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KENNETH L. ROUNDS

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“Glad would he learn, and gladly teach.” - Chaucer

We dedicate this yearbook to our friend, Kenneth L. Rounds, who has served our school and community unselfishly for 7-1/2 years, and has now been called to serve the people in our county in a still wider field.

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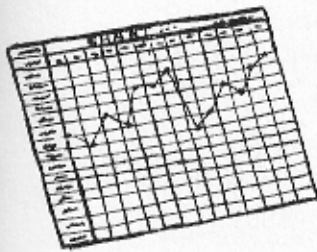
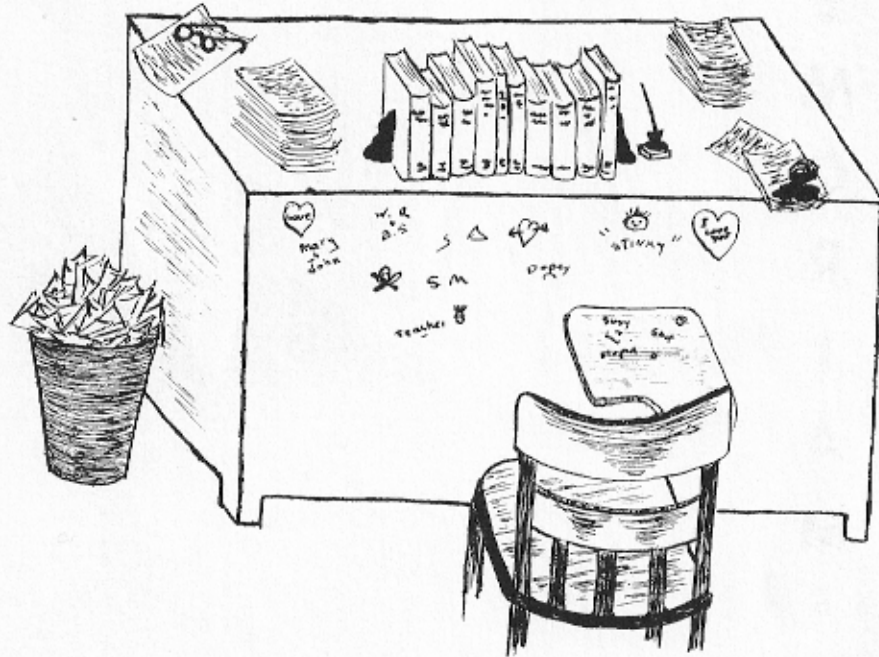
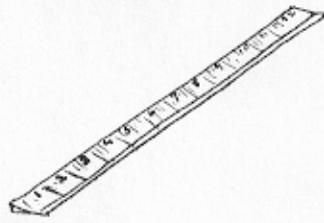


WAYNE C. WEBSTER

This yearbook would not be complete without a tribute to one who did so much to solidify, into a smoothly functioning organization for the improvement of educational opportunities for its boys and girls, the six districts which make up the Blue Ridge Joint School System.

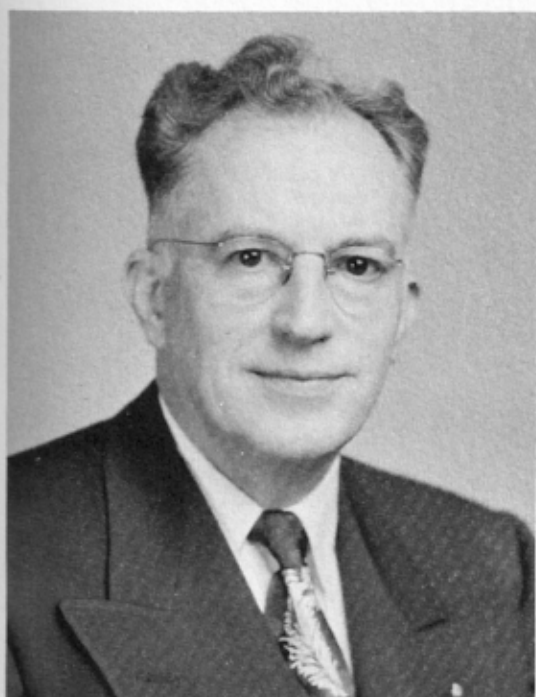
Wayne Webster, in his quiet, unassuming, yet straightforward manner, was always available for carefully considered advice to the school director, principal, teacher or student.

The schools of Susquehanna County will long revere his name and will cherish the privilege of following the leadership which he gave to the very close of his earthly career.



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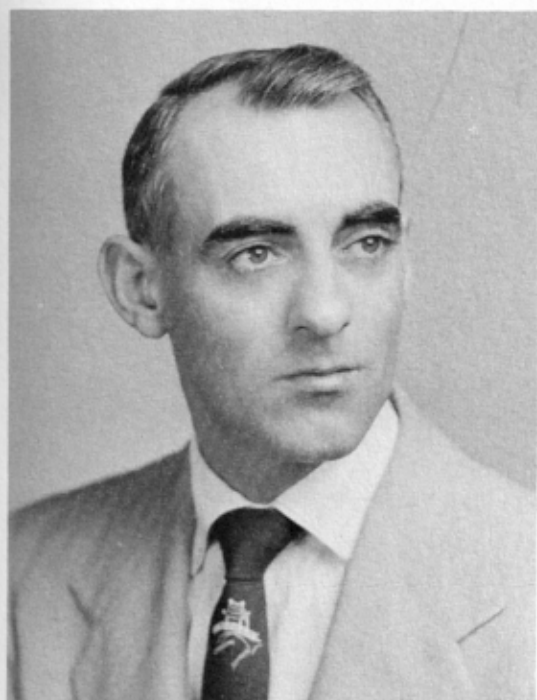
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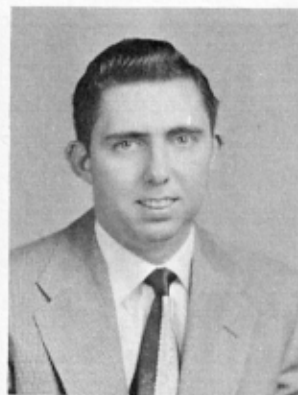
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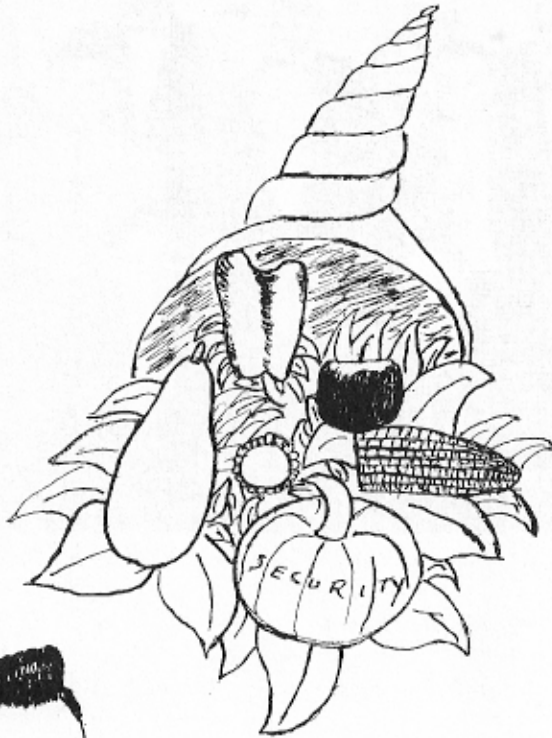
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ESTHER MARIE ABBOTT, "Abby"

Great Bend

- You Better Believe -

Chorus 1-2-3, Basketball 1-2, F.H.A. 2-3-4, F.H.A. Vice-President 4, Treasurer 2-3-4.

The future housewife, who is counting the days until some certain sailor is out of the service. Abby! When is the fleet coming in? To you we wish the best of luck.



JAMES EDWARD ABBOTT, "Tod"

Great Bend

- You Don't Say -

President 2, Track 1-2, Basketball 1, Chorus 1-2-3-4, Baseball, 1-2, Volleyball 1.

Tod has been with us since the third grade. We hope that a certain girl from New Milford will be able to tame him. Tod! Who is she? Best of luck to a swell guy.



LORETTA FRANCES ALLEN, "Retta"

New Milford

- Oh, Ain't That Funny! -

Volleyball 2-3-4, Mixed Chorus 1-2-4, Tri-Hi-Y 1-2-3, Class Treasurer 3, Junior Play, Senior Play.

Retta is particularly fond of square dancing and playing volleyball. She likes to watch basketball games. Someday she is going to go to Hawaii by plane. After graduation she is planning to find a stenographic position.



RITA JANE ALISE, "Rit"

Hallstead

- Golly -

F. H. A. 1-2.

The cutest little cook ever, whose special dish is delicious spaghetti. We're sure that Rita will be successful in whatever she attempts, may it be marriage or a career. May we all wish you good health and good luck always.





MARILYN SARAH BAKER, "Babe"

Hallstead

- Not Me -

Ensemble 1-2-3-4, Basketball 1-4, Cheerleader 2, Band 2-3-4, Class Plays 3-4, County Festival 1-3-4, Blue Ridge Concert 3-4.

An ever popular girl with an ever ready want for a good time. Babe has a quick temper but has a heart warm enough so that her spells don't last long. Marilyn's special love is dancing. Her biggest wish in life is to be a model. Best of luck to one keen "gal," from your whole class.



GLENN GARY BALANIS, "Gary"

Great Bend

- Don't Believe It -

Basketball 1-2, Baseball 2, Chorus 1-2.

Gary is our class joker, who spends his winters in Florida and writes letters to a certain girl in Great Bend. Why don't you stay home Gary, it would be cheaper. Good luck from all of us.



ELAINE FLORENCE BANKER, "Laney"

Hallstead

- What Am I Going To Do? -

Blue Ridge Concert 3-4, Girls' Ensemble.

Though Elaine is one of the quieter members of the class, she is fun-loving and full of mischief. Elaine's favorite pastimes are bowling and ice skating. The artistic abilities which she possesses have been a great asset to our class. To you the class wishes success in whatever career you may choose.



JOYCE ELAINE BENNETT, "Bobby"

Hallstead

- Oh Gosh -

Basketball 1-2-3, Softball 1-2-3, Field Ball 1, Dramatics Club 1, Best-news Staff 2, Music Appreciation 2, Blue Ridge Concert 4, Volleyball 2-3, Vice-President 4.

Joyce is our popular lassy from Connecticut with an endless supply of energy and happy smiles. Her winning personality has won the hearts of her classmates and the office of Vice-President of the class. After graduation Joyce is bound for England where she will marry her Bobby. May all success and happiness be yours.

DONNA LOU BUGBEE, "Bugs"

Hallstead

- When I Want You, I'll Rattle Your Chain -

Press Club 1-2, Class Play 4.

"What are you reading now?" is often asked of Donna. She can usually be found buried deeply in a huge volume of poetry, philosophy or history. Her generosity and kind heartedness has won her many friends. Donna's ambition is to be a librarian. To her, the class wishes great success at Cornell.



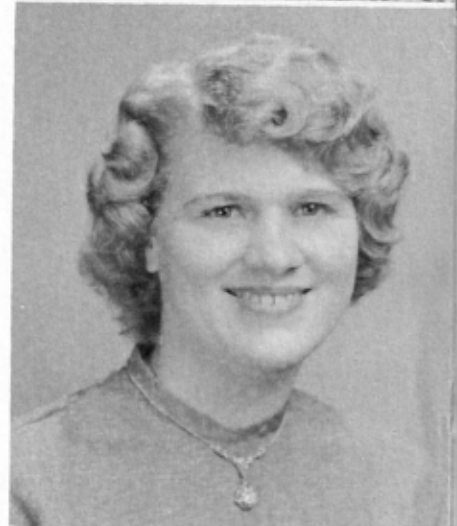
JANICE MARGARET BUTTON, "Jan"

New Milford

- Geez -

Volleyball 3-4, Tri-Hi-Y 1, Senior Play, F. H. A. 1-2-3-4, F. H. A. Secretary 1, F. H. A. President 4.

Among Jan's likes are horseback riding, playing volleyball, eating spaghetti, and talking. She would like to take a trip to Florida sometime. She is planning to work a while and then to be married.



BARBARA JEAN CLARK, "Clarkie"

New Milford

- I'll Bite, What Is It? -

Senior Play.

Clarkie likes many things: dancing, going out with the gang, sailors, ice cream, bookkeeping, and English. She wants to travel--would like to see Paris. She is planning to go on to college and major in Accounting.



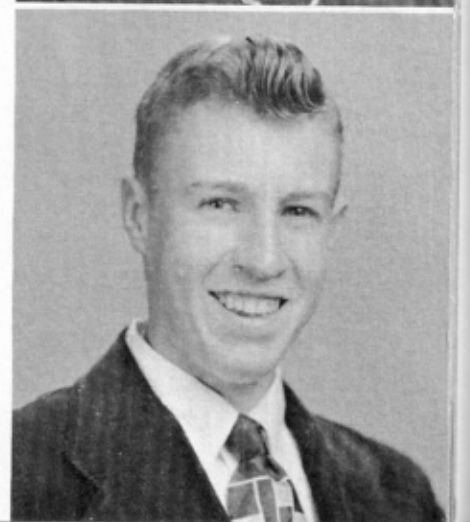
ROBERT BURTON COLWELL, "Bob"

Great Bend

- I Guess So -

Track 1-2, Baseball 3, Chorus 1-2-3-4, Volleyball 4.

Bob is the "hail and hardy" farmer of our class. He is quite small but he still gets around with his green truck. Bob! Where do you go with that truck? Best of luck.





VIRGINIA RUTH CURRAN, "Ginny"

New Milford

- Did He Say Anything About Me? -

Tri-Hi-Y 1, F. H. A. 1, Mixed Chorus 1-2-4, Girls' Chorus 3, Class Vice-President 4, Senior Play, Basketball Manager 4.

Ginny likes to dance. Any kind of dancing pleases her. She would like to go to a dancing school and become an instructor. Other likes are Arthur Godfrey, typing, and boys. After graduation she will probably get a good position in an office.



ROBERT ERNEST DARROW, "Bob"

New Milford

- Lordy Days! -

Senior Play.

Bob is very interested in electrical work. He is always taking care of television sets and radios. He likes to drive, too-just go anywhere. His favorite subject is math. He plans to go to college and study Electrical Engineering.



BARBARA LOUISE DECKER, "Barb"

Hallstead

- Nuts -

Ensemble 2-3-4, Basketball 1-2-3-4, Track 1-2-4, Band 1-2-3-4, Orchestra 1-2, F. H. A. Club 1-2.

Beneath Barb's quiet appearance is a friendly personality. Although she is quiet, her easy going manner and her personality have won her many friends. Barb is a member of our track team and a great asset to the basketball squad. After graduation it looks as though her future lies with Jim. May all success and happiness be yours.



JOAN MARIE DeLANCEY, "Sparkie"

New Milford

- That's A Lot Of Baloney! -

Athletic Association 2, Track 1, Mixed Chorus 1-2-4, Girls' Chorus 3, Ensemble 3, Class Treasurer 1, Tri-Hi-Y 1-2, Cheerleader 1-2-3-4.

Joan's likes are many: raising cats, playing volleyball, singing, watching basketball games, driving, and eating--particularly if the dish is spaghetti. She would like to take a trip to Bermuda. She plans to go to New York and study modeling, and insists that she will remain single.

ROBERT SPENCER DIETRICH, "Deacon"

Hallstead

Baseball 3-4, Track 4, Rifle Club 1, Athletic Club 2-3-4.

Bob possesses a quiet and unassuming manner. Although he appears quiet, his mood changes when he is with his pals Bob and Gene. Bob has been an active athlete, especially in baseball and track. In his spare time he is usually found headed for New Milford. We wish you success in what ever the future holds.



ANN MARIE DONAHUE, "Annie"

Hallstead

- That's The Way The Ball Bounces -

Ensemble 1-2-3-4, F.H.A. 1, County Festival 1, Blue Ridge Concert 3-4, Class Plays 3-4, Secretary 3.

Mischevious and lively well describes our Annie. Content to be friends with anyone, she has been a co-operative and willing worker, for our class in all four years of high school. Annie plans either a commercial arts or nursing career, and with a personality as fine as hers, we know she will find success in anything she does.



GENE THOMAS DOWNS, "Downsy"

Hallstead

- Go Like Mad -

Baseball 2-3-4, Basketball 1-2-3-4, Track 1-2-3-4, Athletic Club 2-3-4, Rifle Club 1, Class Play 4.

Gene is one of the most fun loving boys in the Senior Class. His ready smile and ability to get along with people make him popular with everyone he meets. Gene's future is undecided, but with a personality such as his, success is guaranteed. May we wish you the best of everything always!



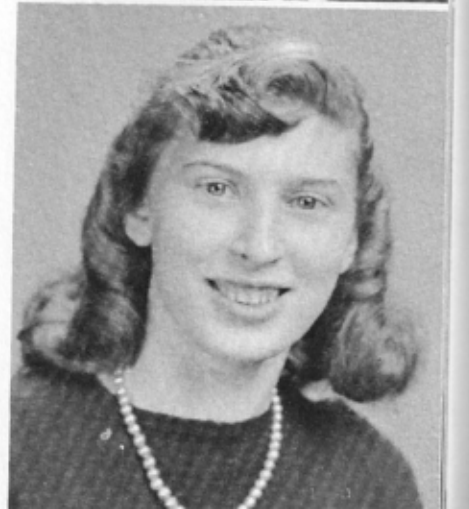
ELIZABETH JANE EBHARDT, "Betty"

New Milford

- Big Thrill! -

Mixed Chorus 1-2-4, Girls Chorus 3, Stage Manager 3-4.

Betty likes to read, dance, and eat, especially if it's a big dish of spaghetti. She is planning to join the WAVES after graduation. She hopes she'll be able to do some bookkeeping, because it's a favorite of hers.





NINA LUCILLE FLYNN

New Milford

- Oh M'Gosh! -

F. H. A. 1, Senior Play.

Nina likes to dance and roller skate. She likes the business course and says she is going to try her hand at some office work. Wedding bells will ring right after graduation because Nina's planning to be married first.



ELOISE DIANE GARREHY

New Milford

- By Cuspid! -

Mixed Chorus 1-2-4, Girls' Chorus 3, Music Festival 1, Track 1-2, Class Secretary 1-4, Tri-Hi-Y 1-2-3-4, Tri-Hi-Y Secretary 4, Junior Play, Senior Play, Yearbook Editor.

Eloise likes to read, talk, and eat. (Her favorite food is spaghetti.) Someday she is going to see all of the United States, traveling by train. She is planning to become a Medical Secretary after graduation.



EVELYN HELENA GREGUS

New Milford

- Oh Boy! -

Mixed Chorus 1-2, Tri-Hi-Y 2-3.

Evelyn likes dressmaking and would like to study sewing after graduation. She thinks P. O. D. is very interesting, and enjoys studying French. She likes to eat--especially ice cream. She is somewhat interested in nursing, and may consider going into training.



DAWN MARIE GULA, "Dawn"

Hallstead

Ensemble 1-2-3-4, F. H. A. 2, Blue Ridge Concert 3-4, Treasurer 3.

Dawn is one of our cutest girls with a swell personality. Her favorite hang-out is the Post Office where she is found looking for mail from Japan. Ever since we can remember, Dawn has wished to become an Air Line Hostess. We hope some day she will have her wish, but what ever you do Dawn, best of luck from us.

MARTIN JAMES HAND, "Mart"

New Milford

- Dig That, Will You? -

Baseball 1-2-3-4, Basketball 1-2-3-4, Track 1, Athletic Association 1, Volleyball 1-2-3-4, Class President 2.

Mart likes all sports, especially baseball. His favorite position is short-stop. He likes ice skating, swimming, sleeping, and eating (prefers steak.) He plans to work a while after graduation before entering the service. Then he would like to go to college.



MAUREEN DAWN HEATH, "Sis"

Great Bend

- I Don't Know -

F. H. A. President 4, F. H. A. 3-4, Treasurer 3.

Sis is our "Apple Pan Dowdy Girl," who is quite a cook. She has been an active member of our class. She surely can get around with her little gray Plymouth. Sis! Why do we see you in Hallstead?



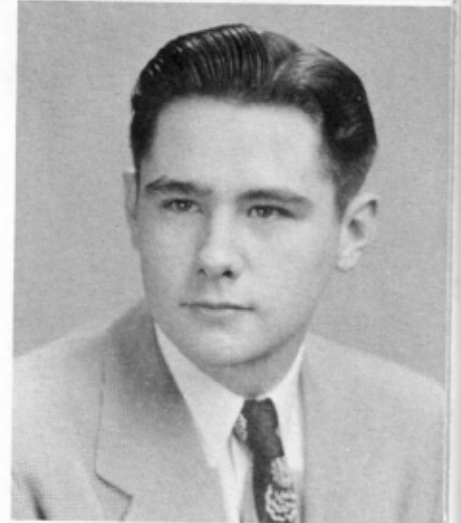
JEROME DALE HINKLEY, "Jerry"

Hallstead

- You Know It -

Baseball 2-3-4, Basketball 2-3, Athletic Club 1-2-3-4, Class Plays 3-4, Secretary 2.

Devilish grin, friendly, and a definite masculine taste in clothing, are just a few of the characteristics which make Jerry a well-liked member of the Senior Class. Possessing both brains and brawn, Jerry plans on going to college. To him we all wish the best of luck.



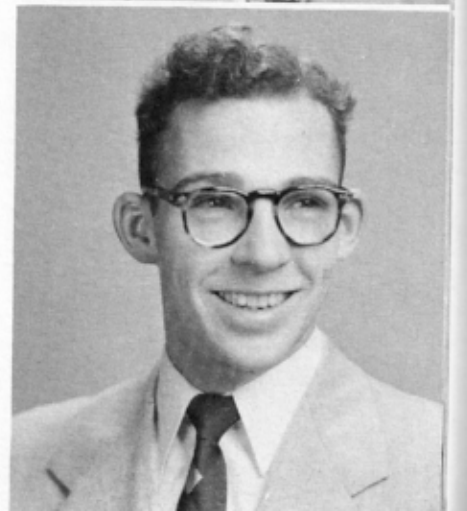
ROBERT WINFIELD HINKLEY, "Bob"

Hallstead

- Sugar!! -

Baseball 2-3-4, Basketball 2-3-4, Track 1-2-3-4, Band 1-2-3-4. Blue Ridge Concert 3-4, Orchestra 1-2-3, Rifle Club 1.

Bob is blessed with a wonderful personality and a very pleasant sense of humor. Next September we will find Bob attending Syracuse University, majoring in an engineering course. We want to wish one swell fellow the best of luck always.





LEOANRD RICHARD HUGHES, "Lenny"

Great Bend

- Hi Yuh Baby -

Volleyball 2, Baseball 3, Chorus 1-2-3, Track 1-2.

Lenny is the mechanic of our class. Most of his spare time he is puttering around with his black chevy. Lenny! What is your main attraction in Hallstead? Best of luck, kid.



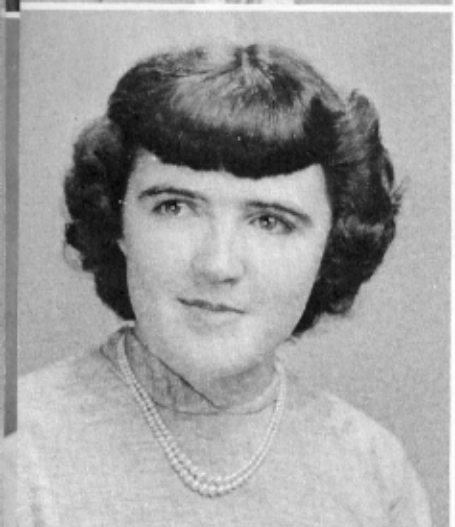
JOHN JOSEPH HUMBERT

New Milford

- Gee Whiz! -

Chorus 1-2-4, Hi-Y 2, Baseball 2, Track 2, Science Club 3, Science Club President 3, Class President 3, Junior Play, Senior Play.

Historical fiction interests John. He also likes ice skating, movies, apple pie, and homemade ice cream. He enjoys tinkering with cars, and is planning to go to college and study Mechanical Engineering. He has a dislike--women drivers.



MAUREEN THERESA JOYCE, "Moo Moo"

Hallstead

- Cripes -

F. H. A. 1, Press Club 2, Basketball 4.

Cheerful, gay, petite, cute smile, pleasant disposition, and a dash of shyness, all contribute to Maureen's personality. Maybe "Joe" has something to do with that quietness, from the many lovely gifts he sends her. In whatever she may choose, we are sure she will go far. Best of luck Moo Moo.



JAMES JOSEPH KERR, "Jim"

New Milford

- That's For The Birds -

Class Secretary 1.

Jim's car-minded. He likes to take off and go. He has other likes too: ice skating, roller skating, eating, fishing, and playing football. He is planning to do some truck driving after graduation.

JONATHAN TRUMBULL KING, "Jon"

New Milford

- Get Outta Here -

Baseball 2, Science Club 3, Science Club Treasurer 3, Hi-Y 2, Hi-Y Treasurer 2, Class Treasurer 2.

Jon likes skiing, ice skating, roller skating, and hunting. He would like to travel by car and see this great North American Continent. He is quite interested in mechanics and in electrical work--tearing apart or repairing electrical fixtures and cars. He likes math, and after graduation would like to be an automotive electrician.



NADINA KAREN KINGSBURY

New Milford

- Great Scott! -

Chorus 1, Tri-Hi-Y 1-2-3-4, Junior Play, Senior Play.

Nadina's hobby is reading. Among her likes are Ancient History and Literature courses, Archeology, and travel. After graduation she may go on to a business school. She would like to work for a few years before she settles down to the life of a housewife. She professes to an intense fear of birds.

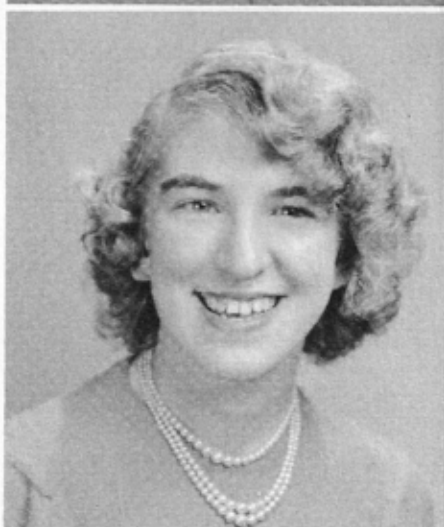


BEVERLY FRANCES KOHN, "Bev"

Hallstead

- Oh No -

Bev is a quiet girl, she keeps her thoughts and opinions to herself. Underneath her quietness and shyness, lies a swell personality. Bev's future we can confidently say, lies in becoming a housewife. May we wish her all the happiness in the world.



ALAN LUIS LANE, "Rocky"

Hallstead

- Oh You 'Lucious Cream Puff -

Band 1-2-3-4, Orchestra 1-2-3, County Festival 1-2-3-4, President of Rifle Club 3, Rifle Club 1-2-3-4, Blue Ridge Concert 3-4, Rifle Match 3, Class Plays 3-4, Track 2-3.

Alan is a fellow noted for his tall lankiness and ready smile. His favorite pastime is dropping in at Singers for his "enormous?" paycheck. He hopes to make a career in dramatics. We all want to wish him the best of luck in this or whichever profession comes his way.





CHARLOTTE ANN LEWIS, "Char"

Hallstead

- The Poor, Crazy, Little Mixed Up Kid -

Ensemble 2-3-4, Blue Ridge Concert 3-4, Orchestra 2-3, Band 2-3-4, Sub-Cheerleader 2, County Festival 1-2-3-4, Vocal Trio 2-3, Vocal Quartet 2, Class Play 4.

A very talkative and cute girl who likes to have a good time. Her lovely alto voice and big bass fiddle make her an important figure in music. Charlotte is undecided about her future, she's thinking of nursing and music both. Which ever one of these she chooses we want to wish her all the luck in the world.



ELWIN LEE MacCONNELL, "Mac"

New Milford

- Hullo There, Dearie -

Basketball 1-2-3, Volleyball 1-2-3-4, Track 1, Baseball 2-3-4, Athletic Association 2, F. F. A. 1-2-3-4, Class Vice-President 3.

Mac likes just about everything. He usually announces his presence with his hoarse frog-call. He would like to travel around the world by plane. He plans to go to college and study Agriculture, and then perhaps teach the course.



GEORGE MARTIN, JR., "Lover"

Hallstead

Baseball 1-2-3-4, Basketball 2-3-4, Athletic Club 3-4, F. H. A. 1-2, Blue Ridge Concert 3, Boys' Glee Club 1-2, Class Plays 3-4.

Tall, dark and handsome apply to George. His full of fun attitude and ever ready gift of gab made him an immediate hit with everyone. The class "Shiek," George's interests center mainly around girls. George's future lies with the Air Force. To him we wish the best of luck.



GERTRUDE JOANN MASON, "Jo"

New Milford

- I'll Clue You! -

Band 1-2, Mixed Chorus 1-2-4, Girls' Chorus 3, Ensemble 3, Festival 1-4, Basketball 2, Tri-Hi-Y 1-2, F. H. A. 2-3-4, Junior Play, Senior Play.

Piano-playing is something Jo likes to do very much. She also enjoys dancing, singing, reading (mysteries), photography, eating spaghetti, and sewing. She is interested in becoming a Home Ec. teacher. She may join the WAVES after graduation.

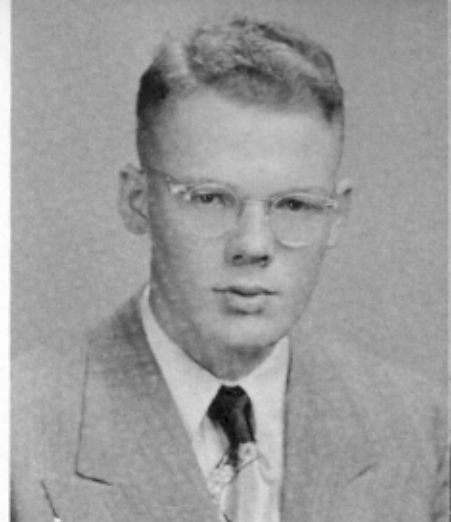
MERLE WILLIAM NEWMAN, "Hugh"

Great Bend

- Take It Easy -

Band 1-2-3-4, Chorus 1-2-3-4, County Festival 3.

Merle is the very sophisticated boy of our class. His hobby is playing the piano. The song he plays most is the 'Missouri Waltz.' Merle! How do you like football? Good luck in your undecided career.



FRANCES LILLIAN OAKLEY, "Frank"

Hallstead

Frank is one of the quietest girls in our class. She may be shy but she is one of the nicest girls with the sweetest smiles ever. We often see her at the library or carrying one of her favorite mystery books around with her. Frances is planning a business career. We want to wish her all the luck in the world for her future.



EUGENE FRANCIS OSTERHOUT, "Moose"

Hallstead

- I'll Clobber You -

Rifle Club 1-2-3, Athletic Club 4.

Moose is a big, husky fellow with less to say than most of the fellows. We say Gene is big, but we think his heart is most of that bigness. Although his future is not quite planned, Gene is pretty sure he will get a letter from the President soon after graduation. We hope the best will always come to you Gene.



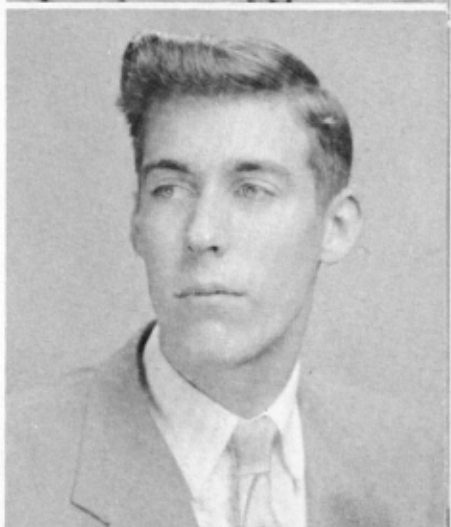
CHARLES ROBERT PAGE, "Charlie"

New Milford

- Wow! Look At That! -

Baseball 2-3-4, Track 2, Athletic Association 2, Hi-Y 2, Hi-Y President 2, F. F. A. 1-2-3-4, F. F. A. Secretary 2-3-4, Junior Play, Senior Play.

Charlie likes to hunt. In fact, he likes all sports--especially baseball. Dancing, swimming, ice skating, and apple pie and ice cream are on his list of likes too. He plans to join the Navy and learn a trade.





ROBERT GEORGE PAGE, "Bob"

New Milford

- Where Are All The Girls? -

F. F. A. 1-2-3-4, Chapter Vice-President 3, Chapter President 4, Delegate 2, County Delegate 4, County President 3.

Bob likes showing cattle. He enjoys keeping the records of his dairy herd. He has been very active in the Ag. Course. He plans to farm after graduation. He would like to go to Arizona and study methods of farming there.



DONALD EDWARD PEASE, "Don"

New Milford

- How About That! -

Mixed Chorus 4, Hi-Y 2, F. F. A. 1-2-3-4, Junior Play, Senior Play.

Don keeps a scrapbook on cars. He likes to travel and wants to see the United States and Europe. Italian dishes and sea food are favorites of his. He plans to join the Navy and hopes to be able to do some kind of mechanical work.



HELEN JANE POTTER

New Milford

- I Could Swear! -

Volleyball 1-2-3-4, Basketball 1-2-3-4, Track 2, Athletic Association 2, Mixed Chorus 1-2-4, Tri-Hi-Y 1-2-3, Junior Play, Senior Play, Class Treasurer 4.

Helen collects stamps and coins. She likes to play basketball and volleyball, ice skate, and roller skate. She likes to eat--her favorite is pizza pie. She enjoys working in the store very much. She plans to go to college to study to be a Physical Education teacher.



NEIL NORMAN PRICE

New Milford

- Is She Looking? -

F. F. A. 1, Junior Play, Senior Play.

Hunting and fishing are Neil's hobbies. He also likes ice skating, skiing, geometry, and trig. His favorite dish is cherry pie. Someday he would like to take a trip to the Far West, maybe California. He is planning to join the Air Force after graduation.

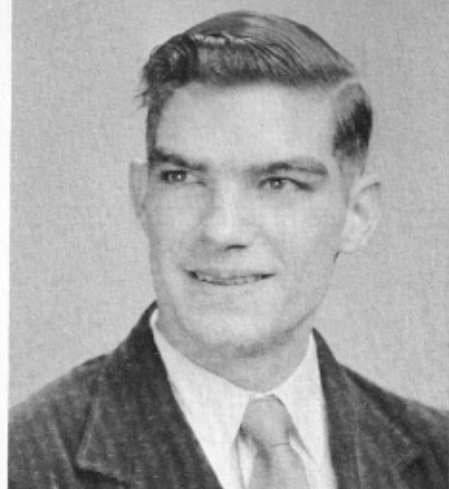
GLENN ARTHUR RAUB, JR., "Sonny"

Great Bend

- How About That -

Basketball 1, Chorus 1-2-3-4.

Glenn is the quiet one in our class, but he is always around when we need him. He surely does get around in that jeep. Glenn! Where do you go in that flivver? Good luck.



DOROTHY MAE ROBERTS, "Dot"

Hallstead

- Next Victim! -

Track 1-2-3-4, Cheerleader 4, Ensemble 1-2-3-4, F. H. A. 4, Class Plays 3-4, County Festival 1-2-3-4, Vocal Trio 2-3, Vocal Quartet 2, Blue Ridge Concert 3-4.

Dot is a little blond girl with a very cute smile. Friendly with everyone, especially boys, and active in both cheerleading and track. The future laying ahead of Dot is one of nursing at Wilson Memorial Hospital in Johnson City. We will be happy to see her successful in this and in all her future plans.



ROBERT ROOD, "Bob"

Hallstead

- I Don't Get This Crap -

Basketball 2, Track 1-2-3-4, Rifle Club 1.

Bob is a tall, handsome fellow with sparkling eyes and a wide grin for everyone. For a long time he stuck faithfully to a paper route, but finally he decided to learn the art of meat carving. Having an Army career laying ahead, we hope Bob is successful and we wish him the best of luck forever.



KAY LOIS SCHMICK, "Kay"

Hallstead

- For Crying Out Loud -

Ensemble 1-2-3-4, County Festival 1-2-3-4, Blue Ridge Concert 1-2-3-4, Class Plays 3-4, Orchestra 1-2-3, Band 1-2-3-4, Secretary 4.

This attractive girl with shining light brown hair, brown eyes and a nice smile is the Einstein of the Senior Class. Her ability in the field of science has contributed tremendously to her future, nursing at Wilson Memorial Hospital in Johnson City. May we all wish you the very best of luck.





KATHLEEN ELEANOR SCOTT, "Kathy"

New Milford

- You Better Believe It! -

Basketball 1-2-3-4, Volleyball 1-2-3-4, Athletic Association 2, Mixed Chorus 4, Band 1-2-3-4, Junior Play, Class Secretary 3, F.H.A. 1-2-3-4, F.H.A. Secretary 2, F.H.A. Vice-President 1, F.H.A. President 3.

Kathy collects stamps and colored stones. She likes miniature golf, volleyball, dancing, ice skating, and basketball particularly. She plans to work after graduation.



DARIUS PARKS SHIMER, JR., "Shime"

New Milford

- Quit Your Fussin' Around -

Baseball 3-4, F. F. A. 1, Junior Play.

Hunting and playing baseball or volleyball please Darius very much. He likes to drive, too, and someday plans to travel to the South. At times he can be found working on cars. It'll be the Navy or the Marines after graduation.



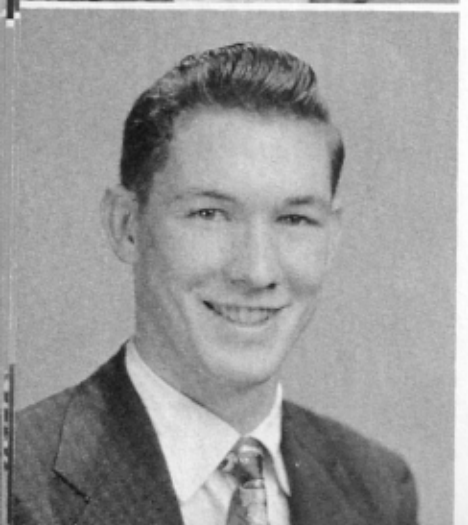
LORRAINE JENNY SHOEMAKER, "Rainy"

Hallstead

- Oh For Pete's Sake! -

Ensemble 1-2-3-4, Cheerleader 2, Band 1-2-3-4, Orchestra 1-2-3, County Festival 1-2-3-4, Blue Ridge Concert 3-4, Class Plays 3-4.

This typical talkative female we call Rainy. Her ready wit has scattered the clouds of many a blue day. She has taken advantage of her musical ability many times by playing or singing, to the enjoyment of her audience. May the best of everything be yours in your career of music.



CHARLES RICHARD SOLLER, "Chuck"

Hallstead

- Huh? -

Vice-President of Rifle Club 3, Rifle Club 1-2-3-4, Band 1-2-3-4, Orchestra 1-2-3, County Festival 1-2-3-4, Blue Ridge Concert 3-4, Track 2-3, Rifle Match 3, Class Play 4.

Chuck possesses the good quality of sportsmanship. He is likeable, cheerful, and well liked by all his classmates. His prize possession is his Clarinet which he plays exceptionally well. Ethel will have some things to say about his future, but whatever you choose, best of luck.

HOWARD CLYDE TEEL, "Slim"

Great Bend

- Say Now -

Basketball 1, Chorus 1-2.

Slim is a part time mechanic from our class. For a hobby, he likes to putter with old cars. He really gets around in that old Buick of his. Slim! Why do we see you in Hallstead so often? Good luck to you from all of us.



BERNITA JOYCE THATCHER, "Metty"

Hallstead

F.H.A. 1-2, Class Play 3, Vice-President 1, Treasurer 4.

This pert, pretty, little Mrs. with a very pleasing disposition is well liked by everyone. Married in her Junior year, Bernita still is the same sweet girl. Her favorite pastime is making new dance steps, at which she is an expert. Her plans? Just Kenny's wife. We all wish to a swell girl the best life has to offer.



SHIRLEY JANET TOWNER, "Red"

Great Bend

- Oh Brother -

Chorus 1-2-3, Basketball 1-2, F.H.A. 2-3, Volleyball 2-3, Track 1-2-3, Junior Editor 3, Senior Editor 4.

Shirley is the redhead of our class, always willing to lend a helping hand. Her main attraction is ???? from Oakland and a green Kaiser. Who is it Red? Well, anyhow, best of luck.



ARLENE MARIE TREIBLE, "Eanie"

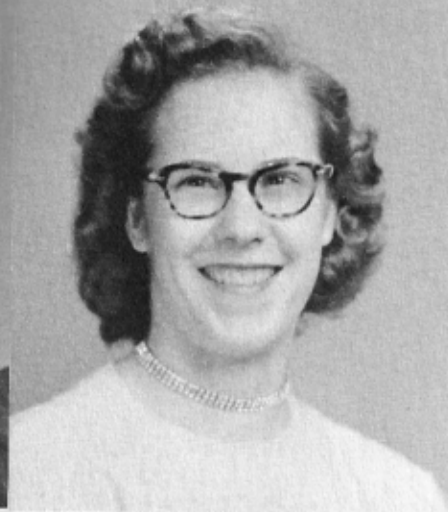
Great Bend

- And You Know It -

Volleyball 2, Track 1-2, F.H.A. 2-3, Secretary 2-3-4, Chorus 1-2-3.

The girl from the country with the nicest dimples and the brightest blue eyes, whom we see in a red Ford. Arlene! Why do we see you traveling the road to Harford? Huh? Good luck Arlene.





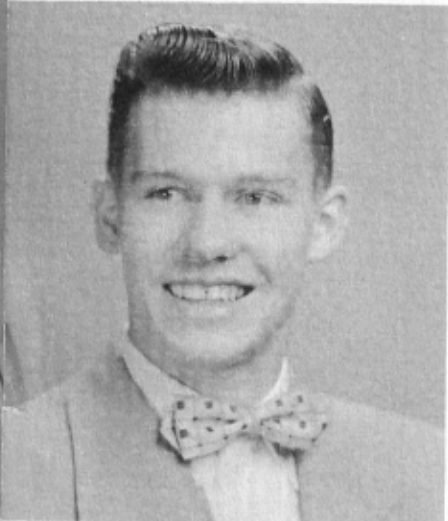
SHIRLEY ANNE VANDEYMARK, "Shirl"

Hallstead

- I'll Be A Monkey's Uncle -

Basketball 1-2-3-4, F. H. A. 1, Class Play 4.

A cheerful, friendly disposition contributes to Shirley's personality. Always smiling and on the alert, this cheerful classmate has won the hearts of her many friends. Shirley plans to get married in the near future. Best of luck Shirl.



BRUCE LEON VAN HOUSEN, "Van"

New Milford

- Don't Bother Me, I'm Working -

Basketball 1-2-3, Mixed Chorus 1-3-4, Athletic Association 2, Class President 4, Junior Play, Senior Play.

Bruce's favorite pastime is horseback riding, but he has other likes too. He likes working in the store, and likes to dance--especially square dance. He is quite interested in bookkeeping and would like to go to college and study Accounting. His goal: to be a C. P. A.



WILLIAM EUGENE WARNER, "Willy"

Hallstead

- Now Wait A Minute! -

Baseball 3-4, Athletic Club 2-3-4, Rifle Club 1, Band 1-2-3-4, Orchestra 1-2-3, Blue Ridge Concert 3-4, County Festival 1-2-3-4, Yearbook Editor 3-4, Vice-President 2-3, President 4.

Short, lively, and good looking go to describe Bill to most of us. Full of fun and a friend to everyone, he is one swell guy. As Class President he has shown great leadership ability. To the Jimmy Dorsey of the sax section, we wish the best of luck in whatever he may choose as a career.



DELORES GAIL WHITE

New Milford

- What's The Matter? -

Junior Play, Senior Play.

Gail likes to crochet. Also included in her list of likes are dancing, studying trigonometry, and traveling. She loves to rummage through old attics and thinks it's great to visit ghost towns. She may go on to business school, but says she would like to be a telephone operator.

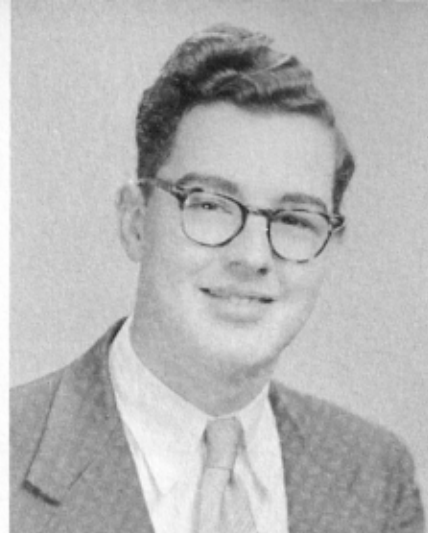
BRUCE EVERETT WHITNEY, "Whit"

New Milford

- Holy Cats! -

Band 2-3-4, County Band 3, Chorus 1-2-4, Ensemble 3, Hi-Y 2.

Bruce collects stamps. He likes to read--especially religious books. He is planning to become a minister--would like to attend Union College in Kentucky.



DARLENE ELIZABETH WILDER, "Bunny"

New Milford

- Just Checkin' -

Basketball 1-2, Volleyball 1-2, Track 1, Tri-Hi-Y 1-2.

Bunny collects coins and pictures. She likes roller skating, square dancing, basketball, volleyball, Italian dishes, and secretarial work. She enjoys traveling and would like to fly to Bermuda. She thinks being an airplane stewardess would be fun. After graduation she plans to find work as a Dental Secretary.



MARGARET JANE WOOD, "Marge"

Hallstead

Softball at East Junior High 1.

Margaret possesses a pleasing personality which has gained her many friends. She has a ready sense of humor and is willing to help in all class projects. Much of Marge's time is spent with Maureen, indulging in their favorite pastime, having a good time. We wish you the best of everything in the years to come.



SANDRA MAYE YOW, "Sandy"

Hallstead

- Darn It! -

Ensemble 1-2-3-4, Band 1-2, Orchestra 1-2-3, Class Play 4.

One of the most attractive girls in our class is Sandy. Her cheerful smile and pleasant disposition add to her charming personality which makes her well liked by all. She plays the organ for many occasions, but is better known as a pianist. Sandy's plans for the future are definite as the sparkle on her third finger proves. Best of luck Sandy.



CLASS HISTORY

GREAT BEND

When we entered high school in 1950, we were glad to be assigned to Miss Demer's homeroom, for to us, this was proof of our having left elementary and junior high school behind us. Now, we were growing up! At the first homeroom meeting, we found most of the faces were the same as those we had seen the previous year. Our class had seventeen members: Esther Abbott, James Abbott, Gary Balanis, Jeanette Caswell, Mary Lou Conklin, Robert Colwell, Richard Colwell, Doris Hughes, Leonard Hughes, Charlotte Lewis, Merle Newman, Glenn Raub, Betty Sears, Howard Teel, Shirley Towner, Arlene Treible, and Wayne Mills. During this year, we got a glimpse of the work that was ahead of us, for we started literature, civics, and other high school subjects. This was, indeed, a busy year for there were many new activities, as well as courses, for us to try. Before we realized, the mid-year had past, Spring came and the year was finished. We were about to become "Worthy Sophomores."

Our return in the fall was tinged with sadness at the loss of our beloved classmate Richard Colwell, who had drowned in the late summer. His loyalty to the class and to our school shall never be forgotten. We were glad to welcome to our class several new members: Roberta Crosby, Shirley Van Vleck, Betty Perry, Florence Stone and David Williams. This year we elected class officers, namely: President, James Abbott; Vice-President, Robert Colwell; Secretary, Florence Stone; Treasurer, Mary Lou Conklin; and Mr. Allen became our sponsor. Our class projects were fudge sales, bake sales, and other activities that taught us co-operation, established our bank account, and gave us endless pleasure. Now we felt that we had progressed a little farther along the road to that day, "Graduation."

Our junior year was one of loss and gain, for when we returned in the fall we missed eight class members: Jeanette Caswell, Mary Lou Conklin, Roberta Crosby, Betty Sears, Betty Perry, Shirley Van Vleck, David Williams, and Wayne Mills. However, we did gain one member, Maureen Heath, who has been a cheerful addition to our group. But early in the fall polio struck one of the most cheerful members of our class, Doris Hughes. The loss of her help, loyalty and friendly smile has been immeasurable. Even though she is yet in a hospital moving slowly along the hard road to recovery, through the medium of her letters she is ever with us in spirit and is truly a member of our class. In the spring Florence Stone left us to get married, and we were eleven in number. This year our fund raising activities were more diversified; with candy sales, stationery sales and similar activities. Our big event of the year came in May. On May 7th at the "Three Gables" we entertained the seniors and faculty at the annual Junior-Senior Banquet. Our class rings were very much in evidence and everyone felt proud to wear the seal of the new Blue Ridge Joint High School. This successful social project was the last of our junior year and we felt that our work for the last two years had not been in vain, for were we not to become dignified seniors in the fall?

That long awaited year had finally come; we are, as the bards have named us, "Dignified Seniors." The new officers for our final year in school are: President, Merle Newman; Vice-President, Robert Colwell; Secretary, Arlene Treible; and Treasurer, Esther Abbott. The project program set up by the class was not very extensive. The first effort of the year was expended on the annual "Election Supper," which was quite successful. Then we completed the plans for our series of roller skating parties. Everyone enjoyed them so much that the attendance grew and grew. Needless to say, these were the most profitable of all our financial plan. In December, nearly everyone participated in the school's Christmas pageant. That was when we discovered the male soloists of our class, to say nothing of its "Angelic Females." After the holiday vacation, we became more seriously interested in studies, basketball, volleyball, and in final preparations for graduation as we attempt to look into the future, we see devious paths upon which each class member shall have to travel alone. That our training at Blue Ridge High School has been adequate to help us meet the tasks ahead has been proven in the year just behind us. What we do with this preparation, how we meet life, and what our ultimate goal shall be, are things that we alone can decide. Of one thing we are sure, the lessons, the friends, and the memories of our days here will live in our hearts and minds forever.

CLASS HISTORY

HALLSTEAD

It has often been remarked that history has a peculiar way of repeating itself, and so to a certain extent the history of this class is much like the history of classes which have gone before, and of others which will follow.

We began our high school days (or daze) in 1950, when we entered the 9th grade with 20 girls, and 14 boys. After the confusion of the first few weeks, we settled down to the extremely serious business of being Freshmen.

We added to our class treasury by selling greeting cards and by collecting, for the first time, class dues.

In September, 1951, we returned to school full of ambition and high goals which, as they always do, wore off completely after the first few weeks. As Sophomores, there were 18 girls, Doris Ralston and Julia West having left us in 1950, but we gained in that year our songbird, Charlotte Lewis, who came to us from New Jersey. There were only 9 boys left from the 14 we had had as Freshmen. Richard Rosenkranz, Nathan Miller, Ray Rood, Robert Hickox, and Daniel Denny were no longer with us. Joseph Kovitch and Eugene "Moose" Osterhout joined our ranks that year, and our class began our Sophomore year with 11 boys and 19 girls.

We considered our 10th year a financial success, for our treasury was considerably built up through the sale of felt letters and Christmas cards. We climaxed the year with our Farewell Dance for the Class of '51. Quite accustomed to high school routine now, we bluffed, studied, or drifted through the balance of the year, and, finishing our final exams with a minimum amount of errors, we ended our Sophomore year looking forward to 1952 when we would be Juniors.

In our Junior year Doris Dickinson left our class to become Mrs. Richard Confer, and Nancy Van Gorden left us to become Mrs. Tony Phillips. Joseph Kovitch quit school to join the Air Force. We gained, however, two valuable assets to our class in our Junior year: George Martin, who came to us from Thompson and Margaret Wood, who moved here from Binghamton. There were no other major changes in our class except Bernita Kent became Mrs. Kenneth Thatcher.

Our chief money-making project as Juniors was the class play, "My Cousin From Texas," which was a great success. We also sold stationery and autograph books.

We climaxed the Junior year by the purchase of our class rings. Then, looking forward to our last and best year, we breezed (?) through our final exams, and ended our Junior year, not as students of Hallstead High, but as the future Senior class of the consolidation, Blue Ridge Joint School.

We returned to school in September, 1953, as mighty Seniors confident that this would be the best of all our high school days. We began our Senior year by the purchase of our name cards and invitations, and then settled down to the problems of electing officers and earning enough money to go to Washington in April, 1954.

The Senior play, "Don't Take My Penny," was presented in November, 1953, and was an even greater success than the Junior play was last year.

As this book goes to press, our class, 19 girls and 10 boys (little Joyce Bennett came to us from Plainfield, Conn.), is looking eagerly forward to our Washington trip and almost as eagerly, but perhaps a little sadly too, to the day of our graduation.

The curtain is going down on the history of the Class of '54, but in reality the Big Parade is just commencing. The bugle calls--Forward march!

CLASS HISTORY

NEW MILFORD

Through the years of our life we follow many different trails, each leading us through a different phase of life. Our school days are an instance of one trail that we traverse--a path filled with studies, fun, and lasting friendships. We follow this trail together, knowing all too well that it leads to a crossroads, at which point we will separate and each take up a new path where we may find happiness, sadness, misfortune, and fame.

As Freshmen we journeyed up the trail under the guidance of James Abbott. Our officers were: President, Donna Howell; Vice-President, Virginia Ludy; Secretary, Eloise Garrehy; Treasurer, Joan DeLancey. We had several get-acquainted parties--a hayride, a Christmas party, and at the end of the year, a trip to Rocky Glen. Our first lap of the trail had been fun, but we were ready for vacation when it came, and looked forward to continuing our trip.

Lois Kingsley led us farther up the trail when we were Sophomores. Our officers this year were: President, Mart Hand; Vice-President, Virginia Ludy; Secretary, Nadina Kingsbury; Treasurer, Jon King. This was the year we chose our class rings (the first class to do so in tenth grade.) It was the year before our consolidation and, although we were to be graduated from Blue Ridge, our rings bear the New Milford seal. One of our endeavors this year was the publishing of a class newspaper. Our editor was Eloise Garrehy. (We must have foreseen that she would be chosen our yearbook editor.) As Sophomores, we were kept busy with school work, but our social activities were at an ebb.

We were now "over the hump." Half the trail through high school was behind us, and, as upper classmen, we were ready to complete the last half of this memorable excursion. Our advisor was Raymond Kozlowski. Our class officers were: President, John Humbert; Vice-President, Elwin MacConnell; Secretary, Kathleen Scott; Treasurer, Loretta Allen. This year we became the money-minded Juniors. We wanted to swell our class treasury, and so sponsored various projects. We sold milk and stationery. We held a St. Patrick's Day Dance--and had a merry time. Our Junior play, "A Full House," was presented in April, and was directed by Jack Phethean. The climax of this year was our prom, "The Waltz of the Flowers." By popular vote, Joan DeLancey was crowned queen, and Bunny Wilder and Joann Mason were among those chosen to be in the court. We now looked anxiously toward our senior year which would bring with it the completion of our high school trip on the trail.

The final phase of our journey to the crossroads was guided by Frank Zielenski. Our officers: President, Bruce Van Housen; Vice-President, Ginny Curran; Secretary, Eloise Garrehy; Treasurer, Helen Potter. This year it was our turn to sponsor the annual "Plaid-Shirt-and-Blue-Jeans" Harvest Ball. This was a great success, both financially and socially (in spite of the snowstorm.) In our estimation, our Senior play, "Strictly Formal," directed by Lois Kingsley, was the best ever presented. We had now established ourselves as full-fledged producers, actors, and actresses. We had a class party at Christmas, at which time our room was made festive with a Christmas tree. We exchanged gifts and had refreshments. To help us in our financial straits, we conducted weekly bake sales. Our last class-sponsored dance was the Valentine Dance, for which we made gay decorations. We planned a trip to New York City where we were to be taken on a guided tour of the United Nations Building, and Rockefeller Center. We are looking forward to our Washington trip which is scheduled for April this year. The rest of our high school days will be taken up with preparations for Class Night, Baccalaureate, and the goal for which we had been striving--Graduation.

We will have arrived at the crossroads. Here, each of us will choose another path through life to pursue ambitions and realize plans that were made during those happy years on the trail.

OUR TRIP TO NEW YORK CITY

At approximately 3:10 Friday morning, February 26, 52 members from the Blue Ridge High Schools, accompanied by five teachers, boarded the train for New York City. We arrived at Hoboken at 6:30 A.M. and took the Lackawanna Ferry across the Hudson River to our destination.

We made our first stop at an Automat for breakfast, which was a new experience for most of us. After breakfast, the people of New York City saw a sleepy-eyed bunch of kids and teachers walking through the produce markets, Chinatown, Grand Central Station, and other places on our way to the United Nations Building.

At the U.N. Building, we were allowed to sit in Conference Room 3 and listen to the many delegates present their versions of the crisis at hand. After the "hearing," we were guided around on our long-awaited tour by Miss Susie Dickson, one of the U.N. Guides.

Much later, after visiting several other places, such as museums, New York Cathedral, Grant's Tomb and another Automat, we went to Radio City. At the beautiful theatre there, we saw the most marvelous stage show any of us had ever before witnessed and "The Long, Long Trailer," starring Lucille Ball and Desi Arnez.

We then headed for Grand Central Station and a subway car, through the Tubes, and into our own car on the Lackawanna Railroad which left Hoboken a little after 1 o'clock Saturday morning.

Six o'clock saw a very tired but happy bunch of kids arriving home and getting into bed, from which not many of us moved until at least 4 o'clock that afternoon. All had a wonderful time and anticipate our next trip.

Colors: Rust and Yellow.

Flower: Herbert Hoover Rose.

Motto: "Out of school life, into life's school."

SNAPSHOTS



Undergraduates



JUNIORS - GREAT BEND



FIRST ROW: M. Hughes, N. Foote, G. Wright, S. Galloway, M. Conklin.

SECOND ROW: S. VanVleck, S. Smallacombe, G. Ralston, A. Colwell, B. Hawk, P. McHugh.

JUNIORS - HALLSTEAD



FIRST ROW: J. Kelleher, B. Whalen, W. Darrow, C. Button, R. Perry, V. Burd, S. Florence, M. McKinney, L. Wood, G. Fiske.

SECOND ROW: C. Townsend, V. Chidester, H. Austin, L. Holtzman, S. Hussing, J. Morgan, R. Tompkins.

THIRD ROW: A. Morrison, B. VanGordon, D. Crandall, H. Darrow, R. Barnard, I. Brown, D. Reynolds, J. Dyer.

FOURTH ROW: P. Wells, A. Booth, H. Williams, W. French, R. Rood, R. Banker, J. Alise, D. Denny.

JUNIORS - NEW MILFORD



FIRST ROW: C. Torrisi, H. Squires, E. Moss, R. Tingley, M. Taylor, M. Brown, M. Rambo, S. Rought, R. Kozlowski.

SECOND ROW: F. Bajkowski, R. Hillis, E. Lawrence, T. Tingley, R. Mitchell, A. Scott, P. Meanor, B. Diffendorf.

THIRD ROW: E. Welch, B. Jarvis, L. March, C. Bailey, D. Sutton, J. Whitehead, J. Cook, S. Cronk, D. Coleman, B. Darrow.

FOURTH ROW: S. White, B. Sheppard, W. Moore, D. Stone, D. MacConnell, F. Gulick, L. Dearborn, D. Howell.

SOPHOMORES - GREAT BEND



FIRST ROW: M. DeNoyes, I. Abbott, J. Plonski, C. Smith, L. Foote, N. Parker, S. Knifer, N. Raub.

SECOND ROW: J. Baglino, G. Parsons, G. Wood, R. Knifer, D. Eaton, T. Purtell, T. Decker.

SOPHOMORES - HALLSTEAD



FIRST ROW: L. Lane, L. VanLoan, F. Winfield, S. Sherwood, J. Berry, D. Lawrence, J. Gergle, T. Kocher.

SECOND ROW: S. Winnie, B. Arnold, M. McKinney, S. Hornack, W. Donahue, A. Richards, J. Sullivan, A. Carman.

THIRD ROW: E. Downs, E. Chidester, S. Kovitch, B. Lesjeck, W. Davis, W. Benedict, N. Darrow, J. Millard.

SOPHOMORES - NEW MILFORD



FIRST ROW: L. Kingsley, A. Pickering, C. Cramer, J. Shimer, G. Fallon, D. Harvey, K. Burdick, R. Scott.

SECOND ROW: J. Carpenter, G. Humbert, K. Randall, A. Osborne, D. Birtch, R. Osborne, J. Hand, D. Goff, C. Freitag.

THIRD ROW: G. Gulick, J. Chandler, D. Page, G. Dearborn, C. Ebhardt, B. Harrell, N. Aase, G. Burse, G. Wheeler.

FOURTH ROW: J. Tingley, M. Potter, J. Sutton, B. Glatzel, M. Conrad, S. Carey, N. Mills, D. Wayman, A. Page, A. Peck.

FRESHMEN - GREAT BEND



FIRST ROW: M. Teel, W. Wright, R. Teel, K. Schooley, W. Heath, K. Reed, W. Colwell.

SECOND ROW: M. Eaton, L. Abbott, A. Walker, W. Ball, D. Swingle, E. Heirs, F. Merritt.

FRESHMEN - HALLSTED



FIRST ROW: R. Turboss, R. Chidester, G. Burnard, D. Yow, W. Arnold, S. Ely, J. McKinney, L. Swarthwood, H. Meagley.

SECOND ROW: D. Kent, T. Murray, L. Schmoll, H. Wood, D. Meagley, J. Casey, P. Swarthwood.

THIRD ROW: L. Decker, B. Shaffer, S. Donahue, K. Smith, P. Soller, M. McDevitt, J. MacRae, C. DeLucia, J. Howland.

FOURTH ROW: M. Reynolds, P. Baker, E. Fiske, R. Booth, D. Osterhout, R. Hinkley, E. Maloney, J. Fitzgerald.

FRESHMEN - NEW MILFORD



FIRST ROW: C. Young, K. Stearns, D. Rogers, N. Stevens, J. Gaughan, E. Klim, B. Stahl, J. Onysko, A. Button, G. Meade.

SECOND ROW: L. Darrow, S. Roman, A. Czezuga, M. Staerker, M. Snell, H. Morrison, W. Herbert, J. Tilley, W. Bradley, C. Sammon.

THIRD ROW: D. Wilmarth, R. Chandler, D. Herbert, B. Darrow, S. Gulick, S. Noble, J. Gergus, L. Hoal, V. Peck, F. Cosentino.

FOURTH ROW: N. Hassick, L. Taylor, M. Scott, F. Flynn, L. Bailey, B. Warren, W. Yeisley, C. Canfield, D. Stoss, R. Adolfson.

8th GRADE - GREAT BEND



FIRST ROW: P. Purtell, M. Sine, J. Tomeo.

SECOND ROW: J. Goldsmith, A. Slater, G. Chamberlin, J. Galloway, J. Ulco, F. White, J. McHugh, A. Colwell.

THIRD ROW: M. Baglino, G. Eaton, E. Sackett, J. Savinsky, R. Bucksby, S. Hawk, R. Zurn.

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FOURTH ROW: J. French, C. Meleynk, J. Joyce, M. Holtzman, H. Miller, D. Snow, G. Rood, R. Glover, W. Waterman.

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FIRST ROW: A. Peck, D. Page, B. Manning, C. Costino, R. Allen, A. Slocum, I. Cottrell, K. Freitag, F. Anderson.

SECOND ROW: W. Mosher, P. Bailey, G. Wilmarth, G. White, J. Barron, W. Slocum, E. Zienann, H. Zappe, G. Holbrook, B. Barron, D. Cody, R. Klim.

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FIRST ROW: J. Phethean, D. Griffin, S. Abbott, B. Walworth, S. Burns, M. Condon, D. Empett, B. Burdick, J. Leslie, R. Pomeroy.

SECOND ROW: D. Whitney, A. Bursese, G. Stanton, D. Carey, D. Glatzel, C. Rose, G. Groover, E. Clinton, C. Smith, D. Groover.

THIRD ROW: R. Sutton, N. Bradley, J. Horton, G. Stebbins, B. Meanor, D. Shilley, K. Yeisley, F. Garrehy, R. Proctor, M. Potter.

FOURTH ROW: J. Darrow, B. Harrell, J. Moore, J. McConnell, P. Houlihan, M. Wheeler, G. Burdick, P. Anderson, B. Chandler, P. Ralston.

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FIRST ROW: S. Hurlburt, J. Skaritza, H. Aldrich, J. Conklin, E. Colwell, D. Brink, B. Jackson.

SECOND ROW: C. Stone, R. Brown, I. Merritt, W. Updike, B. Galloway, F. Schlick, D. Sine.

7th GRADE - HALLSTEAD



FIRST ROW: D. Craft, E. Fiske, J. Wilbur, W. Alco, C. Menzie, J. McCreary, C. VanLoan, R. Welch, R. McAndrew.

SECOND ROW: R. Turboss, W. Burd, J. Hinkley, B. Vogal, B. Cummings, M. Chidester, J. Sennett, I. Welch, B. Osterhout.

THIRD ROW: A. Davis, M. Darrow, A. White, E. Clapper, C. Emerson, D. Howland, R. Carman, E. Berry.

7th GRADE - JACKSON



FIRST ROW: E. Henderson, J. Wayman, M. Coons, K. Barnes, A. Hoal, L. Humbert, R. Wilmarth, M. Costino.

SECOND ROW: O. Aase, W. Mosher, A. Aase, E. Brown, L. Fletcher, E. Pickering, T. Price, D. Harvey, G. Peck.

7th GRADE - NEW MILFORD



FIRST ROW: C. Woosman, D. Gulick, N. Whitney, L. Warren, S. Groover, I. Scott, C. Tilley, D. Lawrence, G. Stahl, N. Lewis.

SECOND ROW: G. Ellis, A. Martin, J. Wagner, D. Hillis, L. Millard, K. Ashworth, C. Burns, M. Rounds, R. Stoss, T. Mitchell.

THIRD ROW: J. Shaw, L. Fuller, S. Ellis, T. Goff, C. Darrow, S. Mills, A. Staerker, L. Resseguie, B. Follett, D. Seamans, M. Martin.

BLUE RIDGE JOINT SCHOOLS CALENDAR

1953

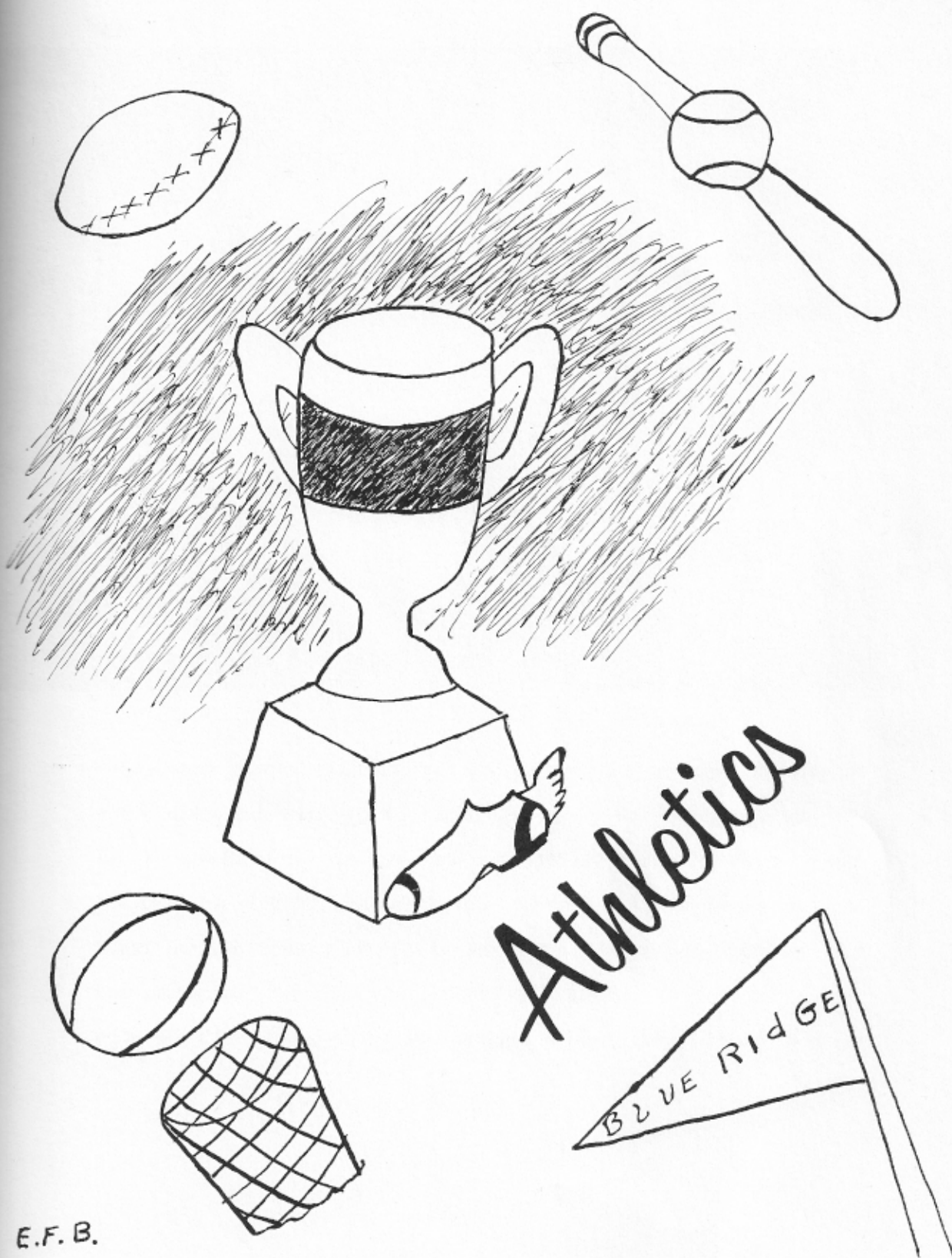
September 8 - Opening Day.
October 19 - End of 1st six weeks period.
October 22 & 23 - County Institute.
October 26 - Report Cards.
November 26-30 - Thanksgiving.
December 7 - End of 2nd six weeks period.
December 11 - Report Cards.
December 24 - January 1 - Christmas.

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January 27 - End of 3rd six weeks period.
February 1 - Report Cards.
March 10 - End of 4th six weeks period.
March 15 - Report Cards.
April 15-19 - Easter.
April 26 - End of 5th six weeks period.
April 28 - Blue Ridge Concert at Great Bend.
April 30 - Blue Ridge Concert at Hallstead.
April 30 - Report Cards.
May 3 - Blue Ridge Concert at New Milford.
May 20 - Class Night.
May 23 - Baccalaureate.
May 31 - Memorial Day.
June 3 - Commencement.
June 8 - Closing Day.

SNAPSHOTS





Athletics

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BASEBALL



This year marked the first year that a baseball team operated under the colors of the Blue Ridge Joint Schools. Our season was moderately successful. We won three and lost three, and were the only team in the league to beat Elk Lake in a regularly scheduled game. Besides Elk Lake, we beat Susquehanna and Hop Bottom, and lost to Thompson, Harford, and Montrose. Our best pitcher was Ray Rood, ably assisted by John Hand. The team was coached by Mr. Clair Young of the New Milford building; Gary Dearborn was the team's manager.

GIRLS' BASKETBALL



There were 20 members on the team which was coached by Mrs. V. Ruth Austin. The student manager was Ginny Curran. Captain of the team was Barbara Decker; co-captain, Helen Potter. Practices were held after school hours at one of the three school gyms. The mascot of the team was a little teddy bear named Robert Roy.

The league game scores were:

	First game		Second game	
	We	They	We	They
Montrose	21. . . .	.45	24. . . .	44
Harford	42. . . .	.47	35. . . .	44
Susquehanna	61. . . .	.20	56. . . .	30
Thompson	57. . . .	.56	53. . . .	39

The team finished in third place in the league. They played 15 games altogether and won 10 of them.

BOYS' BASKETBALL



The 1953-54 basketball season was for the most part a success. Although the team was a disappointment in league play, the exhibition games proved to be more successful. The team had a record of one win and seven losses in league play and 10 wins and one loss in exhibition games, giving Blue Ridge an overall record of 11 wins and eight losses.

Our season started in November with a new team and a new coach, Mr. Franks. At the close of the '52-53 season we had lost four of the first five players, and Mr. Young, our coach for that season.

The season opener saw Blue Ridge win its only league game of the year. It turned out to be an important win, however, as it was over Montrose, last year's champs. We lost league games to Harford, Thompson, Susquehanna, and Montrose on their court.

In exhibition games we defeated Factoryville, Hallstead Alumni, Great Bend Alumni, New Milford Alumni, Hop Bottom (twice), Windsor (twice), Elk Lake, and Wyalusing, while losing one to Factoryville.

We were sorry to lose Bruce Van Housen, Jerry Hinkley, and Bob Detriech during the beginning of the season. We feel their loss handicapped us to a degree. But such stalwarts as Gene Downs, Marty Hand, Bob Hinkley, and George Martin, all of whom we lose this year, took up the slack. We feel we have a young, but good team coming up, as Jerry Ralston, Eddy Downs, John Hand, Sam Cronk, Don McConnell, Gene Wright, Bill French, and Dick Knifer, will be returning next season.

The season closed with a banquet held in New Milford, at which the people of the three towns played host to the boys on the team. We are anxiously awaiting next year's starting whistle and we feel sure of a successful season.

COMBINED TRACK SQUAD



Combined squads which won the County Championship for Blue Ridge.

FIRST ROW: Dave Roberts, Eddie Downs, Gene Wright, Justin Dyer, Gene Chidester.

SECOND ROW: Coach Charles Burd, Ella Van Auken, Joyce Colwell, Helen Austin, Dorothy Roberts, Maureen McDevitt, Ellen Van Valen, J. Roosa, Shirley Towner.

THIRD ROW: Bob Hinkley, Walt Benedict, Gene Downs, Irving Brown, Charles Soller, Steve Baker, Roger Zurn, Bob Rood, Cliff Miller, Alan Lane, Jim Morgan, Manager, Howard Lewis.

BOYS' TRACK SQUAD



Blue Ridge Track Team which swept over all opponents to an undefeated season. Three triangular meets and one dual meet were won. Climaxed by the District 12 and County Championship.

Boys in the picture kneeling and reading left to right: Dave Roberts, Eddie Downs, Gene Wright, Justin Dyer, Gene Chidester.

Standing: Coach Charles Burd, Bob Hinkley, Walt Benedict, Irving Brown, Gene Downs, Charles Soller, Steve Baker, Roger Zurn, Bob Rood, Jim Morgan, Cliff Miller, Alan Lane, Manager Howard Lewis. Missing from the picture are: Phil Hand, Bill Tyler, Sammy Cronk, Gerald Wells and Whitney.

Season's Record

Blue Ridge 68
Windsor 32
Susquehanna 7

Blue Ridge 68-1/2
Susquehanna 25-1/2
Tunkhannock 13

Blue Ridge 55-1/2
Tunkhannock 26-1/2

Blue Ridge 64-1/3
Montrose 26-1/3
Harford 16-1/3

District 12 Championship
Blue Ridge 72-1/2
Second Place Montrose 27-1/2

County Championship
Blue Ridge 82-1/2
Second Place Montrose 69-1/2

CHEERLEADERS



Left to right: J. Delancey, S. Smallecombe, P. McHugh, D. Roberts, S. Florance, B. Diffendorf, E. Sturman.

We're the girls who gave our teams a boost at the games. We led the crowd in the cheers and gave the teams our whole-hearted support. Our advisor was Miss Sturman, who saw to it that we got to practices at the different schools. There are nine girls on the squad--the six regulars and three alternates: Gail Moore, Betty Arnold, and Margie DeNoyes. Two of the regulars are seniors and we'll lose them this year. They are Dorothy Roberts of Hallstead, and Joan DeLancey of New Milford. "We'll always fight for the red and white."

VOLLEYBALL

The Blue Ridge girls and boys volleyball teams captured the county titles for the 1953 season. The boys added the district title to their collection and then went to PennState where they participated in the eighteenth annual P.I.A.A. Senior High School Volleyball Tournament. Blue Ridge emerged third in the state, out of seven teams participating.

Following are the members who made up the girls' and boys' squads:

Anne Stockholm
 Alice Jean Stevens
 Carolyn Bailey
 Marilyn Benning
 Gertrude Whitney
 Kathleen Scott
 Helen Potter
 Loretta Allen
 Janice Button
 Marylou Taylor

Anne Morrison
 Sally White
 Nancy Foot
 Shirley Towner
 Joyce Colwell
 Melva Hughes
 Dave Roberts
 Phil Hand
 Ray Barnard

William Tyler
 Elwin MacConnell
 Mart Hand
 Don MacConnell
 Sam Cronk
 John Hand
 Melvin Darrow
 Gary Fallon
 Clifford Miller
 Roger Zurn



SENIOR BAND



The Blue Ridge Senior Band is under the direction of William E. Williams, teacher of music at the Hallstead School. The band is made up of advanced instrumentalists from the three schools, Great Bend, Hallstead, and New Milford. There are a few combined rehearsals in the spring of the year, and the band makes its public appearances at the Blue Ridge Spring Music Festival, and at the Commencement Exercises.

Both Vocal and Instrumental music are taught to grades one through 12 at the Hallstead School. There is a Junior and Senior Band, both of which play at school assemblies and programs. At the present time there are fifty-two students playing musical instruments.

JUNIOR BAND



During the year we have been active in the monthly assembly programs produced by the individual homerooms. In addition to this we have had several successful assembly sings for which the band furnished the accompaniment.

In December the music department assisted the first grade in a musical program for the PTA. We also joined forces with the other departments in our building to present a Christmas pageant which was well received by the public. The upper elementary grades provided the program for another PTA program in March.

Carl Smith represented our school at the Northeastern District Chorus Festival at Sayre in January. We were also well represented in the County Music Festival at New Milford.

The early spring brought the singers and instrumentalists of our schools together to prepare for our own Blue Ridge Concert in April and for Commencement music in June.

With the introduction of a violin class this year, we look forward to the return of an orchestra as an instrumental unit in our school.

COMBINED CHORUS



Interest in music has been running high all year. The band has practiced as one group throughout the year with the members going to Hallstead and Great Bend for special rehearsals of Blue Ridge Junior and Senior Bands. The mixed chorus of forty members has worked hard on music in preparation for combined chorus rehearsals with Hallstead and Great Bend, culminating in three concerts of bands and chorus in April and May. A concert was held in each school.

Some special activities of the year were: a "pep" band for one of our pep rallies; special solo and band numbers for the Christmas assembly; a saxophone trio which provided special music for the Senior play; and a girls' vocal trio which made several appearances throughout the year. New Milford was honored in having Marlene Conrad represent us at both District and All-State choral events, and Ann Page at District Band. Members of our school participated in the County Music Festival in March.

In the grades, we have worked on learning to read music better and faster, and fifth and sixth grades did much work on part singing. Boys and girls in the Special Training class made some of their own rhythm band instruments and enjoyed playing on them. Some children had nice recordings which they brought to school and played for the classes. At the time this report is being made, we are considering a Spring Musical Concert for grades one through six.

NEW MILFORD CHORUS



HALLSTEAD ENSEMBLE



Activities



TRI-HI-Y



FIRST ROW: D. Wayman, E. Lawrence, N. Kingsbury, B. Jarvis, E. Garrehy, M. Potter, L. Kingsley.

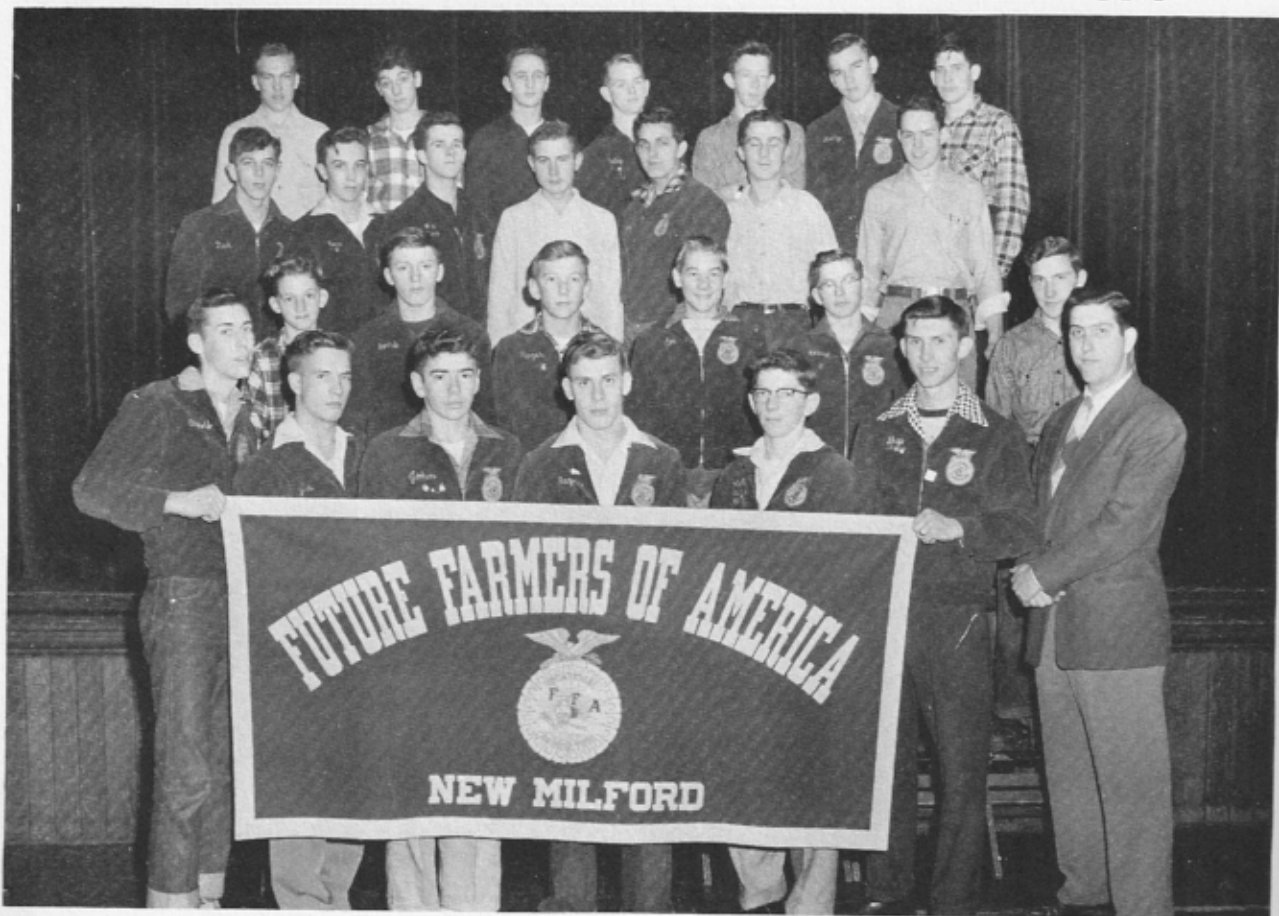
SECOND ROW: P. Meanor, C. Torris, M. Taylor, C. Cramer, D. Wilmarth, E. Moss.

THIRD ROW: S. Rought, J. Gregus, V. Peck, L. Hoal, R. Tingley, A. Pickering.

The Tri-Hi-Y is a Christian organization for the betterment of our school and community. Our faculty advisor is Lois Kingsley. Our officers: President, Evelyn Lawrence; Vice-President, Roberta Tingley; Secretary, Martha Potter; Treasurer, Shirley Rought; Chaplain, Carol Cramer.

This year we started out with a bang! We sent our President and Vice-President to camp at Lake Ariel. We helped bind books under the instructions of Nadina Kingsbury. In December, we started our Christmas projects: collecting clothes for needy families, and delivering fruit to the Old Folks' Home at Rush. We have had Teen Talks each year for all the high school girls. The climax of our year's activities is our annual Mother-and-Daughter Tea held in May.

FUTURE FARMERS OF AMERICA



FIRST ROW: C. Page, Secretary; J. Cook, Chaplain; J. Carpenter, Treasurer; B. Page, President; A. Scott, Vice-President; B. Sheppard, Sentinel; M. Reynolds.

SECOND ROW: B. Herbert, D. Stoss, R. Scott, J. Shimer, L. Bailey, M. Staerker.

THIRD ROW: D. Howell, D. Goff, E. MacConnell, E. Klim, K. Randall, A. Button, G. Meade.

FOURTH ROW: J. Chandler, B. Herbert, S. Cronk, C. Bailey, E. Welch, G. Wheeler, B. Darrow.

Under the leadership of Mr. Reynolds, the New Milford F.F.A. started the year with 27 members. It was decided that a good way to build up chapter funds would be to sell magazine subscriptions for the Farm Quarterly.

In October, the Junior and Senior boys went to the Bloomsburg Fair, where they viewed livestock judging.

In January, Mr. Reynolds and Stanley MacConnell took several of the boys to the Harrisburg Farm Show, where Robert Page was honored by receiving the "Keystone Farmer's Degree."

FUTURE HOMEMAKERS OF AMERICA



The fall of 1953 found the New Milford girls boarding a bus for Hallstead each morning to join the other Future Homemakers of America. The girls became well acquainted and had lots of fun planning many activities.

Early in the year officers were chosen:

President	Janice Button
Vice-President	Shirley Winnie
Secretary	JoAnn Barry
Treasurer	Betty Arnold
F.H.A. Reporter	JoAnn Mason
Advisor	E. Sturman
Chapter Mother	Mrs. Edward Roberts

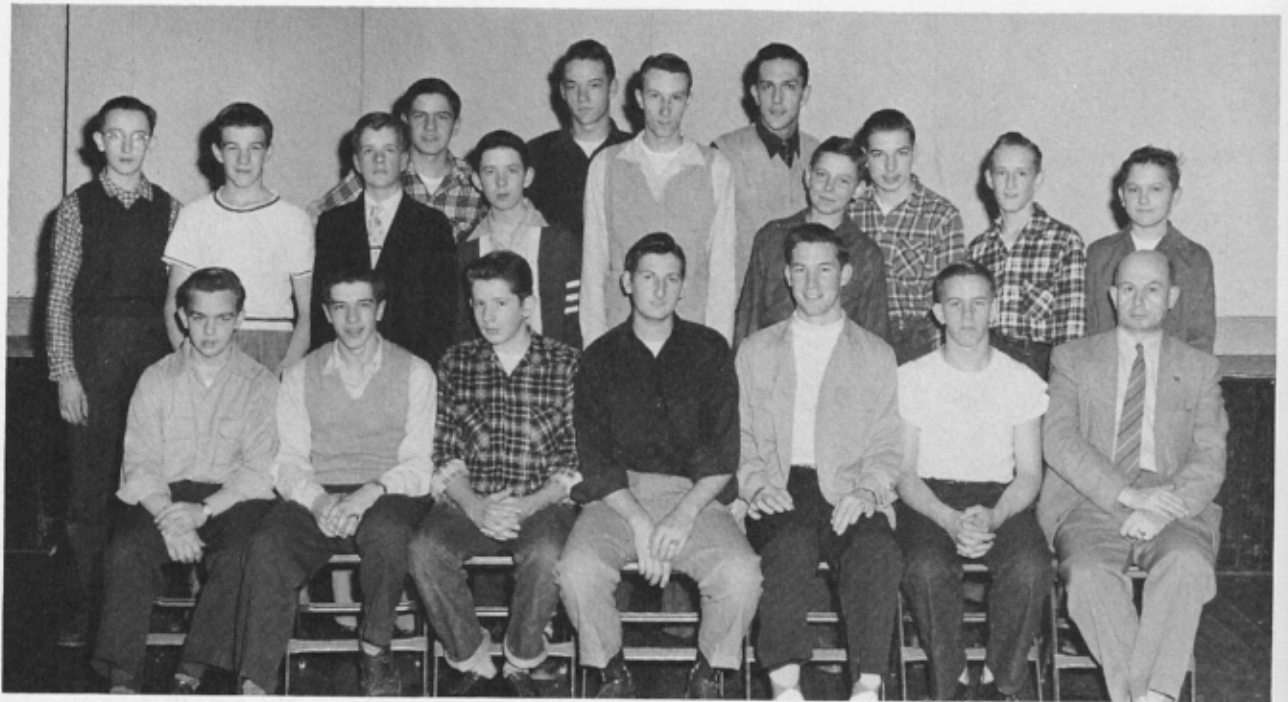
Some of the year's activities were:

The initiation of thirty-two members--the five New Milford girls had been initiated two years before so they did the job.

The units of study: foods, clothing, homes, interior decorating and dinner.

A few girls went to the State F.H.A. Convention at Wilkes Barre and enjoyed it very much.

RIFLE CLUB



The Blue Ridge High School Junior Rifle Club is affiliated with the National Rifle Association Shooting for qualification in our club dates back to the middle nineteen thirties but records have been kept only since 1946. Since then, sixty-six members have qualified for three hundred and eighty-eight awards.

On April 11, 1953, ten members shot in the P.I.A.A. match at DuBois, Pennsylvania.

Eleven members earned N.R.A. Hunter Safety Awards.

Club meetings are held on alternate Thursdays. Subjects covered in the meetings include nomenclature, functioning and care of small arms, elementary ballistics, triangulation and map reading.

Current officers and members, together with their highest qualifications are:

President	Robert Whalen	Sharpshooter IX
Vice-President	Byron Lesjack	Sharpshooter IX
Secretary	Charles Soller	Sharpshooter I
Treasurer	Harold Williams	Sharpshooter VI
Executive Officer	Stephen Hussing	Sharpshooter
	William Arnold	
	Allyn Booth	Sharpshooter IV
	Gregory Burnard	Marksman First Class
	William Davis	Sharpshooter I
	William Donohue	Sharpshooter VI
	James Howland	Marksman First Class
	Douglas Kent	Marksman First Class
	Alan Lane	Sharpshooter I
	Leon Lane	Sharpshooter III
	James Millard	Sharpshooter V
	Thomas Murray	
	Theodore Purtell	Sharpshooter VII
	David Yow	Pro-Marksman

PHOTOGRAPHY



Left to right: L. Decker, A. Shaffer, P. Baker, J. Casey, S. Donahue, R. Barnard, R. Tompkins, J. Dyer, J. Fitzgerald, E. Maloney, G. Schmick, W. French.

Our Photography Club this year is composed of an interested group who are really doing a great deal of practical work. Besides developing and printing our own pictures, we have undertaken the task of photographing the various class groups. We, too, have furnished some of the Yearbook pictures.

A trip through the Ansco plant is also listed for this spring.

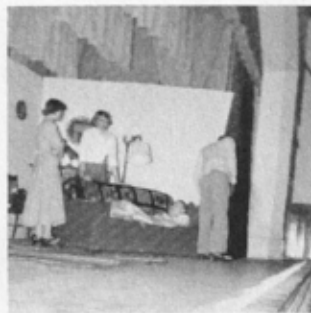
Our President is William French; Vice-President, Justin Dyer; Secretary, Ray Barnard; and Treasurer, Roland Tompkins.

ATHLETIC CLUB



A new form of entertainment invaded the peace and tranquility at Great Bend. We held monthly roller skating parties, which became increasingly more popular. Both young and old came. We even saw Mr. Thomas there, but we could not convince him that he should skate. Everyone enjoyed the music to which they skated. Quite a few spills were taken but it was all in the fun. More parties are promised for next year.

SCHOOL PLAYS



A FULL HOUSE

Under the direction of Jack Phethean, we presented our Junior play in April, 1953. It was a hilarious comedy about stolen jewels, mixed up luggage, and an interfering aunt. The cast included: Bruce Van Housen, Helen Potter, Donny Pease, Eloise Garrehy, Darius Shimer, Gail White, Nadina Kingsbury, John Humbert, Kathleen Scott, Neil Price, Charlie Page, Bruce Whitney, Loretta Allen, and JoAnn Mason. After the play we all went to the "Poplars" for chicken-in-a-basket. We had so much fun we could hardly wait 'til next year when we would present our Senior play.

STRICTLY FORMAL

The time finally came in November for our Senior play, directed by Lois Kingsley. Due to a delay in the shipment of our play books, we produced the play in a very short time. The story was about two girls who were dateless for their Prom, and a "character" cousin who "fixed" things. Those who demonstrated their acting ability were: Loretta Allen, John Humbert, Barbara Clark, Nadina Kingsbury, Gail White, Neil Price, Robert Darrow, Helen Potter, Janice Button, JoAnn Mason, Bruce Van Housen, Charles Page, Ginny Curran, Eloise Garrehy, Nina Flynn, and Donny Pease. To celebrate, after the final performance, the class went to the Red Robin Diner in Binghamton.

MY COUSIN FROM TEXAS
Three Act Farce
Hallstead Junior Class Play

Director Miss Frances Kinner
Musical Director Mr. William Williams

Cast of Characters

Peaceful Johnson, a young colored maid Ann Donahue
Mrs. Beulah Scott, a widow Bernita Thatcher
Sheila Scott, her elder daughter Dorothy Roberts
Doris Weaver, Sheila's best friend Lorraine Shoemaker
Wilbur Scott, Beulah's youngest Bill Warner
Lucille Scott, the younger daughter Marilyn Baker
Preston Rogers, Sheila's fiance Bob Hinkley
Johnny Benton, an unexpected young man Jerry Hinkley
Eshew Smith, Johnny's colored valet George Martin
Cactus Kelly, a cowboy Alan Lane
Tomasina Cooper, from Texas Kay Schmick

DON'T TAKE MY PENNY
Three Act Comedy
Presented Nov. 12, 1953

Director Miss Frances Kinner
Musical Director Mr. William Williams

A three-act hilarious comedy, under the direction of Miss Frances Kinner, was presented Thursday evening, November 12, 1953, by the Senior Class of Hallstead School.

Each character very well portrayed his assigned part.

Cast of Characters

Sally, a maid with a purpose Ann Donahue
Norman Porter, a publicity man Bill Warner
Penny, a pretty little miss Lorraine Shoemaker
Claeb, her absorbed father Charles Soller
Mark, her farm-minded brother Robert Hinkley
Mavis, her attractive sister Marilyn Baker
Lydia, her busy mother Donna Bugbee
Johanna, her loyal girl friend Dorothy Roberts
Kerry, her resourceful boy friend Jerry Hinkley
Greg, his pal with ideas George Martin
Gram, just herself Charlotte Lewis
Monsieur Henri, a French designer Alan Lane
Clair Sandra Yow
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