro Merito (4).

Some say that it must be rough to be small, but Francis seems to find it pretty smooth sailing. He's a whiz in sports as well as in P. A. D. His friendly manners will always be remembered by the Class of '53.



BARBARA BIANCHI

"Barb"

Girls' Glee Club (2, 3, 4), Mixed Chorus (4); Chorus Robe Mistress (4); Pro Merito (4); Office Staff (2, 3).

Barb with all her admirable qualities is one of our ardent sports fans. She has her own featured spot beside Pret. Friendly, vital, eager, and with a go-go spirit, Barb should never find life dull.

CAROLYN BISHOP

"Bish"

G. A. A. (1, 2, 3); Masque (1, 2, 3, 4); Girls' Glee Club (2, 3); "Mikado" (1); "Gondoliers" (2).

Tall, graceful, and poised, Carolyn has a mysterious air. We understand that she's some of the underclassmen's idea of the dignified senior. We think she's finally made her decision between Montpelier and Stowe. The best of luck to you, Bish, for you deserve it!



JOAN BLANCHARD

Solonscope (4).

Joan, one of M. H. S.'s most avid sports fans, is always cheering the boys on at the basketball and football games. Her politeness, friendliness, and consideration of others make her a favorite among both seniors and underclassmen. We hear that she's a whiz on those roller skates.



JANE BLODGETT

Ski Club (4); G. A. A. (2, 3, 4), 50 Point Award (2); Class Treasurer (2); Masque (2, 3, 4); Freshman Chorus (1), Girls' Glee Club (2, 3, 4), Mixed Chorus (2, 3, 4), All-State Chorus (4); Pendant (4), Business Manager (3), President (4); "Mikado" (1); Gondoliers" (2); "Trial By Jury" (3); Pro Merito (4); Silver "M" (4); Record Board (3, 4), Treasurer (4); Junior Prom Refreshment Committee Chairman; Class Gift Committee Chairman (4).

Jane certainly has the knack for taking care of money matters. Her sparkling eyes and good humor have endeared her to all at M. H. S. With her host of friends, both in Montpelier and in surrounding towns, Jane is never at a loss for a party or a date.



SHIRLEY BREER

Office Staff (2).

In quietness there is liveliness too, for Shirley is active in 4-H work and can always be found where there is fun. Shirley has a flair for homemaking and makes most of those good-looking clothes we see her wearing. She is one of our more conscientious workers who is certain to make an efficient secretary.



MAURICE BROWN

"Mo"

Maurice is another of our tireless 4-H workers and he is also president of the East Montpelier Youth Fellowship. Mo is blond and has a personality that attracts many friends. We understand that his job which has been part time during high school will become full time after graduation.





HAROLD CALLAWAY

Football J. V. (1, 2), Varsity (3), Letter (3); Boys' Chorus (3), Mixed Chorus (3); Pro Merito (3); Junior Prom Committee Co-Chairman (3); Athletic Ticket Squad (3, 4).

To be another Einstein seems to be Harold's goal. We'll never forget those interesting projects he has shown us along with his class talks. Good luck to you, Harold, in your future field of study.



SERVANDO CANAS

"Chico"

Chico is the fortunate member of our class who has been to Spain. We were glad to have him back at M. H. S. his senior year. How did we ever manage without those twinkling Spanish eyes? Even though he has just returned, he's attracted many friends with his magnetic personality. Boy, just listen to that accent!



REGINALD COOLEY

"Spade"

Basketball J. V. (1, 2), Varsity (3, 4), Letter (3), J. V. Captain (1, 2); Football J. V. (1); Baseball J. V. (1, 2); Athletic Association (3).

Spade, our star basketball player, has a way with the women. Reggie is noted for his basketball technique, his study hall antics, and his dancing. Quite a repertoire! Never at a loss for words, he's sure to succeed with his future plans.



BERNARD CORLISS

"Barney"

Varsity Football (4).

Barney is another of our sports followers, especially where football is concerned. If you ever catch sight of a little red truck heading toward school, you'll always know it's he. His reserved manner, which is an asset to anyone, is appreciated and respected by everyone.



YVONNE EDWARDS

"Vonnice"

Librarian (1, 2, 3, 4); Freshman Chorus (1), Girls' Glee Club (2, 3, 4), Mixed Chorus (3, 4); All-State Chorus (4); Pro Merito (4); Silver "M" (4); Style Show (3); Projectionist (3).

"The girl with the beautiful smile" fits her well, for Vonnice always has a pleasant word and a cheery "hello" for everyone. It must be nice to have three of the best-looking fellows in the class as next-door neighbors, and we're sure they must think it nice to live next door to Vonnice.

JOHN EWEN

Football Varsity (3, 4), Letter (3); Basketball Manager (3), Assistant Manager (2), Letter (3); Class President (2); Masque (1, 2), Pin (2); Freshman Chorus (1); Pro Merito (3); Projectionist (1, 2, 3, 4); Silver "M" (3); Athletic Ticket Squad (1, 2); Varsity Basketball Scorekeeper (4); Record Board (3).

Look for the "car of many colors" and there you will find John also. His extra-curricular activities speak for John's reputation for dependability and competence in positions of responsibility. We might add another—Good Friend to All (1, 2, 3, 4).

BETSY FARRINGTON

Girls' Glee Club (2, 3, 4), Mixed Chorus (2, 4); Secretary of Choruses (3, 4); "Gondoliers" (2); Pro Merito (4).

An ardent member of Glee Club and Chorus, Betsy has also served them very efficiently as secretary. Betsy has a deep love for animals, and we are sure she will succeed in her work as a veterinarian.

RUTH FIDDOCK

Masque (4).

If you want something done and done well, ask Ruth and you'll be glad that you did. Although she lives in Riverton, she never has to worry about walking to school. Though she's quieter than some of us, she certainly is a gal worth knowing.

WILLIAM GIDNEY

Football Varsity (2, 3, 4), Letter (2), Captain (3); Baseball J. V. (1, 2).

In spite of being on the reserved side, Bill is polite and friendly—a football hero with a blond crew cut. What more could we ask for!

JOHN GOLLER

"Big John"

Football J. V. (1); Basketball J. V. (1, 2), Varsity (3, 4), Letter (3); Assembly Committee (2); Masque (2, 3, 4), Pin (2), Letter (3), Vice-President (3), President (4); "The Family Upstairs" (2); "Ever Since Eve" (2); "You and I" (3); "Icebound" (4); "Minor Miracle" (4); Variety Show (3); Freshman Chorus (1), Boys' Chorus (2, 3, 4); Mixed Chorus (2, 3, 4), Pendant (3), All-State Chorus (2, 4); "The Mikado" (1); "The Gondoliers" (2); "Trial by Jury" (3); Pro Merito (3); Silver "M" (3); Projectionist (1, 2, 3, 4); Student Council (1, 2); Boys' State (3); Model United Nations General Assembly (3); "I Remember Mamma" (4).

A glance at the record will show that Big John certainly is an all-around guy. We'll remember him as a competent actor and for his special liking for the artistic name, "Emily".





MYRNA GREAVES

"Myrn"

Assembly Committee (3,4), Chairman (4); Masque (1,2,3,4), Business Manager (4); Freshman Chorus (1); Girls' Glee Club (4); Mixed Chorus (4); Pro Merito (4); Office Staff (4); Student Council (3,4); Handbook Chairman (3,4); Record Board (4); Freshman Reception Chairman Refreshment Committee (4); Future Teachers of America (3,4), President (4).

Myrn is one of our smaller members, but you mustn't judge her ability by her size. She is always on some committee, and usually the chairman. We missed her when she went to Florida but managed to carry on until she came back.



SHIRLEY GRIGGS

Librarian (4).

Shirley is another one of our class who commutes to M. H. S. Though she's a little on the quiet side, she has one of the friendliest smiles and "Hello's" that we've seen around school. We're sure she'll be missed next year.



PHYLLIS HAGGETT

"Shorty"

G. A. A. (3,4), President (4), 50 Point Award (3), 100 Point Award (4), 200 Point Award (4).

Shorty is the smallest member of the Class of '53 and she is also the president of the G. A. A. In spite of her size she's a sports wonder and can roll up the score in any competition.



CLIFTON HOLMES

"Cliff"

Football J. V. (2), Varsity (4), Letter (4); Band (1,2,3,4); Pro Merito (4).

Cliff and Trudy are often thought of as twins, but 't isn't so. He is seen either in a red Ford or in a beach wagon, but *never* alone. Right Cliff? There must be someone wonderful in that freshman class!



GERTRUDE HOLMES

"Trudy"

Band (1,2); Pro Merito (4); Solonscope (3,4); Record Board (4); Future Teachers of America (3,4).

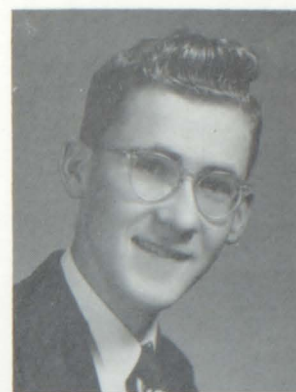
Here's one of our more talented girls who can sew like a whizz. Trudy has a passion for blue. She is also one of the charter members of the newly organized Future Teachers of America chapter, and next year she expects to be at Johnson Teachers' College.

RODERICK HOOD

"Roddy"

Ski Club (1, 2, 3); Ski Team J. V. (1, 2), Varsity (3, 4), Letter (3); Assistant Manager Football (3); Librarian (2, 3).

Roddy is a good friend of Peanut and is always seen riding in the seat of honor in the old jalopy. With his ready wit, he likes to spend much of his time teasing the opposite sex, and they don't seem to mind it a bit!



MARTHA JOHNSON

"Berthie"

Ski Club (4); G. A. A. (1, 2); Class Secretary (4); Masque (1, 2, 3, 4), Pin (4); "Icebound" (4); "You and I" (3); "I Remember Mamma" (4); Girls' Glee Club (4); Mixed Chorus (4); All-State Chorus (4); "Trial By Jury" (3); Office Staff (2, 3); Solonscope (4); Record Board (4); Band Twirler (1, 2, 3).

A worthwhile friend with a wonderful personality is Martha. Her pet peeve is being referred to as "Blimp", but she's such a good sport about it that we can't resist teasing her. College is her goal and we know she'll be a success.



ALAN JOHNSTON

Treasurer of Athletic Association (4); Athletic Association Ticket Squad (1, 2, 3); Ski Club (3, 4); Ski Team Varsity (3, 4), Letter (3), Captain (4); Boys' State (3).

An avid member of the Athletic Association, Alan is the man behind the ticket window at the football and basketball games. What keeps him busy on winter weekends? Skiing, of course. At school functions he is frequently seen with his sidekick, Van.



PATRICIA KELLEY

"Pat"

Freshman Chorus (1); Girls' Glee Club (4); Pro Merito (4); Style Show (1, 3).

Tall, blue-eyed Pat will be long remembered for her giggles in P. A. D. class. She has a host of friends who will miss her next year. In the business world she'll be a success, we're sure.



BETTY KENNEDY

G. A. A. (1, 2, 3); Girls' Glee Club (2, 3, 4); Pro Merito (4); Style Show (3).

Betty, a grand gal who hails from Moretown, is one of our star commercial students. Where Betty is you can be sure Pat will be also, and vice versa. Her wittiness and naturally curly hair are envied and admired by us all.





RICHARD KNIGHT

"Dick"

Boys' Chorus (2, 3, 4); Mixed Chorus (2, 3, 4); Band (2, 3, 4); All-State Band (4); "Gondoliers" (2); "Trial By Jury" (3); Pro Merito (4).

Dick likes to tinker with radios and is quite an authority on anything that pertains to electricity. Since he is not only very likeable but also quite capable, we can safely predict his success in all future undertakings.



DOROTHY LaCOUNT

"Dot"

G. A. A. (2, 3, 4); 50 Point Award (3); Girls' Glee Club (2, 3, 4).

What shall we say about Dot? Many things. She's friendly, pretty, enthusiastic, and quite studious. If naturalness is charm, then Dot is charm personified. We understand she's set her sights on nurse's training. Good luck!



ELAINE LADD

"Lainey"

G. A. A. (1, 2, 3); Class President (4); Masque (1, 2, 3, 4), Pin (3); " 'Twas the Fight Before Christmas" (3); Girls' Glee Club (2, 3, 4); Mixed Chorus (2, 3, 4); Pendant (4); All-State Chorus (4); Treasurer of Choruses (3); "Mikado" (1); "Gondoliers" (2); "Trial By Jury" (3); Pro Merito (3); Silver "M" (3); Record Board (3, 4), Business Manager (4), Assistant Business Manager (3); Junior Prom Music Committee Chairman (3); Future Teachers of America (3, 4); Freshman Chorus.

Lainey's ready wit, quick laughter, and enthusiasm have helped us to do twice as much twice as fast. Never hurried or worried, she has been an able class president. We know Middlebury will appreciate her ability and talent.



GEORGE LANDRY

George, who has a very definite and noticeable interest in the junior class of St. Michaels, drives that bright green and yellow Studebaker which is often parked in front of M. H. S. And what's more, he has a merry grin and a really dry sense of humor.



BETTY LEAVITT

G. A. A. (2, 3), 50 Point Award (2); Librarian (1).

Betty, an energetic commercial student, always finds time to be thoughtful of others. Quiet, yes—but still water runs deep, and so does Betty's personality.

SHIRLEY MacAULAY

G. A. A. (1, 2, 3), 50 Point Award (2); Masque (1, 2, 3), Pin (3); Pro Merito (4); Solonscope (2, 3, 4); Business Manager (4); Record Board (4); Junior Prom Decorations Committee Chairman (3).

A helping hand in every organization, Shirley gives generously of her artistic talent and ability. Whenever there's a hall to decorate or a poster to draw, Shirley's the gal we look to. Shining blond hair and a magnetic personality endear her to all.



JENNIE MANNING

Girls' Glee Club (2).

Jennie, who is always calm, cool and collected, has a good sense of humor and is a friend to all. Good fun and good work will be wherever she goes in the future. She's bound to have many friends.



MARLENE MARTELL

Cheerleading J. V. (2), Varsity (3); Masque (1, 2); "Spring Green" (1); "Sugar and Spice" (2); Freshman Reception Chairman of Decorations Committee (4); Office Staff (3, 4).

One of our prettiest members—graceful, poised, and with a bit of sophistication—Marlene will live long in the memories of the Class of '53. "Frank" and straightforward, she has artistic ability and more than a casual interest in the Delta Psi Fraternity at U. V. M.



BRADLEY MARTIN

Football Varsity (4), Letter (4).

Bradley is another of our Worcester students. He is a tireless chauffeur for his neighbors and a good friend to all. Good luck to you in the future, Bradley, we're sure you'll succeed.



JOHN MARVIN

"Jack"

Debating Club (1, 2, 3, 4), Varsity (2, 3), President (4), Vice-President (3), Treasurer (2); Masque (3, 4); "Christmas Is A Racket" (3); "Icebound" (4); Pro Merito (3); Projectionist (3, 4); Solonscope (2, 3).

Jack is a fellow with a rare personality who has a hard time deciding which teacher he will see first after seventh period. His optimism finds the best in every situation. His black car has taken him and his friends for many joy rides.





JUNE MASSEY

Class Secretary (3); Girls' Glee Club (2,3); Pro Merito (3); Solonscope (2,3,4).

Did you know that June is a former southern belle? Her friendly manner and enthusiasm have brought her many friends and much success. Always a loyal worker for the Solonscope, June was feature editor this year. She's one of our favorite friends and classmates.



DAVID MAXHAM

"Dave"

Debating Club (1,2); Projectionist (2,3,4); Student Council (4); Co-Chairman Decorating Committee Freshman Reception (4); Co-Chairman Invitation Committee Junior Prom (3).

Dave is one of our prominent Worcesterites. When he's around his unexpected subtle wit makes the hours fly swiftly. He is often seen behind the wheel of a pretty red car, but he's never alone for Dave is definitely the altruistic type. And what's more, he flies his own airplane, too. "Happy is he who owes nothing."



BEVERLEY MCGIBNEY

"Bev"

Class Secretary (2); Masque (3,4); "You and I" (3); "Ice-bound" (4); Girls' Glee Club (2,3,4); "Trial By Jury" (3); "Gondoliers" (2); Variety Show (3,4); Pro Merito (3); Silver "M" (3); Solonscope (2,3,4); Record Board (3,4); "I Remember Mamma" (4); Girls' Glee Club (2,3,4); Mixed Chorus (4); Masque Pin (4); G. A. A. (1,2,3,4).

A rare combination of charm, gentleness and a pleasant manner is to be found in Bev's personality. She puts in many hours in the interests of the Solonscope and Record Board whose staffs will miss her next year.



GEORGE MELETES

"Gawge"

Football J. V. (2); Basketball J. V. (2); Varsity (3,4), Letter (3), Captain (3); Baseball Varsity (2,3,4), Letter (2); Baseball J. V. (1).

Seemingly quiet, but only until you get to know him, is our shy athlete, Gawge, who has willingly given much time and energy to the Solons. We're sure that for next year the coach will have to train two men to take his place.



DONALD MILLER

"Don"

Football J. V. (1,2), Varsity (3,4), Letter (3); Basketball J. V. (1); Baseball J. V. (1); Basketball Manager (4), Assistant Manager (3); Class President (3); Masque (1,3,4); "Spring Green" (1); "Minor Miracle" (4); Freshman Chorus (1); Boys' Chorus (2,3,4); Mixed Chorus (2,3,4), Pendant (4); All-State Chorus (4); Chorus Business Manager (4); "Mikado" (1); "Trial by Jury" (4); Silver "M" (4); Student Council (4); Boys' State (3); Junior Rotarian (4).

Don is the gentleman who has won our hearts with his enchanting way, good looks and irresistible charm. He has a fine singing voice and is one of our better French students; no undertaking is too difficult for him. "The style is the man himself."

ALAN MILO

"Pret"

Band (4); All-State Band (4); Boys' Chorus (4); Mixed Chorus (4).

When Pret joined our ranks in his senior year, we gained a valuable asset. Possessing a winning smile and pleasing personality, he wasn't long in getting acquainted—with Barb, especially. He is earnest, conscientious, and a true friend.



HELEN MORSE

G. A. A. (2, 3); Class Secretary (1); Freshman Chorus (1); Girls' Glee Club (2, 3, 4); Mixed Chorus (3, 4); "Mikado" (1); Pro Merito (4); Solonscope (3); Style Show (1, 3).

Helen is able to match wits with the keenest and rarest and is always ready to laugh. Her friendly ways speak for themselves. You're sure to have a good time when Helen's around.



KENNETH NELSON

"Slim"

Football J. V. (1), Varsity (2, 3, 4), Letter (3); Basketball J. V. (2); Baseball J. V. (1, 2), Varsity (3), Letter (3); Basketball J. V. (2).

Broad-shouldered and another one of the Solons' favorite football players, Ken is gifted with generosity and friendliness. Although popular with everyone, he is especially serious minded about a certain underclassman. "A young man's strength is in his charm."



ROBERT PARKER

"Bob"

Bob is usually seen driving that Ford convertible. He is as quiet as they come, but only until you know him well. He is nearly always seen with his old side-kick, Mo Brown.



RUTH PETERSON

"Poopy"

G. A. A. (1, 2); Cheerleading J. V. (1, 2, 3), Varsity (4); Masque (1, 2, 3, 4); Pro Merito (4); Silver "M" (4); Student Council (2, 3, 4); Vice-President (3); President (4); Solonscope (3, 4); Advertising Manager (4); Band (1, 2, 3, 4); Future Teachers of America (4); "I Remember Mamma" (4); All-State Band (4); Girls' State (3).

One of our popular cheerleaders with poise and confidence. Her friends may be counted in large numbers and she's a friend worth having. Ruthie's ambition, intelligence and twinkling laughter will long be remembered at M. H. S.





MARJORIE PILLSBURY

"Margie"

Class Treasurer (3); Masque (1); "I Remember Mamma" (4); Pro Merito (3).

Margie is a typical school girl with a host of interests. Her magnanimity and sociability (such big words for such a small package) make her a good friend and a good sport—an asset to any party. She upholds school spirit and looks forward to the future. Good luck, kid!



LOIS POIRIER

"Lo"

Variety Show (3,4); Girls' Glee Club (2,3); "Mikado" (1); Student Council (4); President of Silver "M" Committee (4); Chairman Korean Clothes Drive (4); Record Board (4); "I Remember Mamma" (4); G. A. A. (1,2); Masque (1); Style Show (3); Freshman Chorus (1).

Lo is that girl who has such an affinity for red. She certainly is lucky to have such pretty hair. As a member of Student Council she is always very busy, but she still has time for her many friends. Life must look nice through such pretty eyes.



RODERICK PRATT

"Rod"

Ski Club (1,2).

Rod is a rather short and quiet senior who came through quite well with his mechanical drawing. Although he enjoys hunting, he seems to find time for some bowling now and then.



VERNON PREEDOM

Vernon is quiet, well mannered, and seldom hurried or worried. He always has a smile for everyone and is popular with his classmates. Boy, does he know his Law!



JOHN QUINN

"Johnney"

Our official woman-teaser loves to laugh and will always be remembered for his gay antics in the classrooms. He enjoys many sports and likes to sing.

GRANT REYNOLDS

Masque (2, 3, 4), Pin (4), Assistant Business Manager (3); "Sugar and Spice" (2); " 'Twas the Fight Before Christmas" (3); "Icebound" (4); "Minor Miracle" (4); Pro Merito (3); Solonscope (2, 3, 4), Assistant Editor (3), Editor (4); Record Board (4); Boys' State (3); Silver "M" (4).

As editor of the Solonscope, Grant has had a responsible job which he has done exceptionally well. Boy, what a whiz he is in history! A good worker, Grant still has time for fun.



BEATRICE RICHARDSON

"Bea"

Masque (1).

One of the smaller and quieter members of our class, Bea is never rushed nor fussed. Her friendliness and warm smile are inviting to everyone. It has been said that the less you say the more you hear. Right, Bea?



JAMES RICHARDSON

"Jimmy"

Baseball J. V. (2), Varsity (3, 4), Letter (3).

Our classmate with the sense of humor and laugh is Jimmy. He's a loyal baseball fan and with his pitching skill is a great asset to our baseball team. If you want to know anything about Worcester, just ask Jim—he'll be sure to know.



JO ANN RICHARDSON

"Jo"

G. A. A. (1, 2, 3, 4), 50 Point Award (3); Librarian (4); Masque (3, 4); Girls' Glee Club (2); Solonscope (3, 4).

Jo is our little brunette who is so wonderful in art. You should see some of our portraits which she has painted during the school year. She's been a big help in Masque, on Solonscope, and in G. A. A. She and Joyce are the best of companions, and where one is you're sure to find the other.



VAILE ROBINSON

Football J. V. (1); Basketball J. V. (1, 2), Varsity (3, 4), Letter (3); Baseball Varsity (1, 2, 3, 4), Letter (1), Captain (3).

Oh, those angelic expressions! A practical joker, a tireless dancer, a grand partner, a very popular senior with a host of friends and secret admirers, Vaile is a good sport and, incidentally, very good-looking.





JOHN RUITBERG

Football Varsity (4), Letter (4); Class Vice-President (3).

Here's our star football player—tall, blond, and good-looking. He has many loyal friends, is never in a hurry, and is a likeable fellow in a quiet way. And oh, that car he drives!



WILLIAM SHATNEY

"Bill"

Freshman Chorus (1); "Mikado" (1).

Some of the underclassmen think that Bill is another one of our quieter members, but we can prove that he's a lot of fun when you get to know him. He enjoys many sports and is a firm believer in the adage that all work and no play makes Jack a dull boy.



KAY STAPLES

Masque (1, 2, 3, 4), Treasurer (4); "Spring Green" (1); Pro Merito (4); Solonscope (4).

Tall and graceful, Kay is an honor student with an interest in the secretarial aspect. What would the Masque do without her capability! Her habit of doing her work faithfully is sure to bring success.



LYN STEELE

G. A. A. (1, 2); Masque (1, 2, 3, 4), Pin (2), Secretary (4); "Family Upstairs" (2); "Ever Since Eve" (2); "Perfect Gentleman" (3); Variety Show (2, 3, 4); Girls' Glee Club (2); "The Gondoliers" (2); Pro Merito (3); Office Staff (4); Silver "M" (4); Solonscope (3, 4); Letter (3); Junior Prom Chairman (3); "I Remember Mamma" (4).

Lyn is one of our very active members of the Solonscope and the Masque. She's even-tempered in spite of her red hair, which, by the way, is the envy of many of us. We all wish we had her ability to get along with the faculty. Good luck in your future years, Lyn.



WILLIAM STEVENS

"Bill"

Baseball J. V. (1); Student Council (3, 4); Junior Prom Co-Chairman (3); "I Remember Mamma" (4).

Bill's one of our favorite guys, bubbling with friendship and always happy and contented. He has a beautiful singing voice which was a feature of the Variety Show. What would we do, Girls, without his willingness to cart us around?

CORINNE STEWART

G. A. A. (1); Girls' Glee Club (2, 4).

We missed our tall friend who left M. H. S. to attend Spaulding. We're glad she decided to spend her last year with us at good old M. H. S. She's rather reserved but loads of fun when you get to know her.



ALICE STRONG

Pro Merito (4); Freshman Chorus (1); Girls' Glee Club (2).

Alice is one of our honor students who is always studying or juggling an armful of books. She likes to paint, makes her own clothes, and has a good sense of humor—to mention a few of her accomplishments.



NORMA TAYLOR

"Normie"

G. A. A. (1, 2); Cheerleading J. V. (1, 2), Varsity (3, 4), Captain (4); Masque (1, 2, 3, 4), Pin (3); "Ever Since Eve" (2); "Ice-bound" (4); Girls' Glee Club (2, 3, 4); Mixed Chorus (2, 3, 4); All-State Chorus (4); "The Gondoliers" (2); "Trial by Jury" (3); Pro Merito (3); Silver "M" (3); Student Council (1, 2), Secretary-Treasurer (2); Freshman Reception Music Committee Chairman (4); Junior Prom Invitations Committee Chairman (3); Future Teachers of America (3, 4).

She is our pretty senior with green eyes and very pretty hair. Normie has a nice singing voice, also. Our popular cheerleader has ambition and her motto seems to be, "Variety is the spice of life." Her plan for the near future?—A kindergarten teacher.



CAROLYN TRYON

Freshman Chorus (1); Girls' Glee Club (2).

Carolyn is an ideal student; she works hard and has the determination to succeed in whatever she tries. She will certainly make someone a swell secretary. Who's that secret admirer, Carolyn?



RICHARD TURNER

"Dick"

Football J. V. (1, 2); Varsity (3, 4), Letter (3), Captain (4); Ski Team Varsity (3), Letter (3); Class Vice-President (4); Pro Merito (4); Silver "M" (4).

A good friend and a great pal, Dick is the captain of the football team and a favorite with everyone. He enjoys nearly every sport, especially skiing, and was a valuable member of the ski team. How about those secret admirers, Dick?

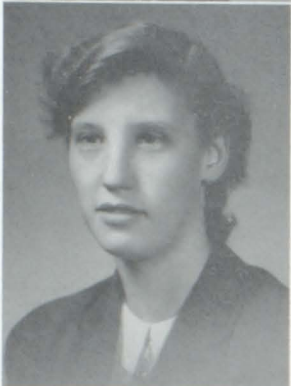




ROGER WASHBURN

Librarian (3, 4).

We always see Roger as quiet, reserved, and well-mannered—and so he is. But those eyes—boy, what mischief they can spell! How about that, huh?



BEATRICE WILDER

One of our representatives from Worcester, this senior is a rather quiet gal. Though you'd never learn it from Beatrice, she is exceptionally talented in drawing and painting. Success to you, Beatrice!



WAYNE WOODS

Football Varsity (3, 4), Letter (3); Baseball J. V. (1, 2), Varsity (4), Letter (4); Class President (1); Boys' Chorus (2, 3, 4); Mixed Chorus (3, 4); All-State Chorus (4); Record Board (3); Athletic Association (2, 3); "I Remember Mamma" (4).

This nice-looking fella's blond, curly hair and charming smile are the envy of all his friends; and, incidentally, he's quite a favorite with the ladies. Football and baseball are his two major sports. His main interest, however, you could never guess!



MORRIS WYMAN

Band (3, 4).

Morris is reserved, even-tempered, and happy-go-lucky. His numerous cars are the envy of a certain sophomore. A witty fellow, he is known for his outbursts in P. A. D. class.



GORDON YOUNG

"Red"

Football J. V. (2), Varsity (4), Letter (4); Ski Club (4); "Twas the Fight Before Christmas" (3); Boys' Chorus (2, 3, 4); Mixed Chorus (2, 3, 4); Band (2, 3); All-State Chorus (4); Vice-President of Choruses (3); "Gondoliers" (2); "Trial by Jury" (3); Projectionist (4); Record Board (3); Assistant Editor (3); Chairman Music Committee Junior Prom (3); Boys' State (3).

This is our Mario Lanza with the fiery red hair. Red has a nice singing voice as well as an acting ability which he has shown in the previous operettas. He was also one of those chosen to represent M. H. S. at Boys' State.

ROBERT ALEXANDER

"Bob"

Looking for surprises? Well, you won't have to look too far, for we have a really super one behind Bob's smile. He's a solid fixture on the football field. We're still looking for a yardstick by which he can be measured.

DAVID GITCHELL

"Dave"

Dave is a true sportsman and would rather hunt than attend school. He has a host of friends and a knack of talking his way out of difficulties. How did you always manage to do homework during classtime, Dave?

ROBERT IRONS

"Bob"

One of our out-of-town members who always has a twinkle in his eye—short—nice teeth—that's Bob! He's a fellow who'd much rather be out-of-doors than studying.

ARTHUR MANNING

"Art"

Though Art will be leaving M. H. S., there will be two younger brothers to try to fill his shoes. We hope that they are as fortunate as he has been in not having to walk back and forth to school. Best of luck, Art, in whatever you do in the future.

CLIFFORD WOOD

He seems like quite a quiet chap inside school, but his close friends tell us that he's quite different outside. Studying is his pet peeve, so he tells us, but we've noticed that he seems to get along quite well.

Class History

One moonlight night a daring moonbeam cast its light upon a star that was twinkling merrily in the heavens. As we gazed upon its beauty, we made a wish. To our amazement things began to happen.

While we were thinking of the past, the star seemed to us to be descending to the earth. Swirling and twirling 'round and 'round, it lost a point on its way. The point began its own flight. It was independent; it reflected its own spark on earth as we, too, had started our flight when we began our high school days. We still recall that memorable day when Montpelier High School opened its doors to the lively freshmen of the Class of '53. History was in the making, as we were one of the largest classes that M. H. S. had ever seen. As soon as we were settled and organized, each of us cast our vote and elected Wayne Woods as our president with Sally Holden as Vice-president; Helen Morse, secretary; and Emily Warren to count our pennies.

After we had been welcomed at the Freshman Reception by the lofty upper-classmen, we came before the bright lights to display our hidden talents which came forth spontaneously and unrehearsed. Thus, much to our relief, our initial step into high school had been completed.

Enthusiastically we took part in school activities and were, in fact, the first class at M. H. S. to adopt a class song, which we called "The Class of '53". Although we studied hard, our freshman year was not all work and no play; we soon showed the other classes that we were a talented group. In our minstrel show we sang and danced with our faces darkened, our eyes flashing, and our teeth sparkling. Finally the dreaded mid-year exams were over and we

caught our breath just in time to plunge into the second semester's work. At last came spring and we turned our thoughts, efforts, and steps to the Senior Dance.

For the second time we made a wish upon the star, and to our astonishment a second point fell and became a part of our dreams of our second year at M. H. S.

Like all wise ones, we decided to choose four competent leaders to guide us through another starry year. We chose John Ewen to be president; Claire Barney, vice-president; Beverly McGibney, secretary; and Jane Blodgett, to keep track of our dollars.

Our imagination led us to the gala Barn Dance. We transformed the gym into a barn complete with hay, animals, and streamers as rafters. Everybody became a Lil' Abner or a Daisy Mae for the evening. The star twinkled merrily throughout the year; and we looked hopefully toward the third point of the star, wishing it would bring us our third year at M. H. S.

It did, of course, and as soon as we were back in school as juniors, we elected Don Miller as president; John Ruitberg, vice-president; June Massey, secretary; and Marjorie Pillsbury, treasurer.

We were so busy studying, working in extra-curricular activities, and just being juniors that the year seemed to whiz by. Suddenly we were in the midst of planning a Junior Prom. We worked hard and finally when we stood back and looked over the gym, decorated to carry out our theme of "Moonlight and Roses", we were pleased with a job well done. It was a wonderful night for the Prom, and with music by the Ambassadors we were in seventh heaven.

If ever there had been any doubts about our dramatic ability, they were

dispelled when we appeared behind the footlights in "The Perfect Gentleman" and "You and I". Joyce Bennett, Beverly McGibney, and Lyn Steele upheld our honor and reputation in these two Masque productions. John Goller, Don Miller, and Gordon Young were our shining lights among the leads in "Trial by Jury", the Chorus' operetta.

One of our most cherished possessions is our class rings which we received this year. Suddenly we realized that our high school days were passing all too quickly. There was sadness in our hearts as we witnessed the commencement of the Class of '52, the last one which we could attend as underclassmen.

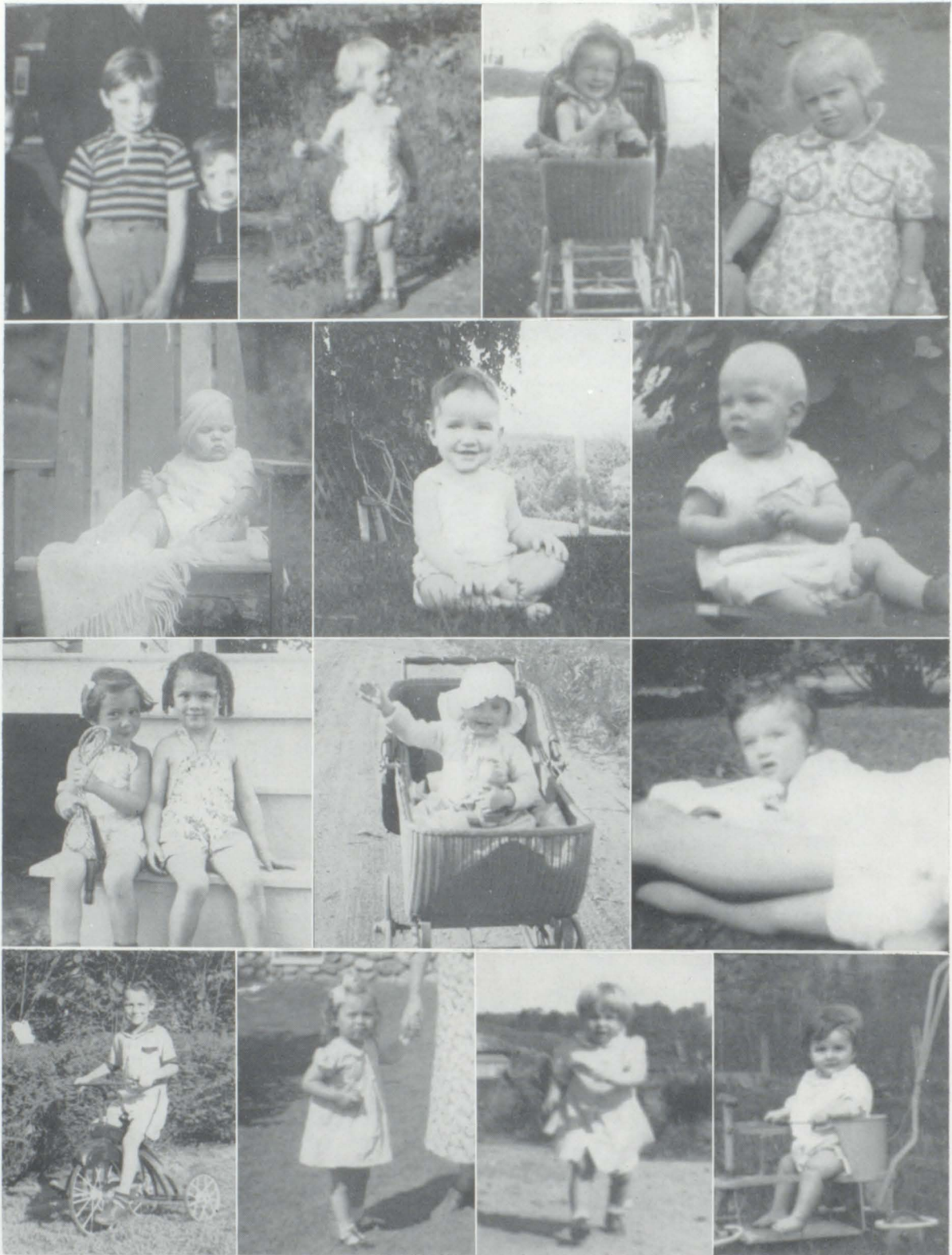
Our lucky star shone brightly as a fourth point whirled earthward. Before our eyes, it revealed to us our never-to-be-forgotten senior year at M. H. S. Assuming our responsibilities as leaders, we tried not to lord it over the underclassmen completely. However, we couldn't help being just a little proud of our senior privileges and the admiration shown us by the freshmen, sophomores, and even the juniors. We gave much thought and consideration to the choosing of our final officers. As president we

chose Elaine Ladd; as vice-president, Richard Turner; as secretary, Martha Johnson; and as treasurer, Joyce Abbey. Ruth Ann Peterson was the Student Council president; Phyllis Haggett headed the G. A. A.; and John Goller was president of the Masque. Grant Reynolds faced the problem of editing the *Solonscope*, while Claire Barney as editor-in-chief of the *Record* undertook the task of organizing the staff and workers to put out our all-important year book.

Coach Brown swung our boys into action both on the football field and on the basketball court, while Coach Caswell sent them up and down the ski slopes.

We were all in a golden whirl of class pictures, name cards, and conferences. Before we knew it we had passed mid-years and we were coming down the home stretch. The Music Festival, the Alumni Banquet, and the Junior Prom gave us little time to think about how soon our days at M. H. S. would be over. At last came the Big Day—Graduation!—and almost before we realized it, we had our diplomas and were no longer seniors. The fifth point of our star holds our future as Alumni of M. H. S.

"When We Were . . .



Bottom Row: John Quinn, Carolyn Tryon, Joyce Abbey, Jane Blodgett. Second Row: Ruth Ann Peterson and Lois Fortner, Cecelia Baldwin, John Ewen. Third Row: Dave Maxham, Norman Barrows, Wendell Austin. Top Row: Marlene Martell (extreme left), Shirley Macaulay, Myrna Greaves, Helen Morse.

Bottom Row: Corinne Stewart, Claire Barney, June Massey. Second Row: Shirley Griggs, Peggy Batten, Margie Pillsbury.
 Third Row: Louise and Lorraine Annis, Roger Washburn, Valle Robinson. Top Row: John Goller,
 Harold Callaway, Norma Taylor, Alice Strong.



... Very Young"

Class Will

- I, Joyce Abbey, bequeath to my brother, Roger, my perfect attendance record.
- I, Lorraine Annis, bequeath to Bev Rouelle all the fun I've had in seventh period study hall.
- I, Louise Annis, bequeath to Robert Leno my good times in study hall.
- I, Van Armstrong, bequeath my senior seat to Douglas Rice to do with as he sees fit.
- I, John Ashford, bequeath all my belongings except my girl friend to my brother, Forest.
- I, Wendell Austin, bequeath to Wilma Austin my ride to and from school in the hope that she may enjoy it more than I have.
- I, Carole Bailey, leave my attendance record to Elizabeth Barclay and my place on the honor roll to Elizabeth Bailey.
- I, Cecelia Baldwin, bequeath to my brother, Wendell, the ability to get along with his teachers as well as I have in the past four years.
- I, Ann Banfield, bequeath my shorthand ability to Eleanor Bugbee and hope that can enjoy using it as well as I did.
- I, Shirley Barclay, bequeath my calendar to any underclassman who likes to count the days as well as I do.
- I, Claire Barney, bequeath to Susan Lindsay, 48-hour days and 10-day weeks in hopes that she has more spare time than I have had!
- I, Norman Barrows, being the last of the Barrows family to graduate, bequeath our name so that it will be remembered in the halls of M. H. S.
- I, Peggy Batten, bequeath to my sister, Lois, all the fun I've had at M. H. S.
- I, Francis Beverina, bequeath to M. H. S. a new gymnasium floor so there won't be a bulge in it every spring.
- I, Barbara Bianchi, bequeath to my sister a seat in chorus if she can fill it.
- I, Carolyn Bishop, bequeath to the underclassmen that have the privilege of taking economics the hope that they enjoy it as well as I have.
- I, Joan Blanchard, bequeath to some fortunate junior my home room seat in study hall that he may get as many books in it as I have.
- I, Jane Blodgett, bequeath to the unfortunate person who is elected treasurer of the *Record* all the "tricks of the trade" which I have learned so that he may not have to experience as many headaches as I.
- I, Shirley Breer, bequeath to Mr. McDonald my sister, Beverly, for shorthand class next year in hopes that she doesn't cause him as much trouble as I did.
- I, Maurice Brown, bequeath to the underclassmen the right to use the front door when they become seniors.
- I, Harold Callaway, bequeath to "Pop" Aiken one new slide rule for future chem. classes.
- I, Spade Cooley, bequeath to Mike McMannis all my luck in basketball.

- I, Bernard Corliss, bequeath to Spike Holden the honor of guarding the water bucket next year.
- I, Yvonne Edwards, bequeath to my brother, Harlan, the pleasant disposition which I have on certain mornings.
- I, John Ewen, bequeath a messy desk in study hall to any junior who wants to bother to climb the stairs for an education.
- I, Betsy Farrington, gladly bequeath my seat in physics class to anyone who wants it.
- I, Ruth Fiddock, bequeath to all underclassmen who like to study very well and not be distracted by noise "up yonder" my front seat in study hall.
- I, Bill Gidney, bequeath my football ability to my little brother, Ennis, that he may make the All-State Team as I did.
- I, David Gitchell, leave my interest in hunting and cars to Albert Alexander with the hope that he will have as many good times with the boys as I did.
- I, John Goller, bequeath the dubious honor of giving out the daily forecast in answer to the question, "How's the weather up there?" to any future underclassman who can crack the atmosphere as high as I have these last four years.
- I, Myrna Greaves, bequeath to my cousin, Paullie, my ability to get along with the faculty of M. H. S.
- I, Shirley Griggs, bequeath my desk in Miss Bretell's English class to "Aunt Betty" Muzzy with the hope that she will find it as interesting as I did.
- I, Phyllis Haggett, bequeath to my sister, Rachel, M. H. S. while it is still standing.
- I, Clifton Holmes, bequeath to M. H. S. my brother, Clayton, and hope that he may be permitted to leave in four years.
- I, Gertrude Holmes, bequeath to the students of M. H. S. no further opportunity to ask, "Are you and Clifton twins?"
- I, Roddy Hood, bequeath to Elwin Prescott my six feet so he won't get stepped on in the halls.
- I, Robert Irons, bequeath to David Newhall a pencil to do all his homework in years to come.
- I, Martha Johnson, bequeath to Mr. Caswell Bob McLeod, that he may have better luck teaching him how to ski than I have.
- I, Alan Johnston, bequeath to whatever senior may inherit the job of treasurer of the Athletic Association my best wishes for a successful season.
- I, Patricia Ann Kelley, bequeath P. A. D. class to all the underclassmen and hope that they will enjoy it as I have.
- I, Betty Kennedy, bequeath my seat in shorthand class to any unfortunate individual who thinks he may want to use it.
- I, Richard Knight, bequeath to Dean Clewley the electronics class in the hope that he may find it as shocking an experience as I have.
- I, Dorothy LaCount, bequeath to M. H. S. all the other LaCounts. Good luck, M. H. S.!

- I, Elaine Ladd, bequeath to Roberta Robinson more skill in the art of gum chewing than I seem to have in the hope that she may not have to spend so much time after school keeping company with Mr. Shipp as I have.
- I, George Landry, bequeath to a freshman, Richard Baldwin, my wit in hope that he may use it to as good an advantage as I have.
- I, Betty Leavitt, bequeath my books to any underclassman in hope that he or she will use them more than I did.
- I, Shirley MacAulay, bequeath to any amateur in art the ability to have all the good times I have had in making worthwhile use of my talent.
- I, Jennie Manning, bequeath to Barbara Stone my ability to get along in English with Mr. Shipp.
- I, Marlene Martell, bequeath to my brother, Fred, both East Montpelier and M. H. S. Have fun!
- I, Jack Marvin, bequeath to Mr. Shipp all my corny jokes, so he'll have some to tell next year.
- I, June Massey, bequeath the headaches of being features editor of the *Solonscope* to Carol Herschel.
- I, David Maxham, bequeath to David Maxham the exclusive use of my name in M. H. S.
- I, Beverly McGibney, bequeath my business acumen to my four remaining brothers.
- I, George Meletes, bequeath a vacant seat in Mr. Aiken's room to someone who doesn't fool around or give wrong answers in class.
- I, Don Miller, bequeath to Jim Hudson a position at left guard on the football team and a bucket for basketball with the hope that he will have as good times in the future as I have had in the past.
- I, Pret Milo, bequeath to my future brother-in-law, Jimmy Hudson, any seat in the back of study hall which he thinks he can fill.
- I, Helen Morse, bequeath my seat in Mr. Myrick's third period P. A. D. class to any person who has to take it.
- I, Slim Nelson, bequeath to M. H. S. a fire extinguisher, so that in years to come no other students will have to attend school on Saturday.
- I, Robert Parker, bequeath my parking place to anyone who can fill it with another Ford convertible.
- I, Ruth Ann Peterson, bequeath to Sue Goodwin my place in band with the hope that she may develop a scream like mine.
- I, Marjorie Pillsbury, bequeath to Jack Pressey Woods my chairmanship of senior privileges, so that he may have as much fun as I did when inviting the underclassmen to senior class meetings.
- I, Lois Poirier, leave my brother, Bob, in Miss Dixon's care; so that he may be helped by her as much as I have.
- I, Roddy Pratt, bequeath my whistle to John Adams for mechanical drawing class next year.
- I, John Quinn, bequeath to Eva Witham my knack of getting into trouble.
- I, Grant Reynolds, bequeath to Susan Lovell one large, economy-size bottle of aspirin for the headaches the *Solonscope* will give her.

- I, Jim Richardson, bequeath to George Banfield my place on the M. H. S. pitching staff.
- I, Jo Ann Richardson, bequeath a tube of my red oil paint to Elinor Pierce, so that she may always have those beautiful rosy cheeks.
- I, Vaile Robinson, bequeath to Stub Henry my dancing ability, so that he can have as much fun at the school dances as I've had.
- I, John Ruitberg, bequeath my car to Jack Woods, so that he may run the taxi service between M. H. S. and Donnelly's.
- I, William Shatney, bequeath to any unlucky freshman the job as janitor's helper at dear old M. H. S.
- I, Kay Staples, bequeath to some boisterous young person my ability to keep quiet in class.
- I, Lyn Steele, bequeath to Mr. Shipp my brother, Bill, that he may heckle the last member of the Steele family.
- I, Bill Stevens, bequeath my job as official taxi driver to Eddie Sibley in hopes that he, too, will have as much fun as I have had in this occupation.
- I, Corinne Stewart, bequeath my height to any girl who wants it.
- I, Alice Strong, bequeath to whoever fills it my seat in senior home room, that Mr. Shipp may watch over him or her as he has over me.
- I, Norma Taylor, bequeath my motto, "Variety is the spice of life", to "Tootie" Washburn; so that she, too, may spread her interests over a wide area.
- I, Carolyn Tryon, bequeath to Lillian Larson my ability to get A's in P. A. D., so that she may get them next year in world history.
- I, Gordon Young, bequeath to Spike Holden my tenor voice, that he may haunt the halls of Union School on opening nights of the operettas.
- I, Roger Washburn, bequeath my senior seat in assembly hall to Archie Stockwell when he gets to be a senior.
- I, Wayne Woods, bequeath to my brother, Jack, the use of a certain big blue Packard, that he may have the good times at M. H. S. that I have had.



“Now We Are Six”



Class Prophecy

Perhaps we're sticking our neck out too far, but we'll venture to predict that ten years from now you'll see:

Joyce Abbey—managing Woolworth's
Robert Alexander—umpiring for the Red Sox
Lorraine and Louise Annis—still confusing everyone as to which is which
Van Armstrong—with Alan Johnston
John Ashford—still chasing the woman
Wendell Austin—in the teaching profession
Carole Bailey—happily married
Cecelia Baldwin—giving the Kellogg Hubbard Library the benefit of her experience gained at the M. H. S. library
Ann Banfield—as a top-flight court stenographer
Shirley Barclay—breaking all typing records
Claire Barney—still teaching dancing
Norman Barrows—buying and selling cars, motorcycles, and bicycles
Margaret Batten—married
Francis Beverina—you never can tell
Barbara Bianchi—as wardrobe mistress for the De Paur Infantry Chorus
Carolyn Bishop—still having trouble with her men
Joan Blanchard—as the world's roller-skating champion
Jane Blodgett—as Secretary of the Treasury
Shirley Breer—as tailoress for the Queen of Sheba
Maurice Brown—running a gum factory
Harold Callaway — helping Richard Knight solve problems in electronics
Servando Canas—showing the girls some of the Spanish customs
Reginald Cooley—managing the A and P
Bernard Corliss—still driving that little red truck

Yvonne Edwards—as happy as ever
John Ewen—painting cars
Betsy Farrington—famous as a veterinarian
Ruth Fiddock—that would be telling
William Gidney—coaching the football team at Notre Dame
David Gitchell—as the new game warden
John Goller—still disagreeing with Miss Bretell
Myrna Greaves—teaching nursery school
Shirley Griggs—as mayor of the City of East Montpelier
Phyllis Haggett—putting gym students through their paces
Clifton Holmes—with his little red Ford
Gertrude Holmes — still wearing her pleasing smile
Roderick Hood—as a garage mechanic
Robert Irons—still wearing that mischievous twinkle
Martha Johnson—just “bob”ing around
Alan Johnston—with Van Armstrong
Pat Kelley — helping Corinne Stewart make her first million by crocheting
Betty Kennedy—working her way up in the National Life
Richard Knight—working with Harold Callaway in electronics
Dorothy LaCount—as house-mother at Norwich
Elaine Ladd—still staying after school for chewing gum in Mr. Shipp's class
George Landry—behind the wheel of the latest Studebaker model
Betty Leavitt—still as thoughtful as ever
Shirley MacAulay—discussing her work with Norman Rockwell

Arthur Manning—driving his new Ford convertible
Jennie Manning—happily married
Marlene Martell—being “Frank”er than ever
Bradley Martin—as Secretary of Agriculture
John Marvin—delivering milk for Marvin and Cooley’s
June Massey—clinging to that last bit of southern accent
David Maxham—running his own store in Worcester
Beverly McGibney—always a friend
George Meletes—as a professional woman-hater
Donald Miller—managing Bill Gidney’s football team
Pret Milo—leading his own band
Helen Morse—still “Helen” around
Kenneth Nelson—managing Nelson’s Appliance Store
Robert Parker—as president of the Ford Motor Company
Ruth Ann Peterson—taking over Mr. Shipp’s history class
Marjorie Pillsbury—as a nurse in a veteran’s hospital
Lois Poirier—aiding the “Red-headed” Santa Claus
Roderick Pratt—still keeping us guessing
Vernon Freedom—working for Uncle Sam
John Quinn—flirting with the girls

Grant Reynolds—perfecting the fine art of being a successful politician
Beatrice Richardson—not as quiet as she used to be
James Richardson—playing baseball for the Yankees
Jo Ann Richardson—giving Houston’s a run for its money
Vaile Robinson—in competition with Arthur Murray
John Ruitberg—playing pro football
Bill Shatney—taking over Mr. Foster’s job
Kay Staples—as secretary to President Eisenhower
Lyn Steele—playing opposite Peter Lawford
William Stevens—running a taxi service
Corinne Stewart—helping Pat Kelley make her first million by crocheting
Alice Strong—as head of the retailing department at B. U.
Norma Taylor—giving all the boys a hard time
Carolyn Tryon—working at the Green Mountain Power Company
Richard Turner—still playing hard to get
Roger Washburn—inventing new jokes
Beatrice Wilder—still sleepy
Clifford Wood—still as devilish as ever
Wayne Woods—owning a harem
Morris Wyman—managing Western Auto
Gordon Young—still seen bumming between Barre and Montpelier



Silver "M"

The Silver "M" is an award which is earned by few seniors. To earn this award a student must excel in scholarship as well as take an active part in many extra-curricular activities.

Two awards are given: one in the fall and the other in the spring. To qualify for this coveted award in the fall a senior must have ten points in scholarship and eight points in extra-curricular. The spring award is given for fourteen points

in scholarship and eight points in extra-curricular activities.

Congratulations to the following seniors who received the Silver "M" this fall:

Claire Barney	Elaine Ladd
Jane Blodgett	Beverly McGibney
Yvonne Edwards	Donald Miller
John Ewen	Ruth Ann Peterson
John Goller	Norma Taylor
	Richard Turner



Pro Merito

Pro Merito, the honor society of Montpelier High School, was established for the encouragement of superior scholastic achievement. To receive the Pro Merito award a student must have an average of eighty-five or more percent for at least six semesters. In addition

to this, the student must be of the highest character. This includes courtesy, co-operation, initiative, perseverance, leadership, and capacity for individual work. This award is also offered twice a year; once in the fall and once in the spring.

Congratulations to the following seniors who qualified for Pro Merito this fall:

Joyce Abbey	Harold Callaway	Betty Kennedy	Ruth Ann Peterson
Wendell Austin	Yvonne Edwards	Richard Knight	Marjorie Pillsbury
Ann Banfield	John Ewen	Elaine Ladd	Grant Reynolds
Shirley Barclay	Betsy Farrington	Shirley MacAulay	John Ruitberg
Claire Barney	John Goller	John Marvin	Kay Staples
Joyce Bennett	Myrna Greaves	June Massey	Lyn Steele
Francis Beverina	Clifton Holmes	Beverly McGibney	Alice Strong
Barbara Bianchi	Gertrude Holmes	Donald Miller	Norma Taylor
Jane Blodgett	Patricia Kelley	Helen Morse	Richard Turner

SENIOR CLASS OFFICERS



First Row: J. Abbey, E. Ladd, M. Johnson

Second Row: Mr. Shipp, R. Turner

Commencement Week

SENIOR PICNIC	JUNE 6
SENIOR VESPERS	JUNE 7
CLASS DAY	JUNE 11
GRADUATION	JUNE 12

Our Dream Girl Would Have

Hair	like Lois Poirier's	Dancing ability	like Claire Barney's
Eyes	like Ruth Ann Peterson's	Athletic ability	like Phyllis Haggett's
Nose	like Marjorie Pillsbury's	Personality	like Beverly McGibney's
Teeth	like Ruth Ann Peterson's	Politeness	like Beatrice Richardson's
Smile	like Jane Blodgett's	Sense of humor	like Yvonne Edwards'
Brains	like Kay Staples'	Clothes	like Martha Johnson's
Voice	like Norma Taylor's	Acting ability	like Lyn Steele's
Figure	like Dorothy LaCount's		



Our Dream Boy Would Have

Hair	like Wayne Woods'	Politeness	like Wendell Austin's
Eyes	like "Chico" Canas'	Ties	like Gordon Young's
Blush	like John Ruitberg's	Sweaters	like Reg Cooley's
Brains	like Grant Reynolds'	Clothes	like Jack Marvin's
Voice	like Don Miller's	Sense of humor	like Dave Maxham's
Dancing ability	like Vaile Robinson's	Height	like John Goller's
Athletic ability	like Bill Gidney's	Smile	like Cliff Holmes'
Personality	like Bill Stevens'	Build	like Ken Nelson's
Scientific know-how	like Richard Knight's		

Senior Elections

Best-looking girl	Marlene Martell
Best-looking boy	Wayne Woods
Most likely to succeed	John Goller
Most studious girl	Kay Staples
Most studious boy	Wendell Austin
Most talented	Claire Barney
Best dancers	Vaile Robinson Claire Barney
Class clown	Jack Marvin
Friendliest boy	Bill Stevens
Friendliest girl	Norma Taylor
Best-dressed boy	Vaile Robinson
Best-dressed girl	Martha Johnson
Best Actor	John Goller
Class apple-polisher	Lyn Steele
Most athletic boy	Spade Cooley
Most athletic girl	Phyllis Haggett
Class politician	Grant Reynolds
Most versatile boy	Don Miller
Most versatile girl	Elaine Ladd
Best-natured boy	Bill Stevens
Best-natured girl	Yvonne Edwards
Done most for M. H. S.	Elaine Ladd
Class lady-killer	Wayne Woods
Most popular boy	Don Miller
Most popular girl	Norma Taylor
Cutest couple	"Barb" Bianchi "Pret" Milo



HORRORS



HAPPY BIRTHDAY, GIN



STRUTTIN' ALONG



SMILE PURTY



LETS GO



WHERE'S MY MOUSE?



O HAPPY DAYS



WHAT FOLIAG!



STEPPIN' OUT



STEADY THERE



HARMONY



DO I?



HIRAM



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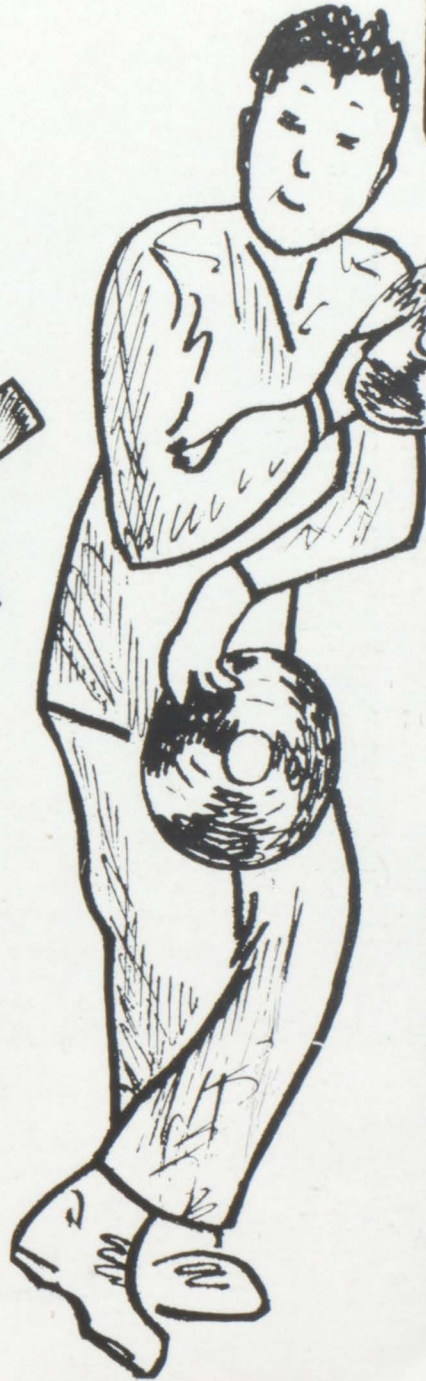
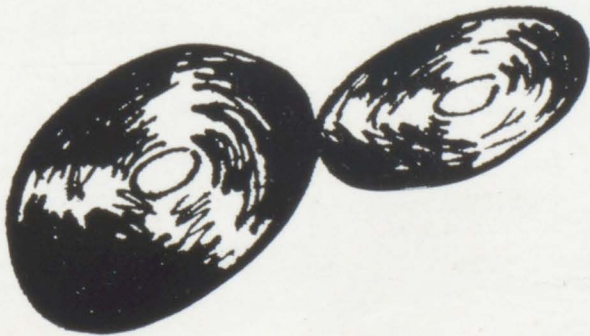
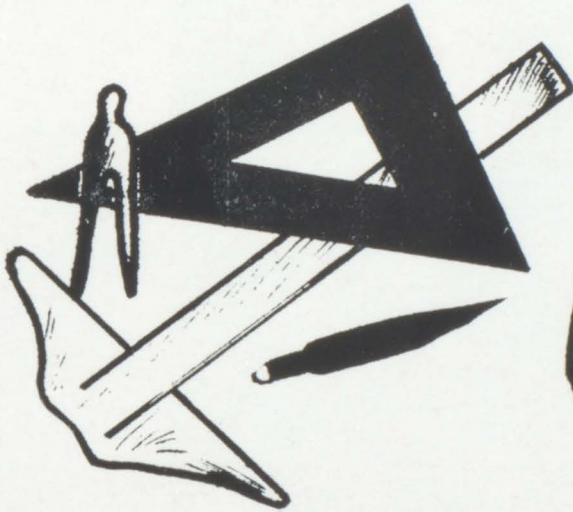


QUIZ KIDS



TOPS

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ALL SCIENCE

Junior Class Officers



First Row: M. Spaulding, J. Benedict

Second Row: S. Somers, Miss Kettelle, R. Bjorn

Junior Class



Front Row: J. Gibson, J. Benedict, I. Willis, V. Hinman, P. Carey, G. Ciampi, C. Collins, C. Herschel, W. Putney, R. Magoon, C. Morf's, E. MacAulay, C. Richardson, J. Richardson, R. Zimmer.

Second Row: P. Smith, J. McCarthy, E. Pratt, R. Wheeler, K. Billado, S. Somers, R. Ippich, M. Pratt, B. Rouelle, S. Olson, C. Morrill, G. Pierce, P. Spaulding.

Third Row: G. Banfield, R. Kelley, P. Henry, W. Dugbee, J. Hudson, R. Bumgardner, C. Rowell, J. Barrett, R. Mitchell, R. McLeod, D. Ruggles.

Fourth Row: E. Sibley, E. Stone, D. Boardman, E. Smith, W. Hall, J. Adams, J. Blanchard, C. Bliss, R. Bruce, P. Jeffrey, R. Bjorn, L. Folsom.



First Row: G. Hale, I. Hyland, B. Beane, R. Haggett, S. Lindsay, M. Bisbee, M. Lilley, S. Lovell, D. Curtis, D. Muzzy, C. Macia, J. Jones, J. Somers.

Second Row: R. Nelson, M. Gomez, S. Zuanich, J. Marsha, D. Arey, E. Blanchard, D. Lackey, E. Close, R. Simon, M. McMannis, P. LaRose, F. Shepard.

Third Row: R. Thurston, G. Williams, C. Pierce, G. Thuren, B. Parker, J. Jay, C. Caustic, D. Goodell, B. Senter, C. Nims, D. Clewley, E. Porter, W. Peatman.

Fourth Row: J. Pecue, W. Hatch, F. Follett, E. Dalley, A. LaCount, F. McGibney, R. Poupert, A. Rivers, E. Dionne.

Sophomore Class Officers



First Row: S. Olson, C. Coburn

Second Row: R. Ormsbee, Miss Sault, N. Peterson

Sophomore Class



First Row: M. Lord, J. Stone, S. Whiting, R. Kemp, K. Perry, M. Leno, D. Lunkes, L. Nelson, J. Sierra, S. King, M. Mack, P. Storey, B. Tomasi, E. Leonard, H. Lupien, E. Thurston, M. Magoon, S. Narrimore.

Second Row: E. Nell, R. Richardson, W. Malboeuf, S. Olson, V. Cane, S. Taylor, M. Washburn, B. Muzzy, S. Seaver, J. Sangster, N. Peterson, S. Walker, D. Norris, F. McKnight, E. Prescott.

Third Row: E. Stockwell, E. Warren, R. Shatney, G. Willard, R. Warren, R. Comi, P. Williams, R. Slayton, R. Loati, D. Rice, J. Woods, R. Law, J. Laird, F. Manning, P. Sykas.

Fourth Row: W. Steele, F. Martell, B. Witham, S. Milo, D. Maxham, R. Ormsbee, K. Slack, L. Eldred, A. Sherman, H. Graham, R. Loati.



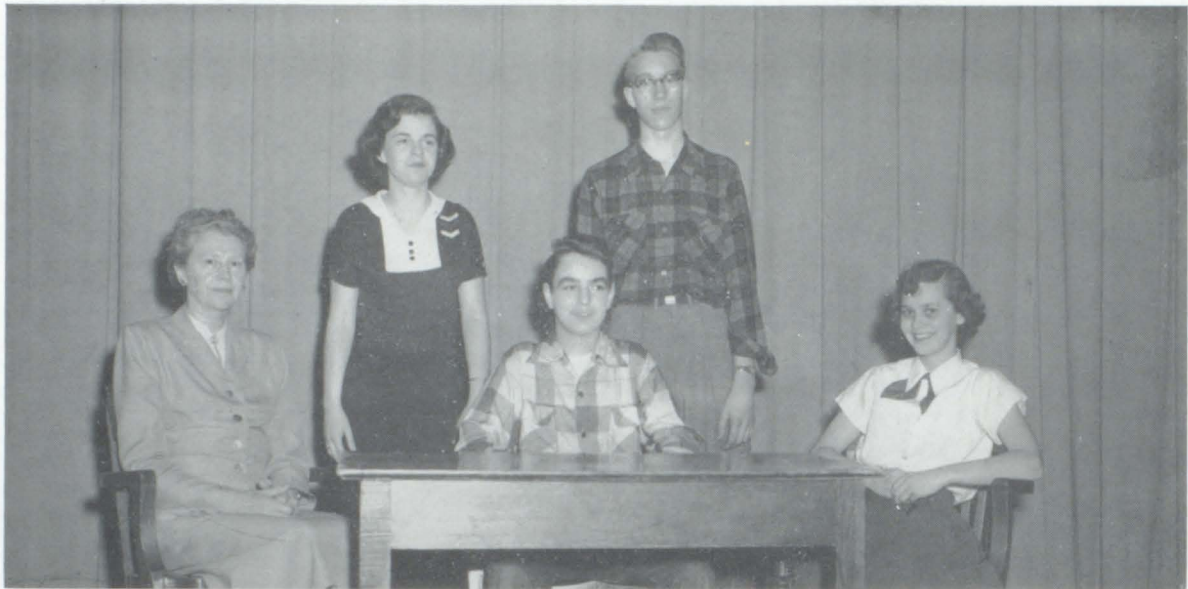
First Row: P. Greaves, V. Bador, K. Green, M. Cleveland, E. Bailey, J. Bellmore, V. Folsom, K. Hill, J. Johnson, H. Clark, V. Harvey, A. Forrest, V. Boardman, C. Coburn, A. Barber, J. Edson, C. Corskie, M. Bruce.

Second Row: C. Griffith, J. Gitchell, L. Densmore, F. Feola, J. Cleveland, S. Colby, M. Barclay, B. Bianchi, B. Breer, E. Griggs, W. Austin, A. Croteau, A. Feola, J. Davenport, J. Benedict, D. Crawford, H. Badger.

Third Row: F. Belanger, J. Ball, E. Gidney, R. Griffith, A. Alexander, M. Gomez, W. Beeman, A. Joyal, V. Adams, J. Emerson, P. Bruce.

Fourth Row: P. Bagallo, J. Comi, M. Fitzpatrick, O. Joyal, E. Greenwood, S. Jones, C. Holden, W. Carlson, L. Albertini, C. Case.

Freshman Class Officers



First Row: Miss Briggs, P. McGibney, E. Pierce

Second Row: M. Mix, H. Tobey



Freshman Class



First Row: G. Graham, R. Bassett, G. Comstock, J. Foster, G. Bigglestone, E. Bugbee, S. Garbati, J. Hamilton, B. Holt, L. Frontini, C. Caustic, P. Hibbard, S. Goodwin, P. Chapman, A. Close, L. Clough.

Second Row: J. Ippich, H. Hale, L. Holmes, N. Comi, E. Barkley, J. Dunbar, R. Coffin, A. Davis, J. Holmes, H. Gauthier, N. Cressey, N. Douglas, J. Croteau, E. Curtis, J. Bailey.

Third Row: H. Douglas, F. Ashford, H. Daniels, D. Booth, D. Baldwin, F. Berry, D. Battles, C. Dalley, A. Bollo, T. Banfield, J. Baird, R. Duquette, E. Ashford, R. Curtis, A. Hill, D. Hudson.

Fourth Row: T. Houghton, E. Gallison, A. French, W. Baldwin, R. Brown, R. Abbey, R. Herring, R. Eldred, E. Brickey, R. Fisher, F. Barrett, D. Curtis, W. Fitzgerald, R. Alexander.



First Row: S. Stranahan, M. Mix, E. Pierce, J. Peake, J. Kinney, J. Mathewson, M. Knapp, P. O'Brien, L. Morrell, L. Teachout, C. Merrill, M. Sargent, L. Larson, H. Slosberg, P. Law, J. Sterns.

Second Row: J. Norton, E. McAuley, E. Kemp, K. Kriplin, K. Lowell, L. McKenzie, C. Miller, B. Stone, W. Richardson, J. Page, N. Smith, E. Witham, G. Richardson, B. Muzzy, I. Wagner, M. Picard, C. Ward.

Third Row: W. Manning, D. Tallman, G. Roop, R. Robinson, R. Neil, D. Witham, R. Smith, N. Lewis, F. Wheeler, R. LaCount, A. Shute, H. Parsons, S. Meletes, F. Richardson, H. Gauthier, E. Morse, K. Morse, E. Reynolds.

Fourth Row: D. Norton, R. Leno, K. White, H. Tobey, R. Reynolds, R. Yates, J. Whiting, R. Maxham, K. Potter, P. Maunsell, D. Sierra, D. Walker, B. Lawrence, B. Joyal, R. Mercier, D. Newhall, P. McGibney.

ACTIVITIES

STUDENT COUNCIL

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MASQUE

CHEERLEADERS

FUTURE TEACHERS OF AMERICA

GIRLS' ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

FRESHMAN CHORUS

GIRLS' GLEE CLUB

BOYS' CHORUS

MIXED CHORUS

MONTPELIER SCHOOLS BAND





First Row: Mr. Myrick, F. Martell, R. Peterson, J. Barrett, J. Richardson, K. Billado

Second Row: R. Loati, L. Poirier, S. Lovell, A. Barber, J. Edson, M. Greaves

Third Row: W. Stevens, D. Maxham, D. Miller, V. Armstrong, R. McLeod



Student Council

The legislative body of Montpelier High School is the Student Council. Nearly everything concerning the students and the school comes before the Student Council at one time or another. The Council is now a member of the Vermont Association of Student Councils and also of the National Association.

Under the guidance of the president, Ruth Ann Peterson, and the faculty advisor, Mr. Myrick, the Council has had a very busy and successful year. Among its projects and services to M. H. S. were the following: the chartering of buses to two important basketball games, the revision of the Silver "M"

point system, the selling of programs at basketball games, and the sponsoring of their annual dance, pep rallies for better attendance at baseball games, and the Clothes for Korea drive. The Council also had an important part in deciding when we would make up the days of school which were lost because of the fires. This latter was one of the most difficult decisions which the Council had to make.

Other Council officers were Jim Barrett, vice-president; Fred Martell, secretary-treasurer; and Myrna Greaves, chairman of the assembly committee.



First Row: J. Richardson, J. Abbey, J. Blanchard, R. Peterson, S. MacAulay, G. Reynolds, Miss Brettell, S. Loveless, B. McGibney, J. Massey, L. Steele.

Second Row: C. Corskie, C. Perry, T. Feola, A. Barber, P. Chapman, G. Holmes, C. Coburn, N. Peterson, P. Greaves, J. Sierra, M. Washburn, S. Taylor, C. Collins.

Third Row: S. Olson, J. Benedict, P. O'Brien, K. Staples, C. Herschel, D. Curtis, R. Law, R. Loati, D. Clewley, T. Houghton.

Fourth Row: S. Whiting, J. Edson, S. Barclay, R. McLeod, C. Bliss, R. Robinson, S. Somers, M. Johnson.

Solonscope

This year, its fifth of publication, the *Solonscope* concentrated on better coverage of school news and personalities. No major changes in make-up were attempted, although pictures were seen more often in its pages than they had been in the past.

Natalie Greenberg, a former *Solonscope* editor now studying at the University of London, was the *Solonscope's* foreign correspondent. Her column about her experiences in Europe continued the pattern set by Sally Holden, who wrote from Italy last year.

The *Solonscope* received a rating of "good" from the National Scholastic Press Association. Rated especially high was the editorial page, where the newspaper traditionally "sounds off" about school, community, and national affairs.

An innovation this year was the use of the *Solonscope* bulletin board for posting late news, gossip, cartoons, and other feature material of interest to the school at large rather than to staff members only.

STAFF

Editor-in-chief	Grant Reynolds
Associate Editor	Susan Lovell
News Editor	Beverly McGibney
Features Editor	June Massey
Business Manager	Shirley MacAulay
Sports Editors	Bob McLeod Chandler Bliss
Advertising Manager	Ruth Peterson
Exchange Editor	Lyn Steele
Photographer	Dean Clewley
Faculty Advisor	Miss Brettell



First Row: S. Griggs, M. Lord, Mrs. Small, C. Morrill, C. Baldwin, J. Richardson

Second Row: H. Douglas, R. Kelley, D. Curtis, T. Houghton

Third Row: G. Willaer, R. Washburn, E. Dionne

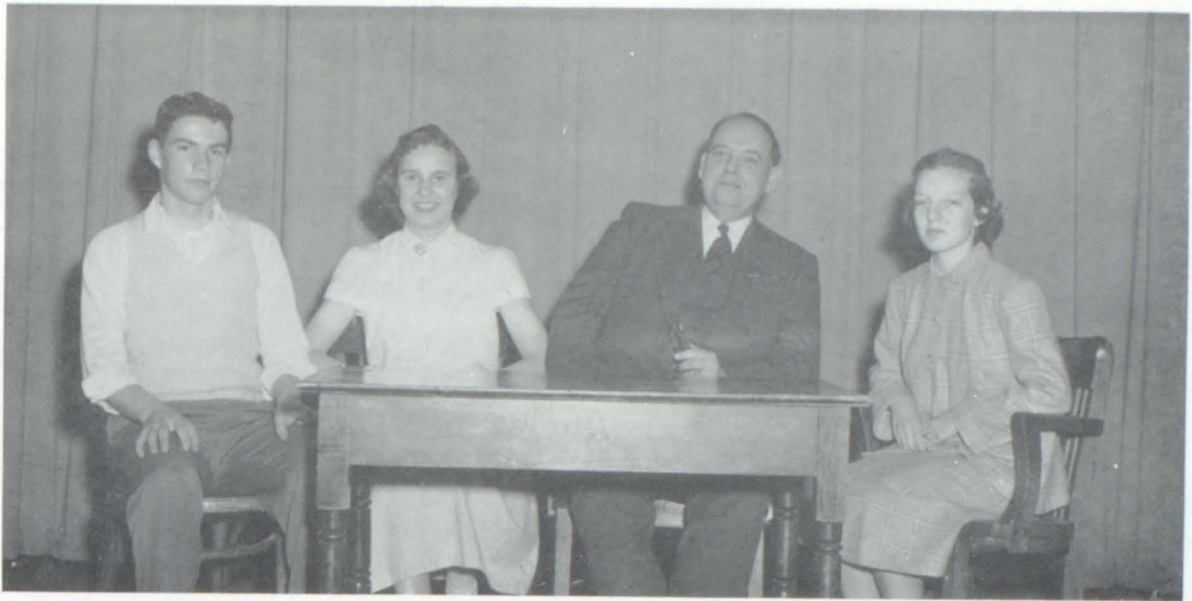


Librarians

The library, which is located at the back of the study hall, contains books for both reference work and leisure reading. This year many new books have been ordered: some of which will be replacements, and others, additions.

The librarians, whose duties are to check incoming and outgoing books and

see that the books are properly catalogued and arranged on the shelves, are supervised by Mrs. Small of the English department. This year's competent staff has accessioned and catalogued books, contacted students and faculty who have overdue books, and helped many students to find their necessary information.



R. McLeod, A. Barber, Dr. Chastney, M. Greaves



Assembly Committee

Each year three members of the Student Council, a senior who is chairman, a junior and a sophomore, are elected to serve on the Assembly Committee. These three, working with Dr. Chastney as their faculty advisor, plan the assemblies for the year. They also choose the stu-

dents to preside at the assemblies and to serve as color guards and flag bearers.

Members of this year's committee were Myrna Greaves, chairman; Bob McLeod, junior; and Allison Barber, sophomore.



First Row: A. Feola, S. Walker, E. McAuley, J. Kinney, E. Bugbee, S. Naramore, S. MacAulay, E. Bianchi, L. Steele, S. Somers, Mr. Hurley, J. Goller, K. Staples, M. Greaves, R. Kelley, E. Pierce, L. Teachout, L. MacKenzie.

Second Row: G. Graham, J. Sierra, C. Perry, R. Flddock, J. Somers, C. Ward, J. Benedict, E. Ladd, J. Bennett, J. Benedict, N. Peterson, C. Barney, N. Taylor, M. Washburn, R. Peterson, J. Richardson, J. Abbey.

Third Row: C. Baldwin, P. Greaves, J. Peake, J. Stone, S. Whiting, J. Edson, C. Corskie, J. Ippich, J. Page, J. Sangster, J. Cleveland, S. Lindsay, B. McGibney, S. Taylor, S. Slosberg, M. Mix, S. Stranahan, R. Loati.

Fourth Row: C. Coburn, A. Barber, S. King, C. Caustic, V. Hinman, M. Johnson, C. Bishop, R. Robinson, D. Curtis, C. Herschel, S. Lovell, D. Miller, J. Marvin, G. Reynolds, H. Tobey, J. Whiting, T. Law, M. FitzPatrick, R. Curtis.



Masque

Under its new director, Mr. Hurley, the Masque has enjoyed a year of successes. In addition to the regular business meeting, the Masque has held several evening meetings featuring student-directed workshop productions.

The full-length productions that were given this year include Owen Davis' "Icebound" and Henning Helms' "Only an Orphan Girl". The one-act play, "Minor Miracle" by Vern Powers, won first place in the District One-Act Play Contest. Working with the Ski Club, the Masque produced a very successful Variety Show with a cast of over fifty students.

The organization awards a Masque pin to any member earning 20 points. These pins are awarded not only for acting but for backstage work, ticket selling, and publicity management. Any member earning 40 points receives a letter and becomes an honorary member of the Masque.

The officers who have guided this year's group are John Goller, president; Sandra Somers, vice-president; Lyn Steele, secretary; Kay Staples, treasurer; Myrna Greaves, business manager; and Roy Kelley, assistant business manager.



C. Barney, N. Peterson, R. Peterson, J. Benedict, N. Taylor, M. Spaulding, M. Washburn



Cheerleaders

The pep and noise at our football and basketball games would not have been nearly so inspiring were it not for our seven peppy cheerleaders enthusiastically leading the crowd. On the squad this year were Norma Taylor, captain; Claire Barney, Ruth Ann Peterson, Nancy Peterson, "Tootie" Washburn, Jackie Benedict, and Peggy Spaulding.

The pep rally before the Spaulding game, even though dampened by rain, was wholeheartedly supported by the student body and was a great success. Led by the school band and the cheer-

leaders, the group paraded to the State House where each member of the ball team was called upon for his prediction of the game to be played the following day.

This year the student body has shown a rising enthusiasm for our up and coming baseball team. At the first assembly after vacation this spring the next year's cheering squad gave us a preview of their ability to effectively lead the M. H. S. cheers when they were in charge of the baseball rally at which we all but "raised the roof".



First Row: R. Robinson, M. Greaves, G. Holmes.

Second Row: D. Curtis, L. Steele, C. Herschel, J. Somers, Mr. Shipp, C. Barney, R. Peterson, E. Ladd, N. Taylor.



Future Teachers of America

The F. T. A., under the leadership of Mr. Shipp, was organized last year but did not really get underway until this year. The members of the organization are juniors and seniors who are interested in entering the teaching profession. The group meets once a month for a regular business meeting. Additional speakers and movies are also a part of the program. In April the Montpelier club was host to the annual state convention of F. T. A. college chapters and high school clubs.

The members of the Montpelier High School branch of the F. T. A. have named their club the Elsie Chaffee Club in memory of Mrs. Elsie Chaffee, who during her twenty years at M. H. S. was a source of inspiration and guidance to many.

The officers for this year were Myrna Greaves, president; Roberta Robinson, vice-president; Gertrude Holmes, secretary-treasurer.



First Row: J. Richardson, J. Abbey, C. Baldwin, J. Benedict, M. Mix, S. Somers, K. Billado, Miss Holmstrom, P. Haggett, D. Curtis, S. Lindsay, P. Hibbard, C. Herschel, C. Collins, B. McGibney, J. Davenport, V. Harvey, G. Richardson, J. Benedict, E. Pierce, N. Coml.

Second Row: S. Taylor, L. Frontini, B. Muzzy, J. Kinney, P. Law, M. Leno, M. Cleveland, H. Lupien, B. Holt, H. Clark, R. Haggett, J. Foster, B. MacAulay, R. Ippich, C. Coburn, M. Lilley, W. Richardson, J. Mathewson, L. McKenzie, G. Pierce.

Third Row: S. MacAulay, P. Chapman, E. Ladd, E. McAulay, S. Colby, I. Willis, R. Zimmer, T. Feola, K. Perry, S. Barclay, J. Hamilton, M. Cleveland, C. Merrill, C. Barney, E. Curtis, V. Boardman, J. Bailey, A. Close, J. Sierra, E. Witham, J. Cleveland.

Fourth Row: L. Morrell, C. Caustic, J. Gibson, P. O'Brien, J. Graham, W. Putney, S. Walker, S. Whiting, A. Barber, S. King, S. Goodwin, M. Bisbee, J. Blodgett, D. LaCount, G. Bigglestone, L. Teachout, P. Greaves, C. Corskie, S. Lovell, R. Robinson.



G. A. A.

The G. A. A., under the supervision of Miss Holmstrom, has been very active this year, holding competitive events with other schools as well as sponsoring tournaments and games among the four classes at M. H. S.

Members of the G. A. A. took part in a volley ball play day at Morrisville in the fall, ran off a ski meet with the assistance of the boys' ski team, and participated in several other meets.

Contests among the classes were held in volley ball and basketball. A badminton tournament was supervised by the executive board which also planned hikes, a party, and the annual initiation of new

members. Several of the ski enthusiasts spent several days at Mansfield this winter during the Christmas vacation.

At the conclusion of every year, awards are given to those who have taken part for a certain number of hours in all of the sports played after school. Credit toward these awards is also given to those members who participate outside of school in such sports as hiking, skating, ping pong, etc.

The officers of this year were Phyllis Haggett, president; Kay Billado, vice-president; Dorothy Curtis, secretary; Susan Lindsay, treasurer; and Sandra Somers, publicity manager.



First Row: J. Ippich, H. Daniels, E. Gallison, M. Sargent, N. Comi, P. Chapman, Miss Newton, B. Holt, J. Kinney, D. Hudson, R. Reynolds, R. Yates.

Second Row: G. Richardson, C. Miller, C. Merrill, J. Foster, N. Smith, G. Bassett, E. Curtis, J. Bailey, L. Clough, N. Douglas, K. Lowell, E. Pierce, M. Mix, S. Stranahan, J. Mathewson.

Third Row: D. Baldwin, B. Curtis, E. Morse, P. Law, G. Comstock, A. Close, G. Graham, J. Sterns, E. Witham, W. Richardson, D. Norton, R. Leno.

Fourth Row: C. Ward, E. Bugbee, H. Slosberg, M. Picard, P. O'Brien, C. Caustic, L. Morrell, J. Page, J. Peake, L. Teachout, D. Walker, A. Shute, D. Curtis.



Freshman Chorus

This year there have been two Freshman Chorus groups. Because of the number of students who wished to participate in chorus, rehearsal periods for two groups were scheduled.

The chorus meets twice a week in the auditorium for practice under the direc-

tion of Miss Newton. According to many reports these groups compose one of the best Freshman Choruses that Montpelier High School has ever had. The upper-class choruses will have plenty to cheer about when these music-minded freshmen join them next year.



First Row: J. Benedict, R. Kemp, A. Feola, V. Folsom, A. Croteau, B. Bianchi, J. Graham, R. Robertson, Miss Newton, J. Blodgett, S. Lindsay, B. Farrington, A. Banfield, M. Batten, P. Kelley.

Second Row: P. Smith, J. Benedict, P. Carey, P. McManis, C. Coburn, M. Taylor, M. Leno, J. Cleveland, S. Colby, J. Sangster, H. Clark, M. Washburn, S. Taylor, B. Kennedy.

Third Row: M. Lord, J. Richardson, D. LaCount, V. Harvey, L. Nelson, S. Walker, J. Bennett, H. Lupien, D. Curtis, C. Barney, M. Greaves, E. Ladd, G. Pierce, H. Morse.

Fourth Row: S. Olson, S. Whiting, C. Perry, A. Barber, S. King, C. Herschel, M. Johnson, S. Somers, B. McGibney, M. Bisbee.



Girls' Glee Club

The members of the Girls' Glee Club have progressed remarkably this year under Miss Newton's direction. They have performed with considerable success at the joint concerts with St. Johnsbury, the program for the Woman's

Club, the concert with the band, and the auditions at the Vermont State Music Festival. The girls have enjoyed preparing their programs and, judging from the reactions, the audiences seem to have enjoyed hearing them.



First Row: R. Knight, B. Parker, Miss Newton, R. Kelley, D. Miller, R. Law.

Second Row: J. Hudson, W. Woods, R. Alexander, R. Loati, J. Laird, S. Milo.

Third Row: C. Holden, G. Young, J. Goller, P. Milo.



Boys' Chorus

The members of the Boys' Chorus, which includes senior, junior, and sophomore boys, have sung themselves through an exceptionally successful season. Although the group is small in number, their music meets the high standards which have been set for them in previous years. This year their repertoire includes songs ranging from the humorous "Amo, Amas, I Love a Lass" to the colorful and robust work songs, all of

which require exacting work and practice. They have, of course, participated in all the concerts.

The Boys' Quartet was a popular feature of this year's concerts. The boys who prepared their selections under their own direction and with the assistance of Miss Newton are John Goller, lead; Gordon Young, tenor; Burton Parker, baritone; and Don Miller, bass.



Seated: P. Hibbard, W. Beeman, E. Griggs, N. Peterson, R. Ormsbee, R. Bjorn, J. Laird, P. Storey, C. Holmes, S. Goodwin, C. Nims, R. Peterson, G. Williams, P. Milo, D. Hudson, R. Mitchell, J. Ball, R. McLeod, H. Tobey, K. Pond, S. Dyke.

Standing: F. Martell, drum major; J. Davenport, R. Kemp, J. Gibson, drum majorettes; D. FitzPatrick, W. Adams, D. Edson, S. Goodwin, R. Blanchard, J. Baird, C. Holden, R. Kelley, J. Hamilton, G. Bigglestone, H. Daniels, J. Whiting, M. Wyman, R. Knight, R. Curtis; C. Morrill, P. Greaves, J. Sierra, B. Megrath, drum majorettes; Mr. Mix, director.



Band

As the Band looks back on the year of 1952-1953, they can have many memories of a job well done. The Montpelier Schools Band, which is composed of high school and eighth grade students, has worked hard under the capable leadership of their director, Mr. Mix. This year under the sponsorship of the Alumni Association, they were able to attend the football games away from home and certainly proved themselves a credit to M. H. S.

Besides giving moral support at the football and basketball games, they also

presented their annual Spring Concert, a joint concert with the Montpelier High School Chorus, and an assembly program featuring Bob Bjorn as clarinet soloist.

In the All-State Band this year were Clifford Holmes, Richard Knight, Preston Milo, Ruth Ann Peterson, Morris Wyman, and Bob Bjorn.

The drum majorettes deserve congratulations for their snappy twirling at concerts, games, and the Vermont State Music Festival.





First Row: B. Corliss, G. Young, J. Ruitberg, W. Gidney, D. Miller, R. Turner, K. Nelson, J. Ewen, C. Holmes, B. Martin.
Second Row: D. Sierra, A. LaCount, A. Rivers, R. McLeod, C. Rowell, R. Bumgardner, J. Barrett, W. Carlson, S. Milo.
Third Row: A. Alexander, F. Follett, J. Blanchard, J. Hudson, R. Bjorn, P. Henry, F. McGibney.
Fourth Row: Coach Brown, E. Gidney, S. Meletes, J. Gitchell, R. Yates, Coach Caswell.

Football

Football took a turn for the better this year with a better record and tremendous enthusiasm from the fans. Prime mover in the upswing of M. H. S. football fortunes was the popular coach, George Brown, former football star who came here from Coxsackie, New York.

Pre-season practice, which began earlier than it has in some years, put the boys in better condition for the opening game with Hartford. This top condition prevented a repetition of previous opening games when numerous injuries caused by lack of conditioning removed valuable players and blunted the team's scoring potential.

Montpelier took its first two games, lost the next four, and then tied Spaulding 7-7 in the biggest and best-played game of the year.

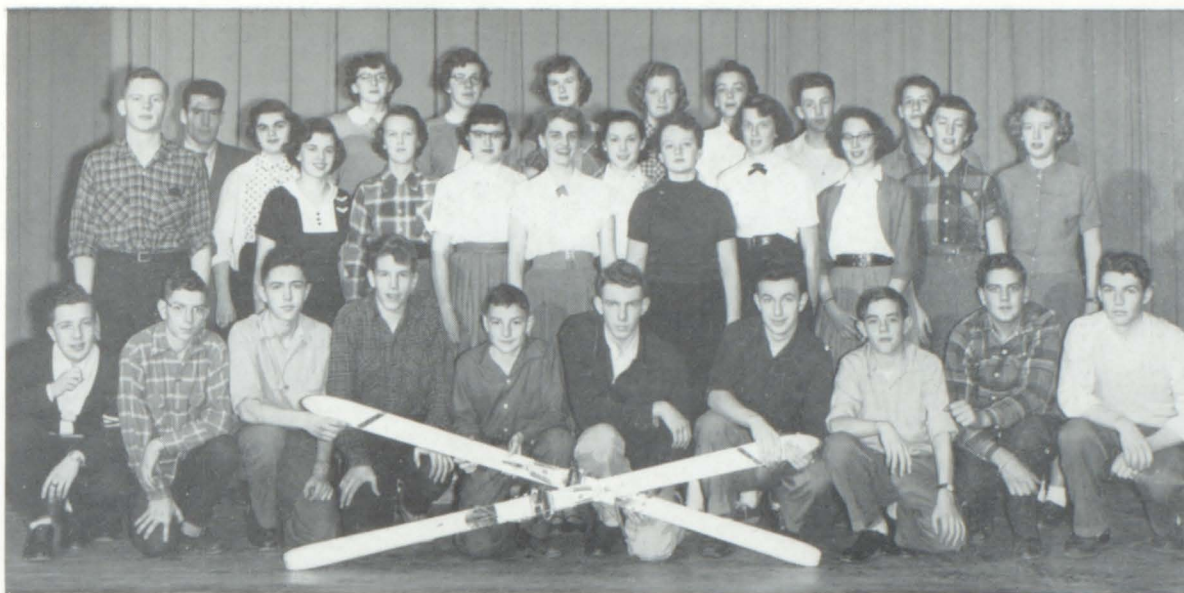
The Solons' all-junior backfield, consisting of quarterback Conrad Rowell, halfbacks "Stubby" Henry and Jim Barrett, and fullback Bob McLeod showed

flashes of fire in several games. The two platoon system used this year made it difficult to decide who was the individual standout in the line, but Don Miller, Captain Dick Turner, Bill Gidney, and "Big John" Ruitberg were important factors in the Solon defense, which was rated one of the best in the league.

Bill Gidney was selected for All-Vermont Second Team; Don Miller, Dick Turner, and Jim Barrett received honorable mention. Coach Brown also received an honorable mention for coach-of-the-year.

SCORES

	<i>We</i>	<i>They</i>
Hartford	7	6
Lyndon Institute	13	0
St. Johnsbury	6	34
Newport	0	6
B. F. A.	20	34
Burlington	13	33
Spaulding	7	7



First Row: R. Warren, D. Clewley, B. Lawrence, C. Holden, T. Houghton, A. Johnston, V. Armstrong, J. Laird, R. Reynolds, R. McLeod.

Second Row: G. Young, M. Mix, P. Hibbard, D. Curtis, J. Blodgett, R. Peterson, M. Washburn, G. Bigglestone, E. McAuley, L. Teachout, S. Goodwin.

Third Row: Mr. Caswell, S. Somers, C. Herschel, R. Robinson, M. Johnson, C. Corskie, J. Hamilton, J. Pecue, J. Comi.



Ski Club

The purposes of the Ski Club are to foster interest in skiing and to sponsor the Ski Team. Mr. Caswell is the Ski Team coach and spends much of his spare time with the members on the slopes surrounding Montpelier in helping them perfect their skill and putting the team into shape. This year the Ski Club presented a very successful Variety Show with the help of the Masque. The club officers are president, Bob McLeod; vice-president, Sandra Somers; and secretary-treasurer, John Holden.

The Montpelier High School Ski Team competed in five ski meets this season with a relatively young and inexperienced club. In the final standings Montpelier was last in two meets, third in one, and next to last in the State Divisionals. Montpelier, however, entered a jumping team for the first time in its

history. With all but one member returning next year we should have a more successful season.

For the first time in three years the M. H. S. skiers suffered a casualty when Edwin Reynolds, a promising freshman, broke his leg in practice.

Ski Meets

Bradford Invitation
St. Johnsbury Ski Meet
Northfield High Ski Meet
Montpelier High Ski Meet
Vermont State Divisionals

Team Members

Al Johnston, Captain	"Spike" Holden
Van Armstrong	Tim Houghton
Dean Clewley	Jim Laird
Bob McLeod	Roger Reynolds
Jack Pecue	



First Row: W. Hatch, C. Rowell, R. Cooley, R. Bjorn, J. Barrett
 Second Row: J. Hudson, W. Hersey, G. Meletes, Coach Brown, J. Goller, D. Miller
 Missing: W. Bugbee

Basketball

This was another good year for Montpelier in basketball. Before anything else is said, due credit should be bestowed upon our coach, Mr. Brown. He did an excellent job of making a smooth-working unit of the boys on the team. We appreciate his leadership throughout a successful season.

With just a good break or two along the way, notably in the Burlington tournament game, Montpelier could easily have journeyed to Boston as Vermont State Champs. As it was, we did get into the Northern Vermont Tournament and by comparative scores gave the best showing of any team in Vermont against Burlington, the State Champs, in the tournaments. Montpelier played in four overtime games this year, winning two and losing two. Everyone enjoyed especially the second Spaulding game when our team really played a wonderful ball game in defeating Spaulding, 55-32. We defeated every team in the league except Burlington and the last game against them was a heart-breaker.

The first team was composed of Walt Hatch and Jim Barrett at guard posi-

tions, Spade Cooley at center, and Connie Rowell and Bob Bjorn at the forward spots. Wayne Hersey and George Meletes gave Montpelier much needed reserve strength. Against St. Johnsbury Wayne scored twenty points. Seniors on the varsity squad included Spade Cooley, George Meletes, and John Goller. Juniors on the team that was taken to the tournament were Walt Hatch (who, incidentally, was tapped for All-Tournament First Team), Jim Barrett, Connie Rowell, Bob Bjorn, Wayne Hersey, and Bill Bugbee. One sophomore, Pete Bagalio, made the trip to Burlington.

The team ended the season with a league record of 7-5 and in a three-way tie for second place in the Northern League along with Spaulding and Cathedral. The high points of the season were the sparkling 23 point victory over Spaulding, the first in four years, and the near upset of Burlington at the Northern Tournament in a game which went into overtime. With seven out of the first ten varsity members returning, Montpelier expects to better this record next year.

Basketball Scoreboard

	<i>We</i>	<i>They</i>
St. Michael's	52	47
Northfield	49	40
Alumni	51	42
Northfield	35	43
Morrisville	51	42
Cranford, N. J.	46	52
Bennington	57	48
Winooski	59	50
St. Johnsbury	49	33
Cathedral (overtime)	54	51
B. F. A.	49	57
Burlington	50	64
Spaulding (overtime)	41	45
Winooski	36	42
St. Johnsbury	84	60
Cathedral	61	52
B. F. A.	44	33
Burlington	38	55
Spaulding	55	32
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Total points	961	888

	<i>Season</i>	<i>League</i>
Won	12	7
Lost	7	5

Baseball

Rain opened the Solon baseball season by washing out the first two games. Coach John Carbaugh's Solon squad was thus unable to practice on Recreation Field's billiard-table infield until May 10, when two games had already been played.

Because of the curtailed practice time, the regular starting line-up was still undecided as the *Record* went to press.

However, Coach Carbaugh stated that his tentative starting line-up would be as follows: first base, Bob Alexander; second base, Jim Gitchell; third base, Bob Bjorn; shortstop, Walt Hatch; left field, Ken "Slim" Nelson; centerfield, George Meletes; right field, Jack "Muscles" Woods, who is also a reserve catcher; catcher, Captain Paul "Stub" Henry; pitchers, Jim Richardson and Dick Comi.



GAME SCHEDULE

April 24	M. H. S. vs. Cathedral at Burlington
May 6	M. H. S. vs. Spaulding at Barre
May 12	M. H. S. vs. Winooski at Montpelier
May 15	M. H. S. vs. B. F. A. at Montpelier
May 19	M. H. S. vs. Cathedral at Montpelier
May 21	M. H. S. vs. Burlington at Burlington
May 23	M. H. S. vs. Burlington at Montpelier
May 26	M. H. S. vs. Winooski at Winooski
May 29	M. H. S. vs. Spaulding at Montpelier
June 2	M. H. S. vs. B. F. A. at St. Albans



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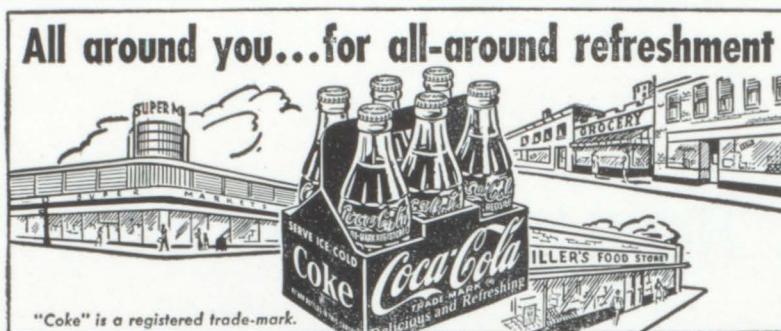
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