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Class Motto

"BUILD FOR CHARACTER, NOT FAME"

Class Flower

AMERICAN BEAUTY ROSE

Class Colors

BLUE AND GOLD

"Forsan et haec olim meminisse iuvabit"

Perhaps it will be a joy some day to remember these things.



MRS. FLORENCE T. ROYAL

Dedication

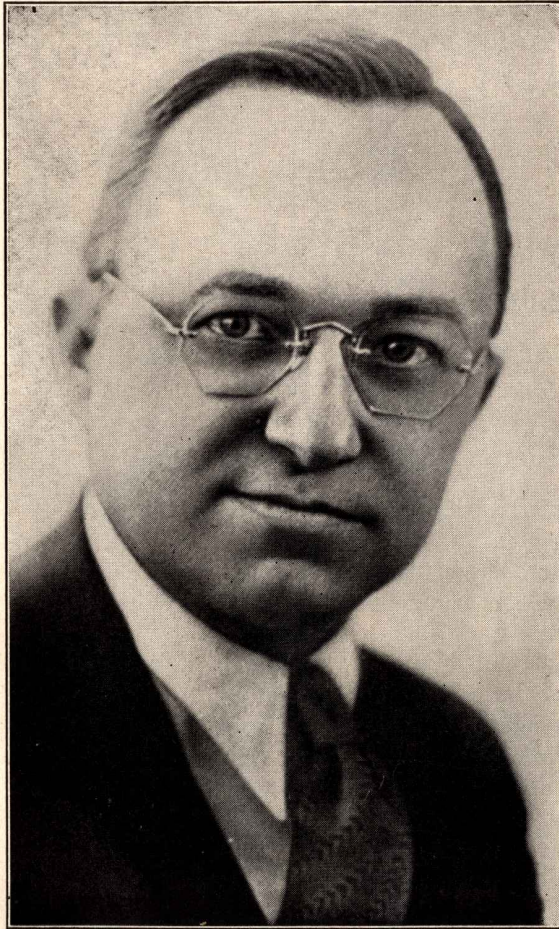
It is with sincere affection that we, the Senior Class of 1937, dedicate our classbook to MRS. FLORENCE T. ROYAL. We are taking this means of thanking her for the help and guidance she has given us through our years of high school.

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President's Message

Friends and Classmates;

To-night we are bringing to a close our last class entertainment which we have prepared for your enjoyment and our own. When we were Freshmen, class night and graduation seemed but a myth; something for which we had to work three more years. Now that the time has come, I have a feeling of sheer joy and then deep regret.

An undergraduate might ask, "What regret?" I might answer, "You will understand when you graduate." But I feel the real answer would be, "We must say good-bye." Not only to our friends, but to our school and faculty, who have been so patient and have given us the foundation of our careers.

We have had many problems to face, not only in various studies, but in preparing the many functions which compose our school life. At this time, I wish to thank the various committees and members of the class for the support which has made our high school years so successful.

And so, as our last contribution to our school and friends we have prepared a program which I hope everyone will enjoy.

EDWARD DEJON

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Bruno, Armond	Hylenski, Steven	Rank, Carl
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Burbon, Virginia	Ivaskawitz, William	Russell, John
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Carloni, Martha	Jacocks, Doris	Shepard, Albert
Carlson, Richard	Johnson, Anna	Sanford, Evelyn
Colburn, Mavis	Johnson, Ellen	Sesesky, Stella
Chestnut, Vincent	Kingston, Patty	Smith, Gertrude
Colburn, Burdette	Knowlton, Richard	Stegina, Katherine
Ceccolini, Florence	Laich, Marie	Simons, Elizabeth
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Cigich, Steve	Lind, Elsa	Van Wie, William
Cudgma, Miriam	Longcope, Kern	Wood, Natalie
Donofrio, Arpie	Mangs, Carl	Wilson, Ralph
DeNardi, Rose	Martin, Edward	Ward, Paul
Desiderio, Louis	Mason, Caroline	Woychokowski, Bernard
Dombrowski, Genevieve	Naimo, Joseph	Wyzikoski, Frances
Evon, Stephen	Neal, Catherine	Yasevac, Joseph
Estrom, Margaret	Nickerson, Burton	Yasevac, Anna
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Bedient, Walton	Gillette, Robert	Page, Emily
Belanic, Matthew	Gorska, Tessie	Petela, Helen
Benesh, John	Greenvall, Catherine	Reynolds, William
Babcock, Virginia	Grocock, Lois	Smith, Hazel
Bergquist, Carl	Gumkowski, Helen	Sokolowsky, Anna
Birbarie, George	Hendrickson, Violet	Shepard, Donald
Brannigan, Edward	Jenkins, Betty	Thompson, Harry
Barker, Ruth	Johnson, Barbara	Tobin, William
Brown, Edward	Julian, Barbara	Tamsin, Leonard
Burbon, Steven	Kells, Kenneth	Taconis, Jessie
Cirigliano, Patrick	Kells, Robert	Torello, Marie
Clark, Vincent	Kotowski, Mary	Van Egghen, Ruth
Ciaglia, Rose	Lewis, Kendall	Williams, Virginia
Cirigliano, Marie	Lipkvich, Stephen	Ward, James
Cooke, Janice	Lukawsky, Victor	Ward, Robert
Cooke, June	Mansfield, Adda	Wasilewski, Leon
Coffin, Ruth	McCarthy, Rosamond	Westcott, Roger
DeJon, Edward	Mooney, Deirdre	Yusievicz, John
Ericson, Alfred	Moore, Anna	Zdanowich, Evelyn
Ellsworth, Alma	Newton, Elmer	

Class History

In September, 1933, we took our first steps toward success in high school. These first steps were short, unsteady ones, but we finally got our bearings and started our upward climb.

As Freshmen we stared with open mouths as the "grown-up" Seniors haughtily passed us by. We gradually became accustomed to the change, however, and settled down to our new life. We elected class officers: President, Robert Gillette; Vice-president, Edward Brown; Secretary-Treasurer, June Cooke.

In October the officers chose a committee to arrange the annual Freshman Party. There Hallowe'en games were played and dancing followed.

Toward the end of the year plans were made to go on the customary class picnic, which was enjoyed by a large turnout.

With light hearts we returned the following September to take up the duties of full-fledged Sophomores, electing the following officers: President, Robert Gillette; Vice-president, June Cooke; Secretary-Treasurer, Edward Brown. Our Sophomore Hop was held in the spring and proved to be very successful. We ended the school year with a class picnic.

As Juniors, we began to feel rather important. We weren't called "Freshies" or "Saps" any more. We worked hard with Edward DeJon as President, Edward Brown as Vice-president, and Thomas Corcoran as Secretary-Treasurer. We presented an assembly before the school and made plans for our Junior Prom. This was scheduled for May, and was quite successfully carried out. Plans were made, too, for getting our class rings and pins.

The Senior Beacon Board chose their successors for the school paper, with Herbert Gale as Editor-in-chief. Aided by the "old" board and Miss Murphy, an issue was presented before the year was up.

September, 1936, saw us back as Seniors with a sincere determination to succeed and make our last year one of which to be proud. We selected our officers: President, Edward DeJon; Vice-president, Robert Ward; Secretary-Treasurer, Ruth Esborn. We laughed with dignity at the under-classmen. How small they seemed.

The various clubs took up their activities under new Senior leaders and the Dramatics Club presented "Aunt Cindy Cleans Up" to a record audience. A class book committee was chosen with George Birbarie as Editor-in-chief. A card party was held to raise money for it. The French club presented a play to the High and Junior High Schools. Plans were made for the Senior Reception and the Graduation Exercises brought our high school activities to a close. We bid our teachers a fond farewell and turn our backs on the never-to-be-forgotten days in Branford High School.

LOIS GROCOCK
ALMA ELLSWORTH

Class Prophecy

Ruth Esborn and Donald Shepard

Because trailers and diaries are in the mode this year we have followed this form in writing the Class Prophecy of 1937.

We invite you to review with us from our diary, a tour of the United States taken in our trailer ten years hence.

The purpose of our tour was to renew old friendships with graduates of the Class of '37. We have been very successful in locating nearly every member and we are very happy to be able to say that any doubts that the faculty ever had may now be cleared away.

We stocked our trailer with a food supply from the Ballou Market on Main Street and we wish to recommend the excellent service that we received from Miss Gertrude Smith, Murray's Manager.

Then after putting in fuel at Ed Brannigan's Service Station we started on our trip.

AUGUST 1

Today we stopped at a very attractive tea room called "The Screech Owl" and we were surprised to find our classmate, Alfred Ericson, manager of the lovely little place, and lo and behold, who should be working at the counter but Leon Waselewski.

AUGUST 2

Though our stop in New York was brief we spent one enjoyable evening at an amateur performance in which we were astonished to see our old classmates: Lois Grocock, vocalist; John Benesh, an unusual accordion player; but the prize was won by Elmer Newton, known as the whistling mailman, with his drums.

AUGUST 3

Sees us in Annapolis. It was a pleasure to view the launching of the SS Springfield. Ed DeJon, who we can proudly say was our president in 1937, is in command of the boiler room.

AUGUST 4

Finds us at our Capitol in Washington, D. C. We were fortunate by chance to catch a glimpse of President Gale and the first lady of the land, better known to you as Ruthie Van Egghen. They were chatting with Senator Matthew Belanic of Branford, and Representative Kendall Lewis, of Stony Creek.

AUGUST 5

Today, for a change in amusement, we visited a Marathon Dance, and there too we met some of our classmates. They were Emily Page, Deirdre Mooney, and Rosamond McCarthy. They certainly looked fagged out, although dancing never tired them back in our High School days.

AUGUST 6

Now in Florida, we visited Palm Beach. We have found it to be all that its reputation suggests. Most of all we enjoyed the bathing beauty contest of which Ruthie Coffin, Anna Moore, and Barbara Johnson were the winners. Are their names familiar?

AUGUST 7

Ice certainly melts fast down here. We were forced to install a refrigerator because buying ice nearly broke us. Evidently the ice business has frozen Bob Ward out too, because he is now installing refrigerators.

"SUNDAY" AUGUST 8

We decided that today being the Sabbath we would attend a Church service. We enjoyed a most impressive sermon on "The Good Earth and The Farmer" delivered by the Reverend Warren Pitcher. A solo was sung by Miss Marie Torello.

AUGUST 9

This morning we picked up a New Orleans' Times and were astonished to read Alma Ellsworth's column on Advice to the Lovelorn.

AUGUST 10

While traveling along today we came upon Betty Jenkins, Gertrude Packer, and Tessie Gorska. As usual they were "wearily thumbing" to a roller-skating rink.

AUGUST 11

Texas! We spent a very enjoyable weekend at the Bar-X Cattle Ranch. Our hostesses were Barbara Julian and Louise Nardella. They certainly rate as successful cattle women.

AUGUST 12

Hollywood—Well, here at the birthplace of movies would you believe we ran into quite a few of our old classmates? We think that you will be just as pleased as we were to hear that Carl Bergquist and Bob Gillette have just signed a contract as the former Laurel and Hardy, and that Catherine Greenvall and Walton Bedient, winners of the contest for the most beautiful freckles, have just accepted places with M. G. M.

AUGUST 13

At the exquisite Beverly Hills Estate today we had lunch with the Cooke sisters, June and Janice, and their Parisian designer, Virginia Williams. Underneath all the finery they're the same pals that we knew in Branford High.

AUGUST 14

Our first misfortune occurred today when we collided with a taxi owned by R. and K. Kells Taxi Company. We were glad that there were no fatal injuries, although the undertaker, Roger Westcott was right on the job. Police Chief Bill Tobin investigated the accident and the hearing was set for August 16.

AUGUST 16

Court opened at 9:00 A. M. with Judge H. Thompson presiding. Babcock and Barker, Lawyers, were in charge of us. It was finally decided that the Kells Taxi Company should install working hours and brakes as they were formerly used as ornaments.

AUGUST 17

Now that the ducking season is open out here Violet Hendrickson has been seen ducking with the Harrison boy. We guess that the birds need not worry.

AUGUST 18

Here's a bit of news that we came across on the Sport Page. Two of our old classmates of '37 are going All American this year. They are Stevie Burbon and Vincent Clark. At present they are posing for the athletically inclined artist Edward (Chubby) Brown.

AUGUST 19

While driving along today we passed Hazel Smith, All American Girl Athlete, who is getting in shape for the coming Olympics. Her manager is Jessie Taconis, former student of Branford High, well known there for her oral ability.

AUGUST 20

Dot Ackerman has finally crashed the head lines as the first woman to go over Niagara Falls in a barrel.

AUGUST 21

Now we have come as far as Chicago. Our trip has been very pleasant so far. We are anticipating the big bout between the World's heavy weight Champion, the Brown Bomber the second, Walter (Hipops) Allen, and that fighting Irishman, James Ward. Georgie Birbarie, too, has come into the headlines as their manager.

AUGUST 22

We had quite a visit today, with two of our old classmates, Rena Ninf and Alba Farina who are taking a well needed vacation from their positions of teaching the inmates of Middletown typing and shorthand.

AUGUST 23

Toledo, Ohio—Well known for its beautiful stores and Commercial section—there we came upon Anna Ambrulevich, Marie Cirigliano, and Evelyn Zdanowich, who were demonstrating the new electric pencil which writes without the human touch.

AUGUST 24

Akron, Ohio—The new wingless aeroplane was demonstrated for the first time today by Johnny Yusiewicz and Victor Lukawsky, the old basketball heroes of Branford High, who always dreamed they would be inventors.

AUGUST 25

Today the zoo drew our attention. It was indeed surprising to us to find two of our old friends of the Class of 1937, Rose Ciaglia and Helen Gumkowski now trained nurses. They were in charge of the newly-arrived camel.

AUGUST 26

Due to the epidemic among fleas this year the flea cast of Mary Kotowski and Stevie Lipkovich's flea circus has rather decreased. They have asked us to pass on the word that if you know of anyone who has an extra supply and wishes to get rid of a few they will relieve him of them.

AUGUST 27

Our classmates of 1937 certainly have gone to the top. Would you believe, finally, after years of experience, Miss Anna Sokolowsky has been promoted to assistant dean at the Prep School of the M. I. F. College.

AUGUST 28

Time certainly does fly—Adda Mansfield and Helen Petela, though it is hard to imagine, are in Borneo teaching a class of the so-called "wild men" how to play the piano.

AUGUST 29

We are on our way home at last. The country roads are unusually good. You might be interested to hear that we passed Leonard Tamsin and Pat Cirigliano leading their herd of contented cows to pasture.

AUGUST 30

Here ends the problems of people who dread the disagreeable task of breaking in shoes. Miss Bertha Ericson has recently opened her "Break-low or Break-out Foot Freedom Shoppe." where you can leave your shoes to be broken in. She positively guarantees foot comfort when she has completed her work.

AUGUST 31

Home to Branford again—the place looks very inviting to a couple of trailer trippers. Our slogan is now—East, West, Branford's best.

We only wish in conclusion to express our deep appreciation to the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles Department for Donald Shepard's special operator's license which eliminated for him all responsibility to speed rates and liability for hitting fire hydrants, as the trip would have been impossible without. We also express our sympathy with Ruth Esborn who is just recovering from writing the class prophecy of 1937.

Class Will

We, the class of 1937, of sound judgment and good memory, who are about to leave our days of pleasant life in Branford High School and enter upon the future life which fate has prescribed for us, do, in our last will and testament, will and bequeath the following to our honorable faculty and undergraduates.

To the faculty; we leave our best wishes and sincere hope for their future success.

To the Board of Education; we leave our sincere gratitude for their loyal support.

To the Junior Class; the glory of being the "high and mighty" Senior.

To the Sophomore Class; we leave that wee bit of sophistication that the Freshmen haven't heard of as yet.

To the Freshmen Class; we leave the gutter in front of the High School in which to play marbles.

We, the graduates, leave the following:

We, Dorothy Ackerman and Hazel Smith, leave our love for boys to Margaret Brown and Alice Belanic.

I, Walter Allen, bequeath my fast moving hoofs to Alphonse Pappacoda.

I, Anna Ambrulevich, leave my worldliness to Dorothy Nugent.

I, Murray Ballou, leave my grocery apron to Bud Colburn.

I, Virginia Babcock, will my brief case to Pat Kingston.

I, Walton Bedient, bequeath my love for Branford High's symphony orchestra to Harland Hibbard.

I, Ruth Barker, leave my chewing gum to Carol Pardee.

I, Matthew Belanic, bequeath my title, "Speed of the Ice" to John Russell.

I, Rose Ciaglia, leave my love for shorthand to Florence Ceccolini.

I, John Benesh, bequeath my ability to play swing music to Louise Hugins.

I, Marie Cirigliano, will my innocent looks to Marjorie Doolittle.

I, Carl Bergquist, leave my nit-witty ways to Edward Plant.

I, Janice Cooke, bequeath my flirty tricks to Hannah Haywood.

I, George Birbarie, leave my industrious ways to Steve Hylinski.

I, June Cooke, will my Popeye muscles to Mary Zawacki.

I, Edward Brannigan, leave my long legs to Jack Dwyer.

I, Alma Ellsworth, bequeath my professorship to Mavis Colburn.

I, Edward Brown, leave my love for cider and bananas to James Barba.

I, Ruth Esborn, will my calmness to Natalie Wood.

I, Steven Burbon, bequeath my bashful ways to William Van Wie.

I, Bertha Ericson, leave my self-confidence to Louise Hugins.

I, Patrick Cirigliano, bequeath my New York brogue to William Gay.

We, Alba Farina, Barbara Johnson, and Rena Ninfi, leave our cafeteria lounge to the school.

I, Vincent Clark, leave the echo of my voice to haunt the halls of Branford High School.

I, Ruth Coffin, will my place of No. 1 basketball fan to Roberta Baldwin.

I, Edward DeJon, leave my love for boats and bilge water to Ray Gay.

I, Catherine Greenvall, bequeath my up-to-the-minute hair-dos to Carolyne Pappacoda.

I, Alfred Ericson, leave my he-mannish ways to Kern Longcope.

I, Lois Grocock, will my operatic career to Helen Burz.

I, Herbert Gale, leave my love for peanuts to George Weted.

I, Helen Gumkowski, bequeath my love for the bright lights to Betty Sabine.

I, Robert Gillette, leave my love for pranks to Robert Smith.

I, Violet Hendrickson, will my Mill Pond "Duckies" to next Fall's hunters.

I, Kenneth Kells, leave my love for tin cans with four wheels to Henry Pond.

We, Betty Jenkins, Gertrude Packer, and Tessie Gorska, leave our ability to get rides to West Haven to anyone in the Junior Class who feels the desire to go there.

I, Victor Lukawsky, bequeath my love for potassium and water to the man who paints the chemistry room ceiling.

I, Barbara Julian, will my dance steps to Eleanor Olson.

I, Elmer Newton, leave my love for tom-toms to Robert Osborn.

I, Mary Kotowski, bequeath my shyness to Gertrude Smith.

I, Donald Shepard, leave my ability for knocking over fire hydrants to Natalie Wood.

I, Adda Mansfield, will my typing awards to Anna Johnson.

- I, Harry Thompson, leave my solemn ways to Randolph Bishop.
- I, Rosamond McCarthy, leave my indifference to Dorcas Jacocks.
- I, James Ward, will my contagious grin to William Van Wilgen.
- I, Anna Moore, bequeath my position as Mr. Townsend's secretary to Billy Cooke.
- I, Robert Ward, leave my Iceman's diary to L. Desiderio, the future editor of the Bridgeport Herald.
- I, Dierdre Mooney, will my love for making Brownies to Pat Kingston.
- I, Leon Wasilewski, leave my love for collecting test tubes to Mr. Schimmel.
- I, Emily Page, bequeath my leave on the 11:10 trolley to Rose De Nardi.
- I, Roger Westcott, leave my collegiate Jazzbows to Edward Martin.
- I, Virginia Williams, will my witty remarks to Helen Maciuba.
- I, John Yusievicz, leave my ability and knowledge of basketball to Vincent Chestnut.
- We, Louise Nardella and Helen Petela, leave the cooking classes to Edith Jaspersohn.
- I, William Tobin, bequeath my Dizzy Dean wing to William Proto.
- I, Ruth Van Egghen, will my love for Indian Neck "Gales" to my beloved sister Germaine.
- I, Robert Kells, leave my right defense position to William Munger.
- I, Evelyn Zdanowich, bequeath my platinum locks to Alice Batrow.
- I, Kendall Lewis, will my Gable looks to Joe Naimo.
- I, Jessie Taconis, leave my talkativeness to Margaret Estrom.
- I, Steve Lipkvich, bequeath my childish habits to Carol Porter.
- I, Anna Sokolosky, will my M. I. F. College career to Barbara Carr.
- I, Warren Pitcher, leave my love for typing teachers to John Pauk.
- I, Marie Torello, bequeath my basketball ability to Marie Laich.
- I, William Reynolds, leave my recipe for bathtub gin to Carl Rank.
- I, Leonard Tamsin, leave my milkman's basket to Joseph Yasevac.

Valedictory

We have come to the end of a trail and we pause to look back over the last years. First we want to thank the school board and faculty for the help they have given us. We want to thank the underclassmen for their companionship and help. We hope they will be successful. We feel we have been successful and we are looking forward into the future. The sky seems bright and rosy, but who knows what tomorrow will bring? It may rain or snow, but now we feel the sun must shine. Tonight the trail forks and we must choose which one we shall follow tomorrow. Some of us will continue in school, but a good many will look for positions in the world of business. After today we shall be not one, but many. Each one has his path to follow and it may lead him far apart from the rest of us. Some we may never see again, and some may remain together through life.

So far, life has been good to us, but we must set out on hard trails. From now on we must keep on walking the path until the end. Sometimes we may stumble, even fall, but we must pick ourselves up and continue on our way. There will be obstacles and we must work hard to surmount them. The path may seem to lead down, but just ahead, beyond the next curve, it will rise and we shall survey the world from the heights.

We shall never be able to stop to see what we did when we were "mere youths"; we must always keep moving—but we can see in our mind's eye what has gone before and we shall be the richer for it.

We shall remember what fun we had in high school. Bits of games will return to our minds. Remarks made in class will suddenly come to mind to brighten a dull day. The books read, and the work done will stand us in good stead.

For my closing message, may I read you a poem I wrote for this farewell? It truly comes from my heart, and expresses, far better than I can say it in prose, what I feel and hope.

It's onward, ever onward
O'er the trail of life begun
It's forward, ever forward
In the rain, or in the sun.

It's onward, ever onward
The light is straight ahead
It's forward, ever forward
Others follow where you've led.

It's onward, ever onward
'Til at last the dusk we see
It's forward, ever forward
'Til from cares and labors free.

It's onward, ever onward
'Til we see the great beyond
It's forward, ever forward
'Til we've severed earth's last bond.

ALMA ELLSWORTH

Senior Celebrities

<i>Most Popular Boy</i>	EDWARD DEJON
<i>Most Popular Girl</i>	JUNE COOKE
<i>Most Handsome Boy</i>	ROBERT WARD
<i>Prettiest Girl</i>	JANICE COOKE
<i>Best Actor</i>	CARL BERGQUIST
<i>Best Actress</i>	BARBARA JULIAN
<i>Most Athletic Boy</i>	JOHN YUSIEVICZ
<i>Most Athletic Girl</i>	HAZEL SMITH
<i>Most Dignified Boy</i>	KENDALL LEWIS
<i>Most Dignified Girl</i>	RUTH BARKER
<i>Best Dancer—Boy</i>	ALFRED ERICSON
<i>Best Dancer—Girl</i>	EMILY PAGE
<i>Most Sociable Boy</i>	ROBERT GILLETTE
<i>Most Sociable Girl</i>	JUNE COOKE
<i>Most Talkative Boy</i>	MURRAY BALLOU
<i>Most Talkative Girl</i>	JESSIE TACONIS
<i>Wittiest Boy</i>	CARL BERGQUIST
<i>Wittiest Girl</i>	BARBARA JULIAN
<i>Neatest Boy</i>	PATRICK CIRIGLIANO
<i>Neatest Girl</i>	RUTH BARKER
<i>Shyest Boy</i>	STEVEN BURBON
<i>Shyest Girl</i>	MARY KOTOWSKY
<i>Most Pleasing Personality—Boy</i>	EDWARD DEJON
<i>Most Pleasing Personality—Girl</i>	JUNE COOKE
<i>Most Likely to Succeed—Boy</i>	WALTON BEDIENT
<i>Most Likely to Succeed—Girl</i>	ADDA MANSFIELD
<i>Most Industrious Boy</i>	WALTON BEDIENT
<i>Most Industrious Girl</i>	ALMA ELLSWORTH
<i>Dedication</i>	MRS. FLORENCE T. ROYAL



DOROTHY ACKERMAN

"Like roses that in deserts bloom"

"Juggie" loves to play basketball and is a very brilliant player. She regrets the fact that there is no more girls' team.

Girls' Basketball 1, 2, 3

WALTER ALLEN

*"The music in itself, whose sounds are song,
Oh poetry of speech."*

Who doesn't know Hi-Pops? He is noted for his "Bing Crosby" croon. His poetry is appreciated by the readers of the Beacon.

Varsity Club

Basketball

Baseball

Track

Football

ANNA AMBRULEVICH

*"In listening mood she seemed to stand,
The guardian Naiad of the strand."*

Who can tell what Anna is thinking of while she quietly listens to what other people say?

Home Economics 1, 2, 3, 4

Music 2

French Club 3, 4

Dramatics Club 3, 4

Nursing 2



VIRGINIA BABCOCK

"And still the doing, never done."

"Babs" is very industrious and ought to go far. She has become a member of our honor group by hard work, for she entered high school in 1934 as a Freshman.

Basketball 1

Nursing 1





MURRAY BALLOU

"He sleeps by day more than the wildcat"

"Bluey" is full of tricks; no one knows what he will do next. He is noted for his brilliant remarks in Chemistry class and the late hour he arrives. His recent naps have caused quite a furor.

Band 1, 2, 3, 4

RUTH BARKER

"Character makes its own destiny."

Ruth is a quiet girl everyone likes. Her industry will take her a long way.

French Club 2, 3, 4

Library Club 3, 4

Beacon Board

Music 1

Knitting Club



WALTON BEDIENT

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

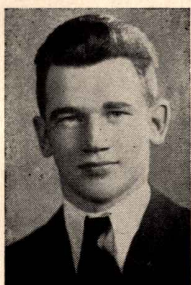
"Red" is full of fun, but also one of the best students. He makes fun of work, yet shows up fully prepared every day. We wonder what the band will do next year without his clarinet.

Band 1, 2, 3, 4

Football 3, 4

French Club 2, 3

Varsity Club 4



MATTHEW BELANIC

"There's mischief in his eye"

"Mat" loves his French; he loves to play jokes and is bashful in spite of it all.

Hockey 4

French Club 4

Interclass Baseball 1, 2, 3, 4

Drawing 1



JOHN BENESH

"Never idle a moment"

John is a hard worker. An honor student who keeps busy outside of school. Think of accordion and Benesh comes to mind. He has helped us out in many assemblies.

Drawing 1, 2, 3, 4

CARL BERGQUIST

"His humor has a gentle touch"

"Berkie" is quite famous for his roles as comedian in school plays. His witticisms distinguish him at all times. We think he will be a salesman.

Dramatics Club 3, 4
Beacon Board
Drawing 1

Interclass Basketball
and Baseball 2, 3, 4
Classbook Committee



GEORGE BIRBARIE

"Free men freely work; whoever fears God, fears to sit at ease."

George is a rather serious chap who worked hard as manager of the basketball team—and really earned his letter. Quite a bit of the State Class "B" honors go to his untiring efforts.

Varsity Club 3, 4
Basketball Manager 3, 4

Dramatics Club 3, 4
Classbook Committee



EDWARD BRANNIGAN

"Measure not thy might by size."

"Weegan" proved himself a loyal sport fan. Although he was unable to participate in sports, he was of great help in the Dramatics Club.

Dramatics Club 3, 4
Drawing 1, 2, 3, 4

Music 1, 2



EDWARD BROWN

"Begone, old care, I prithee, be gone from me."

"Chub" loves to draw; he plays football, too. He has many friends and is quite famous for his blackface roles.

Drawing

Football

STEVEN BURBON

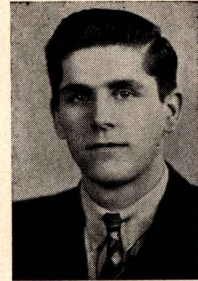
"The kings of modern thought are always silent."

Steve's quietness makes him everyone's favorite. He is one of the Class's most athletic members

Football 3, 4

Music

Varsity Club 4



ROSE CIAGLIA

"Wise to resolve, and patient to perform."

We wish to credit Rose for her ability to spell. Even though she doesn't like shorthand, she should make an excellent stenographer.

Home Economics 1

Music 1, 2, 3, 4

Drawing 2

MARIE CIRIGLIANO

"On with the dance"

"Chic" plays the "uke" to her hearers' great enjoyment and is a good mixer.

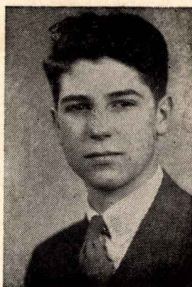
Cooking 1

French Club 2, 3, 4

Nursing 2

Dramatics Club 3, 4





PATRICK CIRIGLIANO

"A merry heart maketh a cheerful countenance"

"Pat" showed himself proud in the Dramatics Club play. His clothes are always neat. He smiles at everyone—making them want to smile too.

Dramatics Club 3, 4

International Relations Club 4

Interclass Baseball 3

Drawing 1, 2

Track 4

Interclass Basketball 4

VINCENT CLARK

"I do but sing because I must"

The class "handy-man" is Vincent; for he is always willing to cooperate and lend a helping hand. He caused a good deal of enjoyment by his rendition of "The Old-Fashioned Music Box."

Dramatics Club 3, 4

Music 2, 3

Drawing 1, 3, 4

Beacon Board

Baseball 3, 4



RUTH COFFIN

"Why worry what tomorrow will bring?

Today is here, let's dance and sing."

"Coffee" is everyone's favorite. She is one of our most faithful basketball spectators.

JANICE COOKE

"It is good to lengthen to the last a sunny mood"

"Jiggs" and her cheeriness brightens up any group.

Drawing 4

Music 1, 2, 3, 4

Dramatics Club 3, 4

Library Club 3, 4





JUNE COOKE

*"To make the world a friendly place
She shows the world a friendly face"*

"Cookie" is one of the most popular girls in our class and has led cheers for B. H. S. for four years—practice makes perfect, you know.

Basketball 1, 2, 3 Dramatics Club 3, 4 (Pres.) 4
Library Club 3, 4 (Vice-Pres.)
Cheer Leader 1, 2, 3, 4 (Head Cheer Leader) 4

EDWARD DEJON

"The winds and the waves are on the side of the ablest navigators."

"Ed" has been our class president for the past two years and has benefited the class by his good judgment. He works hard for his marks, but he remembers what he learns. He hopes to be a navigator.

Football 2, 3, 4	Baseball 1, 2, 3, 4
Hockey 4	Dramatics Club 3, 4
Varsity Club 3, 4	Beacon Board
Classbook Committee	



ALMA ELLSWORTH

"She did her work and d'd it well and good."

Almas is valedictorian of our class. She is very friendly and conscientious and whenever help is needed Alma is always willing to do more than her share.

French Club 2, 3, 4	Dramatics Club 3, 4
Beacon Board	International Relations Club 4
Cooking 1	Nursing Class 2
Drawing 1, 2, 4	Classbook Committee



ALFRED ERICSON

*"He, perfect dancer, climbs the rope,
and balances your fear and hope."*

"Screech" is one of our honor pupils. He loves to laugh and his jovial nature makes him popular.

Dramatics Club 3, 4
Classbook Committee



*Died
June 1982*

BERTHA ERICSON

*"In every rank, or great or small
Tis industry supports us all."*

"Bert" is an honor student. She is very industrious and the work she does is always neat.

Beacon Board
Dramatics Club

Classbook Committee
Cooking 1

RUTH ESBORN

"Not much talk—great secret silence."

Died
Her sweet, quiet ways are welcome in every gathering. As Senior Secretary Ruthy has shown us the right road several times.

Class Sec'y-Treas. 4

Classbook Committee



ALBA FARINA

"Be silent and safe—silence never betrays you"

"Al" is one of our shy girls, but she is well liked by all her classmates. She gets good marks, too.

French Club 3, 4

HERBERT GALE

"Push on,—keep moving."

"Herbie" came to us last year from Massachusetts and has been very active since his arrival. He was last year's football captain and is high in many people's esteem.



Football 3, 4 (Cap'n 4)

French Club 4

Beacon Board (Editor-in-Chief) Varsity Club (V. Pres. 4)

Dramatics Club 3, 4 (Treas. 4)

Baseball 3, 4



ROBERT GILLETTE

*"I would rather be small and shrive,
Than be large and cast a shadow."*

Little "Bobbie" is well liked and we feel he was rather mistreated when he has to pay his way to the basketball games—even though he was a "Gentleman of the Press."

Class Pres. 1, 2

Beacon Board

Interclass Basketball 2, 3, 4

TESSIE GORSKA

"Never an enemy in the world."

Tessie' though quiet, is well-known and a friend to all.

Home Economics 1, 3

Music 1, 2, 4

Dramatics Club 3, 4



CATHERINE GREENVALL

"Who talks much must talk in vain."

"Kay's" friendly chatter is cheering to any who is feeling low. Her cute giggle echoes quite often in the classrooms.

French Club 2, 3

Library Club 3, 4

Music 1, 2, 4

LOIS GROCOCK

*"Happy am I, from care I'm free,
Why aren't they all contented like me."*

Lois is a good student and her friendliness makes her well-liked. She is a good actress, but she regrets the fact that she has had to play the part of the mother in each play. She has made herself popular by her singing at assemblies.

Drawing 1, 2, 4

French Club 2, 3, 4

Dramatics Club 3, 4

Library Club 4

Domestic Science 1, 2, 3, 4

Beacon Board

Music

Classbook Committee



HELEN GUMKOWSKI

"Smooth runs the water where the brook is deep."

Helen is very quiet and shy, so quiet in fact, that we hardly realize she is such a good student.

Music 4

VIOLET HENDRICKSON

"Thy modesty is a candle to thy merit."

According to her friends, Violet will make an excellent stenographer. Besides being fast and accurate she is quite reticent.

Dramatics Club 3, 4

Music 2

Beacon Board



BETTY JENKINS

"Her friends are many and they ever increase."

Betty is the friendliest person one could wish to meet.

Home Economics 1, 2, 3, 4

Dramatics Club 3, 4

Music 1, 2, 3, 4

BARBARA JOHNSON

"Her friends know her true worth."

Barbara is indeed a true friend to everyone.



BRANFORD HIGH SCHOOL
LIBRARY



BARBARA JULIAN

*"When joy and duty clash,
Let duty go to smash."*

"Bobbie" acted as Aunt Cindy in the Dramatics Club play and surprised us all. She came from Arizona in time for her Junior Year.

Dramatics Club 3, 4

French Club 3, 4

KENNETH KELLS

Died

" 'Tis good nature that wins us all"

"Ken" has proved himself a good sport from every angle. We hope he won't ever lose his good nature.

Varsity Club

Baseball 2, 3, 4

Hockey 3, 4



ROBERT KELLS

Died - war

"Man hath his daily work of body and of mind appointed."

Bob did a good job at right defense. It meant death to the man who crossed the blue line.

Hockey

MARY KOTOWSKI

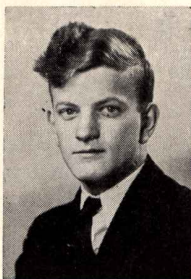
"The two noblest of things, which are sweetness and light."

Mary's sweet shy ways make people like her and her good marks show that she is worth a good deal.

Home Economics 1, 2, 4

Beacon Board





KENDALL LEWIS

"A very unclubable man."

"Ken" has been here only this year, but he has rapidly become one of us. He gets good marks in all his classwork. He doesn't care for fun-making clubs.

Dramatics Club 4

Classbook Committee

STEVE LIPKIVICH

*"Our youth we can have but today,
We may always find time to grow old."*

"Puffy" showed his ability on the high school bowling team. He likes young people and they like him. What more could anyone want?

Bowling



VICTOR LUKAWSKY

"A sharp eye never fails to score."

"Vic" is one of our star basketball players, whose sure eye and steady hand have netted many baskets.

Basketball

Varsity Club

ADDA MANSFIELD

*"The music in my heart I bore
Long after it was heard no more."*

Adda plays the piano well and has helped at many assemblies. She is also a good worker and puts "pep" into the jobs she sets out to do.

French Club 4

Dramatics Club 3, 4

Music 1, 2, 3, 4

Classbook Committee

Domestic Science 1, 2, 3, 4

Nursing 2

Beacon Board





ROSAMOND MCCARTHY

"Little said is soonest mended."

Rosamond is very quiet and has a contagious giggle. She always looks just as though she had stepped out of a bandbox. As a class marker she has given much help.

Library Club 3, 4

Music 1

Dramatics Club 3, 4

DEIRDRE MOONEY

"Laugh and the world laughs with you."

"Dearie" has been here only two years but she has made herself very popular.

Dramatics Club 3, 4

Beacon Board

Cheer Leader 4

Library Club (Pres. 4)



ANNA MOORE

*"Still to be neat, still to be drest
As if you were going to a feast."*

"Ann" has a very pleasing personality. Her hair is very becoming and we imagine a good many girls would like to have it.

Home Economics 1, 2

Music 1, 2, 3, 4

Dramatics Club 3, 4

Library Club 4



LOUISE NARDELLA

*"Never idle a moment, but thrifty, and
thoughtful of others."*

Louise is a very likable girl and is diligent, trying hard for her good marks.

Music 1, 2, 3

French Club 2, 3, 4

Library Club 3, 4

Domestic Science 1, 2, 3, 4

Dramatics Club 3, 4

Knitting Club 4





ELMER NEWTON

"Stubborn labor conquers everything."

"Newt" was the master of the tom-toms. He brought life into the school band. His musical ability will carry him to great heights.

Band 1, 2, 3, 4, 5

Hockey Manager 5

RENA NINFI

"Quiet, steadfast, and demure."

Rena is a meek and mild girl, but just the type to make a success of everything.

Home Economics 1

Drawing 2



GERTRUDE PACKER

*"I profess not talking; only this,
Let each man do his best."*

"Bebs" is one of those people an x-ray of whose jaw would give a moving picture—it isn't idle chatter though, it's gum. She has worked hard to graduate.

Cooking 2

Music 1, 2, 3, 4

Dramatics Club 3, 4

EMILY PAGE

"All good things come in small packages."

Little "Em" is really big-hearted. She smiles so sweetly that we all forget our troubles. Though she is small she puts her size to advantage and there is more "pep" behind her than back of a person twice her size.

Dramatics Club 4

Library Club 5

Basketball

Music 1, 2, 3, 4

Cheer Leader 4





HELEN PETELA

"In books, or work, or healthful play."

Helen is quite friendly and makes many friends easily. She won a class book by selling over forty tickets to "Rats" and "P's and Q's." Why can't we all work like that?

French Club 2, 3

Library Club 3, 4

Dramatics Club 3,4

Domestic Science 1, 2, 3, 4

WILLIAM REYNOLDS

"There's adventure in the open air."

Besides being a great asset to the football team, Bill is also an excellent track man whose pole vaulting is beyond reproach.

Football 3, 4

Varsity Club 3, 4

Track 3, 4



DONALD SHEPARD

"To win a race the swiftest dart

Avaleth not without a start."

"Don" need never worry about getting there. If there is either a horse or a car handy he can go.

Class Book Committee

HAZEL SMITH

"Put her shoulder to the wheel."

Everybody likes "Smitty." She played basketball until misfortune ended the team's activities. She is one who gets behind what she wants and pushes.

Girls' Basketball 1, 2, 3

Beacon Board

ANNA SOKOLOSKY

"Honest labor bears a lovely face."

Anna has really worked. Besides a secretarial position outside of school, she gets honor grades in her school work. She is always neat and she has a pleasing personality.

Music 1, 2, 3

JESSIE TACONIS

"With valleys of eternal babble."

Jessie is a very important person. She has done a great deal of typing for the teachers. She talks a great deal, but people get used to it.

Home Economics 1, 2, 3

French Club 2, 3, 4

Girls' Basketball 1, 2, 3

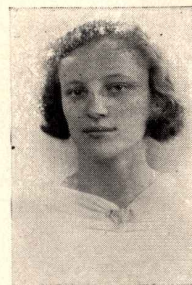
Softball 3, 4

Music 1, 2, 3, 4

Dramatics Club 3, 4

Nursing 3

Volley Ball 1



LEONARD TAMSIN

"Early to bed, early to rise, makes a man healthy, wealthy and wise."

We don't get up early enough to find out, but we hear that Leonard gets up before the sun and works hard all day long. Labor is a good way of reaching the heights.

HARRY THOMPSON

"Man should ever be better than he seems."

Harry is quite a studious fellow. Though he is a part of the Vic, Mat, and Harry trio and gets blamed for many things, he is rarely guilty.

Baseball 3, 4

French Club 4

Hockey 4





WILLIAM TOBIN

"Wit, now and then struck sharply, shows a spark."

"Bill's" dry humor livens up the corridors and his baseball playing helped our team out a good deal.

Baseball 2, 3, 4

Varsity Club 2, 3, 4

MARIE TORELLO

"I have a heart with room for every joy."

Marie is a really happy girl. She loves to express her happiness in song, and she likes to read.



RUTH VAN EGGHEN

"Into the midst of things."

"Peanut" is a honor student and yet carries on several outside activities. She is President of the French and Knitting Clubs and she was in the play "Aunt Cindy Cleans Up."

Nursing 2

Knitting Club 4

Library Club 4

Dramatics Club

Girls' Basketball 1

Soccer 1

French Club 2, 3, 4 (Pres. 4)

Domestic Science

Sewing 1, 2, 3

Cooking 2

Music 1, 2

Softball 4

JAMES WARD

"He talks of wood; it is some carpenter."

"Red" is a happy-go-lucky, likeable fellow. He has been stage manager for the Dramatics Club and has worked hard. He is a good typist and has won awards for his merit.

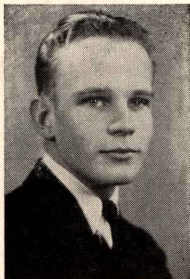
Dramatics Club 3, 4

Hockey 3, 4

Baseball Co-manager

Varsity Club 4

Football 3, 4



ROBERT WARD

"Song forbids victorious deeds to die."

"Rabbit" is easily recognized for his "Caruso voice" and when on the ice his flying skates show us where he is—or was.

Dramatics Club 3, 4

Varsity Club

Hockey 3, 4

Baseball 3, 4

Interclass Basketball 2, 3, 4

Football 3, 4

LEON WASILEWSKI

"Work first and then rest."

"Moose" has his homework done early to the envy of his slower classmates, who wish they had his speed.

ROGER WESTCOTT

"Fate, but seriously."

What will the chemistry class do without him and Murray Ballou, and their late arrival—we think it is prearranged. He acted his part in "P's and Q's" almost as though he lived it.



VIRGINIA WILLIAMS

"A picture is a poem without words."

"Ginny" has done all the makeup for the Dramatics Club this year and has filled her position creditably. Her cover designs for the Beacon have received favorable comments.



Dramatics Club 3, 4

Library Club 4

Cheer Leader 3, 4

Beacon Board

Drawings 1, 2, 3, 4

Music 1

French Club 2, 3, 4

Class Book Committee



JOHN YUSIEVICZ

A man is he of honesty and trust."

"Yusie" has proven his worth to the basketball team by his brilliant play. We are sorry he fractured his hand playing baseball.

Basketball (Captain)

Baseball (Captain)

Varsity Club

EVELYN ZDANOWICH

"And when she danced—oh heaven, how she danced."

"Ev" is an ardent movie fan. She can dance well too.
 She gets good marks in school

Nursing Class 2
 Domestic Science
 Cooking 1, 2
 Sewing 1

Music 2, 3
 Dramatics Club 3, 4
 French Club 2





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THE DRAMATICS CLUB

Dramatics Club

The Dramatics Club, under the guidance of Miss Alice Murphy, very successfully produced two plays this year. The first, titled "Aunt Cindy Cleans Up" was very well received by the students and the townspeople. Miss Betty Bailey and Mr. John Carr assisted in the production. The second, a one-act comedy, titled "P's and Q's", was entered in the first "One-Act Play Tournament" of Branford.

Since the play was so successful, it was decided to give the combined Junior and Senior Plays a second time for the benefit of the classbook. A dance, in cooperation with the Library Club, was also among the activities sponsored by the Dramatics Club.

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Janice Cooke
June Cooke
Thomas Corcoran
Edward DeJon
Alma Ellsworth
Alfred Ericson
Bertha Ericson
Ruth Esborn
Herbert Gale
Ruth Van Egghen
Robert Ward
Virginia Williams
Evelyn Zdanowich

Tessie Gorska
Catherine Greenvall
Lois Grocock
Lois Honce
Betty Jenkins
Barbara Julian
Kendall Lewis
Adda Mansfield
Rosamond McCarthy
Dierdre Mooney
Anne Moore
Louise Nardella
Gertrude Packer
Emily Page
Helen Petela
Hazel Smith
Jessie Taconis
James Ward
Roger Westcott
John Yusievicz



LIBRARY CLUB

Library Club

The Library Club, suggested by Mr. Westcott in nineteen hundred and thirty, was formed under the supervision of Mrs. Clifford for the purpose of keeping the school library in order. Now, besides its original work, the club is interested in Social Service Work, and aims for leadership and sportsmanship. It has unfailingly cooperated with the different organizations, and its various entertainments add much to the social life of the school.

OFFICERS

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<i>President</i>	DEIRDRE MOONEY
<i>Vice-President</i>	JUNE COOKE
<i>Secretary</i>	HELEN PETELA
<i>Treasurer</i>	CATHERINE GREENVALL

MEMBERS

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Ruth Barker	Anna Moore
Alice Batrow	Catherine Neal
Janice Cooke	Louise Nardella
Ruth Esborn	Emily Page
Lois Grocock	Ruth Van Egghen
Hannah Haywood	Virginia Williams
Dorcas Jacobs	Patricia Kingston
Edith Jaspersohn	



FRENCH CLUB

French Club

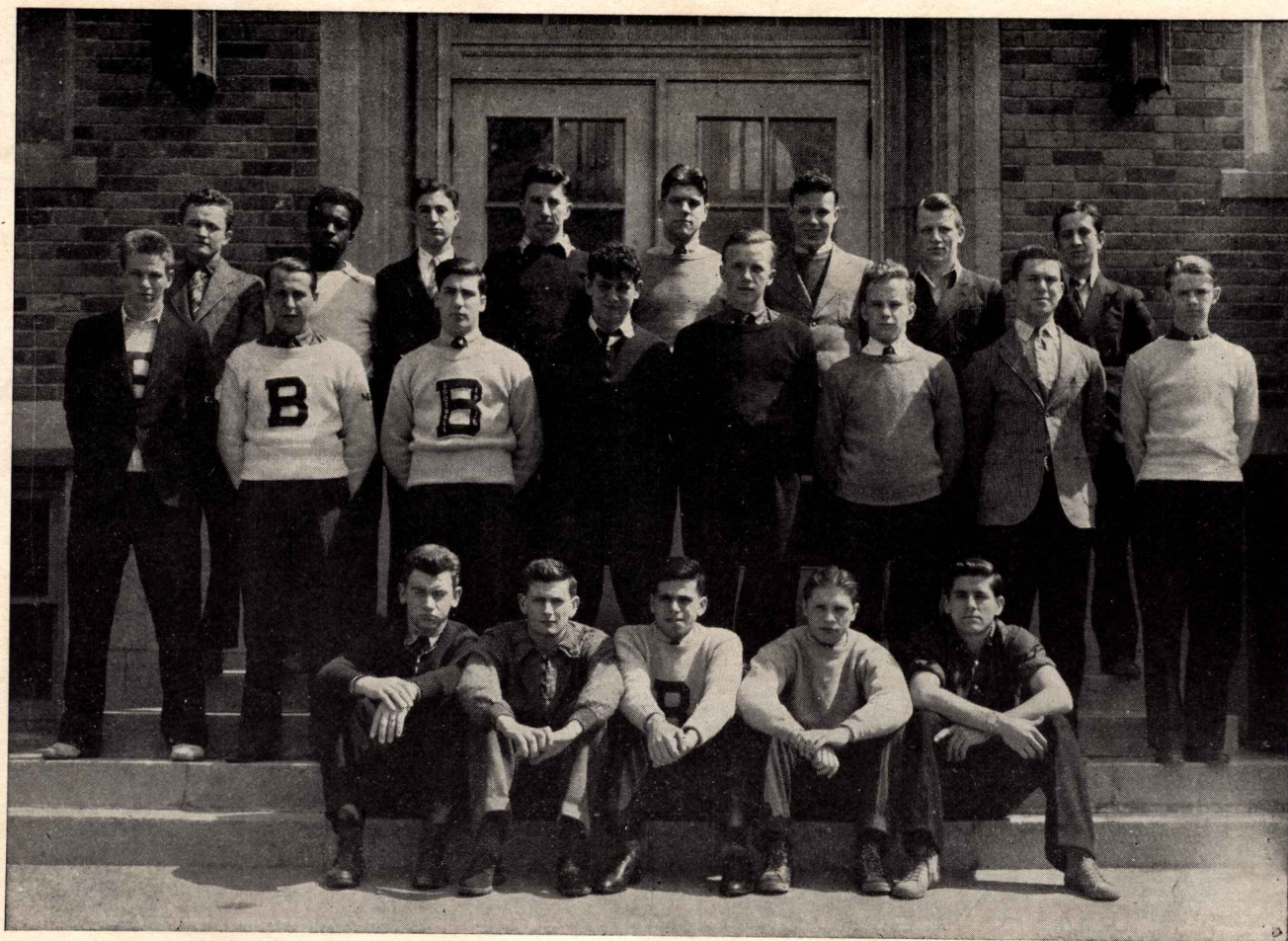
Our French Club has added to the enjoyments of all. During the year a few members sang in assembly. "L'homme Qui Epouse Une Femme Muette," a one-act play directed by Miss Steucek, was presented at an assembly program. We hope future members will hold this club as a permanent activity in the Branford High School.

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<i>Vice-President</i>	LOUIS DESIDERIO
<i>Secretary</i>	VIRGINIA WILLIAMS
<i>Treasurer</i>	EDITH JASPERSOHN

MEMBERS

Van Egghen, Ruth	Desiderio, Louis
Ellsworth, Alma	Williams, Virginia
Julian, Barbara	Thompson, Harry
Belanic, Matthew	Gale, Herbert
Pappacoda, Carolyn	Haywood, Hannah
Jaspersohn, Edith	Batrow, Alice
Mansfield, Adda	Simons, Elizebeth
Johnson, Anna	Bradley, Jeannette
Fitzgerald, George	Young, Howard
Carlson, Richard	Sheppard, Albert



VARSITY CLUB

Varsity Club

The varsity club, under the leadership of Coach John Knecht, Jr., was reorganized this year. This organization consists of members of the school who have obtained their letter for athletic service. At their first meeting it was voted that Edward "Chubby" Brown should head the club as President. Other offices were filled as follows: Vice-President, "Herb" Gale; Secretary-Treasurer, Steve Burbon.

During the year the Varsity Club sponsored a dance on Alumni Day and the annual Minstrel Show, both of which proved very successful.

It is hoped that the Varsity Club may carry on its good work in the future.

MEMBERS

Coach John Knecht, Jr., Advisor

Allen, Walter	Gale, Herbert
Birbarie, George	Gay, Raymond
Brown, Edward	Hylinski, Steven
Burbon, Steven	Kells, Kenneth
DeJon, Edward	Lukawsky, Victor
Desiderio, Louis	Naimo, Joseph
Pitcher, Warren	Reynolds, William
Tobin, Albert	Ward, Paul
Ward, Robert	Yusievicz, John
Bedient, Walter	Yusevac, Joseph
Dzwonkowski, Stanley	Corcoran, Thomas
Ward, James	



FOOTBALL

Football

Our Branford High School 1936 Football team may seem to have had a very unsuccessful season if you see the score sheet, but the team was not as unsuccessful as it seems. The team could hold its own and gain ground, but it lacked the scoring punch which makes a team look good on the score board. In the games they lost they were not beaten by more than one or two touch-downs.

The line-up was as follows:

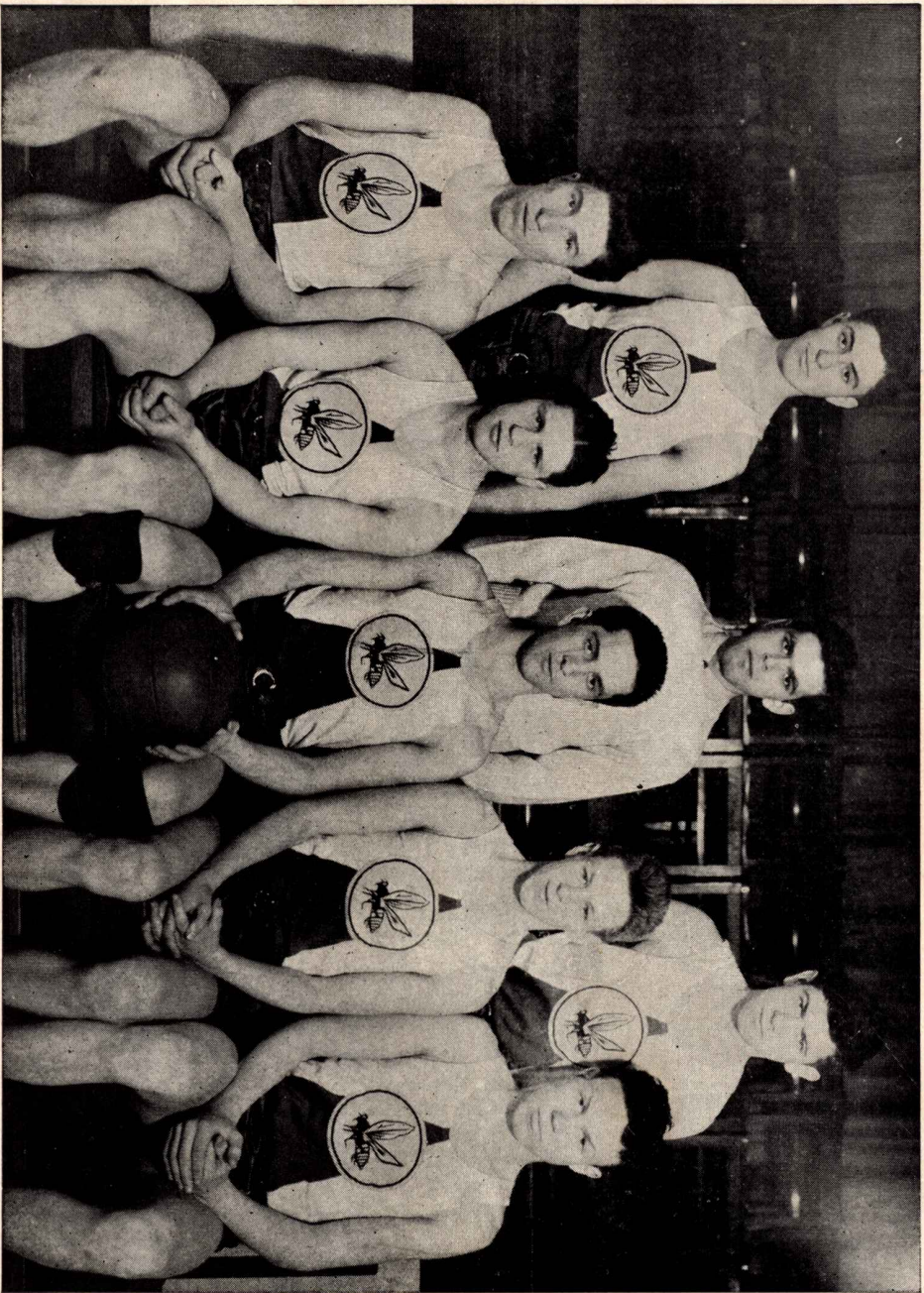
Manager: Louis Desiderio
 Ends: Joseph Naimo, L. E.
 William Reynolds, R. E.
 Tackles: Peter Paneroni, L. T.
 Stanley Dzwonkowski, R. T.
 Guards: Steven Bourbon, L. G.
 Walter Bedient, R. G.
 Center: Herbert Gale (Captain)
 Backfield: Walter Allen, Q. B.
 Edward Brown, L. H. B.
 Joseph Yasevac, R. H. B.
 Edward DeJon, F. B.

SUBSTITUTES

Raymond Gay Thomas Corcoran
 Edward Plant James Ward
 Robert Ward James Barba
 Burdette Colburn

SUMMARY OF THE FOOTBALL SEASON

Branford	0	Fairfield	7
Branford	0	Shelton	7
Branford	6	Milford	14
Branford	25	Wallingford	0
Branford	0	West Haven	14
Branford	0	Derby	14
Branford	0	Stratford	7



BASKETBALL

Basketball

Our 1937 basketball team has been very successful. They met with few teams that could conquer them. They won the Housatonic League Class B. Championship for the second consecutive year, and entering the Class B Tournament became Connecticut Class B. Champions for the third consecutive year. They challenged the Class A runner-up for the right to represent Connecticut in the New England Tournament at Portland, but were defeated after a hard-fought battle.

As a reward for their sportsmanship our team was sent to Portland by local merchants to see the New England Tournament.

The Line-up was as follows:

Manager, George Birbarie
 John Yusievicz (Captain)
 Victor Lukawsky, Center
 Albert Torino, L. Forward
 Joseph Naimo
 Paul Ward

SUBSTITUTES

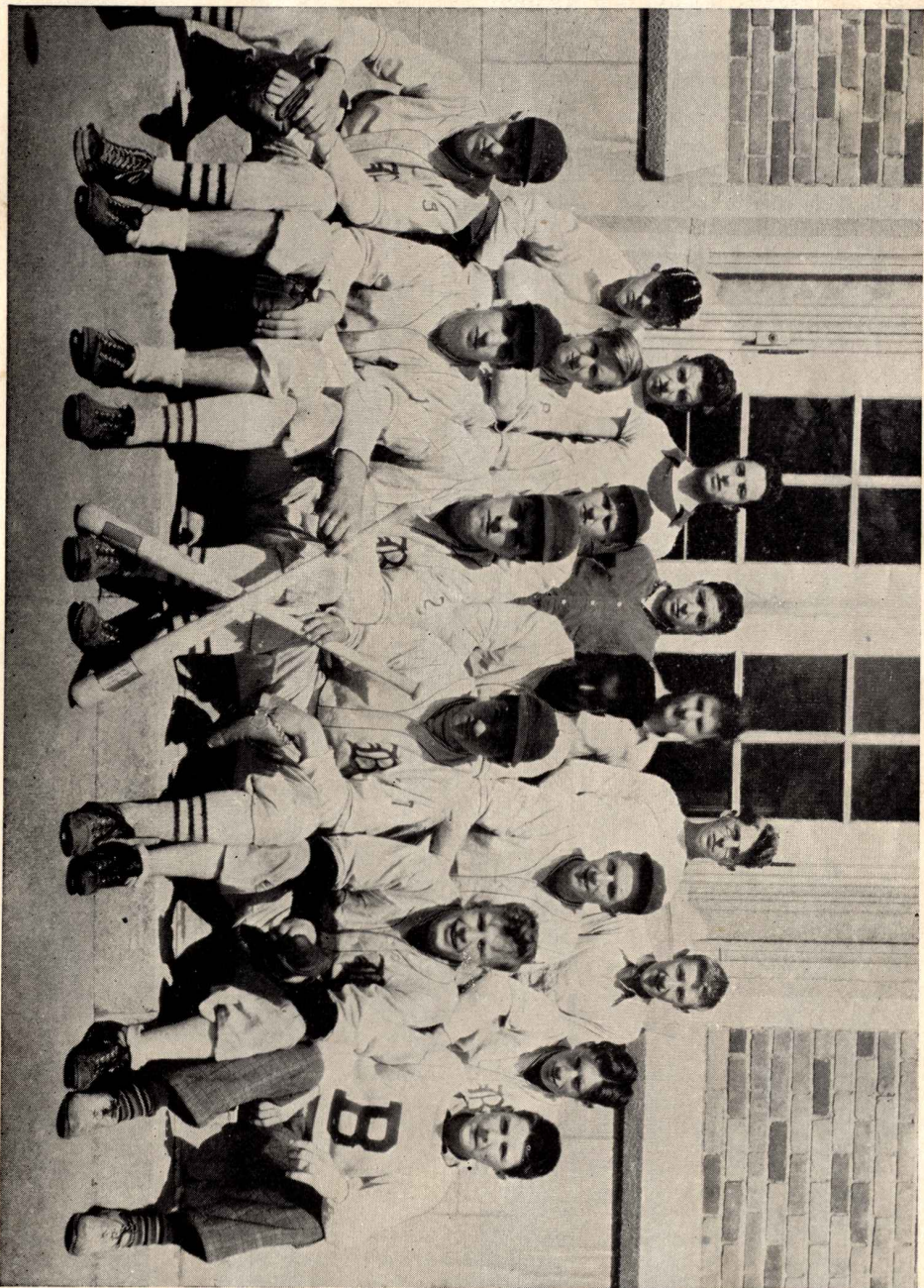
Steve Hylinski	Tony Yusievicz
Stanley Dzwonkowski	Joe Yasevac
James Barba	Louis Desiderio

SUMMARY OF THE BASKETBALL SEASON

East Haven	19	Branford	41	Hillhouse	39	Branford	32
Alumni	28	Branford	21	Wallingford	24	Branford	15
Derby	12	Branford	31	E. Haven	14	Branford	32
Seymour	10	Branford	42	Milford	13	Branford	33
W. Haven	16	Branford	25	Stratford	26	Branford	24
Shelton	12	Branford	44	W. Haven	16	Branford	40
Wallingford	20	Branford	28	Derby	23	Branford	29
Seymour	14	Branford	28	Milford	16	Branford	35
Stratford	21	Branford	33	Shelton	11	Branford	38
M. I. F.	23	Branford	34				

TOURNAMENT GAMES

Robert Fitch	14	Branford	43	Naugatuck	21	Branford	31
Wallingford	17	Branford	38	Bristol (Class A)			
				Runner-Up	30	Branford	22



BASEBALL

Baseball

Although Branford has lost three of her games at the present writing, it will only be a question of time before Branford will be again a leading factor in the Housatonic League Baseball situation.

We are fortunate this year in having veterans, who we believe will again bring glory to our Branford High.

<i>Coach</i>	JOHN E. KNECHT, JR.
<i>Manager</i>	EDWARD MARTIN
<i>Catchers</i>	JOHN YUSIEVICZ PAUL WARD
<i>Pitchers</i>	JOSEPH NAIMO PHILLIP PETERSON
<i>First Base</i>	WALTER ALLEN
<i>Second Base</i>	STEVEN HYLINKSKI
<i>Third Base</i>	KENNETH KELL
<i>Short Stop</i>	EDWARD DEJON
<i>Left Field</i>	ROBERT WARD
<i>Center Field</i>	STEVEN EVON
<i>Right Field</i>	HERBERT GALE

SUBSTITUTES

Armond Bruno
William Proto
Stanley Gumkowski
John Czplicki
James Barba
Salvator Pacileo

Daniel Daly
Anthony Yusievicz
Kenneth Johnson
Charles McCarthy
Douglas Bray
Joseph Riccoitti

			B.H.S.	
April 12	Yale Frosh	Away	4	1
April 20	Hamden	Home	12	5
April 23	West Haven	Away	2	1
May 7	Milford	Home		
May 11	East Haven	Home		
May 14	Seymour	Away		
May 18	Hillhouse	Away		
May 21	Stratford	Away		
May 25	Derby	Away		
May 28	Shelton	Home		
June 4	Lyman Hall	Home		
June 8	West Haven	Home		
June 12	East Haven	Away		



HOCKEY

Hockey

Hockey, although not a major sport in the high school, has steadily gained in popularity.

This season the team was organized by two of our alumni, who so generously offered their services, Raymond Gay was elected Captain and "Ken" Kells manager.

Due to the fact that Branford has no skating rink and that there was no ice available for skating during the season, Branford was handicapped.

Playing seven games Branford lost six and won one, the victory being a spectacular one over Commercial High School. The score was 4 to 2.

TEAM

Gay, Raymond, (Captain)
Nott, Hudson
Kells, Kenneth
Kells, Robert
Gay, William
DeJon, Edward
Ward, Robert

Pitcher, Warren
Parcellio, Salvador
Munger, William
Belanic, Matthew
Russell, John
Sheppard, Albert
Newton, Elmer

SCHEDULE

Branford	0	Hamden	6
Branford	1	Commercial	1
Branford	2	Hillhouse	2
Branford	0	Hamden	4
Branford	2	W. Haven	3
Branford	1	Hillhouse	3
Branford	4	Commercial	2

The Ivy Ode

May the Ivy we plant on Classnight,
Cling to this school house dear
This spot that has left fair memories
To all of those now here.

As we travel the road of life's journey,
And fail or succeed in our strife,
May we always remember this Ivy
We planted to cling for life.

HELEN PETELA

Slams and Salaams

NAME	NICKNAME	FAVORITE SAYING	KNOWN BY OR FOR	FATE
Ackerman, Dorothy	Juggie	Present	Pink Cheeks	Nurse Maid
Allen, Walter	Hypops	Hi Bo	His big hands	Marathon Walker
Ambrulevich, Anna	Ann	My Gosh	Politeness	Debutante
Babcock, Virginia	Babs	Holy Gee's	Studying	Shakespearian student
Ballou, Murray	Bluie	Hi Toots	Sleeping in classes	Cartoonist for Bingville Bugle
Barker, Ruth	Ruthie	Good Night	Chewing Gum	Lawyer
Bedient, Walton	Red	Bunk	Queer Antics	Mathematics instructor
Belanic, Matthew	Mat	Gosh	Bashfulness	Bachelor
Benesh, John	Yashka	Shut up!	Playing Polish Hops	Accordionist
Bergquist, Carl	Berk	Listen	Wit	Keeping dust off Niagara Falls
Birbarie, George	Georgie	Hurry Up	New Glasses	Instructor in Chinese CCC Camp
Brannigan, Edward	Weegan	Hey	His Height	Tall man in a circus side show
Brown, Edward	Ed	You know	Skipping Classes	Horse doctor in Detroit
Burbon, Steven	Burb	I'm an old cowhand	Shyness	Rancher
Ciaglia, Rose	Rose	Oh Heck	Love for Shorthand	Shorthand teacher in Africa
Cirigliano, Marie	Chic	Yea?	Love for sailors	A home by the sea
Cirigliano, Patrick	Pat	Don't get tough	Excellent dressing	An understudy for Adolf Menjou
Clark, Vincent	Vinnie	Hey	Rudy Valle's voice	Coaching the Glee Club at a deaf and dumb school
Coffin, Ruth	Coffee	Phooey	Walking the High School halls	Taxi Dancer
Cooke, Janice	Jiggs	Quit it	Good looks	Heartbreaker
Cooke, June	Cookie	My Gosh	Wavy Hair	Artist Model

Slams and Salaams

NAME	NICKNAME	FAVORITE SAYING	KNOWN BY OR FOR	FATE
DeJon, Edward	Ed	You should have seen it	His knowledge	Captain of the Swiss Navy
Ellsworth, Alma	Professor	Personally	Vast Knowledge	Lexicographer
Ericson, Alfred	Screechy	Shut up !	Dancing Ability	Dancing teacher
Ericson, Bertha	Bert	Gee Whiz	Her brothers' ties	Private secretary
Esborn, Ruth	Ruthy	Do you know what	Neatness	Swimming director in Ha- waiian Islands
Farina, Alba	Al	You ought to know	Shyness	Housekeeper
Gale, Herbert	Herb	That makes two of us	Clarinet Playing	Musician
Gillette, Robert	Peanut	I know it	Innocent expression	Driver of a street sprinkler in Venice
Gorska, Tessie	Toots	Yep	Standing on street corners	Chorus girl
Greenvall, Catherine	Kitty	I don't care	Giggling	Old Maid
Grocock, Lois	Lo	So shall it be	Love for poetry	Poet
Gumkowski, Helen	Helen	Yea	Quietness	Farmer's wife
Hendrickson, Violet	Honey Child	Shut up!	Guilty Smile	Housekeeper
Jenkins, Betty	Betty	You going up	Hitch Hiking to West Haven	To be a traveler
Johnson, Barbara	Bab	My Gosh	Smile	Aviatrix
Julian, Barbara	Bob	Oh Boy	Her candy "Mr. Good Bar"	President of a chocolate company
Kells, Kenneth	Ken	Hi Boy	Love for tin autos	Chauffeur
Kells, Robert	Rob	Get out and push	Twinkle in his eyes	Manager of a junk yard
Kotowski, Mary	Mary	Gee	Typing Ability	Stenographer
Lewis, Kendall	Ken	Hey you know	Neatness	To be a designer for women's apparel
Lipkvich, Steven	Puffy	Cut it out	Childish Ways	Kindergarten Teacher
Lukawsky, Victor	Vic	Jey	Witty Wisecracks	Chemistry Professor
Mansfield, Adda	Smiles	Oh Boy	Her Music	Orchestra Leader

Slams and Salaams

NAME	NICKNAME	FAVORITE SAYING	KNOWN BY OR FOR	FATE
McCarthy, Rosamond	Rosebud	Good Gravy	School Messenger	Editor of a gossip column
Mooney, Dierdre	Dearie	Nuts	Flirting	Stocking Model
Moore, Anne	Ann	Gosh	Her Walk	Chorus Girl
Nardella, Louise	Lou	My goodness	Ability to sew	Dressmaker
Newton, Elmer	Elmer	O. K. Boy	Drumming	One Man Band
Ninfi, Rena	Rena	Gee	Shyness	Chamber Maid
Packer, Gertrude	Beb	Oh yea	Kidding	English Teacher
Page, Emily	Cutie	OH!	Acting	Actress
Petela, Helen	Helen	So shall it be	Love for Poetry	Poet
Reynolds, William	Bill	What do you mean	Pole Vaulting	Track Star
Shepard, Donald	Don	Gosh	Knocking over fire plugs	Speed Demon
Smith, Hazel	Smitty	Go On	Height	Air line Hostess
Sokolosky, Anna	Soko	Why	Green Sweaters	Stenographer in M. I. F.
Taconis, Jessie	Hepsie	Jeepers	Always Talking	Commercial Instructor
Tamsin, Leonard	Cupie	Get Out	Sleepy Expression	Milkman
Thompson, Harry	Harry	Yep	Studios Ways	Barber in Moscow
Tobin, William	Tobie	What the !	Baseball	Joe Demmagio II
Torello, Marie	Marie	Yes	Plumpness	Keeping a boarding house
Van Egghen, Ruth	Peanuts	Hiya Herb	Love for tall men	Latin Teacher
Ward, James	Red	Oh Yea	Red Hair	Stage Manager
Ward, Robert	Rabbit	Yea !	Crooning	Manager of an ice house in Siberia
Wasilewski, Leon	Moosemilk	Hollo Son	Chewing Gum	Successor to Wrigley Bros.
Westcott, Roger	Westie	Hey—hey	Mumblng	Undertaker
Williams, Virginia	Ginnie	Oh Gee	Ability to draw	Artist
Yusievicz, John	Johnny	Yea	Athletic Ability	Coach
Zdanovich, Evelyn	Ev	Really	Blond Locks	Jean Harlow II

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