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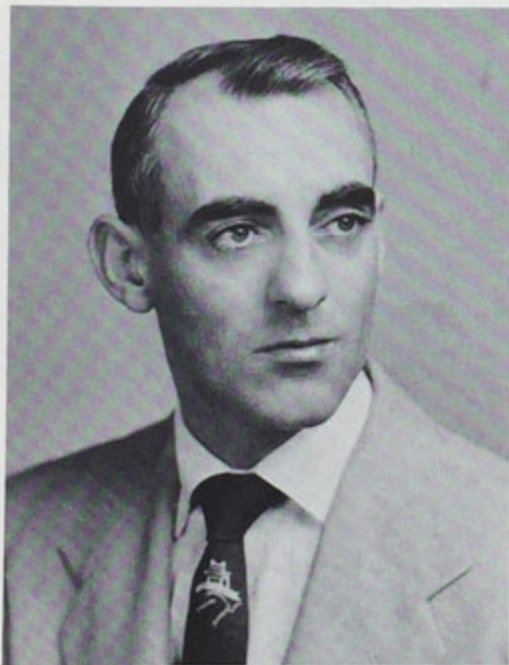
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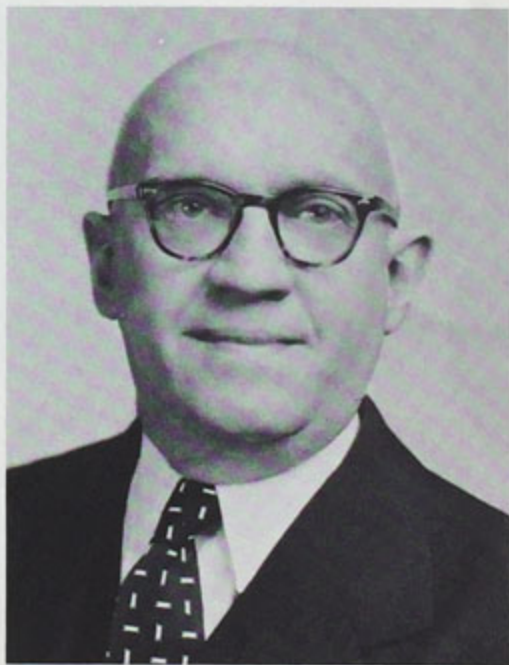
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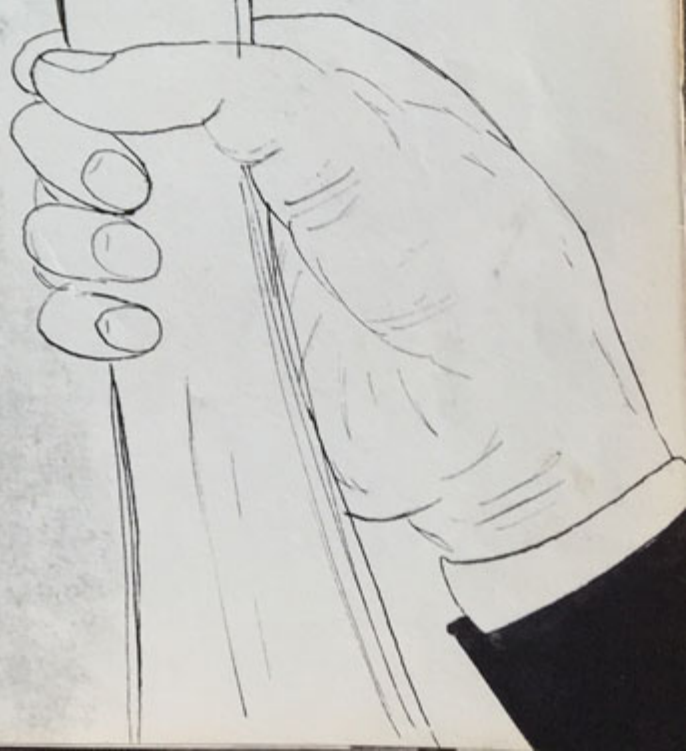
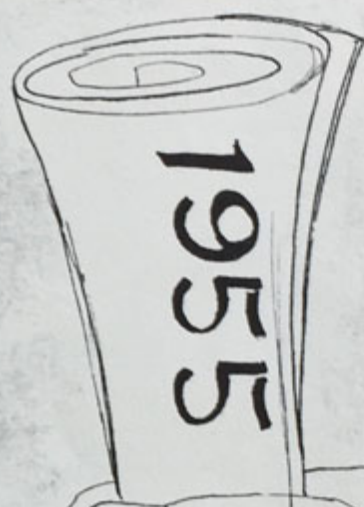
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Congratulations!

JOHN JOSEPH ALISE JR., "Johnny"

Hallstead

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

Johnny who is the "Romeo" of our class can sure get around in that Dodge. His favorite food is cabbage salad. His favorite saying is "Getting while the getting is good." College is Johnny's ambition.



HELEN ANTOINETTE AUSTIN, "Toni"

Hallstead

Pennsylvania State Apple Queen 4, F. H. A. 1-2-3-4, Basketball 1-2-3-4, Track 1-2, Band 1, Ensemble 1-2-3, County Chorus 4, Blue Ridge Chorus 2-3-4, High School Chorus 1-2-3-4.

Toni who is the "Apple Queen of Pennsylvania" is the best cook ever. Her favorite food is Pizza. She likes to play basketball and also to go swimming. Her favorite saying is "Huh, whatcha say." Her ambition is to be a beautician.

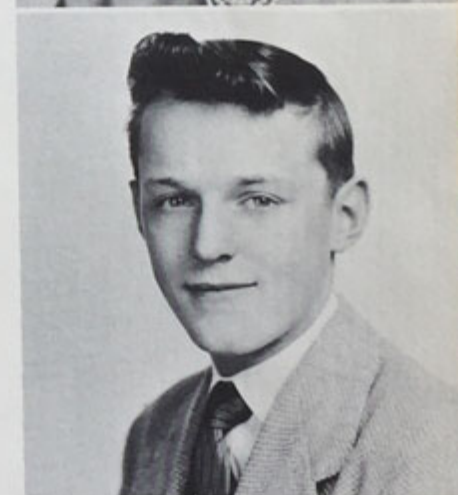


RALPH A. BAGLINO JR., "Junior"

New Milford

F. F. A. 4.

Ralph is the Romeo of our class. His motto is, "Love em and leave em." He came all the way from Susquehanna to join our little group. His likes are: cars and girls. His favorite saying is "Wowie". We guess he could go anywhere in that hotrod truck of his! Good luck.

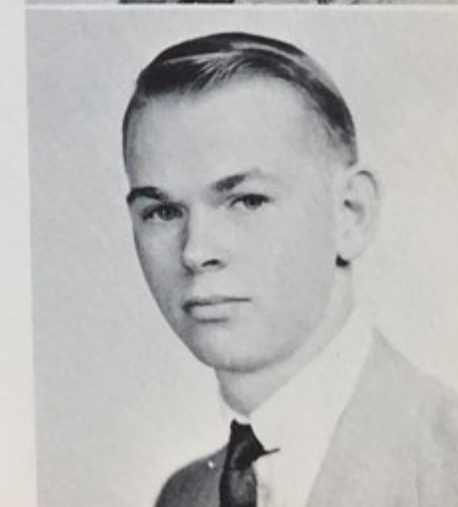


CARLTON BAILEY, "Pat"

New Milford

Class President 3, F. F. A. 2-3-4, F. F. A. Chapter Reporter 4.

Pat is the farmer of the class. He likes to dance, ice skate, and be merry. His favorite saying is, "I guess so." His idea is that all roads lead to Roberta's. He wants to own a farm with Arthur Scott. Best of luck in the future.





FRANK ANTHONY BAJKOWSKI, "Frankie" New Milford

Ensemble 1-2, Science Club 2, Hi-Y 2, F. T. A. 4, Senior Play.

Handsome, mischievous and full of pep describes Frankie. His favorite subject is typing at which he is very good. His favorite saying is, "Oh joy!" He likes dancing and piano playing. His hope for the future is to become a C. P. A. We wish you the best of luck in everything you do.



RICHARD ARTHUR BANKER, "Rich" Hallstead

Rifle Club 1-2, Athletic Club 3, Glee Club 4, Blue Ridge Chorus 4.

Rich's favorite hobbies are hunting and skiing. He has a great sense of humor and always has a joke on hand. His future is undecided at present.



RAY FOSTER BARNARD, "Barney" Hallstead

Basketball 2, Track 1, Junior Play, County Festival 1-2-3-4, Blue Ridge Concert 2-3-4, High School Chorus 1-2-3-4, Photography Club 3, Athletic Club 1-2, Baseball 1.

Ray who has a very exquisite taste for clothes is a well-liked member of our class. His favorite pastime is hunting. He prefers chicken to all other foods. His favorite saying is "Who, not me!" He plans to join the Navy after graduation.



ALLYN BOOTH, "Al" Hallstead

Rifle Club 1-2-3, Junior Play Stage Director, Senior Play Stage Director.

Al is one of our ambitious boys who has worked in service stations since he could tell a windshield from a gas pump. His favorite saying is "Alrighty" and his favorite dish is spaghetti. After graduation he is headed for the Air Force.

IRVING JUDSON BROWN, "Brownie"

Hallstead

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

Brownie is a tall fun-loving boy. He has been a big asset to the Blue Ridge Track Team. He especially likes out-of-door sports such as hunting and ice skating. His favorite saying is "I'll be darned!"



MARJORIE ELLEN BROWN, "Margie"

New Milford

Chorus 1-2-3-4, Tri-Hi-Y 1, Science Club 2, Class Treasurer 3, Class Secretary 4, Senior and Junior Play.

Margie's likes are many: dancing, saxophones, clothes, boys and cars (especially a red Ford from Hallstead). Her favorite saying is, "I don't know about you." Her favorite subject is English. Best of luck in everything you undertake.



VIRGINIA ALICE BURD, "Ginger"

Hallstead

F. H. A. 1, Ensemble 1-2-3, Blue Ridge Chorus 2-3-4, Glee Club 4, County Chorus 4, Basketball 1-2-3, Basketball Manager 4, Class Plays 3-4.

Ginger is a gay, charming person. She has been active in basketball during high school and also kept busy holding down her job at the Captiol Theatre. She can oft times be seen driving Pop's Ford, as driving is one of her favorite hobbies along with sports, dating and artwork. Ginger's favorite food is Chocolate Chip ice cream.



DAWN HELENE BUTTON, "Dawnie"

Hallstead

Press Club 1, F. H. A. 1, Class Plays 3-4, Blue Ridge Chorus 3-4, Glee Club 4, County Chorus 4, High School Chorus 1-2-3-4.

Dawnie is the blondie of our class. She likes horse shows, all kinds of sports, and anything a lot of fun. Her favorite food is "anything that is food." Her favorite saying is "Your just trying to get rid of me, I know!" Her ambition in life is to be a bookkeeper and later to get married.





VIRGINIA JEAN CHIDESTER

Hallstead

F. H. A. 1-2, F. H. A. Vice-President 1, High School Chorus 1-2-3-4, Senior Play 4.

Virginia is a quiet girl, keeping her thoughts mostly to herself, sputtering once in a while after Commercial class. Her favorite food is Chocolate cake. She has hopes of being a secretary after graduation.

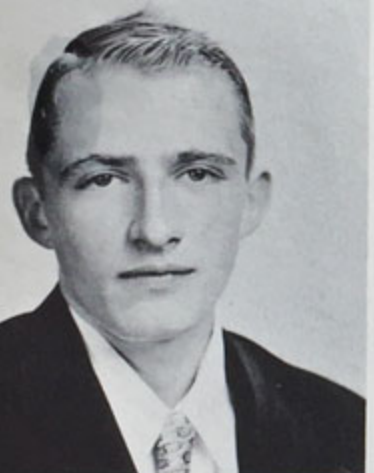


DONALD WILLIAM COLEMAN, "Donnie"

New Milford

Chorus 1-2, Science Club 2, Hi-Y 2.

Donnie is the comedian of our class, his bubbling sense of humor has broken the monotony of almost all our classes. His favorite saying is, "I don't care." His likes consist of cars and roller skating. We think that Donnie will become a hotrod driver, as he loves cars and speeds. We all want to wish him the best of luck in this or whichever profession comes his way.



ARLYN FLOYD COLWELL

Great Bend

Chorus 1-2-3-4, Junior Play 3, Vice-President 4.

Arlyn is the farmer of our class. His green Ford sure takes him places; but where? We wonder! May all success and happiness be yours, Arlyn.



MARY LOU CONKLIN, "Minnie"

Great Bend

Chorus 1-2-3-4, Band 1-2, F. H. A. 2, Junior Play 3, Treasurer 2.

Mary Lou has decided to make marriage her career, and is waiting "patiently" for a certain soldier to come home. We wish you the best of luck in the future, Mary.

JACKSON COOK, "Jack"

New Milford

F. F. A. 1-2-3-4.

Jackson works at Cobb's, almost everyone knows him. His favorite saying is, "Oh, no!" His favorite subject is History. His one ambition is to own a diner of his own. Good luck in the future, Jack.



DOROTHY JEAN CRANDALL, "Dot"

Hallstead

Class President 4, Blue Ridge Chorus 2-3-4, Class Play 3-4, County Chorus 2, F. H. A. Secretary 1, F. H. A. 1, High School Chorus 1-2-3-4.

Dot has a swell personality which has gained her many friends. Her pastime is working in the Acme store. Her favorite food is tunafish salad sandwiches. Her favorite saying is "I'll clobber ya!" After graduation she plans to do secretarial work.

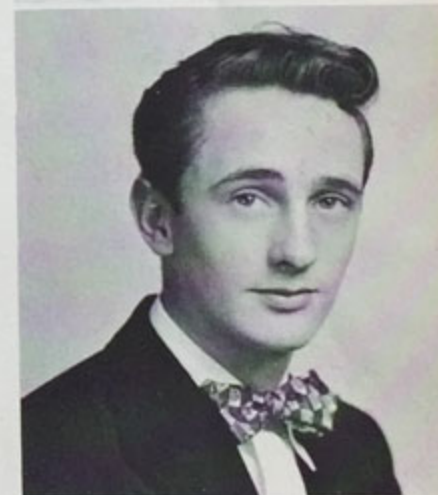


SAMUEL CRONK, "Sam"

New Milford

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

Sam is the horseman of our class. He spends most of his time horse-back riding, playing basketball, volleyball, baseball and dancing. His favorite saying is, "Yes, yes, yes." Sam's ambition is to become a jockey. We wish you success, Sam.

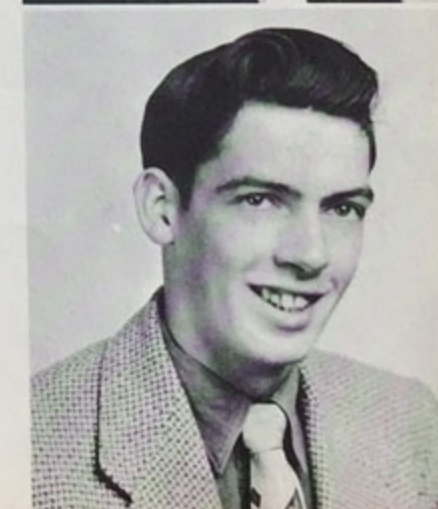


HERMAN JAMES DARROW, "Herm"

Hallstead

Baseball 4, Music 2-3-4, Athletic Club 1-2-3-4.

Herm is a happy-go-lucky fellow and is always ready to pass a bright remark. His favorite saying is "I believe so." He says his most delectable dish is Chicken. He has a career in the Navy planned.





WINIFRED ESTHER DARROW, "Winnie" New Milford

F. H. A. 2-3-4, Chorus 1-2, Basketball 1-2-3-4, Junior Play, Senior Play, Tri-Hi-Y.

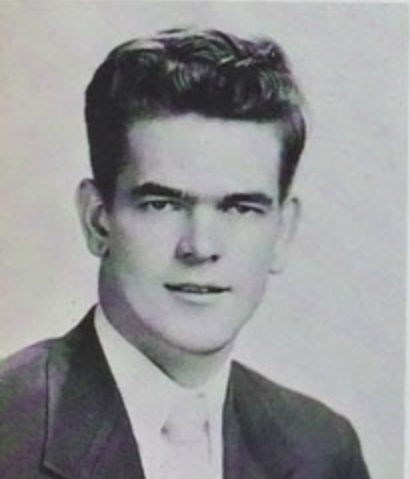
One of the most attractive girls in our class is Winnie. She likes basketball, swimming, roller skating, dancing and western music. Her favorite subject is Typing. Her favorite saying is, "Let's go to Fort Dix." Best of luck in the future, Winnie.



LANDON RHINEHART DEARBORN, "Rhine" New Milford

Senior Play, Junior Play, Hi-Y 1, Ass't. Basketball Manager 3-4.

Landon is blessed with a wonderful personality and a very pleasant sense of humor. His favorite subject is Geometry. Landon has the unique record of having fallen asleep on his bicycle. He especially likes trips to New York. We want to wish the best of luck to you always.



DANIEL EDWARD DENNY, "Danny" Hallstead

Baseball 1-2-3-4, Mixed Chorus 1-2-3, Glee Club 4, Class Play 4, Dance Band 4, Band 1-2-3-4, Orchestra 1-2-3-4, Athletic Club 1-2-3-4.

Danny is a noted lover boy, who spends most of his time writing notes. He is a real steady, dependable fellow. His favorite saying is "Look at that, will you!" His favorite dish is apple pie. He plans to study and someday become a pilot.



BETTE LOU DIFFENDORF, "Betty" New Milford

Cheerleading 3-4.

Betty is the cheerleader of our class. Her favorite saying is, "There's Master's truck!" Her favorite subjects are Typing and Shorthand. Her likes include: Harford boys, cheerleading, and dancing. We all wish you the best of luck in the future.

JUSTIN LYNN DYER, "Jut"

Hallstead

Photography Club 3, Athletic Club 2, Track 1-2-3.

The two main things that Justin has learned in school is how to sleep in class and liven up study halls. His favorite saying is, "How can you tell so soon?" He likes sports and pizza.



SALLY MARIE FLORANCE, "Sal"

Hallstead

Glee Club 4, Cheerleading 1-2-3-4, Class Play 3-4, Class President 2, Secretary 1, F. H. A. 1, High School Chorus 1-2-4.

Sally is one of our cute country gals, who is often seen driving her Frazier. Her hobbies are horseback riding and playing her guitar. She is also a great fan of hillbilly music. She plans to work after graduation and later become a housewife.



NANCY LEE FOOTE, "Foot"

Great Bend

Chorus 1-2, Track 1-2, Volleyball 1-2, F. H. A. 3, Junior Play, Treasurer 4.

Nancy is partial to Johnson City. A glance at the third finger of her left hand gives us the reason! We wish you every happiness in the future, Nancy.



WILLIAM ROBERT FRENCH, "Big Bill"

Hallstead

Band 1-2-3-4, Orchestra 1-2-3-4, Photography Club 3, Athletic Club 1-2-4, Baseball 1, Basketball 2-3-4, High School Chorus 4, Dance Band 4.

Bill is a happy-go-lucky guy with a very masculine taste for clothes. He likes sports, music, and food. His favorite saying is, "Is that so?" We are sure he will succeed in whatever he attempts to do.





SHIRLEY ANN GALLOWAY,

Great Bend

Chorus 1-2-3-4, F.H.A. 2-3-4, Track 1-2-3, Basketball 1-2-3-4, F.H.A. Treasurer 3-4, Secretary 2-3, Junior Play.

Shirley has many interests, especially basketball, eating, and "a certain someone." Shirley, may your path always be spread with roses.



FRANKLYN WALTER GULICK, "Percy"

New Milford

Science Club 2, Hi-Y 1.

Franklyn is one boy in our class that loves to skip school, especially during hunting season. His favorite saying is, "I don't know." His likes consist of cars, girls, and hunting. We want to wish Franklyn good luck always, especially with his little red Chevie convertible.



BETTY LOU HAWK, "Red"

Great Bend

Chorus 1-2-3-4, F.H.A. 2-3-4, Junior Play, Secretary 4.

Betty Lou is our class redhead. What do all these air mail letters mean? We think we know. We want to wish one swell girl the best of luck always.



GUY RICHARD HILLIS, "Stub"

New Milford

Band 1-2, District Band 2, New Milford Chorus 1-3-4, Blue Ridge Chorus 2-3-4, Spring Concert 1-2-3, Vice-President 1-3, Class Secretary 2, Junior and Senior Plays, District Chorus.

Richie, better known as Stub, is jolly and a good sport. His favorite subject is French. Favorite saying is, "Get lost!" He likes to play football, bowl, and date girls. May all success and happiness be yours.

LINDA LOUISE HOLTZMAN, "Lin"

Hallstead

Orchestra 1-2, Band 1-2, Ensemble 1-2-3, High School Chorus 1-2-3-4, F. H. A. 1, Class Vice-President 1, Class Secretary 2, Blue Ridge Chorus 2-3-4, Senior Play.

Although Lin is one of the quieter members of our class, she has a very pleasing personality, which has helped gain many friends. Her favorite saying is "Huh." Ice cream is her favorite food. She intends to do secretarial work after she graduates.



RICHARD WILLIAM HOWELL, "Dick"

New Milford

Baseball 2, Volleyball 3, New Milford Chorus 3-4, County Festival 1-3-4, State F. F. A. Chorus 2-3-4, Science Club 3, F. F. A. 2-3-4, Class Treasurer 1.

Dick likes roller skating, ice skating, hunting, and many other things. His favorite subject is Agriculture. He likes Italian dishes, especially Spaghetti. His favorite saying is, "Get off my back." He is a good sport and has had some great times. We all wish the best of luck to you always.



MELVA MAY HUGHES, "Cookie"

Great Bend

Chorus 1-2-3-4, Volleyball 1-2, Cheerleading 1, Track 1-2, F. H. A. 3, Junior Play.

Melva has a yen for adventure. We are sure that, with her initiative and personality, she will succeed in anything she tries. Best of luck to you, Melva.

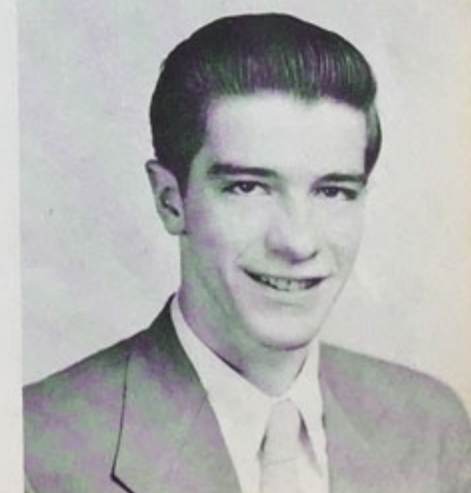


STEPHEN FORREST HUSSING, "Butch"

Hallstead

Band 1-2-3-4, Orchestra 1-2-3-4, Dance Band 4, Rifle Club 1-2-3, High School Chorus 2-3, Class Treasurer 3-4, Senior Play 4.

Stephen, who seems like one of our quieter boys, gives you a different impression when he is with Bob Whalen. Steve's favorite food is pancakes. His favorite saying is, "That's interesting, if you ever want to know anything like that." After graduation Steve plans on the Army for an ambition.





BONNIE MAE JARVIS

New Milford

Basketball 2-3-4, Volleyball 1-2-3-4, Track 1, Tri-Hi-Y 3, Class Secretary 3, F. H. A. 1-2, Chorus 1-2-3-4, Blue Ridge Chorus 3-4.

Bonnie's favorite pastime is eating, although to look at her you'd never guess it. She enjoys sports of all kinds, especially basketball. Bonnie has the ability of making any situation funny. At present she is quite interested in the activities at Fort Dix. We want to wish you the best of luck, Bonnie.



EVELYN SCOTT LAWRENCE

New Milford

Class President 1-4, Chorus 1-2, Tri-Hi-Y 1-2-3, Tri-Hi-Y President 3, Tri-Hi-Y Vice-President 2, Science Club Vice-President 3, F. T. A. 4, Yearbook Staff 3-4, Junior and Senior Plays.

Evelyn is the ambitious President of our class. Without her patience, class affairs could never have run so smoothly. She loves to read books. Her favorite subjects are Bookkeeping and English. She plans to attend college in the fall. To you, Evelyn, we wish the best of luck.



DONALD KEITH MAC CONNELL, "Mac"

New Milford

Basketball 1-2-3-4, Volleyball 1-2-3-4, Baseball 1-2-3-4, Science Club 2, Class Treasurer 2.

Mac is known from New Milford to Binghamton, he is always ready and willing to help with his car. His favorite saying is, "Come off it." His likes consist of girls and sports in general. Best of luck in the future, Don, from the class of '55.



PATRICIA ELLEN MC HUGH, "Pat"

Great Bend

Chorus 1-2-3-4, Cheerleading 1-3-4, F. H. A. 2-3-4, F. H. A. Secretary 4, Treasurer 2-3, Junior Play.

Pat has many varied interests, among which cheerleading ranks high. Pat, we hope your future is spread with sunshine.

MARIETA ELLEN MC KINNEY, "Mariet"

Hallstead

F. H. A. 1-2-3-4, F. H. A. Vice-President 4, Blue Ridge Chorus 1-2-3-4, Blue Ridge Concert 3-4, Glee Club 4.

A very cute farmer girl is our Marieta. She is noted for her black Ford. Her favorite hobby is horseback-riding. She is also an avid fan of all the hillbilly singers. After graduation, she plans to work and later become a housewife.



PATSY RUTH MEANOR, "Pat"

New Milford

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

Pat spends her week ends working in Binghamton. Her favorite saying is, "Oh, go on!" Her favorite subject is Bookkeeping. She wants to become a Beautician. We wish the best of luck to her.



ROBERT EDWARD MITCHELL, "Speedy"

New Milford

Band 1-2-3-4, Blue Ridge Band 2-3-4, Junior Play, Senior Play.

Bob is one of our most popular boys, he is small and talkative. In his little red hotrod he has gained the name of "Speedy", plus the fact that he is usually late for school. "Don't ask me" seems to be his most common expression. Good luck in whatever you attempt.

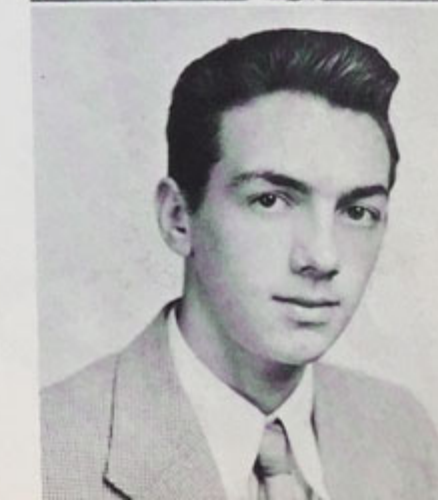


WAYNE MARK MOORE, "Spider"

New Milford

Baseball 1, Band 1, Chorus 1, Class President 2, Junior and Senior Plays, Baseball Manager 4.

Wayne is the hunter of our class, a good one at that. He likes hunting, fishing, and trapping. His favorite saying is, "Pretty sneaky, huh?" We think that Wayne will probably become manager of the Acme store. In whatever he undertakes we're hoping it will be a success.





JAMES WILLIAM MORGAN, "Morg"

Hallstead

Basketball 1, Track 1-2, Track Manager 3, Class Play 4, Athletic Club 1-2-3-4, Class President 3, High School Chorus 2-3-4, Glee Club 4, Blue Ridge Chorus 2-3-4.

Jim's hobbies are photographing and collecting old coins. He is a friend to all. His favorite dish is ham and pheasant. His saying is, "That's my excuse, what's yours?"



ETHEL ANN MORRISON, "Annie"

Hallstead

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

A cute kid with a cute smile is our Annie. Always willing to help anyone she can. Her hobbies are roller skating and bowling. Her favorite saying is, "Could be." Her favorite food is Chili con Carne. She plans to be a secretary after graduation.



EMILY ANN MOSS, "Em"

New Milford

Science Club 2, Chorus 1-2-3-4, Ensemble 2, Tri-Hi-Y 1-2-3, F.T.A. 4, Junior Play, Senior Play.

Emily is one girl that is noted for getting along with teachers, even though she has never been seen bringing apples. Her favorite saying is, "And so forth." She enjoys swimming and ice skating. Her ambition is to become a teacher, best of luck.



ROBERTA ELAINE PERRY, "Bobbi"

Hallstead

F.H.A. 1-2-3-4, F.H.A. President 4, Photography Club 1, Basketball 3-4, Senior Play, Blue Ridge Concert 3-4, High School Chorus 1-2-3-4.

Bobbi is a fun-loving character in our class, who we can always count on to cheer us up when we feel low. Steak is her favorite food. French fries go along with the steak also. Her favorite saying is "Hey Giz, whatcha got?" Her favorite sport is basketball. She intends to go to college after graduation.

GERALD WILSON RALSTON, "Hap"

Great Bend

Basketball 1-3-4, Baseball 1-2-4, Track 1, Junior Play.

Gerry is one of our fun-loving classmates. We are certain that he will always find his "place in the sun." Good Luck, Gerry.



MARION IRENE RAMBO

New Milford

Band 3-4, Blue Ridge Band 3-4.

Marion is the blue-eyed, jolly girl from out Jackson way. She always has time for a laugh. She likes almost everything. Her favorite subject is P.O.D. Her favorite saying is, "Do you want to get clobbered?" Best wishes for the future.



FRANCIS DE WITT REYNOLDS, "Wit"

Hallstead

Volleyball Manager 3, Rifle Club 1, Athletic Club 2-3-4, Senior Play, Basketball Manager 2-3-4.

DeWitt has the ability to get along with the teachers. His favorite food is Pizza pie. DeWitt is always willing to help and is a good friend to all. His ambition has not yet been planned.



SHIRLEY ANN ROUGHT

New Milford

Tri-Hi-Y 1-2-3.

Shirley comes from Lakeside. She has a smile for everyone. Her favorite saying is, "I don't believe it." Her favorite subject is Bookkeeping. She wants to become a secretary to a lawyer. To you, Shirley, we want to wish the best of luck.





ARTHUR HOWARD SCOTT, "Scottie"

New Milford

Band 1-2, F. F. A. Reporter 1, F. F. A. Treasurer 2, F. F. A. Vice-President 3, F. F. A. President 4.

Scottie is one boy in our class who isn't interested in girls, no matter how hard the poor girls try to win his affection. His favorite saying is, "Grow up." He likes to roller skate and dance. We think he will become a successful farmer. Good luck.



SHELBY JEAN SMALLACOMBE, "Shorty"

Great Bend

Chorus 1-2-3-4, Cheerleading 1-2-3-4, F. H. A. 2-3-4, F. H. A. President 4, President 2-4, Vice-President 3, Junior Play, Yearbook Editor.

Shelby's many activities keep her busy at something continually. Her plans include marriage shortly after graduation. We wish you every happiness in the future, Shelby.



HELEN MARIE SQUIRES

New Milford

Chorus 1-2-3-4, Band 1-2-3-4, Blue Ridge Chorus 1-2-3-4, Blue Ridge Band 1-2-3-4, Girl's Trio 2-3-4, Ensemble 2, Class Secretary 1.

Helen has artistic blood in her veins. She is always drawing pictures and writing little poems. She loves to read. She plans to attend Nurses Training in the fall. We want to wish her the best of luck and hope her career is successful.



NANCY STODDARD

New Milford

Basketball 1, Band 1-2-3, Girls' Chorus 1-2-3, Mixed Chorus 1-2-3, Press Club (at Fleetville).

Nancy is the quiet girl of our class. She transferred here from Fleetville. We are glad she is sharing our Senior year. Her favorite saying is, "Oh, keep quiet." She likes to roller skate, bake, and drive. We all wish her the best life has to offer.

DAN CORSON STONE

New Milford

F. F. A. 1, Science Club 2, F. F. A. 4, Class Vice-President 4, Junior and Senior Plays.

Dan's favorite pastime is eating, no matter what takes up his time at the moment it can be discarded for food. He has a smile for everyone and hopes they have one for him. His favorite saying is, "Likewise, I'm sure." He plans to start college in the fall. Good luck.

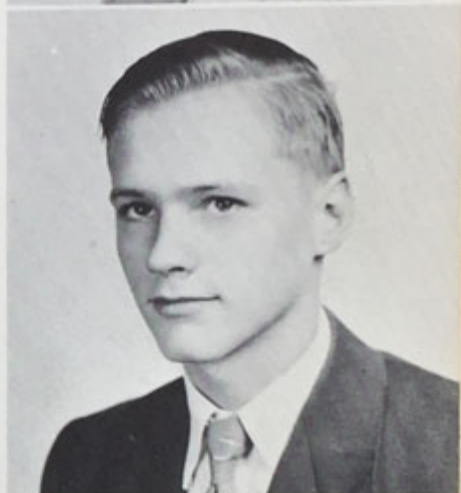


RICHARD DUANE SUTTON, "Willie"

New Milford

Senior Play.

Richard has been with us since first grade. He is a good student and always willing to help. Dick doesn't seem to be interested in girls. His favorite saying is; "Don't bother me." To you, Dick, we wish the best of luck.



ROBERTA IRENE TINGLEY, "Berta"

New Milford

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

Cheerful, pleasant disposition, petite, cute smile, and a dash of shyness all contribute to Roberta's personality. Her ambition is to become a housewife. We wish the best of luck to the Queen of the 1954 Prom.



THEA JANE TINGLEY

New Milford

Chorus 1-2, Volleyball 3, Basketball 4, Science Club 2, Senior and Junior Plays.

Thea is a friendly girl—a little on the talkative side. She is well known for her sudden flare-ups. Her favorite saying is, "If I told you, we'd both know." She likes ice skating, volleyball, basketball, and boys, but prefers a 5'9" blonde from Hallstead. Good luck to a swell girl.





ROLAND TOMPKINS, "Tommie"

Hallstead

Athletic Club 1-4, Photography Club 3, County Festival 1-2-3-4, Blue Ridge Chorus 2-3-4, Blue Ridge Band 2-3-4, Dance Band, High School Chorus 1-2-3-4, Glee Club 4.

Tommie is quiet but also a lot of fun. He is noted for his ability to get good marks in Math. Another one of his talents is his trumpet playing. His hobbies are anything connected with sports. His favorite foods are steak and french fries. His favorite saying is, "Watch it, sonny!"



CARMELA TORRISI, "Millie"

New Milford

Tri-Hi-Y 1-2-3, Science Club 2, F. T. A. 4, Class Treasurer 4, Junior and Senior Plays.

Millie is a good sport as well as a good student. Her favorite subject is French. Her likes consist of the following: dogs, spaghetti, dancing, music, painting and ice skating. She is a collector of match folders and arrowheads. Best wishes to you always.



BETTE RUTH VAN GORDEN, "Bets"

Hallstead

F. H. A. 1-2, High School Chorus 1-2-3-4, Junior Class Play 3.

Bets is a very talkative girl who likes to have a good time. Her pastime favorite is working at Cobbs. Her favorite saying is "C'mon start over again, I didn't hear the first part." Just plain food is Bette's favorite, but Chili con Carne tops the list. She plans on being a WAC after graduation.



PATRICIA ANNE WELLS, "Pat"

Hallstead

F. H. A. 1-2-3-4, F. H. A. Treasurer 4, Junior Play, Senior Play, Music Festival 1.

Pat is a cute girl with a quick temper but always ready to make up for it with a big smile, and really a swell personality. Her favorite foods are hamburgs and cherry pie. She likes all kinds of sports but swimming and ice skating are tops with Pat.

ROBERT FRANKLIN WHALEN, "Bob"

Hallstead

Rifle Club 1-2-3, Class Treasurer 1, Vice-President 4, Senior Play.

Bob is a short boy, but has a very big heart. Bob's favorite hobby is archery. His Chevrolet really gets him around.



SALLY ANNE WHITE, "Sal"

New Milford

Volleyball 1-2-3, Tri-Hi-Y 1-2.

Sally is the redhead of our class. She likes to ice skate, swim, and play volleyball. Her favorite saying is, "Bless your soul." We all think she is a lot of fun, and we wish her success in the years ahead.



JOEL FRED WHITEHEAD, "Knucklehead"

New Milford

Baseball Manager 1, Science Club 2, Chorus 2-3-4, Track 3-4, Junior Play.

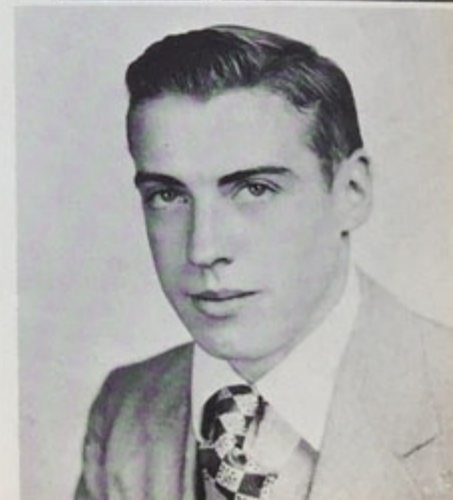
Hunting, fishing, and volleyball please Joe very much. His favorite saying is, "Behind every dark cloud of injustice comes the silver lining of sweet revenge." Joe is the brain of our Senior Class. We wish him success in everything and everything he does.



GYLE ROBERT WHITNEY

New Milford

Gyle is a quiet boy. He keeps his thoughts to himself. Underneath is a real fine person. His favorite subject is French. His favorite saying is, "Don't let that temper run away with you." Good luck.





HAROLD EUGENE WILLIAMS, "Slim"

Hallstead

Rifle Club 1-2-3, Junior Play.

Harold is our class joker. His favorite saying is "Is that right?" Pizza pie is his favorite food. He plans to go in the Air Force after he graduates.



HAROLD DOUGLAS WISE, "Doug"

New Milford

Wrestling 1-2, Male Glee Club 1-2-3, Senior Play (at Elmira Heights).

Doug is new in our class this year. He has a friendly smile for everyone. His favorite saying is, "I don't know." He enjoys eating, swimming and skating. Good luck.



LINDA LEE WOOD, "Woodie"

Hallstead

Hostess Club 1, Treasurer 1, Yearbook 3-4, Senior Play, Secretary 4, F. H. A. Reporter 4.

Linda is the liveliest gal in our class, always hustling for something. She has a sweet personality and a disposition to go with it. Her favorite food is spaghetti and pork chops. Her favorite saying is "Oh! sugar." She expects to work after graduation and later become a housewife.



EUGENE EDWARD WRIGHT, "Gene"

Great Bend

Chorus 1-2-3-4, Basketball 1-2-3-4, Track 1-2-3, Baseball 1-2-3-4, President 3, Vice-President 2, Junior Play.

Gene is our class athlete. He is kept busy writing to a certain girl in New Jersey! We wish you the best of everything, Gene.

CLASS HISTORY

GREAT BEND

In our first year of high school, we were in Mr. Griffis' room. Our class consisted of: Melva Hughes, Nancy Foote, Shelby Smallacombe, Shirley Galloway, Betty Lou Hawk, Patricia McHugh, Sally VanVleck, Mary Gallagher, Stella Welch, Eugene Wright, Gerald Ralston, Arlyn Colwell, Richard Mason, Charles Bidwell, and Franklin McIntyre. Though our activities were much like those of any ninth grade, everything held its special enchantment for us. Our year sped swiftly, and soon we were on our way to becoming Sophomores.

In our Sophomore year, we lost Stella Welch and Richard Mason. Now, we had only thirteen members left. This year we chose Mr. Griffis to be our class sponsor. The class officers we elected were: President, Shelby Smallacombe; Vice-President, Franklin McIntyre; Secretary, Shirley Galloway; and Treasurer, Patricia McHugh. We had Fudge Sales and sold Salt Water Taffy. When our Sophomore year ended, we felt truly grown up, for in the fall, we would be Juniors!

Returning to school in our Junior year was a big thrill for all of us. This year Franklin McIntyre and Charles Bidwell had left our group. Our new officers were: President, Eugene Wright; Vice-President, Shelby Smallacombe; Secretary, Shirley Galloway; and Treasurer, Patricia McHugh. This year, we purchased our class rings, a project which seemed like our biggest step toward graduation. After participation in many events, especially our play "Look Whos' Here" we concluded our year "with a bang" at the Junior-Senior Banquet.

At last we are Seniors! The time for graduation suddenly looks very near. Our officers are: President, Shelby Smallacombe; Vice-President, Arlyn Colwell; Secretary, Betty Lou Hawk; and Treasurer, Nancy Foote. Our days are filled with events that we shall always remember, for we are kept busy thinking about roller skating parties, graduation announcements, name cards, and everything else that could possibly fill a senior's head. Of one thing we are certain, we shall always treasure the associations and friendships of our Senior year.

BLUE RIDGE

Color: Pink and Black

Flower: Pink Rose

Motto: "Life is what you make it."

CLASS HISTORY

HALLSTEAD

Our freshmen days began in September, 1951, with a total enrollment of 19 girls and 22 boys. After the first confusing weeks, we settled down to our studies of history, English, algebra, general science, home economics, Latin, and health. This was a busy year. We had a hard time getting accustomed to our new high school schedule, but some of our members found time for such extra-curricular activities as baseball, basketball, and track. Class officers were elected and they were as follows: President, Jack Dearborn; Vice-President, Linda Holtzman; Secretary, Sally Florance; Treasurer, Bobby Whalen. We were very sorry when Jackie Dearborn left us in the middle of the year to go back to the state of Washington. In June, 1952, the class made a very enjoyable trip to Rocky Glen, thus concluding our freshmen days.

When we came back to school in the fall, we were sophomores, another step toward our graduation. We elected new class officers: President, Sally Florance; Vice-President, Connie Achterberg; Secretary, Linda Holtzman; Treasurer, Ellen VanValen. This year was one in which we lost more classmates than we gained. Although we welcomed the new—Danny Denny, Linda Wood, and Ray Rood—we were sorry to see such old and dear classmates as Sally McDevitt, Connie Achterberg, Ellen VanValen, Frances Wales, and Ronnie Osterhout depart from our little group. Our studies were getting harder, but we managed to squeeze sports and fun into our busy schedule. We ended our sophomore year with a class trip to Rocky Glen, then vacation time, which we were all very glad to see.

We reluctantly turned our backs on summer vacation as school started again in September, 1953. Our class officers this year were: President, James Morgan; Vice-President, Harold Williams; Secretary, Richard Banker; Treasurer, Steve Hussing. We gained two new students from New Milford, Ann Morrison and Winifred Darrow. The purchase of our class rings, which bore the new Blue Ridge emblem, was a new experience for all of us and we were very satisfied with the results. To fill our somewhat empty treasury, we sold personalized stationery, but what we considered our biggest financial success was the presentation of our Junior Play in March. The title of it was "Let Me Grow Up", a comedy in three acts. All those who took part in it were a little sad when it was all over, but brightened at the thought of our Senior Play next year. We held the annual Junior-Senior Banquet at the Park View Hotel in New Milford. After we received our report cards at the end of the year, we could proudly call ourselves the 1955 Seniors of Blue Ridge High School.

When we returned to school in September, 1954, as the seniors of the Hallstead division of Blue Ridge High School, we all had a funny feeling about being the oldest students in the building and for the first couple weeks we missed last year's seniors. But now we've come to the full realization of it all and take it in our stride. As usual, we elected class officers: President, Dorothy Crandall; Vice-President, Bobby Whalen; Secretary, Linda Wood; Treasurer, Steve Hussing. As seniors, we had to think ahead toward such financial matters as our trip to Washington D.C. and graduation. As a starter, we ordered our name cards and invitations, then in October we presented our Senior Play, which greatly contributed to our treasury. The name of the play was "Men Are Like Streetcars." Another event which took place in October was our class trip to New York City. It was an experience that none of us will ever forget. Also on that trip we got better acquainted with our fellow classmates from New Milford and Great Bend. It seems everything happened in the month of October, for in the latter part of the month we became very proud of one of our classmates, and we had reason for being so. Our Toni Austin had become Penna. Queen of Apple Desserts and also ranked third in the Nation. We all think it couldn't happen to a nicer girl. Another of our money-raising ideas was the presentation of a Magician Show in the late part of November. As our senior year draws swiftly to a close, we all think of graduation and our future, some of us anxious to leave and others sad, because we all know that our school years are the best years and it is an experience we can never relive.

CLASS HISTORY

NEW MILFORD

I remember school. 1952! Yes, that was the year the distinguished class of '55, under the leadership of Mr. Young, entered high school. First of all, we chose our courses. It was during this, our Freshman Year, that we first became acquainted with the students from Jackson (the little suburb of New Milford). Our officers for this year were: President, Evelyn Lawrence; Vice-President, Richard Hillis; Treasurer, Dick Howell; Secretary, Helen Squires. We all had a gay time at our class party in the gym. Our happiness on the last day of school was climaxed by a trip to Rocky Glen.

1953. That was the year our industrious class spent in Mrs. Kingsley's home room—the library. This year the following officers were elected: President, Wayne Moore; Vice-President, Sam Cronk; Treasurer, Donald MacConnell, Secretary, Richard Hillis. A grand old 'hoe down' was held up in Evelyn's barn. Again, we spent a fun-filled last day of school at Rocky Glen.

1954. Incredible, but true, after a short vacation we were half way through school and in Mr. Kozlowski's room. We were excited by the great events that were to take place. Being experienced students by now, we knew we were never as "green" as the Seniors of '54 pretended we were. We chose the following for officers: President, Pat Bailey; Vice-President, Richard Hillis; Treasurer, Margie Brown; Secretary, Bonnie Jarvis. Marylou Taylor, Tom Price, Dick Lawrence, Marie Acker, and Pat Rose left us this year. Rosemary Hobbs joined us from Montrose. The big day came for us to order our rings. Upon arrival, we were proud as new fathers. To increase our class treasury, we sold milk and stationery, sponsored a St. Patrick's Day Dance, and put on a play, "Girl Shy." Our biggest headache came when we began our tasks for the prom. Before long, we were finished and found ourselves enjoying the fun and dancing. Roberta Tingley made a very charming queen.

1955. We all came back from our vacation, rested and set for work to begin our Senior Year. Seniors!! What magic that word was. We had an election and chose the following officers: President, Evelyn Lawrence; Vice-President, Dan Stone; Treasurer, Millie Torrisi; Secretary, Margie Brown. Evelyn was also editor of our yearbook. Mr. Zielenski was our excellent sponsor. This year we lost many of our classmates. Bill Sheppard went into the service. Donald Peppard went to Arizona. Some liked their Junior Year so well they decided to relive it. Doug Wise joined us from Elmira, and Ralph Baglino came to us from Susquehanna. We all thought our trip to New York was just great. Our Senior Play was "Cheaper By The Dozen." We think Mrs. Prater did a fine job of directing it. Other activities included the selling of sweat shirts, bake sales, candy sales, and dances. We are looking forward to our trip to Washington with great anticipation. After Class Night, Baccalaureate, and Commencement, each will go his separate way. Just about all will be over, but the memories of school. Soon we will amble across the stage to receive our diplomas, feeling a wee bit melancholy at the solemnness of the occasion. True, we've had some struggles, heartbreaks, and disappointments, but all of our good times and the pleasure of knowing each other have given us four of the best years of our lives.

CLASS WILL

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS, that we, the Senior Class of Blue Ridge High School, County of Susquehanna, and State of Pennsylvania, being of sound mind, memory, and understanding, do make, publish, and declare this to be our last will and testament, hereby revoking and making void all former wills by us at any time heretofore made.

GREAT BEND

- I, Arlyn Colwell, leave my short hair cuts to John Baglino.
- I, Mary Lou Conklin, leave my ability to sing the boy's part in a girl's chorus to Kate Reed.
- I, Nancy Foote, leave my ability to chose for the art work in the "Christmas Pageant" to Jerry Joines.
- I, Shirley Galloway, leave my height and basketball ability to Margaret Teel.
- I, Betty Lou Hawk, leave my ability to be an "angel" (in the Christmas Pageant) to Nancy Raub.
- I, Melva Hughes, leave my sewing ability to Janet Plonski.
- I, Pat McHugh, leave my clowning ability to Sally Knifer in hopes that she will keep up the school's spirit.
- I, Gerry Ralston, leave my front seat to George Parsons.
- I, Shelby Smallacombe, leave my place as a yearbook editor to Ida Abbott.
- I, Gene Wright, leave my ability to sleep anytime or anywhere to Don Eaton.

HALLSTEAD

- I, Toni Austin, will my basketball ability to Pat Baker.
- I, Dawn Button, will my ability to stay after school every night for tardiness to anyone who has an extra 15 minutes.
- I, John Alise, will a pilot's license to Miss Kinner in case she gets picked up for speeding.
- I, Richard Banker, will my best comb to Leon Lane.
- I, Ginger Burd, will my sense of humor to Bettie Arnold.
- I, Virginia Chidester, will my quietness to my brother, Gene.
- I, Ray Barnard, will my ability to stay out of trouble to Eddie Downs.
- I, Allyn Booth, will my good "Ford" to Gene Chidester.
- I, Dorothy Crandall, will my ability to write shorthand to any Junior that needs it.

- I, Sally Florance, will my cheerleading ability to Lois Barrett.
- I, Irving Brown, will my ability to get to Montrose to Walt Benedict.
- I, Herman Darrow, leave my ability to do math to Gene.
- I, Linda Holtzman, leave my height to Leah Swartwood.
- I, Marieta McKinney, leave my horseback riding skill to Joan Sullivan.
- I, Danny Denny, will my sister Janice to Ray Rood.
- I, Bill French, will my short hair cut to Byron Lesjack.
- I, Steve Hussing, leave to Ed Downs my ability to stay awake in English class.
- I, Roberta Perry, leave my ability to have perfect attendance and not being late to school for seven years to any school skipper who can stand it.
- I, James Morgan, will my ability to get into trouble with the teachers to Don Osterhout.
- I, DeWitt Reynolds, leave my ability to sleep in history class to Byron Lesjack.
- I, Bette VanGordan, will my ability to receive mail to Sandy Hornak.
- I, Pat Wells, will my hair to Arlene House although I don't think she needs it.
- I, Linda Wood, will all my share of the yearbook work to Joan Sullivan.
- I, Roland Tompkins, will my brains in math class to Byron Lesjack.
- I, Bob Whalen, will my height to Ray Rood.
- I, Harold Williams, will to Byron Lesjack \$1 for a hair cut.

NEW MILFORD

- I, Ralph Baglino, will my way with women to Joe Shimer.
- I, Carlton Bailey, will my ability to turn my eyelids inside out to Donald Page.
- I, Frank Bajkowski, leave a long playing phonograph record, guaranteed to last forever and capable of dictating day in and day out, to Miss Veras.
- I, Marge Brown, will to the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania a better road to Jackson.
- I, Jackson Cook, will my 'Cooking' ability to the Future Homemakers.
- I, Sam Cronk, will my ability to dance to John Hand.
- I, Winifred Darrow, leave my flirty way to Dorothy Wayman.
- I, Landon Dearborn, will my singing ability to anyone not in the chorus.
- I, Bette Diffendorf, leave my car to Linda Taylor so she can go to California.
- I, Franklyn Gulick, will my ability to hunt deer all season to Bill Bradley.
- I, Richard Hillis, will my drape shape to Donald Birtch.
- I, Richard Howell, will the title of Mr. Reynolds' "Snafu Kid" to John Carpenter.
- I, Bonnie Jarvis, will my brains to Harvard Medical School.

CLASS WILL (Con't.)

- I, Evelyn Lawrence, will my seniority on the bus to Lillian Morrison.
- I, Donald MacConnell, will my ambition to become a fireman to Carl Ebhardt.
- I, Donald Coleman, will my ability to stand at attention in Phys. Ed. to Graham Gulick.
- I, Patsy Meanor, leave my ability to do algebra to Mr. Young.
- I, Robert Mitchell, will my muscular vocal cords to Jim Burdick.
- I, Wayne Moore, will my hunting ability to Clemens Freitag.
- I, Emily Moss, will my ability to just make it to school to Gail Moore.
- I, Marion Rambo, leave the gum I put under the seats to the future occupants.
- I, Shirley Rought, leave my quiet manners to Joe Tilley.
- I, Arthur Scott, will my ability to do physics to George Humbert.
- I, Helen Squires, will my love of cold hotdogs for lunch to Jane Tingley.
- I, Nancy Stoddard, leave my seat in the Senior room to Gary Dearborn.
- I, Dan Stone, will my long walk to school in the morning to Martha Potter.
- I, Richard Sutton, leave my driving ability to George Humbert.
- I, Roberta Tingley, will my recitations in English class to Lynn Bailey.
- I, Thea Tingley, will my ability to square dance and play basketball to Marlene Conrad.
- I, Millie Torrisi, will my artistic ability to Kenneth Randall.
- I, Sally White, will my freckles to Ardith Peck to play tag with.
- I, Joel Whitehead, will a plough to the Freshman Class so they can plough through school.
- I, Tyle Whitney, will my gentle personality to Gary Dearborn.
- I, Doug Wise, will my eagerness to get up and go to school to Bobby Allen.

OUR TRIP TO NEW YORK CITY



On the foggy morning of Friday, October 15, at approximately 3:12 A.M., the students in the senior class of the Blue Ridge High School, accompanied by five teachers, boarded the train for New York City. After a trip from the railroad terminal in Hoboken, across the Hudson River by Lackawanna Ferry, we reached our destination at 7:45.

The word "hungry" was floating through the air, so our first stop was at an Automat for breakfast. The first meal in an automat is, indeed, an experience long to be recalled. To help us digest our breakfast, Mr. Thomas took us for a walk through Chinatown. Everyone had his own comments about this section of the city. Then, we boarded an elevated train which carried us to a station in the vicinity of the "News Building." Many things of interest were seen here, but we soon hurried out into the wind to keep our appointment at the United Nations. Our visit here was one of the trip's biggest thrills, for in Conference Rooms 3, 4, and 5, we heard "History and World Problems being made and solved." Some of the many things that fascinated us were: the modern designs, beautiful colors, unique decorations, and the vastness of the whole building. Our visit was concluded by a guided tour under the direction of representatives from member nations.

Other interesting places we visited were: St. John The Divine's Cathedral, the Museum of Natural History, Times Square, Rockefeller Center, and Grand Central Station.

After a ride on a bus down Fifth Avenue to Times Square, and supper at another Automat, we were all very happy for the next stop—Radio City Music Hall. Another long wait, seats at last, we were finally settled ready to witness the best in stage shows and the premier of "White Christmas."

A tired group later struggled back to Grand Central Station, through the tubes and into the seats of our private Lackawanna Railroad car, to start the sleepy, homeward journey.

A very tired, but happy, "bunch of kids" left the train at 6:30 Saturday morning. All had a wonderful time in spite of the tired feet, sleep-filled eyes, and our unexpected guest—"Hurricane Hazel."

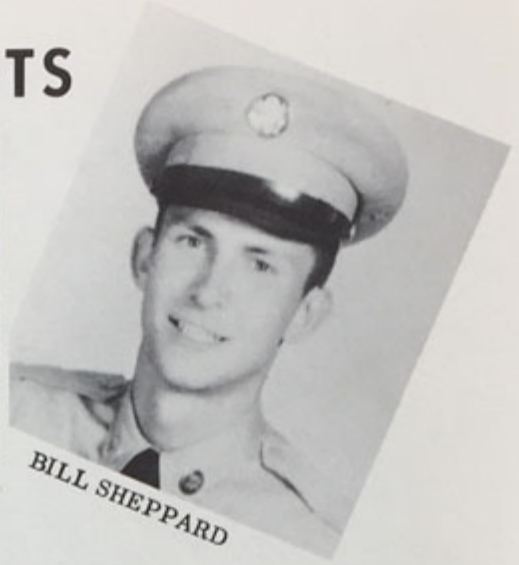
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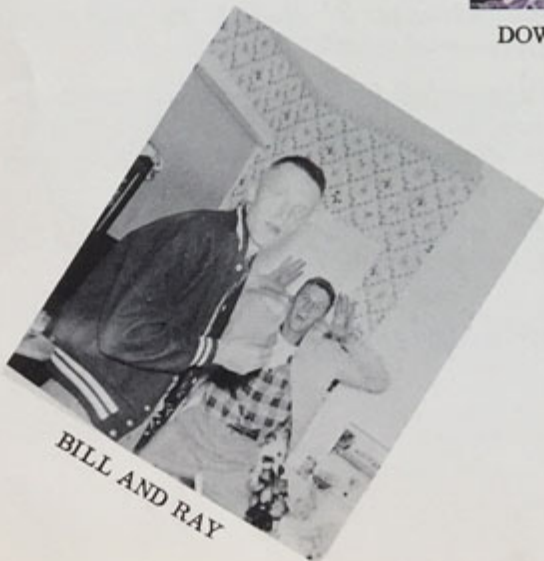
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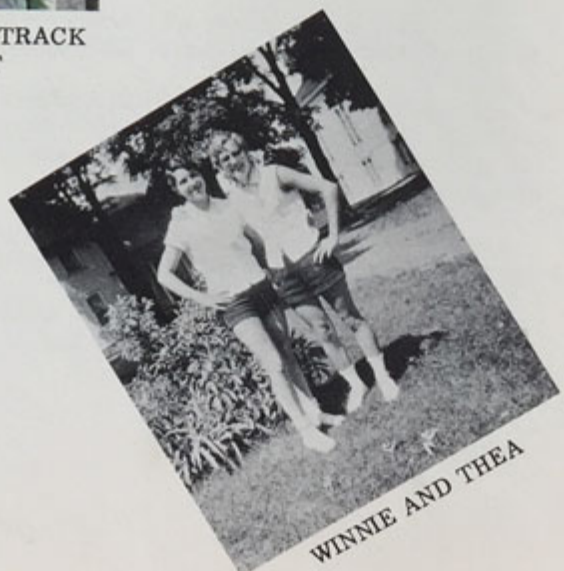
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JUNIORS - GREAT BEND



FIRST ROW: I. Abbott, J. Plonski, N. Parker, Secretary; C. Smith, President; L. Foote, Treasurer; N. Raub, S. Knifer.

SECOND ROW: R. Knifer, D. Eaton, G. Wood, G. Parsons, J. Baglino, T. Purtell, Vice-President; S. Orchard.

JUNIORS - HALLSTEAD



FIRST ROW: L. Lane, J. Barry, S. Hornak, P. Soller, Secretary; B. Arnold, Vice-President; A. Richards, President; D. Lawrence, Treasurer; S. Winnie, J. Sullivan, E. Downs.

SECOND ROW: L. VanLoan, A. Kovitch, S. Miller, J. Gergle, S. Sherwood, W. Donahue, F. Winfield.

THIRD ROW: E. Chidester, B. Lesjack, R. Rood, W. David, W. Benedict, N. Darrow, J. Millard.

JUNIORS - NEW MILFORD



FIRST ROW: A. Pickering, G. Moore, A. Peck, J. Tingley, C. Cramer, M. Conrad, Secretary; A. Page, Treasurer; G. Dearborn, President; G. Humbert, J. Sutton, M. Potter, B. Glatzel, S. Carey.

SECOND ROW: E. Welch, C. Ebhardt, G. Gulick, D. Page, J. Chandler, D. Wayman, J. Burdick, D. Harvey, G. Fallon, J. Shimer, R. Scott.

THIRD ROW: J. Hand, C. Freitag, D. Birch, A. Osborne, E. Randall, R. Osborne, J. Carpenter.

SOPHOMORES - GREAT BEND



FIRST ROW: C. Reed, Secretary; N. Meade, J. Warnstoff, M. Teel, President; W. Wright, K. Schooley, Treasurer; M. Eaton.

SECOND ROW: W. Heath, W. Colwell, W. Ball, L. Abbott, A. Walker, E. Heier, D. Swingle.

ABSENT: R. Teel, Vice-President.

SOPHOMORES - HALLSTEAD



FIRST ROW: L. Swartwood, W. Arnold, Secretary; D. Meagley, Treasurer; B. Shafer, Vice-President; R. Hinkley, President; F. Merritt, M. Reynolds, S. Donahue, L. Schmoll.

SECOND ROW: J. MacRae, L. Barrett, J. Casey, L. Decker, P. Baker, H. Wood, S. Ely.

THIRD ROW: J. Howland, J. Fitzgerald, E. Fiske, N. Maloney, K. Smith, R. Terboss.

FOURTH ROW: R. Chidester, D. Kent, H. Barrett, D. Yow, G. Burnard.

SOPHOMORES - NEW MILFORD



FIRST ROW: A. Czczuga, Secretary; R. Adolfson, President; L. Darrow, Vice-President; D. Herbert, Treasurer.

SECOND ROW: L. Hoal, V. Peck, S. Noble, J. Gregus, J. Harrell, M. Ellis, S. Gulick, D. Wilmarth, N. Hassick, L. Taylor, K. Stoddard, J. Groover.

THIRD ROW: B. Darrow, B. Chandler, L. Bailey, V. Hughes, M. Scott, F. Flynn, M. Snell, C. Sammons, K. Stearns, C. Meanor, L. Morrison, F. Cosentino, B. Warren, G. Meade.

FOURTH ROW: J. Onysko, C. Canfield, S. Roman, D. Stoss, D. Shofkom, A. Button, E. Klim, B. Bradley, J. Tilley, H. Morrison, B. Herbert, D. Rogers, N. Stevens.

FRESHMEN - GREAT BEND



FIRST ROW: J. McHugh, J. Goldsmith, P. Purtell, B. Warnstoff, J. Tomeo, M. Baglino, R. Zurn, A. Colwell.

SECOND ROW: G. Chamberlin, J. Babcock, S. Hawk, B. VanSlyke, G. Eaton, M. Sine, F. White, A. Slater.

THIRD ROW: J. Savinsky, E. Sackett, J. Galloway, J. Ulso, J. Joines.

FRESHMEN - HALLSTEAD



FIRST ROW: M. Gates, A. Welch, P. Benedict, B. McGuire, B. Mowers, A. House, G. Darrow, R. Welch, V. Benjamin, J. Walker.

SECOND ROW: C. Burd, M. Whaite, M. Tanner, J. Melhuish, J. French, M. Holtzman, J. Selansky, C. Melynck.

THIRD ROW: C. DeLucia, J. Joyce, W. Waterman, G. Rood, R. Booth, D. Osterhout, H. Miller, R. McAulliffe.

FOURTH ROW: R. Raymond, M. Jones, D. Ballue, C. Slater, D. Snow, R. Sherwood, L. Donahue.

FRESHMEN - NEW MILFORD



FIRST ROW: E. Clinton, P. Ralston, B. Allen, P. Bailey, C. Cosentina, B. Harrell, G. Burdick, M. Rose, R. Klim, P. Houlihan, G. Wilmarth, J. Moore, D. Groover.

SECOND ROW: B. Chandler, F. Anderson, B. Burdick, A. Peck, J. Leslie, B. Manning, U. Birtch, S. Burns, M. Wheeler, J. McConnell, G. Groover, P. Anderson, D. Empett, J. Darrow.

THIRD ROW: J. Barren, D. Shibley, D. Glatzel, D. Page, I. Cotrell, M. Condon, K. Freitag, N. Bradley, J. Horton, B. Walworth, M. Potter, K. Yeisley, B. Meanor, J. Holbrook, J. Gaughan.

FOURTH ROW: H. Zappe, F. Garrehy, W. Slocum, G. Wayman, D. Cody, O. Griffin, G. Stebbins, A. Slocum, D. Whitney, G. White, G. Stanton, B. Barron, D. Carey, R. Sutton, W. Jocelyn, R. Proctor, E. Ziemann.

8th GRADE - GREAT BEND



FIRST ROW: W. Updike, J. Conklin, C. Stone, B. Jackson, S. Skaritza, R. Brown, J. Skaritza.

SECOND ROW: D. Brink, H. Aldrich, I. Merritt, B. Galloway, E. Colwell, D. Sine.

8th GRADE - HALLSTEAD



FIRST ROW: T. McAndrew, I. Welch, R. Welch, M. Chidester, C. Menzies, G. Vandeymark, C. VanLoan, B. Osterhout, B. Cummings, J. McCreary.

SECOND ROW: G. Burnard, R. Carmen, J. Sinnett, A. White, E. Barry, B. Vogel, L. Young, M. Darrow.

THIRD ROW: R. Terboss, A. Schafer, C. Emerson, D. Howland, A. Davis, W. Burd.

FOURTH ROW: L. Billings, W. Ulco, J. Hinkley, J. Wilbur, D. Craft, E. Fiske.

8th GRADE - JACKSON



FIRST ROW: E. Henderson, E. Pickering, L. Fletcher, E. Brown, H. Price, G. Peck.

SECOND ROW: W. Mosher, L. Humbert, R. Wilmarth, M. Cosentino, J. Wayman, M. Coons, A. Hoal, K. Barnes, D. Harvey.

8th GRADE - NEW MILFORD



FIRST ROW: C. Woosman, B. Whitney, S. Groover, C. Tilley, I. Scott, S. Mills, Secretary; J. Shaw, Vice-President; C. Darrow, Treasurer; M. Rounds, L. Millard, J. Wagner, L. Fuller, N. Lewis (absent), President.

SECOND ROW: R. Reed, F. Cronk, D. Hillis, A. Ashworth, S. Ellis, R. Stoss, B. Follett, P. Seamans, D. Phillips, D. Gulick, N. Whitney, R. Weber.

THIRD ROW: D. Lawrence, R. Rafferty, M. Anderson, L. Warren, T. Mitchell, G. Ellis, S. Decker, C. Smith, L. Resseguie, A. Starker, T. Goff.

7th GRADE - GREAT BEND



FIRST ROW: J. Chauncey, R. Chamberlin, R. VanLoan, S. LaHoda, G. Forsyth, R. Greenwell, R. Osterhout.

SECOND ROW: L. Lord, J. Trieble, S. Warnstoff, M. White, R. Cook, R. Gula, R. Skiba, B. Sinnett.

THIRD ROW: J. Hawkins, E. Savinsky, D. Bucksbee, J. Galloway, J. Wood, J. Schooley, D. Sturek.

7th GRADE - HALLSTEAD



FIRST ROW: J. Wells, R. Young, K. Crandall, D. Burrows, P. Perry, E. Clapper, W. Wood, J. Ralston, M. Holleran, G. Fiato, W. Merrill, G. Williams.

SECOND ROW: W. Darrow, A. Hall, J. Decker, J. Jones, C. White, K. Robinson, F. Stover, J. Claxton.

THIRD ROW: J. Florance, L. Silver, B. Bickings, E. Ciottone, M. Holleran, B. Day, L. Felton, S. Donahue.

FOURTH ROW: M. Rood, F. Lawrence, B. Banker, N. Osterhout, N. Cobb, D. Schmoll, N. Kelly, M. Holtzman.

7th GRADE - JACKSON



FIRST ROW: P. Barron, D. Arthur, D. Wayman, M. Burdick, L. Klim, J. Holbrook.

SECOND ROW: W. Mosher, R. March, L. Hoal, F. Meyer, D. Cottrell.

7th GRADE - NEW MILFORD



FIRST ROW: R. Bodine, J. Crawford, M. Small, J. Noble, A. McConnell, N. Ball, J. Staton, G. Snyder, A. Mills, C. Cook, J. Thompson, K. Condon, B. Glatzel, T. Morrison.

SECOND ROW: D. Randall, D. Darrow, W. Hanyon, L. Wilding, H. Cramer, M. Sutton, F. Ebhardt, J. Meanor, B. MacConnell, C. Harding, L. Bodine, C. Yeisley, S. Clinton, J. Darrow.

THIRD ROW: G. Phillips, B. Shelp, S. Rounds, B. Lawrence, J. Oakley, S. Stebbins, C. Donovan, R. Hall, K. Martin, M. Shelp, F. Shay.

BLUE RIDGE JOINT SCHOOLS CALENDAR

1954

September 7 - Opening Day
 October 15 - New York Trip
 October 18 - End of 1st six weeks period
 October 19 - Hallstead Senior Play
 October 21 & 22 - County Institute
 October 25 - Report Cards
 November 10 - Great Bend Skating Party
 November 18 & 19 - New Milford Senior Play
 November 25-29 - Thanksgiving
 December 6 - End of 2nd six weeks period
 December 8 - Great Bend Skating Party
 December 10 - Report Cards
 December 15 - Great Bend Christmas Pageant
 December 24 - January 2 - Christmas

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January 12 - Great Bend Skating Party

January 25 - End of 3rd six weeks period
 January 31 - Report Cards
 February 9 - Great Bend Skating Party
 February 17 - Valentine Dance (New Milford)
 February 25-28 - Spring Recess
 March 9 - Great Bend Skating Party
 March 10 - End of 4th six weeks period
 March 15 - Report Cards
 April 7-11 - Easter
 April 13 - Great Bend Skating Party
 April 26 - End of 5th six weeks period
 May 2 - Report Cards
 May 30 - Memorial Day
 May 30 - Class Night
 June 5 - Baccalaureate
 June 6 - Commencement
 June 8 - Closing Day

SNAPSHOTS



MARY LOU CONKLIN



HALLSTEAD PARTY



NEW MILFORD SENIORS
In Younger Years



MARION RAMBO



HALLSTEAD PARTY (2 Years Ago)



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STUDENTS WHO ARE
OUTSTANDING IN THEIR
ACHIEVEMENTS

N.L.F.

APPLE DESSERT QUEEN



Toni Austin, Blue Ridge Joint School senior was crowned 1954 Pennsylvania Apple Dessert Queen by W. S. Hagar, Acting State Secretary of Agriculture, in the state contest Saturday, October 23, 1954, at the Metropolitan-Edison Company building York, Pennsylvania.

Helen baked apple dumplings judged best in a field of apple desserts baked by 26 other

county champions. Some 2,500 high school girls competed in local contests. The event was part of National Apple Week in Pennsylvania.

Toni and Miss Sturman left Wednesday for New York where she competed in the National Baking Contest. Blue Ridge was proud to have Toni place third in the National Contest.



William Ball



Wilma Wright



Elmer Heier

Each year the National Poetry Association of Los Angeles, California, publishes two "Anthologies of High School Poetry," one in the mid-winter and one in the early spring.

The poems included in each publication are selected by competent judges in the poetical literary field from poems submitted by high school students in the United States.

This year's mid-winter Anthology will con-

tain three poems written by **William Ball**, **Elmer Heier** and **Wilma Wright**, students of English in grade ten of the Great Bend building. "Hurricane Hazel," "Winter Scene" and "Snowfall" are the titles of the winning poems.

We feel that these pupils are to be congratulated on their achievement in the field of creative literature.



Patricia McHugh



Carl Smith

Every year the "National Essay Association" of Los Angeles, California, publishes an Annual Anthology of high school essays called, "Young America Speaks." The essays that are selected for publication must meet the strict requirements set up by the Association.

The purpose of these annual Anthologies is to promote better expression of ideas, and to encourage the pupils of our nation to express freely, clearly and thoughtfully their ideas on pertinent subjects of the age in which they are living. These books are also used by many schools as text books from which the pupils

learn by examples and evaluations of the essays of other people in their own age and school group.

This is the first year the students of the Great Bend Building have entered this national competition, and we are very proud of the results. The essays submitted by **Patricia McHugh**, a senior, and by **Carl Smith**, a junior, have been accepted for publication in that volume of the Essay Anthology which contains the essays submitted by pupils from our state and section of the United States.



Bob Hinkley

Bob Hinkley winning the 880 at District Meet in time only one tenth second off the record.



Bob Rood

Bob Rood record breaker in the discus throw with a throw of 141 ft. 6 in. at District Meet. He placed 4th at Penn State. In July at Endicott he won a third place trophy in A. A. U. competition.

Sam Cronk

Sam Cronk's record is very impressive. He won two out of the three events he was entered in at the District Meet, the 220 and the 440, and took second place in the 100.

He went to Penn State and took sixth place out of twenty-four in the 440.



Gene Downs

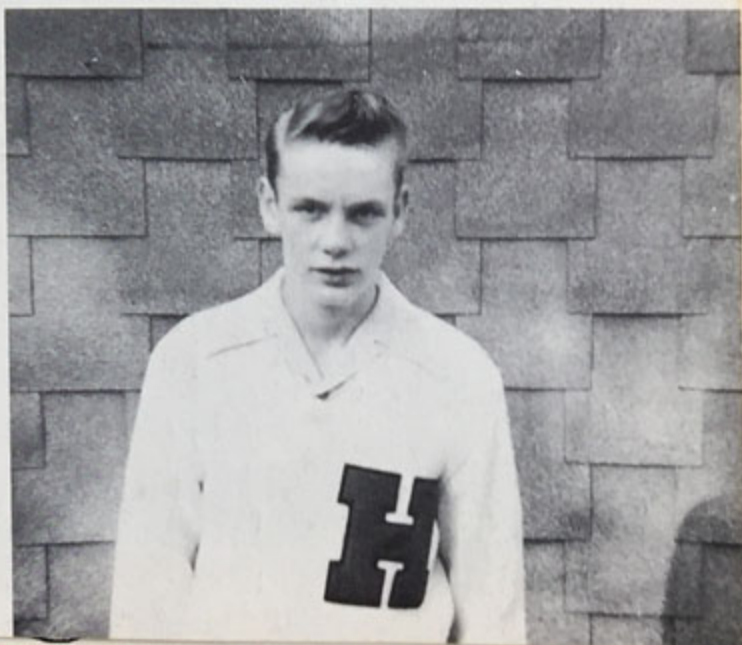
Three top scorers of 1954, reading left to right, Gene Downs, sprinter and broad jumper; Bob Hinkley, 880 and relay; and Bob Rood, discus and shot.



Ed Downs

Ed Downs, triple threat field star.

At Scranton in July Ed won the pole vault and was third in the high jump at Junior Olympics in Memorial Stadium.



Arthur Scott



The outstanding F. F. A. boy in the class of '55 is Arthur Scott. His farming program consists of Ayrshire cattle, corn, oats, barley, and buckwheat with a quick money project of swine.

His political capabilities show up by the fact that he has held a chapter office each of his four years of high school reporter, treasurer, vice-president of the Chapter. He also held the position of Treasurer of the Susquehanna County Council of the F. F. A.

Each year Arthur has placed in the award division at the state dairy project held at the Pennsylvania State University.

On November 17, 1954, Arthur received the Susquehanna County Degree.

On January 12, 1955, Arthur was awarded the Keystone Farmers Degree at the Pennsylvania State Association meeting in Harrisburg.



After triumphing in local and county contests, Bonnie tied for first place in a State Grange Declamation Contest, which was held at Washington, Pennsylvania. Bonnie chose to speak on I Corinthians: 13 instead of the "Gettysburg Address," which was spoken by the other winners. Congratulations on your success, Bonnie.

BONNIE VAN SLYKE



Nineteen schools in the county participated in "The Lynn Rosenkrans Memorial Conservation Essay and Poster Contest," sponsored by the Susquehanna County Sportsman's Club. Every student in the sophomore and junior class was eligible to write an essay on conservation, then the school was to pick out the best one.

On April 8, 1954, Martha was awarded a gold wrist watch and the school received a fourteen inch trophy for placing first in the county.

MARTHA POTTER

ATHLETICS



"White"



"Red"

BASEBALL



The Blue Ridge Joint baseball team played their second successive season by winning exactly one-half of the games played.

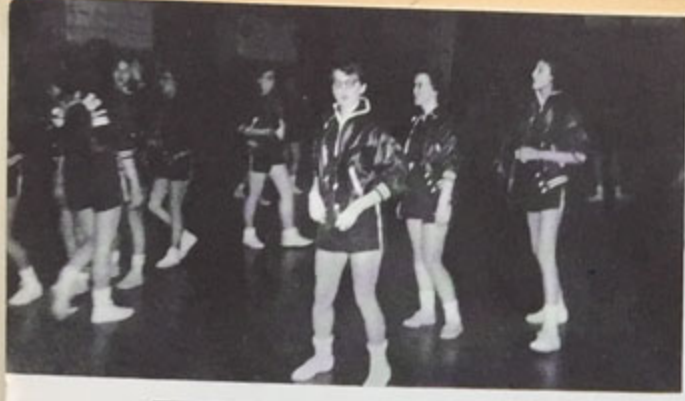
We defeated Harford, Susquehanna, and Hop Bottom, and in turn were defeated by Montrose, Elk Lake, and Thompson.

Our leading hitters were Don MacConnell, Gene Wright, and John Hand. The pitching

was done by John Hand and Jerry Ralston.

Mr. Young of the New Milford building again was our coach, with Garry Dearborn as manager.

With the return of a good many underclassmen, we are anticipating a favorable season next year.



GIRLS' BASKETBALL



FIRST ROW: M. Teel, L. Hoal, S. Hornak, H. Austin, R. Hobbs, W. Darrow, T. Tingley.

SECOND ROW: Miss Jones, C. Cramer, K. Stoddard, K. Reed, A. Morrison, B. Jarvis, R. Perry, K. Schadley, M. Potter, G. Burd.

On November 8, 1954, the Blue Ridge Girl's Basketball team started practice in New Milford gymnasium. There were approximately 35 girls at the start of the season, but in a matter of weeks they were divided into Varsity and Junior Varsity teams. At the present time, we have 16 girls on the Varsity squad.

We have four girls on our first string, who were on the squad last year. They are Toni Austin, Bonnie Jarvis, Linda Taylor, and Martha Potter. There were also quite a few

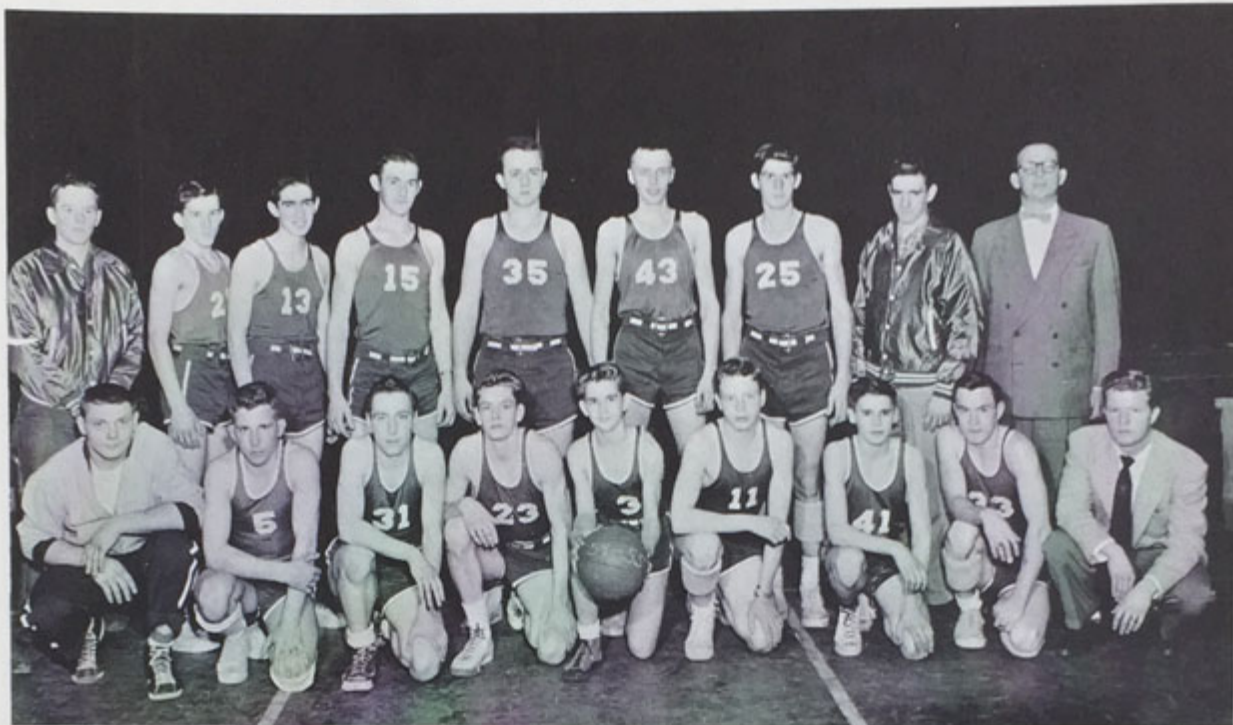
new girls that made the team. In addition to them, we had a new coach, Miss Roberta Jones, of the New Milford faculty.

Toni Austin was chosen captain, and a new co-captain was chosen for every game by Miss Jones.

Ginger Burd of Hallstead was Student Manager.

At the time this article is being written, our record is as follows: Won-3, Tied-1, Lost-3.

BOYS' BASKETBALL



FIRST ROW: C. Supulski, G. Wright, J. Baglino, E. Downs, J. Goldsmith, R. McCullife, G. Chandler, J. Ralston, B. Franks.

SECOND ROW: D. Reynolds, D. Snow, J. Hand, J. Knifer, D. MacConnell, W. French, N. Darrow, L. Dearborn, R. Kozlowski.

The basketball season started November 1 at Great Bend gymnasium. At the beginning of the season we had approximately fifty boys out for the team. After a few days of practice the boys were separated into two teams. The varsity and junior varsity.

Mr. Franks our varsity coach has had to work very hard with the new team, having only one first string player back from last year.

Up to the present time we have played four league games. Losing three and winning one. As the season stretches on, the boys are getting more experience. We feel quite sure that we will be more successful in the eight remaining games.

At the conclusion of the present year, the team, will lose Gene Wright, Jerry Ralston, Don MacConnell, and Bill French. Remaining will be Juniors, John Hand, Dick Knifer, Eddie Downs Norman Darrow and John Baglino. Along with these remaining Juniors are many

promising sophomores and freshman.

Basketball is fast becoming the top sport of the Blue Ridge Joint School. We have boys and girls varsity and junior varsity. We also have an active intermural program which has been introduced into the schools, giving everyone a chance to participate in basketball. Many new prospects have been discovered and a better understanding of the team has been accomplished.

Our junior varsity has a ten game schedule and has shown rapid improvement under the direction of Mr. Supulski of New Milford. A few junior varsity players have already shown great improvement and have been promoted to the varsity.

We feel that with the addition of intermural and junior varsity basketball, which has been added this year, that Blue Ridge definitely will soon be a leading contender in the Susquehanna County League.

CHEERLEADERS



The squad of Blue Ridge Cheerleaders consists of Shelby Smalacombe, Pat McHugh, Sally Florance, Betty Arnold, Betty Diffendorf and Gail Moore as regulars and Joann Tomeo, Lois Barrett and Nora Hassick as substitutes.

We have quite a few new cheers this year. One of which is:

Hand Car, Push Car, Engine full of steam,
Blue Ridge High School. Team, team, team.

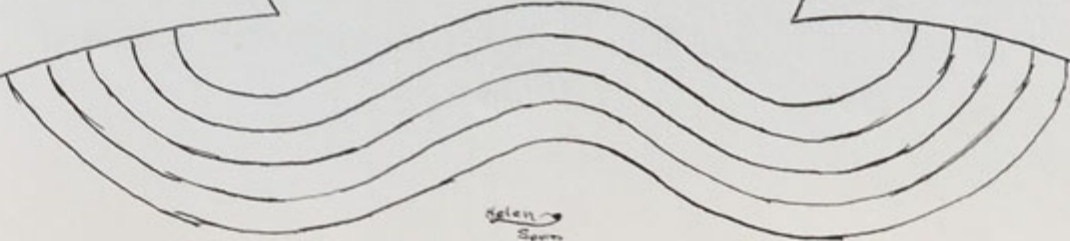
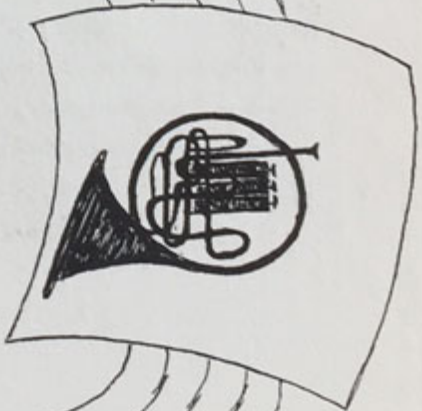
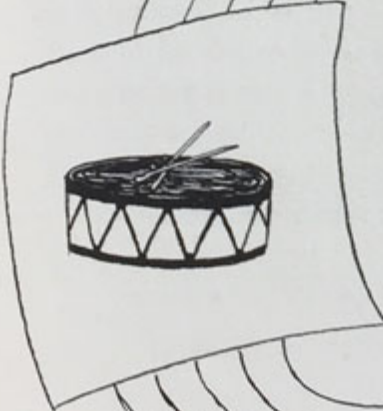
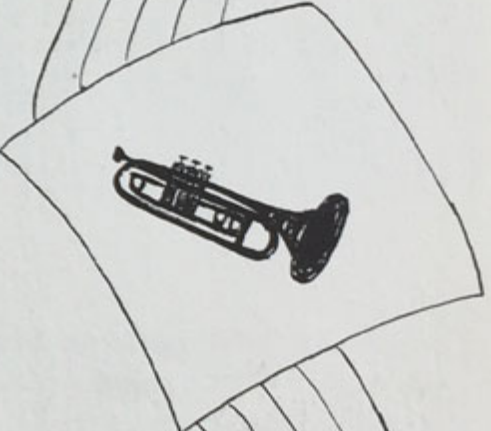
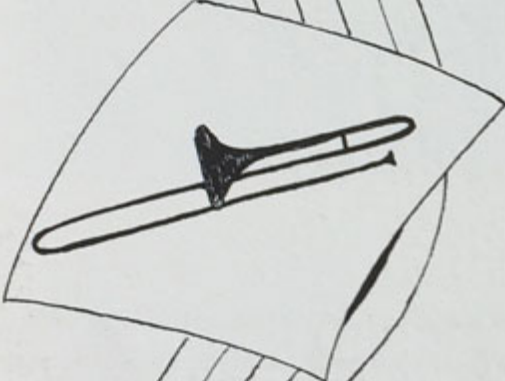
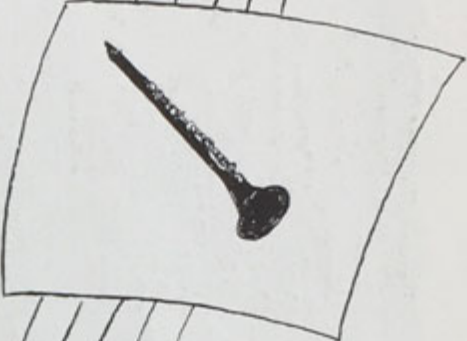
YEAR BOOK STAFF



Editors Evelyn Lawrence, Shelby Smalacombe, Linda Wood
 Associate Editors Ida Abbott, Martha Potter, Joan Sullivan
 Advisors Helen H. Meagley, Vincent L. Griffis



MUSIC



SENIOR BAND



The Blue Ridge Senior Band consists of advanced instrumentalists from Great Bend, New Milford and Hallstead schools. These students look forward to the spring rehearsals in preparation of the Blue Ridge Spring Music Festival and Commencement activities. They are also anxiously awaiting the time when they will occupy their new building and regular weekly rehearsals can be accomplished.

In addition to the Junior and Senior Bands,

the Hallstead school has added an Orchestra and High School Dance Band. These groups play for the semi-monthly school assemblies; school plays; P. T. A.; and other public activities sponsored by the school. For the past five years the Hallstead School Board has sponsored a Summer Instrumental program. The students who attended these classes played for three local parades last summer and gave an outdoor summer concert.

JUNIOR BAND



The Junior Band of the Blue Ridge Schools is composed of instrumental students from the elementary grades and Junior High School, who have had at least one year of instruction on their instrument. The band is assembled

in the spring from the four buildings, composing our school system, to appear in the annual spring concert of the Blue Ridge Joint Schools. It is under the leadership of Harris Allen of the Great Bend Building.

GREAT BEND MUSIC DEPARTMENT

We, at Great Bend, have participated in two major musical events this year; the Christmas Pageant in December, in which the entire student body took an active part; and the combined Blue Ridge Festival in the spring.

In addition to the above events selected groups have performed for the P.T.A. throughout the year. We also have had several sessions of assembly singing with the

band doing its share of the entertaining. During the year, some of our instrumental students joined with Hallstead to augment the orchestra in that building.

Other activities included a good representation in the County Music Festival at New Milford, and a field trip to hear a concert by the Detroit Symphony Orchestra at Binghamton, New York.

COMBINED CHORUS



Blue Ridge combined chorus numbers about sixty members this year. Each of the individual school groups have practiced with their music teacher, with the aim of perfecting themselves in combined practices with the other schools.

Concerts are held in the spring. Special choral and band numbers are interspersed with vocal and instrumental specials.

After the combined concerts are held, twenty-four students are chosen from the group to sing an anthem for the Baccalaureate service.

NEW MILFORD CHORUS



FIRST ROW: A. Pickering, D. Wilmarth, C. Cramer, M. Conrad, B. Jarvis, C. Samon, M. Snell, M. Brown, H. Squires, V. Peck.

SECOND ROW: J. Gregus, G. Moore, K. Stoddard, C. Meanor, A. Page, M. Scott, E. Moss, L. Hoal, S. Noble, Mrs. Depue.

THIRD ROW: R. Chandler, S. Roman, D. Howell, G. Humbert, N. Stevens, C. Freitag, D. Rogers, J. Whitehead, D. Harvey, R. Adolfson, D. Herbert.

HALLSTEAD GLEE CLUB



HALLSTEAD ORCHESTRA



FIRST ROW: R. Rood, K. Crandall, G. Chidester, B. Waterman, B. McAuliffe, K. Smith, R. Hinkley, J. Sullivan.

SECOND ROW: E. Fiske, B. French, S. Hussing, D. Yow, D. Meagley, H. Raymond.

THIRD ROW: B. Davis, D. Denny.

NEW MILFORD BAND



FIRST ROW: L. Hoal, C. Tilley, A. Page, M. Conrad, M. Snell, M. Rambo, M. Scott, A. Follet, I. Scott, C. Seamans.

SECOND ROW: Mrs. Depue, D. Page, M. Rounds, B. Meanor, J. Horton, T. Mitchell, R. Adolfson, H. Squires, J. Leslie, B. Mitchell, P. Houlihan.

HALLSTEAD DANCE BAND



FIRST ROW: R. Rood, J. Miller, S. Hussing, B. Lesjack, B. French, B. Waterman, R. Hinkley.

SECOND ROW: D. Yow, J. Howland, R. Thompkins, E. Fiske, B. Davis.

THIRD ROW: D. Denny, B. McAuliffe.

NEW MILFORD GIRLS' TRIO



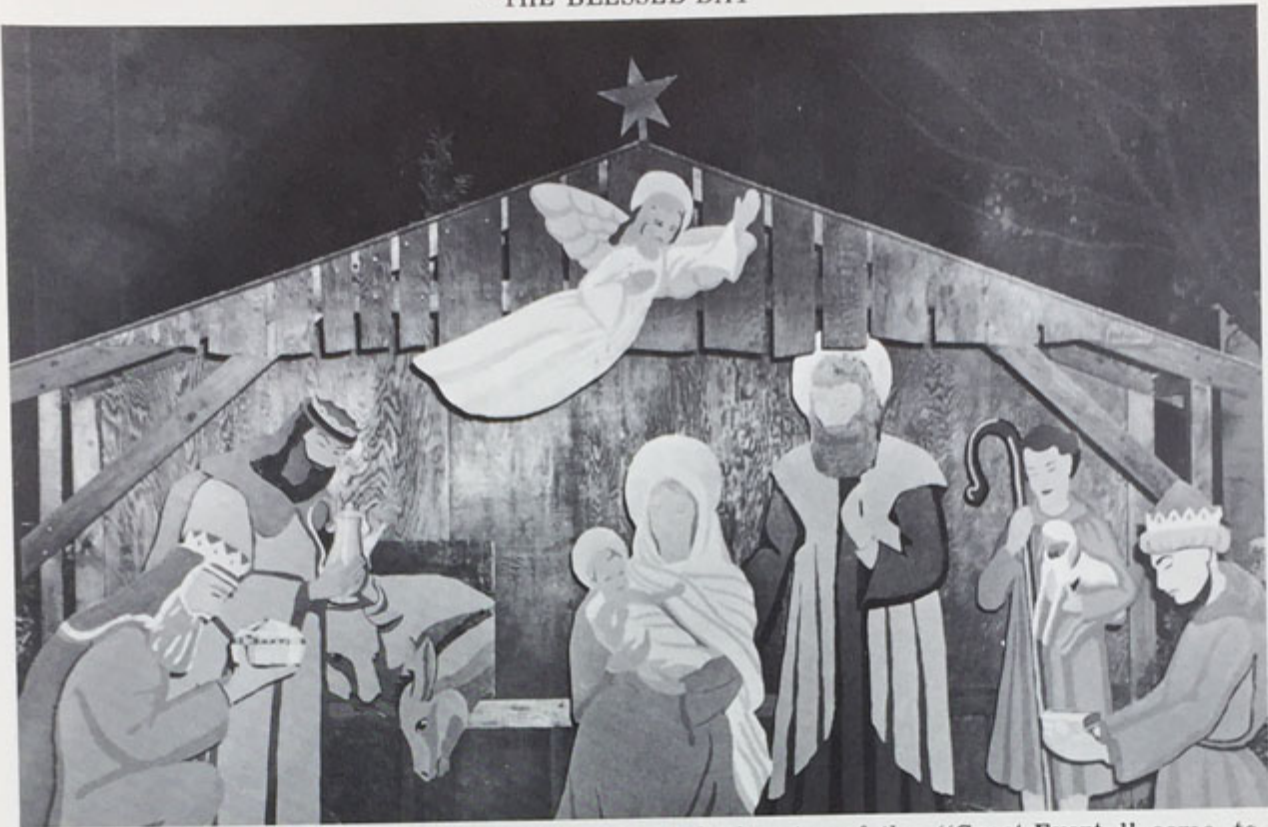
Helen Squires, Marlene Conrad, Ann Page.

Activities



CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

"THE BLESSED DAY"



Weeks before the T.V. and the radio programs included Christmas Carols, and corner Santa Clauses tinkled their small bells asking for alms, the students and faculty of the Great Bend Building were busy with plans for the annual Christmas Pageant.

In November, committees were appointed for costumes, properties, decorations, advertisement, and cast selection. The pageant was written by one of the faculty members, the music selected for each of the eight scenes, readers were chosen, chorus groups began to rehearse, and costumes from all the countries of the universe were fitted to the smaller children. The scene of the "Nativity" was erected on the school lawn, the stained glass windows were painted by Nancy Foote, and other window decorations were being done under the direction of the committee members. The annual pageant, "The Blessed Day," was in process of production.

On December 15, in a setting of evergreens and lights, the pageant was presented to a capacity audience. The scene, "The Home," opened the spectacle; the second scene was of the "Manger" complete with Mary, Joseph, cattle and the Christ Child with a cross of living angels to guard the Holy Family. Scene three was "Mary's Hour" with Her Blessed Son, and scene four carried us once more to the plains where shepherds watched their flocks,

and, hearing of the "Great Event," came to adore Him. This scene we called, "Shepherds' Worship." In an attempt to carry out the prevalent theme, "Return to God," scene five was called the "Children's Adoration," for it was here we saw children from the East, the West, the North and the South of the world standing near Mary to see the New Born Child. The three kings and their gift bearers presented scene six, "Kings' Worship," and "The World Knows Him," scene seven, centered around the children of the world bringing gifts to the Christ Child from their respective countries.

Scene eight, "Blessed First Christmas," saw the entire cast on the stage with the "Holy Family" as the center of the group. Twelve candle bearers, representing the twelve Apostles, came bearing the tapers of truth and of God's teachings to enlighten the world. As the spot lights faded, in the soft glow of the candle light, the living angel Christmas tree, from its setting of evergreen branches at the rear of the filled stage, sang, "The Lord's Prayer." Then, softly, slowly and reverently, the velvet curtain whispered shut to the gentle strains of "Silent Night." "The Blessed Day" was over, and as of old, the true spirit of Christmas reigned in the heart of everyone in the cast, the faculty and in the audience.

"For unto you this day, in the city of Bethlehem, is born a Savior, who is Christ the King."

FUTURE HOMEMAKERS OF AMERICA



In the fall of 1954 we started our F. H. A. with 16 girls from Hallstead and New Milford combined.

We elected officers who are: President, Roberta Perry; Vice-President, Marieta McKinney; Secretary, Ann Morrison; Treasurer, Pat Wells; Reporter, Linda Wood.

In October we were very proud to have Helen (Toni) Austin take first place in the Apple Dessert Contest of Susquehanna County. Later we were even prouder to have her take first place in the State Contest and named Apple Queen of Pennsylvania. She went to New York City and took third place in the National Contest.

We all enjoyed our evening of fun when we had the initiation of new members.

We are looking forward to the state F. H. A. Convention to be held in June at Pennsylvania State University. We hope to have a good representation at this meeting.



This year our Great Bend F. H. A. lost only two members and gained seven. Now we have seventeen members, all of which are from tenth, eleventh, and twelfth grades.

We elected officers who are: President, Shelby Smallacombe; Vice-President, Nancy Raub; Secretary, Pat McHugh; Treasurer, Shirley Galloway.

Some representatives of our school attended the district meeting at Mansfield, with Mrs. Atherton, our advisor. This meeting was enjoyed by all who attended.

FUTURE TEACHERS' CLUB



FIRST ROW: E. Moss, M. Conrad, D. Harvey, D. Stone, A. Page.

SECOND ROW: R. Kozlowski, G. Dearborn, E. Lawrence, F. Bajkowski, J. Hand, M. Torrissi, D. Page, K. Stoddard, G. Humbert.

The Future Teacher's Club is one of the newest clubs in our school system. It was started in the New Milford Building this year. The purpose of this club is to stimulate interest in the teaching profession and to acquaint the members with the prerequisites of the different teachers colleges, and problems which concern the profession. The members will visit a State Teachers College.

Advisor - Ray Kozlowski.

FUTURE FARMERS OF AMERICA



FIRST ROW: P. Ralston, P. Bailey, M. Reynolds, A. Scott, C. Bailey, Reporter; A. Button, J. Carpenter, Vice-President; R. Scott, Treasurer; L. Bailey, Secretary; D. Groover, M. Rose.

SECOND ROW: D. Herbert, R. Baglino, J. Shimer, D. Carey, D. Stoss, D. Shofkom, B. Barron, W. Bradley, J. Chandler, W. Herbert, G. Wayman, J. Cook.

THIRD ROW: D. Goff, S. Cronk, D. Howell, J. Holbrook, E. Klim, E. Welch, W. Jocelyn, K. Randall.

PHOTOGRAPHY CLUB



A large group, with interest and enthusiasm greater than ever before, last September reorganized into an active Photography Club. Our purpose is to promote interest and develop skills in amateur photography.

We have learned a great deal about subject composition and arrangement, film development and processing, and picture printing. Some of our pictures appear in this issue of "The Torch."

In the fall, Mr. Schmick, our advisor, took us on a trip through the Ansco plant in Binghamton, N. Y. We were accompanied by Mrs. French and Mrs. House, who so kindly drove their cars.

Our officers are as follows: President, Edward Maloney; Vice-President, Barbara Mowers; Secretary, Maureen McDevitt; Treasurer, David Yow.

ATHLETIC CLUB



SCHOOL PLAYS



"CHEAPER BY THE DOZEN"

At 8:15 P. M. last November 18, some 299 people shifted and rustled in their seats. They were waiting for the first curtain of "Cheaper by the Dozen," a rollicking comedy of the younger generation. Three acts crackled their way across the stage. By the final curtain, we thought we had not actually done badly, but... The next evening, at the close of the second performance, we knew that Mrs. Prater had directed a hit.

The costumes, and antics of the children were the highlights of the play. The children were played by Winifred Darrow, Richard Hillis,

Margie Brown, Doug Wise, Leroy March, Wayne Moore, Richard Sutton, Thea Tingley, and Helen Squires. Dad was played by Dan Stone and mother by Evelyn Lawrence. Other distinguished performers were: the housekeeper, Millie Torrisi; the family doctor, Landon Dearborn; a cheerleader, Bob Mitchell; a teacher, Emily Moss; and someone special, Frank Bajkowski.

"Cheaper by the Dozen," as presented by the Blue Ridge class at New Milford, will long be remembered. The Senior Class of '55 will never forget—that experience.

"GIRL-SHY"

Under the leadership and direction of Mr. Jack Phethean and co-director, Mrs. Wiseman, we presented our Junior Play "Girl-Shy" to the public in April, 1954.

This was a comedy about two college boys with girl-friend trouble, girls who exchanged clothes, a maid who aspired to become a movie actress, an interfering father and aunt, and many separate college romances.

The actors and actresses who volunteered their valuable time and ability were:

Richard Hillis, Joel Whitehead, Dan Stone, Bob Mitchess, Wayne Moore, Landon Dearborn, Marge Brown, Evelyn Lawrence, Emily Moss, Helen Squires, Thea Tingley and Millie Torrisi.

After the performance was over and the make-up off, most of the Juniors went out to celebrate.



"MEN ARE LIKE STREET CARS"
 Three Act Comedy
 Hallstead Senior Class Play

Director J. P. Kelleher
 Music Director William Williams

A three act comedy, under the direction of J. P. Kelleher, was presented Tuesday evening, October 19, 1954, by the Senior Class of the Hallstead School.

Cast of Characters

Mrs. Mason, mother Patricia Wells
 Mr. Mason, dad. DeWitt Reynolds
 Maudie, their young daughter. Ginger Burd
 Sylvia, their older daughter. Helen Austin
 Joy, a cousin. Roberta Perry
 Alix, Maudie's friend Dorothy Crandall
 Julie, Maudie's friend. Dawn Button
 Lysbeth, Maudie's friend Sally Florance
 Mrs. White. Ann Morrison
 Mrs. Allen. Virginia Chidester
 Mrs. Day. Linda Wood
 Davy, Maudie's part-time steady Robert Whalen
 Chi, any girl's steady. Danny Denny
 Jerry, Sylvia's friend. Steve Hussing
 Ted, Sylvia's friend. James Morgan
 Margaret, the maid Linda Holtzman

"LET ME GROW UP"

Our Junior play, a comedy in three acts was presented on March 11. The cast included:

Lexie, a young miss Winnie Darrow
 Muriel, her talented sister Dorothy Crandall
 Matt, her musical brother. Harold Williams
 Nora Flemming, their actress mother Patricia Wells
 Aunt Lydia, their old-maid aunt. Betty VanGordon
 Mary Jo, a young friend. Sally Florance
 Arden, a local siren. Ginger Burd
 Bill Henderson, a soldier Ray Barnard
 Mrs. Holden, a producer Dawn Button

It was an amusing play about a family whose mother was an actress. Lexie and Mary Jo were forced to be nine year olds, Matt, a hillbilly gardener and Muriel, a maid when a producer comes to town. Lexie is trying to get Bill to like her but this is when Arden, the local siren, comes on the scene. As is usual, in play though, everything turned out for the best.

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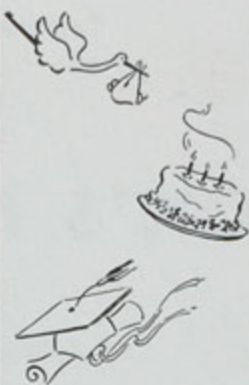
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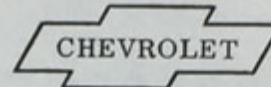
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