

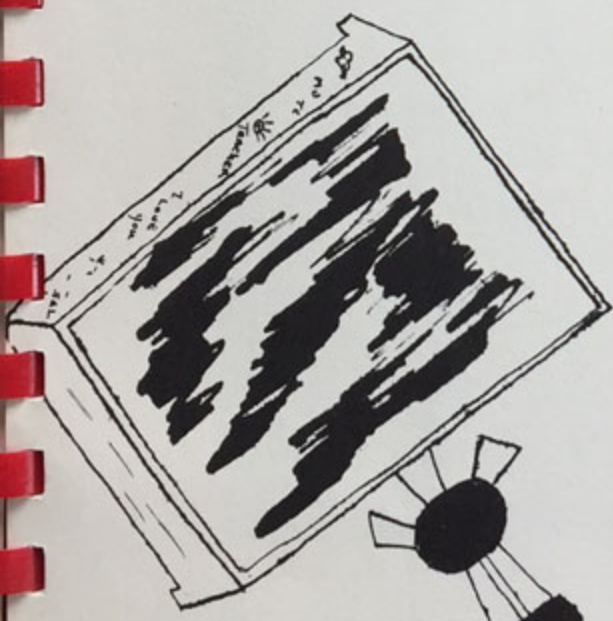
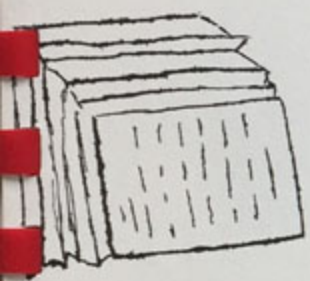
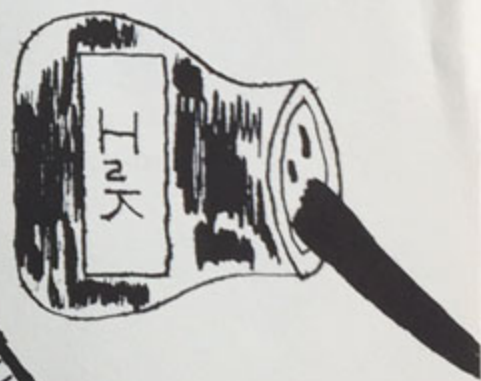
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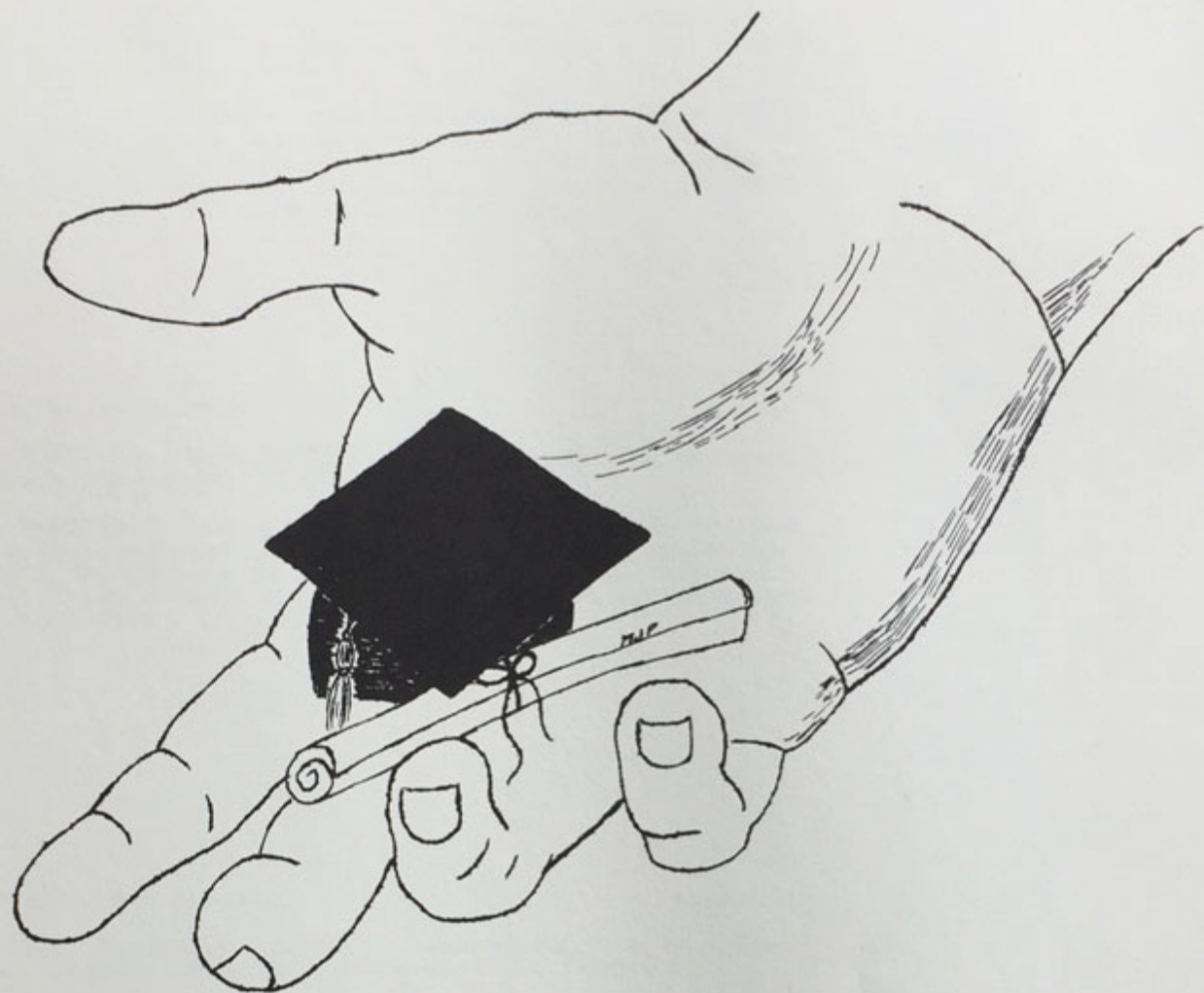


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Great Bend

F. H. A. 2, 3, 4, F. H. A. President 4, Treasurer 2, Blue Ridge Chorus 2, 3, 4, Mixed Chorus 1, 2, 3, Glee Club 4, County Chorus 4, Vice President 4, Junior-Senior Play, Yearbook 3, 4.

Ida is a girl who seems to pack fun into every minute of life. Her sparkling brown eyes seem to dance whenever she speaks. She is also our class waitress, whose Hacienda hamburgs can't be beat. Her favorite expression is "you better believe it." Although "homework" does not agree with Ida now, she insists she wants to do it for the rest of her life.



BETTIE MAE ARNOLD

Hallstead

F. H. A. 1, 2, Cheerleader 2, 3, 4, Junior Play, Senior Play, Commercial Club 4, Vice President 3, F. H. A. Treasurer 1.

Bettie is known by all as the girl beside the popcorn machine. She is also our class cheerleader. Her most noticeable feature is her "great big dimple." Her favorite saying is "That's a very good question, very good." Her plan for the future is to become a secretary. To a swell girl we wish the best of luck.



JOHN PATRICK BAGLINO

Great Bend

Band 1-2, Chorus 1-2, Baseball 1-4, Basketball 3-4, Track 2-3-4, Commercial Club 4, Athletic Club 4, Photography Club 4, President 2.

"Duke" is one of our class farmers. He is an excellent student, especially in Physics. Driving and looking for pretty girls are his pastimes. His favorite saying is "Believe what you want." "Duke" intends to go to Penn State to study engineering after graduation. We wish him success in everything he does.



JO ANNE MARIE BARRY

Hallstead

Track 1-2-3-4, Basketball 4, F. H. A. 1-2, Senior Play, Commercial Club 4, Secretary 2, F. H. A. Secretary 1.

"Jo" is our basketball star. Her ability in sports cannot be surpassed. Her likes include swimming, horseback riding, driving, roller skating, ice skating and basketball. To sum it all up "sports." Her favorite saying is "Oh, Great!" Her ambition is to become a bookkeeper. Good luck, Jo.





WALTER ELLIS BENEDICT

Hallstead

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

"Walt" is usually a quiet kind of guy. He likes to pass his time away by hunting, tobogganing and driving his Plymouth around. For food, Walt thinks fresh venison can't be beat (in or out of season). After Walt graduates, he would like to become a mechanic.



JAMES STANLEY BURDICK, "Jock"

New Milford

F. T. A. 3, Senior Play.

Jim is a quiet boy, keeping his thoughts mostly to himself. His ambition for the future is Journalism. We are sure he will succeed and wish him the best of luck.

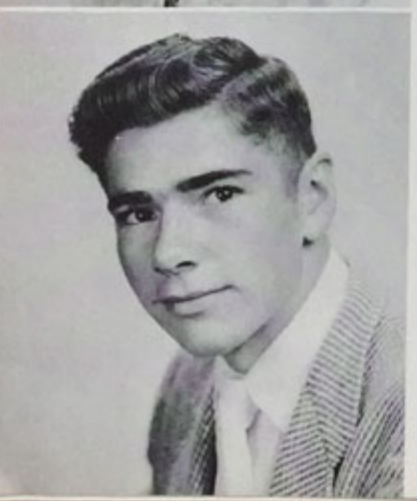


SANDRA LOIS CAREY, "Sandy"

New Milford

Tri-Hi-Y 1-4, Chorus 1, Senior Play.

Sandy is the fun loving character of our class. Without her old Ford truck we couldn't manage a play or a dance. She is one of the more active members of the "coffee shop gang." Lots of luck, Sandy, in whatever you choose.



JOHN R. CARPENTER, "Johnny"

New Milford

F. F. A. Treasurer 2, F. F. A. Vice-President 3, F. F. A. Secretary 4, County F. F. A. Vice-President 3, County delegate 1-2-3-4, State delegate 4, Class President 4, Junior Play.

Johnny, a farmer from the back country (Jackson), is our class president. He is one of the more active members of the Ag class and he intends to further his study of it at Penn State. Good luck, John.

JAMES CHANDLER, "Jim"

New Milford

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

Jim is a quiet, well dispositioned boy, always ready with a helping hand. Jim's favorite food is spaghetti and meatballs. Whenever there is work to be done Jim is there. We wish you best of luck, Jim.



EUGENE MERLE CHIDESTER

Hallstead

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

Handsome, friendly, and a devilish grin are some of the qualities that make Gene a well-liked member of the Senior Class. He especially likes hot rods, girls, and basketball. "Don't get shook" is his favorite expression. "Gene, what is your main attraction in Montrose." Best of luck to a real swell guy.



MARLENE I. CONRAD, "Connie"

New Milford

Chorus 1-2-3-4, Band 1-2-3-4, District Chorus 2, State Chorus 2, Blue Ridge Chorus 2-3-4, Blue Ridge Band 2-3-4, County Festival 1-2-3-4, Girls' Trio 1-2-3-4, F. T. A. 3, Class Secretary 2-3-4, Junior and Senior Plays.

Marlene, who very often works in the telephone office, sometimes makes long distance calls to a certain Navy boy who has made an addition to her left hand. Marlene intends to go to Beauticians school and later to get married. Good luck, Marlene.



CAROL ANN CRAMER

New Milford

Basketball 3-4, Volleyball Manager 3, Chorus 3-4, Tri-Hi-Y 1-2, Tri-Hi-Y President 4, Junior and Senior Plays.

Carol has the honor of being the first girl in our class to become engaged, naturally her ambition is to be a housewife. Her favorite saying is "It's kinda crummy."





NORMAN RICHMOND DARROW

Hallstead

Athletic Club 1-2-3-4, Junior Play, Senior Play, Basketball 3-4, Baseball 4, Track and Field Events 3-4.

"Doc", as he is known to all his friends, is the athlete of our class. He is usually seen with a smile on his face. His most frequent expressions are "Aw, gee," and "You clown you." Doc plans to go into the service, but he knows Joyce is right there waiting. Best of luck.



GARRY ARTHUR DEARBORN, "Welcher"

New Milford

Blue Ridge Chorus 1, Boys' Ensemble 2, Baseball 2-3-4, Volleyball 1-2-3-4, Class President 3, F. T. A. 3, Junior and Senior Plays.

Garry, who is the romeo of our class, can sure get around in that "Royal Taxi," alias the gray Chrysler. Garry's favorite pastime is eating, his favorite hobby is eating, and his favorite sport is eating.



THOMAS EDWARD DECKER

Great Bend

Baseball 4, Athletic Club 4, Commercial Club 4.

Tommy is one of our most popular boys. He is a real keen guy and a big asset to our basketball team--for although he isn't on the team he keeps up the players' morale. His likes consist mainly of coffee and girls. You can often hear him say "How about that!" Good luck, Tom.



WILLIAM LEO DONAHUE

Hallstead

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

Bill is known as our class "clown" and helps keep all of us in a good mood. His favorite saying is "It's hard to say." He has only one dislike and that is snobby girls. His favorite subjects are Math and a certain cheerleader. Best of luck in whatever you may do.

DONALD EUGENE EATON

Great Bend

Basketball 1-2, Track 1, Baseball 1, Chorus 1-2-3-4, Athletic Club 4, Junior-Senior Play, Basketball Manager 4.

Although Don is known as our class "woman-hater," he seems to make out pretty well in spite of it. Among his likes are swimming, hunting and Ida's Hacienda Hamburgers. His dislikes are school teachers (and of course girls). Most used of his expressions is "How about that?" Good luck Don and watch out for those girls.



CARL EBHARDT, "Butch"

New Milford

Carl holds the "World's Title" in our class for being late, therefore, on Wednesday nights he is often found in the detention room. He has an old Buick and it has been said the main reason that he lives on a hill is to get his car started. Good luck, Carl.

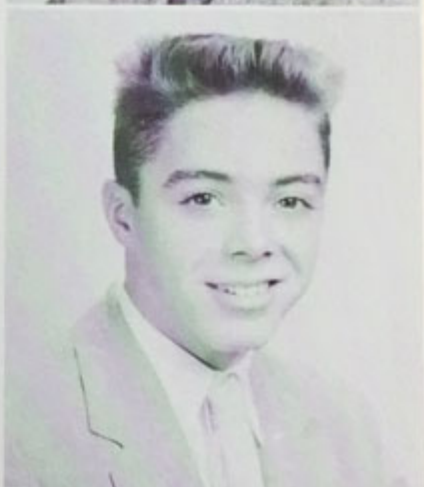


GARY FALLON

New Milford

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

Gary, the grocery deliverer for Rodger's, doesn't always deliver the orders. A lot of the time we see him in a green Chevie sporting a certain Stearn's girl around. He also enjoys participating in sports.



LINDA CAROL FOOTE

Great Bend

F. H. A. 2-3, Junior-Senior Play, Senior Play, Glee Club 4, Mixed Chorus 1-2-3, Treasurer 3, Secretary 4, Blue Ridge Chorus 2-3-4, County Chorus 2-3-4.

Linda is the blondie whose warmth and enthusiasm have added zest and sparkle to our class. She has a keen interest in dancing, swimming, and collecting shells (her prize specimen being a jet mechanic "Schell"). "Isn't that sweet?" is her favorite expression. Proxie, may your future always be "Light and Bright."





CLEMENS FREITAG

New Milford

Chorus 2-3-4, Senior Play.

Clemens has two hobbies--bees and geese. About these he knows almost everything. His favorite food is roast goose. Clemens' ambition is to have his own business. We hope you succeed, Clemens.



JOAN MARIE GERGLE

Hallstead

F. H. A. 1-2, Junior Play, Senior Play, Commercial Club 4.

Joanie is a little beauty known by all the boys, especially those in Oakland and New Milford. Her favorite saying is "I'm scared, see me shake?" Her likes include pizza pie, dancing, movies, sports, and boys. Her ambition is to become a beautician. To a swell girl, we wish the best of luck.



GRAHAM GULICK, "Smiley"

New Milford

Graham enjoys sports, but hunting is his favorite, otherwise we think he would be in school more often during hunting season. Carl and Graham have developed a close friendship through detention. Good luck, Graham.



BETTY JANE GLATZEL, "Bern"

New Milford

Volleyball 1-2, J. V. Basketball Manager 3.

Betty is very fond of "Buttons," one in particular. Quite often we see her walking down the East Lake Road, and if you look carefully you may see her helping a certain farm boy. Good luck, Betty.

DAVID GOFF, "Dave"

New Milford

F. F. A. 1-2-3-4, Junior Play.

Dave is the farmer of our class, working on one out of school and learning about one in school. If it weren't for Dave's Chevie, a lot of the girls would never make it to Benning's at noon. Good luck, Dave, in whatever you attempt.



JOHN EDWARD HAND, "Johnnie"

New Milford

Basketball 1-2-3-4, Baseball 1-2-3-4, Volleyball 1-2-3-4, Track 2-3-4, Class Treasurer 1, Junior and Senior Plays.

Johnnie is the athlete of our class, wherever there's sports there's Johnnie. He plans to join the army soon after graduation. John's favorite food is beef steak. His favorite saying is "Drat it." We often see John driving a light green Chevie convertible around town. Good luck, John.



DONALD HARVEY, "Donnie"

New Milford

Chorus 1-3-4, Blue Ridge Chorus 3-4, County Festival 3, F. T. A. President 3, Junior and Senior Plays.

Donnie is the quiet classmate from North Jackson. He is always willing to use his Pontiac for chauffeuring the class, providing he isn't occupied in Susquehanna. Good luck, Don.



GEORGE HUMBERT, "Georgie"

New Milford

Chorus 3-4, Blue Ridge Chorus 3-4, F. T. A. 3, Class President 2, Class Vice-President 3, Junior and Senior Plays.

George is the "math lover?" of our class. George often drives an old hot Chevie around the town, loaded to the brim with kids. George plans to go to college. Lots of luck in it, George.







RICHARD JAMES KNIFER

Great Bend

Basketball 2-3-4, Volleyball 3, Baseball 1-2, Track and Field Events 1-2, Commercial Club 4, Athletic Club 4.

Dick is a fellow noted for his tall lankiness and athletic ability. He especially likes basketball and a certain redhead, but he has other likes too. He likes ice skating, swimming, hunting and fishing. "Huh," is his favorite expression. Dick's ambition is to play basketball with the Boston Celtics.



SALLY MAY KNIFER

Great Bend

F. H. A. Mixed Chorus 1-2, Commercial Club 4.

Sally is our joker in bookkeeping class. Her way of asking a question is sometimes amusing. You can see Sally busy with most sports, but those ranking highest are hunting, bowling and horseback riding. You can tell when Sally's around when she says "Howdy-do there," which she says frequently. To you we wish a lot of luck.



ANDREW PHILLIP KOVITCH

Hallstead

Athletic Club 1-2-3-4, Vice-President 2, Baseball 3, Class President 4, Senior Play.

Andy is the ambitious president of our class. His happy-go-lucky manner has won him many friends. His likes are girls and drinks (Pepsi of course). You can often hear him say, "Oh, the \_\_\_ with it." Andy plans a career as a lawyer, after he has finished his term in the Marine Corps. Best of luck, Andy.



LEON OWEN LANE JR.

Hallstead

Rifle Club 1-2, Photography Club 3-4, Commercial Club 4, Junior Play, Senior Play, Chorus 3-4.

"Le Roy" is a fellow who is easy to get along with, as he has a very optimistic outlook on life. He likes girls, dancing and cars. One of his favorite sayings is "Do you want to go steady?" Leon is undecided about his career. He doesn't know whether to be a "Fred Astaire" or an "Arthur Murray." Best of luck with your dancing career.

DELLA RUTH LAWRENCE

Hallstead

F. H. A. 2, Glee Club 1-3-4, Class Treasurer 3, Junior Play, Senior Play.

Della is quiet, but very capable. Her likes cover a broad field. Her favorite saying is "Joy in a bottle." Her favorite food is "anything with ketchup on it." Her ambition in life is to become a nurse. We wish you the very best of luck, and we're sure your nursing career will be successful.



BYRON DOUGLAS LESJACK

Hallstead

Band 1-2-3-4, Dance Band 3-4, Rifle Club 1-2, Blue Ridge Band 3-4.

Byron is a real cool guy often seen enroute to Susquehanna. He likes to pass his time hunting, playing his sax, collecting records, eating and driving (to Susquehanna, of course). After he graduates he plans on going into the armed forces. Good luck to a real nice guy.

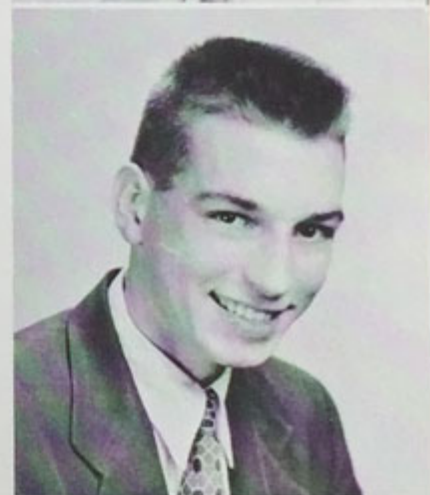


JAMES NELSON MILLARD

Hallstead

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

Jimmy is the "girl minded" fellow of our class. His motto is, "Girls, I love 'em." His likes include redheads, brunettes, brownettes, and blondes. He also likes sports, especially track and football. His ambition is two years of college, a hitch in the Air Force, and later marriage. Good luck, Romeo with your future Juliet.



GAIL LYNETTE MOORE, "Chic"

New Milford

Cheerleading 2-3-4, Chorus 1-3-4, Blue Ridge Chorus 3-4, County Chorus 1, F. T. A. 3, Volleyball 2-4, Class Treasurer 2, Senior Play.

Gail is the mischievous girl of our class. At the moment her devilishness is at a new low in favor of another interest, mainly the navy. Her favorite saying is "How do." She likes cooking and specializes in pizza. Good luck, Gail.





ALAN B. OSBORNE, "Ozzie"

New Milford

Alan is always looking out for the best interest of the class, especially when selling candy. His favorite saying is "Hit the road." Good luck, Alan.



RICHARD OSBORNE, "Dick"

New Milford

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

Dick's favorite sport is volleyball at which he excells. After school he hopes to go into the Nursery Business. His favorite saying is "That's the way it goes." Good luck.



ANN PAGE, "Annie"

New Milford

Chorus 1-2-3-4, Band 1-2-3-4, Girls' Trio 1-2-3-4, District Band 2-3-4, County Band 1-2-3-4, Blue Ridge Chorus 2-3-4, Blue Ridge Band 2-3-4, Class Treasurer 3-4, F. T. A. Secretary 3, Junior and Senior Play.

Despite Ann's talkativeness in class she still gets along with the teachers. This Blond? has been responsible for our class money during High School. Good luck, Ann.



DONALD PAGE, "Don"

New Milford

F. T. A. 3, Junior Play.

Don, along with being the brain of our class, is also a very good farmer. Without his help and understanding in difficult situations, we could never get along. Don's plans are college. Good luck.

NANCY IRENE PARKER

Great Bend

F. H. A. 2-3-4, F. H. A. Secretary 4, Class Secretary 3, Junior-Senior Play 3.

Nan is one of the quieter girls of our class, who never seems to get in trouble. Her willingness to cooperate and her nice disposition has won her many friends. Her hobbies are reading and working. Her future ambition is to become a nurse. Nancy, we wish you the best of luck.



GEORGE ADDISON PARSONS

Great Bend

Blue Ridge Chorus 1-2-3-4, Mixed Chorus 1-2-3, Glee Club 4, County Chorus 4, Commercial Club 4.

George the class handy man, better known as "Nipper" is most frequently found puttering around in his garage. His likes are girls, music, Ida's Hacienda hamburgers, and of course cars (especially Oldsmobiles). We're counting on George to keep our cars well serviced in years to come. We all wish you complete success.



ARDITH PECK, "Ardy"

New Milford

Chorus 3-4, Blue Ridge Chorus 3, Junior Play, Senior Play.

Ardy is very quiet, sweet tempered girl from Jackson. She usually has her mind occupied by a special boy from Thompson. Ardy plans to become a housewife. We wish you all the success in the world.



ALICE PICKERING

New Milford

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

Alice is the jolly girl in our class, she always has time for a laugh. Her future ambition is to enter nursing school and we have all promised to patronize the hospital where she will work. To you, Alice, we wish good luck.





JANET MARIE PLONSKI

Great Bend

F. H. A. 2-3, Junior Play, Senior Play, Glee Club 4, Mixed Chorus 1-2-3, Class Secretary 2, Class Treasurer 4, Blue Ridge Chorus 2-3-4, County Chorus 2-3.

Cute, quick-tempered and fun loving are a few of the adjectives which describe Janet. Everyone envies her ever immaculate appearance. She especially likes spaghetti, dancing, and Linda's company. After she has finished a business course she would like to become a secretary to her future husband. Best of luck to a real nice girl.



MARTHA POTTER, "Potsy"

New Milford

Basketball 2-3-4, Volleyball 2-3-4, Tri-Hi-Y 2, F. T. A. 3, Yearbook Staff 3-4, Junior Play.

Martha is one of the more active girls in our class, enjoys volleyball and basketball. Her favorite saying is "Oh Crumb." Good luck, Martha.



THEODORE CHARLES PURTELL

Great Bend

County Band 1-3-4, Rifle Club 2, Band 1-2-3-4, Chorus 1-2-3-4, Dance Band 4, Class Vice-President 3, Junior-Senior Play, Senior Play, Great Bend Orchestra 4, Blue Ridge Chorus 2-3-4, Blue Ridge Band 2-3-4, Glee Club 4.

Ted is a carefree, happy-go-lucky guy whose keen sense of humor has brightened up many a cloudy day for us. Music, swimming, and hunting rate especially high on Ted's list of likes. His favorite expression is "Skip it." Ted's ambition though not yet definite may include college. Good luck to a real nice guy.



KENNETH RANDALL, "Ken"

New Milford

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

Ken is the good natured boy that will always help out when there is a job to be done. Ken seems to enjoy farming, but still he seems to enjoy sporting a certain sophomore girl around. Good luck in whatever you choose.

ANN JANE RICHARDS

Hallstead

Girls' Ensemble 2, Glee Club 3-4, Blue Ridge Chorus 3-4, Class President 3, County Chorus 4, Junior Play, Senior Play.

Ann is the redhead of our class who keeps up correspondence with the Air Force. She is patiently waiting for the gleam on the third finger of her left hand to become a reality. Her favorite saying is "Oh well, that's life." Her plans include business school and later marriage. To you we wish all the happiness in the future.



RAYMOND ROOD

Hallstead

Baseball 1, Athletic Club 1-2-3-4, Band 1-2-3-4, Dance Band 3-4, Blue Ridge Band 3-4, Chorus 3, Orchestra 1-2-3-4, Rifle Club 1.

Ray is a tall, handsome, good-natured guy whose present ambition is to get out of school. He gets along with everyone, particularly girls. He especially likes to go to Oakland. We wonder why. At the present time he is learning about quality by working at Stovers. Good luck from all of us.



ROGER JAMES SCOTT, "The Great"

New Milford

F. F. A. 1-2-3-4, County Delegate 1-2-3-4, President of F. F. A. 4, Treasurer of F. F. A. 3.

Roger is the clown of our class, his bubbling sense of humor has broken the monotony of almost all our classes. Roger is interested in farming. His favorite saying is "Let the Great pass." Good luck, Roger.



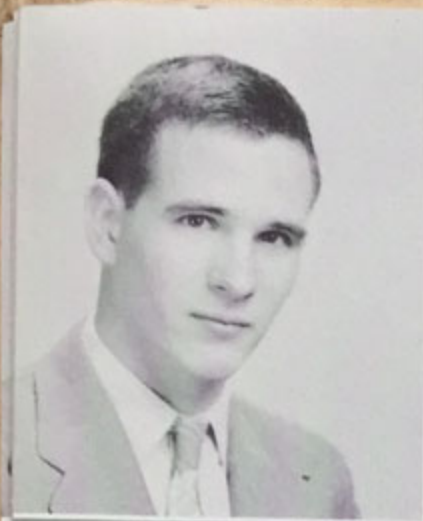
SANDRA OLIVA SHERWOOD

Hallstead

F. H. A. 1-2, Junior Play, Senior Play, Commercial Club 4, Chorus 1-2.

Sandy, who seems like one of our quieter girls gives you a different impression when she is with Joan Gergle and vice-versa. Her favorite saying is "Be that way see if I care." Her activities include dancing, driving, movies, sports, and New Milford boys. Her ambition is to become a beautician or a dress designer. Lots of luck, Sandy.





FREDRIC SHULZ, "Shultzie"

New Milford

Vice-President 4, Junior Play.

Fred joined us as a Junior, and in a short time with his cheerfulness and pleasant disposition he had gained the confidence of our class. Fred is also a 1939 Dodge expert, he knows his car from top to bottom. Good luck, Fred.



CARL WALTER SMITH

Great Bend

Band 1-2-3, Mixed Chorus 2-3-4, Blue Ridge Chorus 2-3-4, District Chorus 2, County Chorus 1-2-4, Class President 3.

Tall, dark and handsome apply to Smitty. He likes food, period! Sleeping and eating are his favorite pastimes. He has a yearn for traveling after graduation. Due to Carl's ability with a pen, we wouldn't be a bit surprised if he ended up as a very famous author. Best of luck.



PHYLLIS ALMEDA SOLLER

Hallstead

F. H. A. 2-4, Glee Club 3-4, Blue Ridge Chorus 3-4, Class Secretary 3.

Phyl is a girl whose moods are as changeable as the weather; if you are unhappy she is unhappy with you, but if you are happy and gay she matches her mood with yours. A bright spot in her life is a certain basketball player. She would especially like to work at a job pertaining to music. "Who Me?" is a favorite expression of Phyl's. Good luck to a swell classmate.



JOAN MARY SULLIVAN

Hallstead

Band 1-2-3-4, Blue Ridge Band 1-2-3-4, Glee Club 3, Junior Class Play, Senior Class Play, Class President 2, Orchestra 3, Blue Ridge Chorus 3-4, Yearbook Staff 3-4, Ensemble 2, County Chorus 4.

Joan is all the best things combined into one, without whose willingness and efforts we would surely be lost. Her favorite pastime is music. Among her other likes are clothes, books, records, and writing compositions. Her long hoped for ambition is college. The best of luck to a real nice girl.

JOYCE ARLENE SUTTON, "Joidie"

New Milford

Chorus 3-4, Junior and Senior Plays.

Joyce seems to have a special interest in Hallstead. Could it be a certain Darrow boy? Joyce with her pleasing personality is forever winning new friends. To you, we wish the best of luck.



JANE MARIE TINGLEY, "Tinc"

New Milford

Volleyball 1-2, Senior Play.

Mischievous and lively well describes Jane, content to be friends with anyone, she has been a cooperative and willing worker for our class in all four years of school. Jane wants to work as a secretary when she graduates. We are sure she will succeed. Lots of luck, Jane.



LAWRENCE IRVING VAN LOAN

Hallstead

Athletic Club 1-2-3-4, Junior Class Play, Senior Class Play.

Larry is a short boy, but what he lacks in height he makes up for in his willingness to help other people. His favorite saying is "Huh, aw nuts!" You often see him walking as that is his hobby. After a short term with the Navy, he plans to become a farmer. Good luck, Larry.



FRANCIS WILLIAM WINFIELD

Hallstead

"Wimpy" possesses a quiet and unassuming manner, although he appears quite differently when he is seen with the boys. He is not too ambitious as he dislikes anything connected with work. But he is quite interested in mechanics and would like to become a mechanical engineer. We wish you the best of luck.







SHIRLEY ANN WINNIE

Hallstead

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

Shirley is a swell girl with a personality to match. She is our "County Apple Queen" as well as being the apple of Arlyn's eye. Her favorite expression is "That do make it nice." Square-dancing, cooking, sewing and working at Westcott's are her favorite pastimes. Shirley, don't forget us when you mail those invitations!



GEORGE MICHAEL WOOD

Great Bend

Commercial Club 4, Photography Club 4.

"Woody," the happy wanderer, should have taken geography instead of history as his mind is usually a thousand miles away. He is the best customer of our candy sale, because his favorite food is candy. He plans to go into service and later have a farm of his own. "Go to it" Woody, and the best of luck.

Class Flower: White Carnation

Class Colors: Blue and White

Class Motto: Knowledge is the beginning of wisdom.

# CLASS HISTORY

## NEW MILFORD

September 1952

Flight '56 started through its first quarter of the long awaited journey. On board were scared, but excited Freshmen. The ones already on deck were: Sandra Carey, Carol Cramer, Betty Glatzel, Gail Moore, Ann Page, Martha Potter, Joyce Sutton, Jane Tingley, Linda Wittig, Donald Birtch, Gaeton Bursese, Cecil Canfield, Jim Chandler, Bernard Cronk, Garry Dearborn, Carl Ebhardt, Gary Fallon, David Goff, Graham Gulick, Bill Harrell, Herman Jennings, Ray Lawrence, Alan Osborne, Richard Osborne, Don Page, Joe Shimer, Roger Scott, Alfred Wells and George Wheeler; with the following Jacksonites joining them: Marlene Conrad, Ardith Peck, Alice Pickering, Dorothy Wayman, James Burdick, John Carpenter, Clemens Frietag, Don Harvey, and George Humbert. Our pilot was Mr. Clair Young. Class Officers were: President, Don Birtch; Vice President, Gail Moore; Secretary-Treasurer, John Hand. We had a few get-acquainted parties and ended the first lap with a trip to Rocky Glen.

September 1953

After a lazy vacation, Flight '56 was on the second quarter of its flight. We were under the direction of Admiral Lois Kingsley. Under her excellent guidance we learned a lot about the working of a library. Class Officers this year were: President, George Humbert; Vice President, Gary Fallon; Secretary, Marlene Conrad; Treasurer, Gail Moore. Nels Aase, Jerry Burton and Nancy Mills joined us this year. Gaeton Bursese, Herman Jennings, Nels Aase and Nancy Mills left us during the year. We ended the first half of the flight by another trip to Rocky Glen.

September 1954

Alas! Flight '56 became Juniors with Ray Koslowski as co-pilot. Class Officers were: President, Garry Dearborn; Vice President, George Humbert; Treasurer, Ann Page; Secretary, Marlene Conrad. This year started our money-making career. We sold stationery and Brants milk. Our first big thrill was choosing and receiving our class rings. Of course they were the best ever. Before we knew it our St. Patrick's Dance was just around the corner. Next was our Junior Play, "The Perfect Idiot" under the direction of Artemis Veras. Finally the biggest event of our Junior year arrived, our Junior Prom, "Everlasting Memories". Martha Potter was our Queen with Marlene Conrad and Gail Moore as Class Attendants. Fred Schulz joined us this year. Those choosing a different environment were Dorothy Wayman who chose Matrimony, and Bill Harrell, Joe Shimer, Eugene Welch, and Jerry Burton who chose the military life. Don Birtch and George Wheeler chose the working life. Three-fourths of the journey was ended.

September 1955

The last lap of Flight '56 started off with a boom. We were nearing our goal. We became Seniors. Our class had the privilege of being the first to sell ice cream plus the usual candy sales. The surviving members of the journey thus far were: James Burdick, John Carpenter, Sandra Carey, James Chandler, Carol Cramer, Marlene Conrad, Garry Dearborn, Carl Ebhardt, Gary Fallon, Clemens Frietag, Betty Glatzel, Graham Gulick, John Hand, Donald Harvey, George Humbert, Gail Moore, Alan Osborne, Richard Osborne, Ann Page, Donald Page, Ardith Peck, Alice Pickering, Martha Potter, Kenneth Randall, Joyce Sutton, and Jane Tingley. Our new flight guide was Frank Zielenski. Class Officers were: President, John Carpenter; Vice President, Fred Schulz; Treasurer, Ann Page; Secretary, Marlene Conrad. The first big event was a dampened trip to New York City. In spite of the weather we had a marvellous time. Between studies and play practice our Harvest Ball whizzed by. That was followed by our Senior Play, "A Date With Judy." Under the admiralty of Lois Kingsley. Name cards soon arrived. Collecting yearbook ads and getting our pictures taken kept us busy for awhile. Next was our Valentine's Dance. The climax of our journey was just ahead. We were all looking forward to our Washington Trip. The rest of our High School days were taken up with preparations for Class Night, Baccalaureate and the goal for which Flight '56 had been striving—Graduation.

# CLASS HISTORY

## HALLSTEAD

We started our freshman year with thirty-two pupils. Under the guidance and supervision of Mr. Kelleher, Mr. Kocher, Mrs. Meagley, Miss Kinner, Mr. Burd and Mr. Williams. We tested our skills on various subjects. Having won a hard battle against a heavy schedule, we found ourselves emerging as the victors. To celebrate our success, we spent a happy, care-free day at Rocky Glen.

We returned to school on September 8, for our sophomore year of 1953-54. After settling down, we elected our class officers. They were: Joan Sullivan, President; Andrew Kovitch, Vice President; Joann Barry, Secretary; Bill Donahue, Treasurer. Finally, we were introduced to our subjects, but we also had time for sports and for fun. During this term, we lost a few of our classmates: Charles Martel, left and went to North High School in Binghamton; Barbara Van Aucken and Lauren Darrow departed from us for good; Phyllis Swartwood and Maureen McDevitt stayed back with the on-coming freshman; Irving Brown moved ahead of us to join his Junior friends. After most of the "kids" passed their exams, we departed for a short time. We closed our school year with an enjoyable trip to Rocky Glen. On June 6, we returned for our report cards. Leaving school, we began our vacation. We had been looking forward to it for the entire term.

In the second week of September, we returned to school for our junior year of 1954-55. After getting settled with our work, we elected class officers: Ann Richards, President; Betty Arnold, Vice President; Phyllis Soller, Secretary; Della Lawrence, Treasurer. After that, we had our Junior Play to think about. Many pupils of our class took time out for activities. During this term, we lost three classmates: William Davis who left and joined the Navy; Alma Carman, who got married; and Edward Downs who left us to attend Fishburne Military Academy in Virginia. Having passed our final exams, we left school for a short time only to return for our report cards. As a class, we ended our Junior year by just going home, but some of the class went to spend the day at Rocky Glen with the ninth and tenth grades. On June 8, 1955 we received our report cards. Our class was very happy, for when we returned the following year we would be Seniors. After being dismissed from school, we merry future Seniors went on our way to have our summer fun and to figure ways of earning money for our graduation.

# CLASS HISTORY

## GREAT BEND

In September 1953 the members of the class of '56 entered into the first mysteries of high school. Our home room teacher was Mr. Griffis. Our class consisted of Nancy Mills, Marjorie De Noyes, Theodore Purtell, Sally Knifer, Linda Foote, Janet Plonski, Nancy Raub, Ida Abbott, Nancy Parker, George Parsons, John Baglino, George Wood, Richard Knifer, Donald Eaton, and Carl Smith. In the middle of the year we received a new member, Doris Dunne, but she did not stay with us long. After the first few weeks we settled down to the extremely serious business of being Freshmen. Our studies became harder as the year advanced. Before we knew it the school year was over and we were "Worthy Sophomores."

Our sophomore year was very exciting. Our home room was with Miss Demer and the older "kids" the Juniors and Seniors. We were glad to welcome Tom Decker to our class as he did much to liven up dull classes. We all regretted the loss of Nancy Mills when she moved to New Milford. This year we elected class officers, namely: President, John Baglino; Vice President, Marjorie De Noyes; Secretary, Janet Plonski; and Treasurer, Ida Abbott. Mr. Depue became our class advisor. We were very proud to earn money for our Washington trip. All of a sudden the school year was over and we were Juniors one step closer to being Seniors.

Our Junior year could be said never to have had a dull moment for now we were sharing our classes with the seniors. We enjoyed our studies for the most part. We lost one member during summer vacation Marjorie De Noyes. A new member, Steve Orehard came and left us during the year. We elected new officers and chose our rings early in the year. Our class officers were: President, Carl Smith; Vice President, Theodore Purtell; Treasurer, Linda Foote; and Secretary, Nancy Parker. The Junior-Senior Play, "Who Killed Aunt Caroline" was a big success among the students. The annual banquet given for the faculty and seniors was the best farewell gift we could think of for our class friends, the seniors. Soon the year was over and it was graduation time. It hardly seemed true that now we had the title of seniors for our friends had passed into the unprotected outside world. This year had been a happy year. One we shall never forget.

Seniors! Was it finally true? What would it be like? We soon found the answers to these questions as we began this last year in high school. At first it seemed to the majority of us a state of confusion. The Hallstead and Great Bend Senior Classes were combined as one in the Hallstead Building. Nothing seemed quite right, especially to the Great Bend students. New teachers, a mixed-up schedule with everything so different. But at last matters began to even out and we started to be organized as one group. Our class election gave us: Andy Kovitch as President, Ida Abbott as Vice President, Linda Foote as Secretary and Janet Palonski as Treasurer. We first really got acquainted on our trip to New York, which proved to be a very different and exciting experience. For soon, we all had one thing in common, "Wet Feet". Our next event of importance was our Senior class play "Stag Line." After which we gradually got back to normal life. Other concerns have been the usual things for seniors such as name cards, announcements, pictures, rollerskating parties, bake sales, candy sales, "writing themes," and composing items for our yearbook. Now, as such happenings as our Washington Trip, Banquet, Class night, Baccalaureate, and the big night of Commencement come into view we look on things with a much different light than we did that first day in September, 1955. Yes, we are Seniors, that has been proven. I'm sure it will be a year well remembered by the majority of the class of '56. . . . .

# CLASS WILL

Know all men by these present, that we, the Senior Class of the Blue Ridge High School, county of Susquehanna and the 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.

We do hereby appoint our Principal, Mr. George E. Schmick, as executor and guardian of this our last will and testament.

First, we leave to the Junior Class the privilege of becoming seniors. We also bequeath to them the opportunity of having a senior play, umbrellas in preparation for their New York Trip, the hustle and bustle that goes with writing a yearbook, and the thrills and excitement of the Senior-Junior Banquet, Baccalaureate, Class Night, and most of all Commencement.

Second, we grant to the lowly Sophomore Class the privilege of becoming Juniors, the long awaited pleasure of selecting class rings, and the long drawn out rehearsals for their Junior Play.

Third, we leave to the Freshmen Class the privilege of becoming Sophomores, all old erasers, empty ink bottles, used pencils, old notebooks, and any other rubbish they may find lying around, about, under or on top of the school.

Fourth, we leave these individual bequeaths:

I, Ida Abbott, will to Sis Reed my love of air, land, and sea in hopes that she can find something interesting in the simple things of life. (Men).

I, Bettie Arnold, will my Cheerleading ability to Joyce Walker, and, my ability to make good Popcorn to anyone who would like the Job.

I, John Baglino, will my curly hair to Billy Ball.

I, Jo Anne Barry, will my seat, homeroom, and teacher to my brother, Billy Barry, in hopes that next year he gets them.

I, Walter Benedict, will my ability to get along with the teachers to Richard Glover.

I, Gene Chidester, will my ability to stay out of trouble to my brother, Roger.

I, Norman Darrow, will my intelligence to Don Osterhout.

I, Tommy Decker, will to Bill Ball my ability to get along with Miss Calabro.

I, Billy Donahue, will my ability to fight with the girls to Roger Chidester, in hopes he can do something about it.

## Class Will cont.

- I, Donnie Eaton, will my ability to leave girls alone to George Chamberlin.
- I, Linda Foote, will my ability to forget my lunch while rushing to catch the bus to Larry Abbott in hopes that he finds as nice a carrier as I did.
- I, Joan Gergle, will my ability to get a ride to school in the afternoon to Susan Donahue.
- I, Sally Knifer, will my ability to sleep in school to Kathleen Schooley.
- I, Richard Knifer, will my height to Jimmy Goldsmith.
- I, Andy Kovitch, will my few hours of nightly sleep to Richard Glover.
- I, Leon Lane, will the price of a haircut to Ronnie Sherwood.
- I, Della Lawrence, will my place as first in line in front of the mirror mornings to the girl behind me.
- I, Byron Lesjack, will to Richie Hinkley my wrist watch so that he will be able to get home from Susquehanna on time.
- I, James Millard, will my crew cut to Ronnie Sherwood.
- I, Nancy Parker, will my good disposition to Margaret Teel.
- I, George Parsons, will my job of furniture moving for the class plays to Dean Swingle.
- I, Janet Plonski, will my quick temper to Wilma Wright in hopes that she can get rid of it.
- I, Ted Purtell, will my short hair to Billy Arnold in the belief that someone should have a crew cut.
- I, Nancy Raub, will my ability to get a guy and keep him to Kathleen Schooley.
- I, Ann Richards, will my daily trips to the post office to Arlene House.
- I, Ray Rood, will Richie Hinkley the apple tree on Prospect Street in Susquehanna.
- I, Sandra Sherwood, will my ability to get along with my brother, Ronnie, to Beth McGuire.
- I, Carl Smith, will my last year's drivers license to Bill Heath.
- I, Phyllis Soller, will my height to Wilma Wright.
- I, Joan Sullivan, leave to Donna Meagley my little sister Rosemary, and to Barbara Vogel my cooking ability.
- I, Laurence Van Loan, will my ability to get along with other people to Gary Rood.
- I, Francis Winfield, will my ability to stop at stop signs to Albert Walker in hopes that he will do it in the future.
- I, Shirley Winnie, will my job at Westcotts to Margaret Tanner.
- I, George Wood, will my ability to stay away from the girls and out of trouble to Bill Ball.
- I, Jim Burdick, will my math ability to anyone who needs it.
- I, Sandy Carey, will my "hot rodding" ability to Linda Taylor.
- I, John Carpenter, will my problems of trying to run the senior class to Joe Tilley.

- I, Jim Chandler, will my school attendance record to Fred Garrehy.
- I, Marlene Conrad, will my sparkling rank with the Navy to Dorothy Page and Audrey Peck.
- I, Carol Cramer, will my sweet disposition to Vivian Peck.
- I, Garry Dearborn, will my well developed ears to Nora Hassick.
- I, Carl Ebhardt, will my old Buick to anyone who can run it.
- I, Gary Fallon, will my enormous height to Herman Zappe.
- I, Clemens Freitag, will my ability to get along with social insects to Douglas Rogers.
- I, Betty Glatzel, will my ability to get along with certain members of the Ag. department to Diane Hillis.
- I, Dave Goff, will my Chevy to Bob Chandler, so he can pick up the girls at the corner.
- I, Graham Gulick, will my like for hunting to Arnie Button.
- I John Hand, will my athletic ability to Warren Yiesley.
- I, Don Harvey, will my typing ability to anone who wants it.
- I, George Humbert, will my love of geometry to Eric Ziemann.
- I, Gail Moore, will my ability to get along with the boys to Joan Leslie.
- I, Alan Osborne, will my good looks to Bill Bradley.
- I, Richard Osborne, will my ability to take shorthand to Barb Burdick.
- I, Ann Page will my ability to catch a Thompson fellow to Camille Sammon.
- I, Don Page, will my ability to sing to Roy Proctor.
- I, Ardith Peck, will my ability to get along with the teachers to Bill Barron.
- I, Alice Pickering, will my intelligent brain to Linda Hoal.
- I, Martha Potter, will close friendship with Gail Moore to Joan Leslie.
- I, Ken Randall, will my ability to get along with a certain girl to Lewis Darrow.
- I, Roger Scott, will my bubbling disposition in classes to John Onysko.
- I, Joyce Sutton, will my ability to make mistakes in typing to Vivian Peck.
- I, Fred Schulz, will my monogrammed mug to Joe Tilley.
- I, Jane Tingley, will all the Roses I can pick to Mary Scott.

# CLASS POEM

## NEW MILFORD

This is a poem of our Senior Class,  
A little resume of each lad and lass.  
I'm able to write with unbiased mind  
That a worthier class would be hard to find.

Made by our teachers, we now realize,  
The highest of praise they rate in our eyes.  
Get ready now, I'm about to start  
You'll hear about all of us before I depart.

Jim Burdick is at the head of our list  
A very good-natured guy  
Although the girls have tried their best  
Jim's still reserved and shy.

Sandra Carey is the next in line  
With a personality hard to beat  
A truer friend you cannot find  
In this she sure takes no back seat.

John Carpenter's name now follows here  
A fellow from out Jackson way  
Our president this year, a good one too,  
As everyone will say.

Next is a boy we all know as Jim  
James Chandler is his full name.  
Good looking and good-natured Jim  
Without him, it wouldn't be the same.

Now meet Marlene Conrad  
She has brains to spare  
Hard working, smart and pretty, too,  
A combination rare.

Carol Cramer is next to appear  
In this list of famous names  
A scholar, fun loving, full of cheer  
For this she's always game.

Introducing Garry Dearborn  
A lovable, regular guy  
Ever since our Garrys been here  
Fun and excitement have hit a new high.

Now up steps Carl Ehardt  
With a smile for everyone  
Whenever you see Carl around,  
There is bound to be some fun.

Gary Fallon is the next, I believe  
To enter his name in here  
He's one of our stars on the basketball team  
In fact this makes his 2nd year.

Next is Clemens Freitag  
A person on whom we can depend  
He's always ready and willing with  
A helping hand to lend.

Now up steps Betty Glatzel  
To whom we pay this tribute  
One of the best dressed girls of our class,  
She's neat, she's smart, she's cute.

Dave Goff we find is a good-looking chap  
With a car indispensable in its line  
Noon hours it's used as a taxi cab,  
Full to capacity you will find.

As I follow along, Graham Gulick is there  
With a rifle in one hand.  
"Smiley" is our hunter here  
That is, a hunter of the land.

Johnny Hand is handsome  
And tops in sports as well  
With his Irish wit and friendly ways,  
We think he's really swell.

Now, here's a guy we must not miss  
Don Harvey is his name  
He's friendly, lovable, also smart  
He'll always be the same.

George Humbert our popular classmate  
With manners and ways refined  
Handsome as well as wise  
Dependable, honest and kind.

Now up the steps comes our Gail Moore  
She's friendly, cute and gay.  
At noon our classroom is never dull  
With Gail and her mischievous way.

Alan Osborne now steps into the light  
A likeable friendly lad  
He's good looking, witty, pretty smart, too.  
A better typist will never be had.

Wait, here comes another fellow  
Dick Osborne, Alan's brother  
A handsome hunter a swell friend, too.  
Like him you'll find no other.

Here comes a pretty little blond  
She's sure to cause a rage  
She's our typing Queen, a real smart girl  
You guessed it, she's our own Ann Page.



NEW MILFORD CLASS POEM Cont.

Don Page we find is a real smart guy  
In knowledge he takes no back seat  
He's witty, he's friendly, he's good natured, too.  
His loyalty can't be beat.

Next in line is Ardith Peck  
There's always mischief when she's on deck  
She's talented, witty, intelligent too.  
Without her we don't know what we'd do.

Coming now, Alice Pickering we find,  
She's from Lakeview you see  
A real sweet girl, a loyal friend,  
A nurse she wants to be.

Martha Potter next appears  
To join our Senior host  
Our best athlete, our Prom Queen too,  
Our Martha, she's the most.

Here comes a guy we cannot miss  
He must be six feet tall  
A quiet fellow, a friend to the end  
Ken Randall, he's our all.

Now look who comes, it's Roger Scott  
We've nicknamed him "Roger the Great"  
With his friendly and mischievous way  
Roger with the best does rate.

Frederic Schulz stepped in last year  
"Freddy's" made a great hit  
Has he got brains? Why he sure has!  
Is he dull? Not a bit!

Now look who's here with a friendly smile  
Joyce Sutton, that's her name.  
Such a cute girl and friendly too,  
Joidie? Yes the same.

Here comes a quiet girl  
She's our F. F. A. Chapter Sweetheart  
Jane Tingley is the one we mean  
She always does her part.

# CLASS POEM

## HALLSTEAD

When we come to the end of four perfect years,  
And our classmates pass in review  
A lass of both beauty and brains,  
Ida Abbott, steps quickly to view.  
Now follows Bettie Arnold--I'm sure you all know  
Makes snowy white popcorn up at the show.  
John Baglino we'll now have you meet,  
In physics class he can't be beat.  
Next someone who surely adds zest to our team,  
JoAnne Barry at sports is truly supreme.  
Walt Benedict, though quiet and shy,  
Is underneath a real swell guy.  
In his Chevrolet now comes Gene  
To all the girls he sure is keen.  
Now comes Norman Darrow,  
Whose achievements are renown,  
An everlasting friend; he never lets you down.  
Tommy Decker, with a twinkle in his eye  
Is really quite a joker, but tries to act shy.  
Up steps Billy Donohue, a most remarkable lad,  
When he's around, you just can't be sad.  
Though in class asleep he falls,  
Don Eaton livens up our study halls.  
Sweet Linda Foote is next on our list,  
A laughing happy sort of miss.  
Joan Gergle with personality plus,  
Will always be tops with all of us.  
Now comes Dick Knifer, our basketball star  
His swell personality will carry him far.  
Of Sally Knifer, we'd now like to say,  
We wish her happiness in every way.  
Andy Kovitch, a reliable fellow  
His jobs are many, his moods are mellow.  
Next in sight is Leon Lane  
Success with his dancing he'll attain

Of Della Lawrence, no words can tell  
Everybody just thinks she's "swell."  
Byron Lesjack, a real sharp one  
In his Kaiser, he sure has fun.  
Our class Romeo is Jimmy Millard  
So helpful and willing, always works hard.  
Nancy Parker we'd now like to stress  
She certainly deserves the utmost success.  
Now George Parsons, we'd now like you to meet,  
Without him our class would be incomplete.  
Janet Plonski is next in view  
Her personality is of a vibrant hue.  
Next is Ted Purtell, a real "cool" guy,  
On him we can always rely.  
Ann Richards, with the pretty long hair  
A future with Steve she's certain to share.  
Here is the man of our class Ray Rood,  
A friend to all, with a pleasant mood.  
Sandra Sherwood, who's always in style  
With a cheerful word and a friendly smile.  
Carl Smith is a swell guy indeed,  
In his red Pontiac he sure picks up speed.  
Phyllis Soller, our class canary  
Our burdens she's willing to help us carry.  
Of Joan Sullivan, what more can we say  
She's just so nice in every way.  
Lawrence Van Loan, though not too tall,  
Has a friendly manner and a smile for all.  
Francis Winfield, we'll now tell about.  
A carefree chap without a doubt.  
Shirley Winnie, our "Apple Queen"  
In Arlyn's car is often seen.  
Last but not least, we come to George Wood  
Whose excuses are many, and usually good.

Now that we have finished we'd like to give three cheers,  
For the teachers who have helped us through these most important years.  
Their patience and their guidance we shall frequently recall,  
And in our prayers we'll ask the Lord to bless them, one and all!

## OUR TRIP TO NEW YORK CITY



On October 14, 1955 at 3:30 a.m. the Blue Ridge High School Seniors journeyed via the Lackawanna R. R. to New York City on our annual "U. N." Trip, guided by Mr. Schmick. The trip proved a great experience for all. For some, it was our first train ride while others enjoyed subways and eating in the automats.

The Tour of the U. N. Building in itself was, without doubt, the most thrilling--especially attending the Security Council Session and seeing our delegate to the U. N., Lodge, and other important world dignitaries, in action. Radio City Music Hall and the Museum of Natural History also interested us.

The rain we braved dampened our clothes, but with high spirits we survived throughout the day.

Our return trip was highlighted by a detour. Because of a washout in the Poconos, we took the Erie from Hoboken to Binghamton, via Port Jervis and Great Bend. At Binghamton, we boarded waiting buses that completed a return home trip. Exhausted after a busy day and a sleepless night we arrived home at 8 a.m.

- Highlights:
- (1) The rain, rain, rain... at 80th Street
  - (2) Those crazy Rockettes... as graceful as a wounded buffalo
  - (3) Roll Call... Kovitch!

# SNAPSHOTS



BONNIE AND BOO



ANN AND RAY



BETTY AND MARY



CLASS OF "56" - FIRST GRADE



CLASS OF "56" - FIRST GRADE

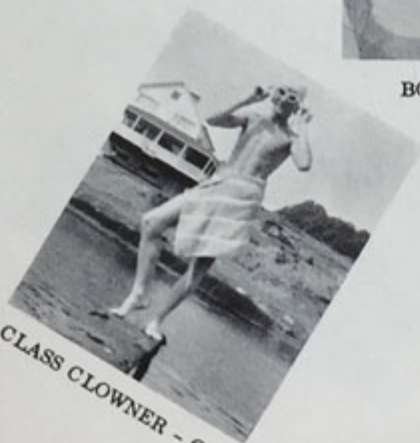


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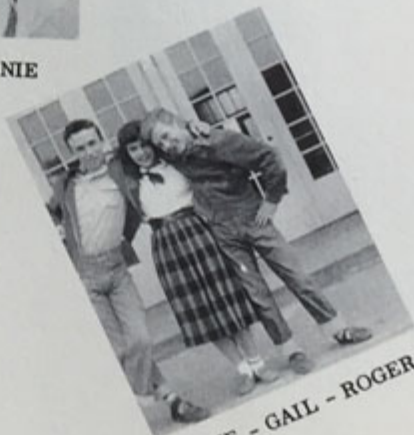


JOHNNIE

(YEARS AGO)



THE CLASS CLOWNER - GARRY



DAVE - GAIL - ROGER

# SNAPSHOTS



CLASS OF 1956  
(5th Grade)



ROCKY GLEN



AFTER THE GAME



HALLSTEAD SENIORS  
(Days Gone By)



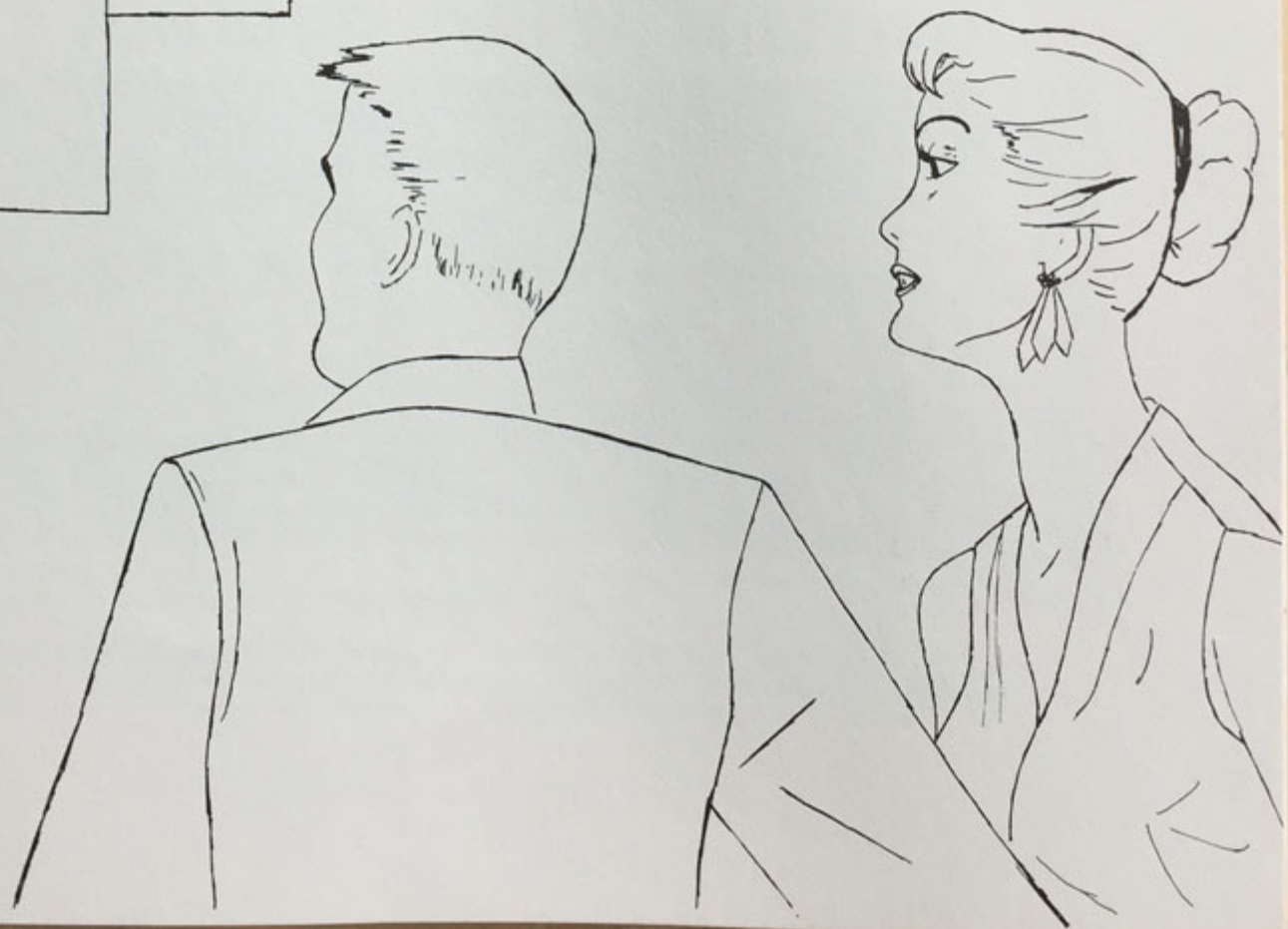
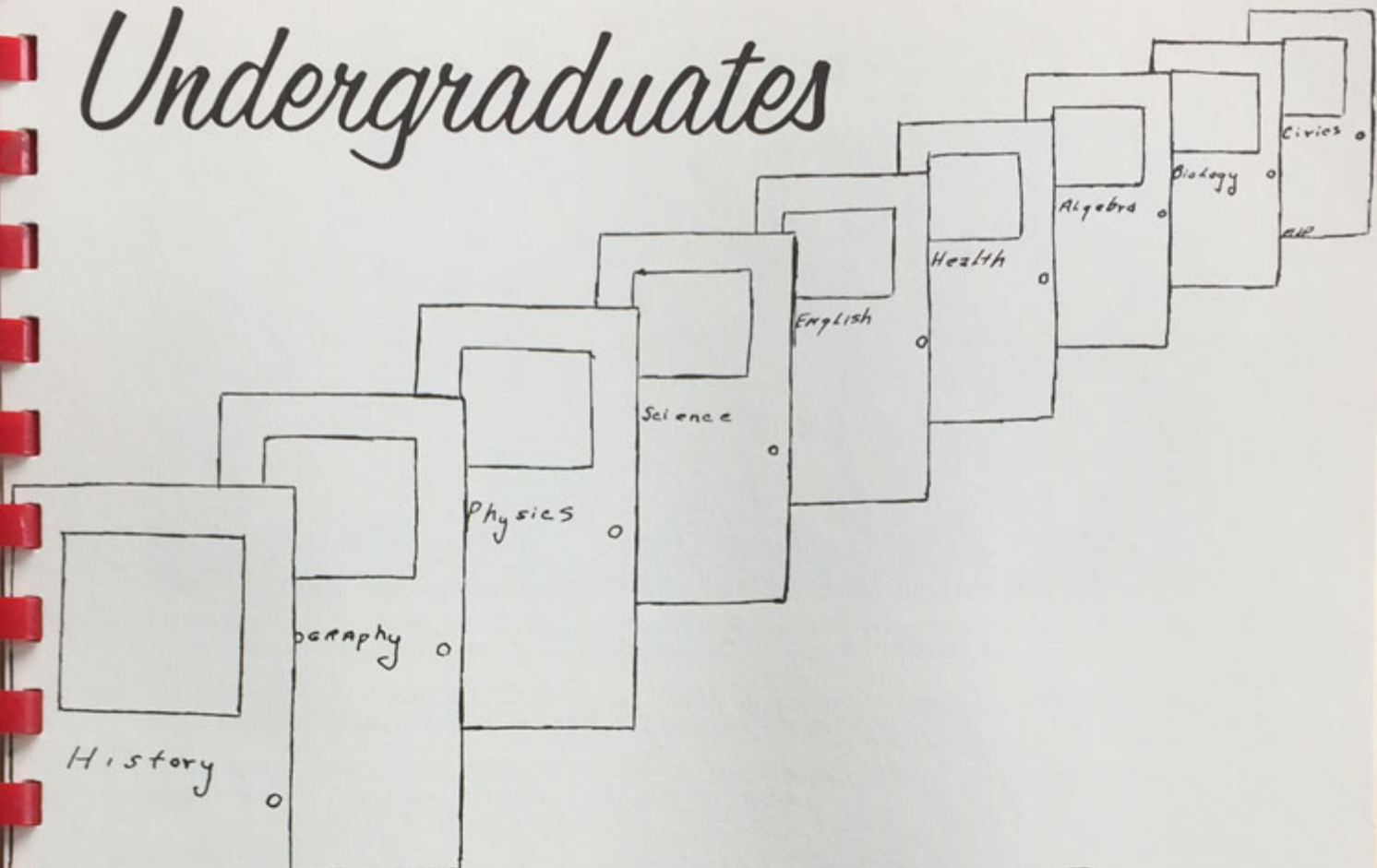
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# Undergraduates



## JUNIORS - HALLSTEAD



FIRST ROW: K. Schooley, D. Meagley, Secretary; W. Arnold, Treasurer; C. Reed, President; R. Hinkley, Vice President; M. Teel, L. Swartwood, S. Ely, W. Wright, L. Barrett.

SECOND ROW: W. Colwell, R. Terboss, P. Baker, B. Shafer, J. Casey, L. Schmoll, S. Donahue, H. Wood, G. Burnard, D. Swingle, D. Kent, A. Walker.

THIRD ROW: L. Abbott, J. Howland, D. Yow, M. Reynolds, L. Decker, F. Merritt, W. Heath, E. Maloney, R. Chidester, H. Barrett, W. Ball, E. Heier.

## JUNIORS - NEW MILFORD



FIRST ROW: A. Button, F. Flynn, V. Peck, J. Williams, V. Hughes, B. Darrow, J. Tilley, L. Taylor, C. Sammon, L. Hoal, D. Rogers, J. Onyska.

SECOND ROW: B. Warren, L. Bailey, L. Darrow, N. Stevens, D. Wilmarth, J. Gregus, S. Gulick, N. Hassick, M. Scott, K. Stoddard, C. Meanor, L. Morrison, K. Stearns, M. Snell, T. Czczuga, H. Morrison, W. Yeisley, S. Roman, R. Odolfson, F. Cosentina.

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THIRD ROW: M. Jones, C. DeLucia, J. Joyce, B. McAulliffe, G. Rood, H. Miller, K. Smith, W. Waterman, L. Donahue, R. Sherwood.



## SOPHOMORES - NEW MILFORD



FIRST ROW: J. Abbott, D. Page, B. Burdick, N. Bradley, M. Condon, D. Empett, J. Leslie, R. Procter, G. Stanton, D. Glatzel, D. Whitney, D. Cody.

SECOND ROW: G. Henshell, J. Horton, B. Walworth, G. Stebbins, B. Manning, A. Slocum, B. Meanor, K. Yeisley, M. Potter, E. Ziemann, H. Zoppe, W. Jocelyn, W. Slocum, R. Sutton, D. Carey, D. Shibley, F. Garrehy.

THIRD ROW: E. Clinton, P. Houlihan, B. Allen, P. Ralston, P. Bailey, A. Peck, M. MacConnell, M. Wheeler, K. Freitag, G. Groover, P. Anderson, J. Darrow, S. Burns, J. Barren, J. Moore, D. Groover, G. Burdick, C. Coesetoma.

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FIRST ROW: J. Skartiza, B. Jackson, J. Hurlburt, S. Hibbard, S. Skartiza, C. Stone, R. Brown.

SECOND ROW: D. Sine, F. Schlick, I. Merritt, B. Galloway, J. Conklin, L. Fletcher, K. Filsinger, P. Chinese, E. Colwell, A. Colwell.

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THIRD ROW: D. Craft, A. White, E. Barry, B. Vogel, D. Osterhout, W. Burd, C. Emerson, J. Hinkley, W. Ulco.

## FRESHMEN - NEW MILFORD



FIRST ROW: L. Warren, T. Price, J. Wagner, M. Koons, J. Shaw, C. Darrow, A. Hoal, D. Lawrence, R. Rafferty, R. Reed.

SECOND ROW: L. Humbert, K. Barnes, B. Follet, D. Seamans, E. Brown, C. Smith, M. Rose, T. Goff, G. Wayman, G. White, N. Lewis, T. Mitchell, G. Carpenter, D. Harvey, G. Jess, L. Decker, G. Ellis, G. Wilmarth.

THIRD ROW: F. Cronk, unknown, W. Gulick, J. Wayman, C. Tilley, L. Millard, K. Ashworth, M. Rounds, I. Scott, D. Hillis, C. Woosman, R. Wilmarth, M. Cosentina, D. Whitney, D. Phillips, G. Peck, E. Pickering.

## 8th GRADE - GREAT BEND



FIRST ROW: R. Greenwell, J. Hibbard, J. Schooley, J. Wood, J. Galloway, E. Savinsky, M. White, J. Chauncey.

SECOND ROW: R. Osterhout, G. Forsyth, R. Cook, D. Brink, W. Dickenson, R. Van Loan, R. Gula, S. La Hoda, R. Skiba.

## 8th GRADE - HALLSTEAD



FIRST ROW: A. Vandymark, M. Holleran, K. Crandall, G. Fiato, W. Merrill, K. Welch, W. Darrow, A. Hall, J. Wells, J. Claxton, R. Maloney, K. Robinson, S. Stover, D. Struek, T. Morrison.

SECOND ROW: J. Jones, J. Raleston, J. Decker, L. Silver, B. Day, E. Ciottone, M. Holleran, B. Bickings, S. Conague, L. Felton, F. Florance, C. White, G. Williams, D. Burrows.

THIRD ROW: W. Wood, C. Oney, N. Cobb, D. Schmoll, F. Lawrence, N. Osterhout, B. Banker, M. Rood, N. Kelly, M. Holtzman, A. Davis, E. Fiske, R. Young.

## 8th GRADE - JACKSON



Walter R. Mosher, Mary Burdick, Judy Holbrook, Dorothy Cottrell, Leonard Hoal, Duane Wayman, Donald Arthur, Robert March.

## 8th GRADE - NEW MILFORD



FIRST ROW: S. Rounds, C. Donovan, J. Oakley, S. Stebbins, C. Phillips, B. Lawrence, J. Thompson, E. Seamans, K. Condon, B. Shelp, C. Cook, D. Darrow.

SECOND ROW: R. Stager, H. Cramer, R. Hall, K. Martin, M. Shelp, F. Shay, C. Yeisley, L. Bodine, C. Harding, B. MacConnell, J. Meanor, G. Snyder, S. Clinton, J. Darrow, D. Randall.

THIRD ROW: M. Sutton, F. Ebhardt, J. Crawford, L. Wilding, S. Burns, A. McConnell, M. Small, J. Stanton, J. Wildenburger, R. Bodine, R. Glatzel, J. Oakley.

## 7th GRADE - GREAT BEND



FIRST ROW: R. Phelps, O. Chianese, R. Kinsley, C. Hiers, D. Joines, R. Chamberlin, J. Brink, R. Baglino, V. Pressel, L. Lord, J. Harris, J. Teel.

SECOND ROW: R. Hall, J. Eagan, P. Conklin, V. Crawley, J. Dahler, C. Schooley, J. Eichelsderfer, R. Greenwell, R. Brink, M. Freeman, P. Coyne, B. Hurlburt, S. Hurburt, D. Ralston, M. Skavitya, R. Winnie, L. Smith.

## 7th GRADE - HALLSTEAD



FIRST ROW: R. Rolston, I. Melynk, W. Ross, S. Darrow, R. Freelove, C. Smith, E. Kovitch, D. Osterhout, S. McCreary, G. Tarapata, T. Shields, J. Miller, N. Donohue.

SECOND ROW: P. Witkin, C. Bicking, T. Donohue, P. Foote, N. Cobb, B. Dyer, B. Woolbough, C. Russell, M. Byrne, J. McGuire, S. Clapper, J. Sturek.

THIRD ROW: J. Russell, J. Tanner, D. Salansky, J. Slater, S. Wells, C. Rood, B. Emerson, G. Schmick, C. Booth, R. Carmen, P. Perry.

## 7th GRADE - JACKSON



Walter R. Mosher, Robert Peck, David Morris, Kenneth Sparks, Susan Brown, Kathleen Cody, Marion Benedict, Margaret Freitag, Mary Henderson.

## 7th GRADE - NEW MILFORD



FIRST ROW: T. Shelp, L. Fallon, I. Jicka, B. Crawford, J. Taylor, M. Hand, W. Baker, J. Maritn, D. McDermot, R. Millard.

SECOND ROW: C. Supulski, J. Griffin, J. Procter, L. Shay, S. Cray, R. Altemeier, P. Warren, A. Shulz, A. Button, S. Snyder, M. Allen, E. Roman, H. Mitchell, B. Yeismen.

THIRD ROW: G. Summers, B. Linlsey, B. Canfield, D. Follet, S. Lewis, B. Soloniwity, A. Nigg, M. Moore, B. Hassick, B. Decker, B. Howell, I. Shibley.



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SOME SENIORS IN THEIR YOUNGER DAYS



# Hall of Fame



# NATIONAL ESSAY AWARDS



Every year the National Essay Association of Los Angeles, California holds a nation wide essay contest open to high school students. The winning essays are published in volumes entitled, "Young America Speaks".

These essays are judged by a competent committee of people from the field of education and of journalism, who have set up the high standards that each contestant must meet in order to be a winner.

The purpose of these Anthologies is to promote better self expression of ideas, and to encourage the pupils of our country to present freely, clearly and concisely their opinions on pertinent subjects of the age in which they are living. These books are used also by many schools as reference books from which the pupils learn by example and by evaluation of the essays of people of their own age in school group.

This year, for the first time, the students of the Hallstead Building have entered this form of national competition by submitting the limited one hundred fifty word essays of fourteen students selected from grades ten, eleven and twelve. We are very proud to have accepted for publication six of those essays, two from each grade. In the volume of "Young America Speaks" containing essays written by the students of our state, we shall find the contributions of: Anne Richards and Joan Sullivan, seniors; Sandra Kay Ely and Catherine Reed, juniors; Joyce Melhuish and Christine Melynk, sophomores.

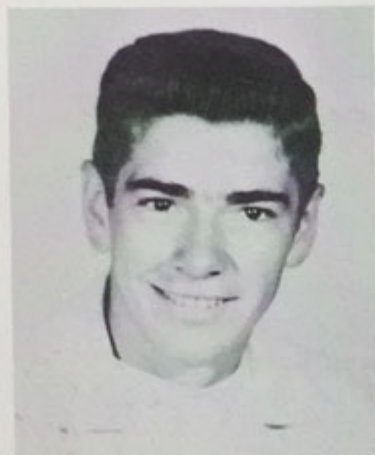
# F.F.A. AWARDS



## Don Carey

Don is the proud owner of two Ayrshire calves, one of which he has exhibited at the Nepa Local show at Harford, where she was selected as Grand Champion. At the F. F. A. District show at Tunkhannock she was again selected Grand Champion. The following day she was placed second in her class at the Nepa Show at Tunkhannock. At Harford Fair she was selected as Reserve Champion.

Don's project book, the record book for his calves, placed third in the State Project Contest at Pennsylvania State University in January. Swine, poultry, and gardening are other enterprises in his farming program.



## John R. Carpenter

John has shown outstanding leadership in the F. F. A. In his Senior year he was elected secretary of the local chapter and State Delegate of the Susquehanna County council of the F. F. A. In his junior year he was elected vice president of the local chapter and vice president of the Susquehanna County council. He was treasurer of the local chapter in his sophomore year.

John is president of the Senior class of New Milford this year.

Dairy, wheat and millit are a part of his farming program. John was awarded the Green Hand and Chapter Farmer Degrees early in his high school program. On December 15, 1955 he was awarded the Susquehanna County Area Degree. In January 1956, at the Pennsylvania Farm Show, the Pennsylvania State Association of the F. F. A. presented John with the Keystone Farmer Degree, an honor given to two per cent of the state membership each year.



## Roger J. Scott

Roger has been a leader in Vocational Agriculture for four years. Each year his projects have been outstanding. Swine, dairy, beef, corn, oats, and millet have all been part of his farming program.

In his junior year he was elected Treasurer and in his senior year he was elected president of the F. F. A. Chapter. Early in his high school years he was awarded the Green Hand Degree and later the Chapter Degree in the F. F. A. In December of 1955, he was awarded the Susquehanna County Area Degree. In January 1956, at the Pennsylvania, Roger had the honor of having the Keystone Farm Degree bestowed upon him.

## DISTRICT BAND



In January, two New Milford girls, **Ann Page** and **Linda Hoal** represented our school at Northeast District Band Festival. Both Linda and Ann played clarinets in the band consisting of about 175 talented high school musicians. The three-day festival was held this year at Canton. Guest Conductor for the band was Allen W. Flock of the Bucknell Music Department.

## COUNTY

### DESSERT

### QUEEN



During the month of October several different apple desserts were made in Home Ec. Class. As winner of our local contest **Shirley Winnie** was chosen to compete at Montrose in the county contest. Seven girls from Susquehanna County entered the contest, and we were pleased to have Shirley place first.

Shirley and Miss Sturman then went to West Hazelton High School, and Shirley competed in the Pre-State Contest by making Dutch Apple Dowdy. Blue Ridge was pleased to have Shirley place second in this contest.

## HOMEMAKER



"The Betty Crocker Homemaker of Tomorrow" in Blue Ridge Joint School is **Ida Louise Abbott**.

She received the highest score in a written examination which tested the homemaking knowledge and attitude of senior homemaking students. She will receive a golden award pin designed by "Trifari" and the school will receive a "Betty Crocker Good and Easy Cook Book."

General Mills is the sponsor of the program designed to assist schools in building in young women a deeper appreciation and understanding of the American home and to emphasize through a sound scholarship award program, the personal qualities and sense of value necessary to successful homemaking. More than \$100,000 in scholarship will be awarded.

## YEAR BOOK STAFF



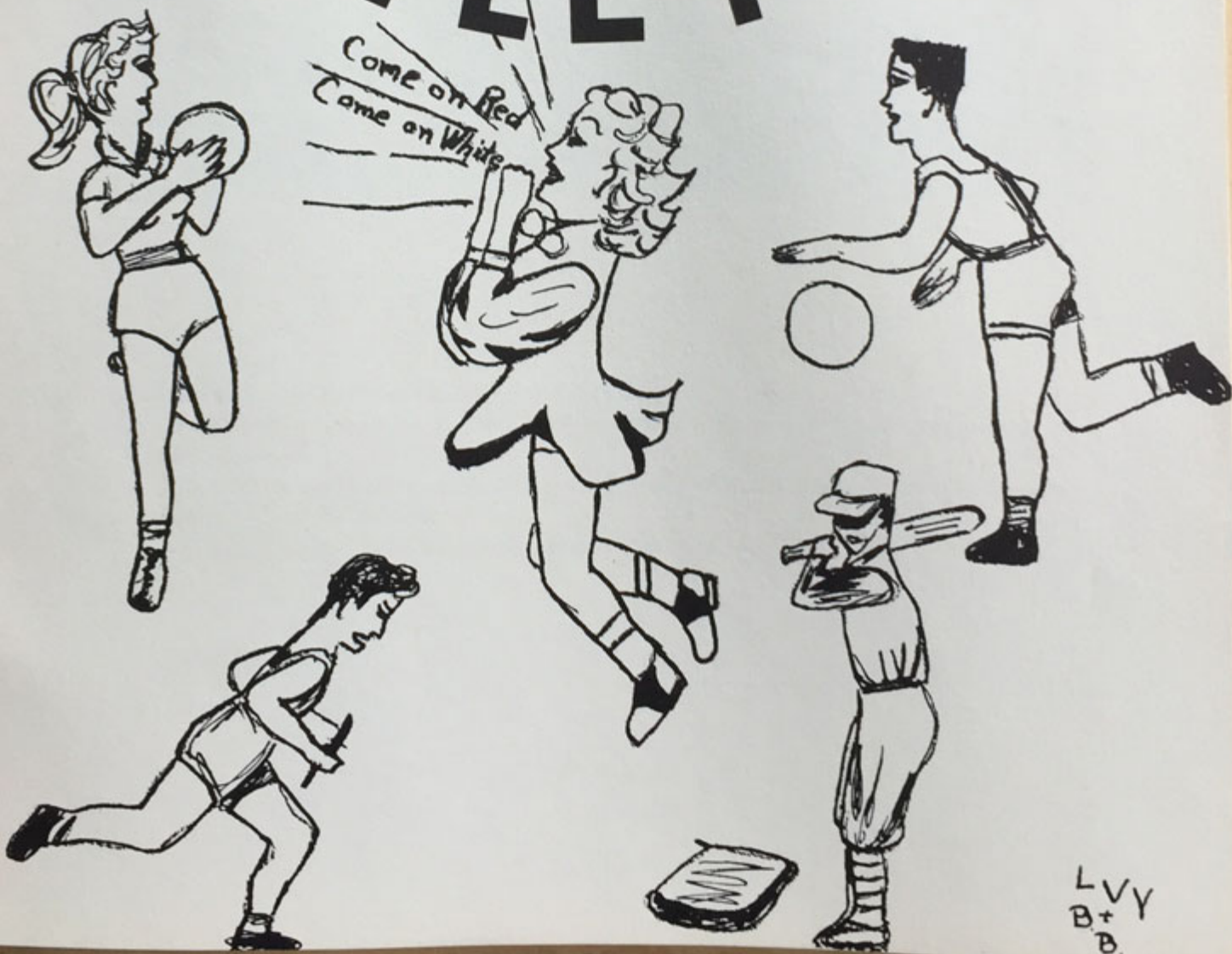
### YEARBOOK STAFF

Editors . . . . . Martha Potter, Ida Abbott, Joan Sullivan  
Associate Editors . . . . . Catherine Reed, Linda Hoal  
Advisors . . . . . Helen H. Meagley, Frank M. Zielenski



# ATHLETICS

Come on Red  
Come on White



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# BASEBALL



Our Blue Ridge Joint Baseball team played six games and won two.

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

The pitching was done by Art Shaefer and John Hand. Our leading hitters were John Hand, Gary Fallon, and Bob McAuliff.

Our coach was Mr. Young and student manager, John Bagalino.

# GIRLS' BASKETBALL



P. Baker, Manager; J. Potter, J. Salansky, A. House, B. Van Slyke, C. Reed, K. Stoddard, K. Stearns, K. Schooley, G. Vandeymark, B. Burdick, L. Taylor, V. Benjamin, M. Teel, J. Barry, M. Potter, B. Florance, Coach.

We began our practices for the season in November at the Hallstead Gymnasium. We had 30 girls at the beginning, then after a few weeks the team was divided into Varsity and Junior Varsity. We now have 14 girls on the Varsity team. At the beginning of the year Mrs. E. Austin was our coach. She coached our team until Christmas after which we met our new coach Miss Barbara Florance.

Our Co-captains are Jo Anne Barry and Martha Potter. We have lost all games at the beginning of this year, but we are sure we will win some later on.

Student Manager is Patricia Baker.



## BOYS' BASKETBALL



J. Goldsmith, E. Chidester, R. McAulliffe, D. Snow, J. Hand, D. Knifer, D. Eaton, Manager; N. Darrow, J. Joines, R. Hinkley, R. Chidester, G. Fallon, P. Chinese, Ass. Manager; R. Franks.

This year's basketball team is doing much better than last season. They have won 5 out of 12 games so far this season. We beat Hop Bottom twice, Falls Overfield once, Susquehanna once, Thompson once. We lost to Harford twice, Elk Lake once, Lackawanna Trail once, Montrose once, and Newton Ransom twice.

John Hand is high scorer with 39 points in Hop Bottom game and a total of 174 so far this year. Richard Knifer is next with 81.

Mr. Franks is the Coach and doing a very good job of it.

## CHEERLEADERS



The squad of Blue Ridge Cheerleaders consists of Bettie Arnold, Gail Moore, Nora Hassick, Joanne Tomeo, and Lois Barrett as regulars. Joyce Walker and Delaine Empett are substitutes. We have quite a few new cheers this year one of which is:

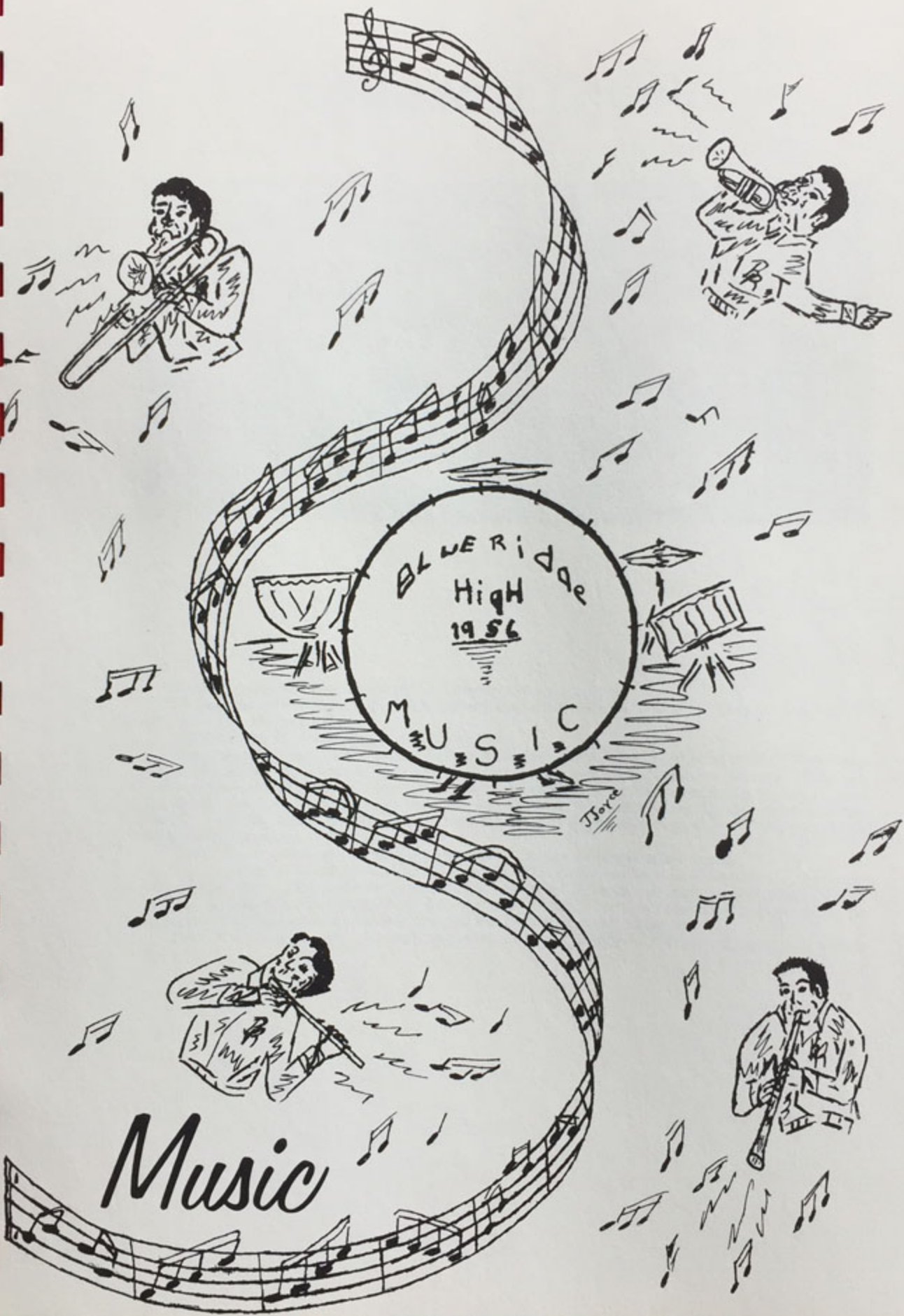
Ash can, tin can, who can, we can.  
Whipper-will, who will, we will - WHAT?  
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## TRACK



With a squad wrecked by graduation and only one letterman returning, prospects were anything but bright for a successful track season. However, Track Coach Burd and Field Coach Supulski were able to mold a team that won two of four triangular meets, finished a close second in the Susquehanna County Meet and fourth in the District 12 P. I. A. A. Meet at Tunkhannock.

The outstanding performance of the season was Ed Down's breaking of the County and District Pole Vault record and finishing second in the State Meet with an eleven foot, nine-inch vault.



Music

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## COMBINED CHORUS



"What is going on in the auditorium? Sounds like music."

"Oh yes, that's the combined chorus polishing up for the spring concerts. They've been working two hours already today."

"Just who are they and what is this all about?"

"Why, they are the better singers from Hallstead, Great Bend and New Milford buildings, about 80 strong, and they've been practicing with their own music teachers all year. Now, as concert time nears, they get together a few mornings and whip their numbers into shape. In a few days, the last week of April and first week of May, they will be putting on a concert along with Jr. and Sr. band, in each of their buildings. They sound as though they're really enjoying themselves, don't they?"

"Yes, I'll be sure to attend at least one night. Do they sing any other times?"

"Yes, a group of about 30 of them sang for the Teacher's Institute on November 1. The students from New Milford put on a Christmas assembly program as well as the program for P. T. A. in December and February. And each year a group from the combined chorus sings the anthem at Baccalaureate and a selection for the Commencement program."

"Thanks for telling me all about Combined Chorus. I believe I'll try out for it next year. Bye."

## SENIOR BAND



Advanced instrumentalists from Great Bend, New Milford, and Hallstead, compose the Blue Ridge Senior Band. Due to transportation problems, the Band must be prepared with the minimum number of joint rehearsals. Therefore, each individual school band is drilled by their respective music supervisor, in order to prepare them for the joint rehearsals for spring activities. This year, the Band presented selections for the Susquehanna County Teachers Institute. At the present time rehearsals are under way for the Annual Spring Music Concert and Commencement Activities.

# JUNIOR BAND



The Blue Ridge Junior Band is organized each Spring under the direction of Harris Allen, music teacher at the Great Bend Building. The band is made up of instrumental students from the four buildings of the Blue Ridge system. The band appears in public performance as part of the annual Blue Ridge Spring Concert.

Our aim is to provide musical experience for the younger instrumental students and to act as a feeder for the Senior Band. In spite of the limitations on age and experience, we maintain a fair balance of instrumentation and provide a pleasant listening experience for those who attend the Spring Concert.

## GREAT BEND CHORUS



## HALLSTEAD CHORUS



## NEW MILFORD CHORUS



## GREAT BEND BAND





## HALLSTEAD BAND



## NEW MILFORD BAND



## HALLSTEAD DANCE BAND



FIRST ROW: S. Stover, S. Donohue, J. Miller, B. Lesjack, T. Purtell.

SECOND ROW: R. Hinkley, C. Reed, W. Waterman, R. Rood, G. Williams, R. Zurn, R. McAulliffe, D. Yow, J. Howland.

## NEW MILFORD GIRLS TRIO

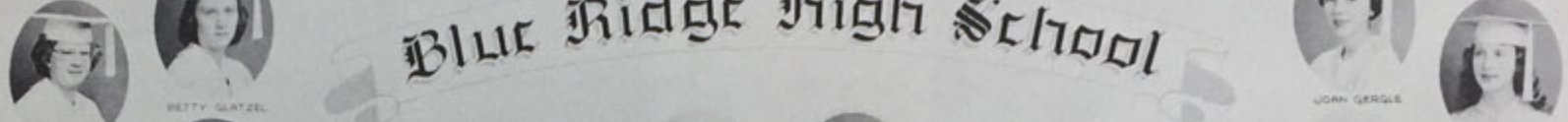


A. Page, L. Hoal, M. Conrad.



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# Blue Ridge High School



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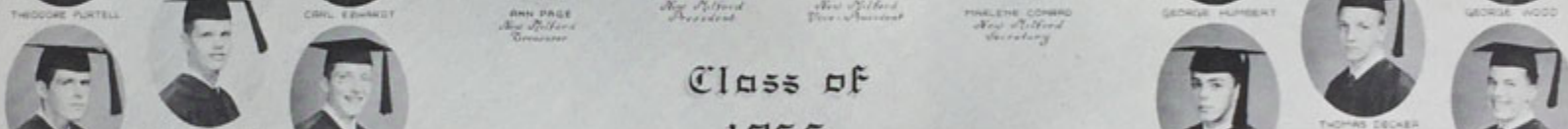


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THEODORE FURTELL    JAMES MELLAND    RICE PICKERING    JOHN CARPENTER *Holland President*    FRED SCHULZ *Holland Vice President*    MAUREN CONRAD *Holland Secretary*    JOHN SULLIVAN    WILLIAM ZIMMEL    GEORGE HOOD

## Class of 1956



WALTER BENEDICT    CARL EMMERT    ANN PAGE *Holland Treasurer*    JOHN SCHULZ *Holland Vice President*    MAUREN CONRAD *Holland Secretary*    GEORGE HURBERT    THOMAS SELZER    DONALD EATON



FORBEN SHAW    CLIFTON FREITAG    DONALD HARVEY    RICHARD DESBRIE    JAMES CHAPLER    JAMES BURDICK    DONALD PAGE    GARY FALLON    UGNY BARKING    RICHARD KNIFER



LEON LAINE    LAWRENCE VAN LOAN    GEORGE FRISONS    RICHARD DESBRIE    JAMES CHAPLER    JAMES BURDICK    DAVID GOFF    RICHARD KNIFER



HUGH SCOTT    FRANCIS WHELFORD    GARRY DEARBORN    JOHN WING    GRAHAM GULICH    ALAN OSBORNE    KENNETH BINDALL    EUGENE CHESTER    ARY MOOD    CARL SMITH

Class of 1956, Photo of the Year, Blue Ridge High School

# Activities



## NEW MILFORD TRI-HI-Y



This year the New Milford Tri-Hi-Y began the year's activities by taking a trip to the county home at Christmas time. We earned money for this trip by having a bake sale. We are now having teen talks and are hoping to have a mother and daughter tea at the end of the year.

## HOME NURSING CLASS



Standing, left to right: Sandra Ely, Nancy Parker, Mrs. Esther Freeman, R. N.; Ann Page, Ardith Peck.

Seated: Phyllis Soller, Ida Abbott, Shirley Winnie, Sandra Casey, Alice Pickering, Gail Moore, Martha Potter, Joyce Sutton, Carol Cramer, Marlene Conrad, Jane Tingley.

A Red Cross Home Nursing Course is offered each year to the girls of the Senior Class. This Class is sponsored by the Susquehanna and Montrose Chapters of the Red Cross and taught by the School Nurse, Mrs. Freeman. Upon successful completion of the course each girl receives a certificate and a pin presented at a regular high school assembly program.

# FUTURE HOMEMAKERS OF AMERICA



This year the F. H. A. girls from New Milford and Hallstead welcomed the Great Bend junior and senior home ec. girls. We now have twenty girls in F. H. A.

In October Shirley Winnie placed first in the Susquehanna County Apple Dessert Contest held in Montrose, Pa.

Several girls are planning to attend the State F. H. A. convention to be held in June at Pennsylvania State University. The officers of F. H. A. are:

President . . . . .	Shirley Winnie
Vice President . . . . .	Ida Abbott
Secretary . . . . .	Maureen McDevitt
Treasurer . . . . .	Nancy Parker
Reporter . . . . .	Rachel Welch

# COMMERCIAL CLUB



President, Pat Baker; Vice President, Dick Knifer; Secretary, Leah Swartwood.

The Commercial Club is a new club in our school system. It was started in the Hallstead School Building this year in September, 1955.

We find that our club gives us a chance at better school spirit and relationship among fellow students in the Commercial Field.

Advisor, Miss Calabro.

## PHOTOGRAPHY CLUB



With several persons in our club boasting a record of a few years of continuous membership, our group this year is showing a decided improvement in the development of techniques and skills. This is reflected in the quality of the pictures coming out of the dark room.

The main project for this term is the taking, developing, and printing of class group pictures of each of the twelve grades in the Hallstead Building. In the Spring we will take a tour of the Ansco Plant in Binghamton, N. Y.

The Club Officers are: President, James Howland; Secretary-Treasurer, Edward Maloney.

## FUTURE FARMERS OF AMERICA



FIRST ROW: T. Goff, A. Button, D. Goff, D. Carey, L. Bailey, J. Carpenter, M. Reynolds, R. Scott, W. Jocelyn, P. Bailey, K. Randall, J. Chandler, G. Wayman.

SECOND ROW: P. Ralston, G. Ellis, R. Reed, D. Groover, S. Decker, M. Rose, G. Wilmarth, C. Smith, F. Cronk, L. Warren, R. Raffevty, J. Phillips.

# SCHOOL PLAYS



## THE PERFECT IDIOT

Our Junior play, "The Perfect Idiot," was presented to the public April 22, 1955. It was a rollicking comedy starring Gary Fallon, which under the direction of Miss Artemis Veras, turned out to a smash hit.

The members of the cast were as follows:

Daniel Tennyson . . . . .	Gary Fallon
Margaret Tennyson . . . . .	Ardith Peck
Roger Tennyson . . . . .	George Humbert
Jackie Tennyson . . . . .	Garry Dearborn
Rhodora, the maid . . . . .	Joyce Sutton
Linda Barnard . . . . .	Ann Page
Arthur Barnard . . . . .	Donald Page
Jeanne Wilson . . . . .	Martha Potter
Carla Carlson . . . . .	Marlene Conrad
"Puff" Witomski . . . . .	John Hand
Dr. Von Barf . . . . .	Donald Harvey
Walter P. Latherby . . . . .	John Carpenter
Miss Booth . . . . .	Alice Pickering
A Policeman . . . . .	Dave Goff
Miss Baker . . . . .	Carol Cramer

## A DATE WITH JUDY

Our Senior play, a three act comedy, under the direction of Lois O. Kingsley, was a big hit. We enjoyed every minute of rehearsals and it didn't seem to grow stale through the many hours of practice.

We presented our play November 17-18, 1955 at 8:00 P.M. The cast included:

Judy Foster; a Teenager . . . . .	Gail Moore
Melvin Foster, Judy's Father . . . . .	John Hand
Dora Foster, Judy's Mother . . . . .	Joyce Sutton
Randolph Foster, Judy's Brother . . . . .	Donald Harvey
Hannah, The Maid . . . . .	Alice Pickering
Barbara Winsocket, Judy's Friend . . . . .	Ardith Peck
Oogie Pringle, Judy's Boyfriend . . . . .	Garry Dearborn
Mitzi Hoffman, Judy's Friend . . . . .	Ann Page
Mr. Martindale, Theatrical Producer . . . . .	George Humbert
Mrs. Hotchkiss, Laundry Woman . . . . .	Marlene Conrad
Eloise Hotchkiss, Her Daughter . . . . .	Jane Tingley
Mrs. Shlutzhammer, of the P. T. A. . . . .	Sandra Carey
Rexford O'Conner, A new Boy . . . . .	Clemens Freitag
Susie O'Conner, Rex's Kid Sister . . . . .	Carol Cramer





### STAG LINE

"Stag Line," a comedy in three acts was presented by our senior class on November third and fourth, 1955, in Hallstead and Great Bend respectively. The cast consisted of eighteen characters as follows:

Mrs. Mason . . . . .	Joan Sullivan
Mr. Mason . . . . .	Bill Donohue
Maudie, their younger daughter . . . . .	Ida Abbott
Sylvia, their older daughter . . . . .	Ann Richards
Alix, Maudie's friend . . . . .	Shirley Winnie
Julie, Maudie's friend . . . . .	Linda Foote
Lysbeth, Maudie's friend . . . . .	Joann Barry
Ting, Sylvia's Bridesmaid . . . . .	Joan Gergle
Carol, Sylvia's Bridesmaid . . . . .	Sandra Sherwood
Ronald, A house guest . . . . .	Andy Kovitch
Mrs. Farrington Smith, A business acquaintance . . . . .	Betty Arnold
Smitty, The dressmaker . . . . .	Della Lawrence
Davy, Maudie's Standby . . . . .	Ted Purtell
Chi, His pal . . . . .	Norman Darrow
Jerry, Sylvia's fiancee . . . . .	Leon Lane
Mac, The best man . . . . .	Jimmy Millard
Margaret, the maid . . . . .	Janet Plonski
Snoots, an usher . . . . .	Lawrence Van Loan

Under the direction and supervision of Mr. Kocher, we successfully presented our play. Music was provided by the "Dance Band" conducted by Mr. Williams.



### CLEMENTINE

Clementine Kelly, a tomboy . . . . .	Joan Gergle
Mary Kelly, her mother . . . . .	Joan Sullivan
Gerald Kelly, the mayor, her father . . . . .	Bill Donohue
Bertha, the housekeeper . . . . .	Della Lawrence
Abe Carter, the handyman . . . . .	Norman Darrow
Hank Matthews, Clem's pal . . . . .	James Millard
Pete, a ladies man . . . . .	Leon Lane
Tubby, who has hay fever . . . . .	Lawrence Van Loan
Cathy, who has discovered boys . . . . .	Ann Richards
Jane Ann, a little gossip . . . . .	Sandra Hornack
Ann McNeal, a speech teacher . . . . .	Sandra Sherwood
Miss Prunella Pringle, Ann's Aunt . . . . .	Bettie Arnold

On March 30, 1955, under the direction of Mr. Kocher, we presented our first class play, "Clementine," a comedy in three acts, in the Hallstead School Auditorium. The cast of characters was as listed above.

## WHO KILLED AUNT CAROLINE?

On March 31, 1955 at the Great Bend Gym the Junior-Senior play, "Who Killed Aunt Caroline?", was produced. Miss Demer directed this thrill-packed mystery. "Who Killed Aunt Caroline?" is a study in character—in humorous and pleasant characters—and that's the thing about this clever little play that "gets you."

Our cast of characters were:

Mrs. Eleanor Endicott. . . . .	Linda Foote
Agnes, Aged 24 . . . . .	Shelby Smallacombe
Riccy, Aged 17. . . . .	Gene Wright
Beryl, Aged 15. . . . .	Ida Abbott
Cicely, Aged 10 . . . . .	Pat McHugh
Aunt Caroline . . . . .	Shirley Galloway
Miss Mabbitt . . . . .	Nancy Parker
David Thompson, Agnes' Fiancee . . . . .	Donald Eaton
Dan Donovan, Riccy's pal . . . . .	Theodore Purtell
Miss MacLain, His teacher . . . . .	Melva Hughes
Una Hogman, Music pupil . . . . .	Janet Plonski
Lieutenant Clayton of the police . . . . .	Gerald Ralston

Instead of peopling the stage with a lot of frightening suspects, each with a diabolical reason for committing the crime, the author of this one introduces as amiable a bunch of people as you'd want to meet: The Endicott family—the kind of folks who live next door. And for three exciting acts he holds over your head the frightening knowledge that one of these genial people has committed a murder—a cold, calculating murder!

Of course, Aunt Caroline deserved to die—no doubt of that—she was mean, domineering and rich. But who in the family could have killed her? Surely not Riccy, who's a swell young fellow; nor Beryl, whom you'd be proud to call your sister; not Cissy, who roller-skates and likes sugar on her bread. Could it have been kind-hearted Mrs. Endicott herself, or lively Agnes who dreamed of marrying Dave, a newspaper man? Surely not! Who, then? Dan Donovan, the high school football hero, or the chemistry teacher, Miss MacLain? None of these seemed like a murderer, but there's nobody else, nobody with the slightest motive for poisoning Aunt Caroline; nobody who—but wait, maybe there was! Maybe there was Miss Mabbitt, a little wren-like goose who laid the golden egg, the employer who'd promised her a fortune? Fiendishly and cleverly you're kept guessing up to the very end. Here's a mystery with no technical difficulties whatsoever, no trap doors, no guns—not even a hard-boiled detective—and yet for two solid hours the audience is held breathless with suspense wondering "Who Killed Aunt Caroline" and hoping to High Heaven they didn't.

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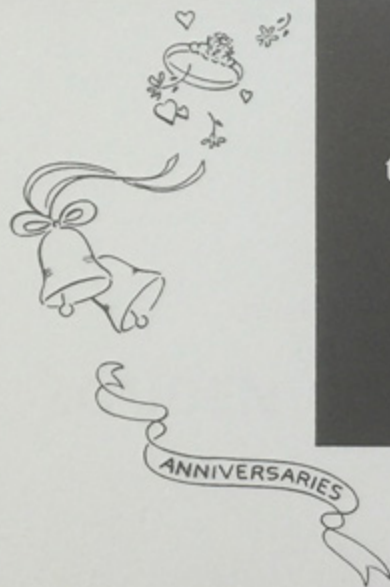
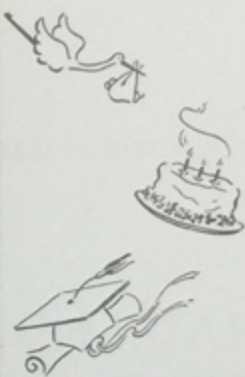
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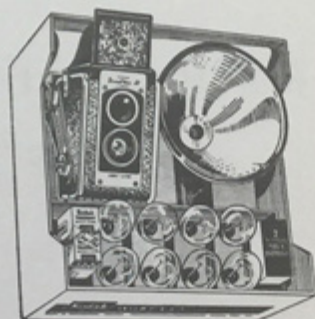
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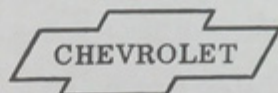
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