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SCOTCH PLAINS HIGH SCHOOL
Scotch Plains, New Jersey
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Foreword

It is with deepest regret that we, the Class of ’44, leave S.P.H.S. Our hearts lighten, however, when we realize that the torch of learning, kindled here, will burn all the brighter in a dark, war torn world.
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The Student Council, which is made up of homeroom representatives and club presidents, has guided S.P.H.S. efficiently through the year. Under the guidance of Mr. Robert Adams and Mr. Raymond Perry, meetings were held in the library where all problems were discussed thoroughly until a solution was arrived upon.

The Student Council has taken care of the Point System for extra curricular activities, secured a servicemen’s honor roll, sent copies of Fanscotians to the servicemen, and many other such items. They have also helped a lot toward securing an “open house” in the high school every Friday night.

Social activities sponsored by the Council were a roller skating party at the Plainfield Academy, and a dance following a basketball game.
The Phi Sigma is composed of the fourteen seniors and the fourteen juniors who rank the highest scholastically in their respective classes. Its purpose is to promote scholastic activity. It has three committees, the most active of which is the Honor Roll Committee, whose duty is to put out the honor roll from report period to report period. There is a Host, Hostess, and Guide committee, which has been called upon in the last year, and there is the Office Help committee.
The Library Council was organized in 1942 to interest students in the school library and its operation. The members spend at least two periods a week in the library performing routine work, such as replacing books on shelves, charging books, keeping books in order and preparing books for circulation.

Meetings are held semi-monthly under the guidance of Miss Ayers, the librarian. Committees meet also to repair books, plan programs, prepare special exhibits, keep a scrapbook of local and school history, make posters, and conduct correspondence with library groups in other schools.

Senior high school students are eligible to membership, providing a good scholastic average is maintained and evidence of a real interest in books and library work is shown. One credit for a year’s membership is given. Some eighth grade students are admitted, but they receive no credit.
FANSCOTIAN

Everyone depended on the Fanscotian, which was put out every three weeks, to provide all the news concerning the school. It contained news, stories, sports, bits of humor, and interesting items about the students.

The paper can be congratulated on having won a Columbia Scholastic Press Association award in 1943 and 1944 and on having scooped all local papers on several important news events.

In March, the staff attended the convention at Columbia University, where they learned ways to improve the paper. The senior members of the staff attended the banquet given by Columbia University.
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Advisor: Bianca Federico.
The purpose of the Hi-Tri is to sponsor important projects in the high school each year in addition to promoting companionship among the girls. The project this year was running the Fourth War Loan Drive in the high school for which the girls can be highly congratulated. Boosted by a special assembly and a Hi-Tri, Hi-Y basketball game, the campaign was a huge success.

Social activities of the Hi-Tri were a backward date, a Christmas party, hike followed by a movie, and a progressive supper. A dance after a basketball game was given by the girls to raise money.
Under the guidance of Mr. Raymond Perry, the members of the Hi-Y met every other week at the Y.M.C.A. After the business of the day, they retired to the gym, the pool, or saw movies.

Their social activities this year consisted of a basketball game versus the Hi-Tri, and they co-sponsored a lecture by Paul Harris Jr. at the Plainfield Y.M.C.A. on March 1.

This organization is now open to twice as many members as formerly so that Juniors and Seniors alike may enjoy the fellowship for which the Hi-Y stands.
The Ziggity Boom Club is made up of six varsity and eight junior varsity cheerleaders. These cheerleaders have done much to promote good sportsmanship and cooperation among our student body, by always being ready to cheer our teams on to victory, and by doing much to make our pep assemblies huge successes.

Every year there is a drive for new members for both the varsity and junior varsity teams. The girls are chosen for their pep and ability to lead our student body in cheering.

This club has sponsored dances following some of the basketball games and has also sold pins in the school colors.
First Row—James Martin, William Del negro, Fred Sanguiliano.
Fourth Row—Mr. Checchio, Dorothy Ball, Don Finter, Walter Ford, Stanley Fishman, John Hull, Bill Corris, Natalie Jones.

**ORCHESTRA**

President ........................................ STANLEY FISHMAN
Vice President ................................. SUZANNE JONES
Secretary-Treasurer .......................... KATHERINE KEYES
Advisor ........................................ MR. CHECCHIO

The Scotch Plains High School Orchestra was out of the spotlight for the first half of the year because of the Christmas program at which it was to play was cancelled when school closed early. The orchestra is working hard every Monday afternoon, under the leadership of Mr. Joseph Checchio, on the music for June commencement. We are positive that it will do as fine a job this year as it has been doing every year.
Teachers and students of our school as well as citizens of Scotch Plains and Fanwood have been thrilled at hearing the martial strains of our band at the athletic games, at assemblies, and events such as the Junior play.

Much of the success of the band is due to the brilliant leadership of Mr. Joseph Checchio, graduate of New York University, who has succeeded in drawing inspired music from a group of typical high school students.
The dance band of Scotch Plains High School, the Moonglowers, is as excellent as ever. Under the leadership of Mr. Joseph Checchio, it has played at dances following our basketball games, at the barn dance, at dances after the Junior and Senior plays, between the acts at the Senior play and at assemblies.

There are about eleven members, four of whom are girls. Mr. Checchio directs the band as he plays the piano and his renditions of popular selections leave nothing to be desired. The Moonglowers have two vocalists—Florence Lestarchick and Rudy Dormaier.
Front Row—Bernice Gallagher, Noreen Kelly, Doris Thompson, Doris Finter, Dorothy Brynildsen, Marylin Corriss, Frances Russo.
Third Row—Jean Peterson, Shirley Sours, Albert Cartwright, Roland Ackerman, Jim Mehring, Aubrey Coleman, Bill Simon, Bill Corris, Ruth Genisman, Anita Hansen.
Fourth Row—Louise Christie, Vauncel Tiarks, Jacqueline Reed, Gayle Kauffman, Gloria Bellingrath, Ruth Apel, Mary Jane Coulbourn, Genevieve Cichon, Alice Gore, Barbara Webb, Rose Musumeci.

**SENIOR CHORUS**

President .............................................................. **RUDY DORMAIER**
Vice President ........................................................ **GRACE STRIDDE**
Secretary-Treasurer ............................................... **BETTY SHERIDAN**
Advisor ................................................................. **MRS. HOLT**

The Chorus, under the direction of Mrs. Holt, has been divided into two groups: a group consisting of evenly balanced boys and girls; and a larger group consisting only of girls.

The activities of this organization were a spring program, and the usual part taken by the chorus in the baccalaureate and commencement exercises.
The purpose of the Service Club, under the supervision of Miss Mingle, is to preserve order in the halls during the passing of classes, to enforce the one-way system, to keep the halls clean, and to prevent damage to the school.

The organization has been successful because its members are reliable and its principles are practiced consistently.

A Service Club member is chosen on his honor, his ability and evidence of his service to the school. To remain a member, one must maintain a high scholastic standard.
BOYS' BASKETBALL

Captain—Ed Adam
Coach—Ray Callaghan

Scotch Plains High presented a team comprised, with the exception of Captain Ed Adam, entirely of last year’s Junior Varsity squad. Starting off slowly and lacking in team coordination, the Blue Raiders registered very few victories in the first part of the campaign. However, rapidly gaining poise and experience towards the end of the season, our boys turned on the heat and upset several highly regarded opponents.

Our final record for the season ended with 6 victories and 13 defeats. Our conference showing was 3 wins and 5 losses. The high point of the season was a thrilling upset victory over Sayreville in the last few seconds. Coupled with this were victories over Harrison and Metuchen twice, and Rutgers Prep. The final standings also showed among our losses, double defeats by Dunellen, Highland Park, and Hightstown.

Our record was not particularly discouraging in view of the fact that we were faced by one of the toughest schedules to ever confront the school. A successful season is assured next year by the return of five varsity members plus the addition of several promising J.V.’s.
TRACK

Last year's track team failed to win any meets, succeeding only in beating Rahway for second place in a tri-angular meet.

This year the team is much improved and has already beaten Pingry, 55-35, and Metuchen, 68-31.

There are a number of outstanding boys on the team. Dave Winston, a junior, has consistently cleared twenty feet in the broad jump, as well as winning the dashes in both meets. Tom Williams, sophomore, runs the half-mile in fast time and promises to be a real threat to the half-milers in this district. Tom has won his run in the above meets. Ken Howell, all around field man, another sophomore, is a consistent point-getter in the pole vault, as well as the high and broad jumps, and discus. Ed Adam, junior, has been soaring over the high bar to take first place in the pole vault in each meet so far this year. Ed also has placed in the high jump, the shot put, and the javelin. Mike Sylvester, the strong man of the group, throws the discus over a hundred feet and the shot put over forty-two feet, taking first place at Pingry and Metuchen. Pete Lamscha, a junior, is a threat in the mile in all meets, coming in first at Pingry and second at Metuchen. Bill Corris, senior, and captain, is a running mate of Tom Williams in the half-mile. This year's mile relay team is composed of Dick Wilson, sophomore; Ken Howell, sophomore; Wayne Turner, sophomore; Bill Corris, senior; Tom Williams, sophomore, as alternative runner.

The team shows much promise for the future as it will be intact for two more years.


FOOTBALL TEAM

Captain—John Giardino
Coach—Mr. Remcho

The football season brought out a small but tough team which overcame a big Bernardsville eleven by the score of 7 to 0. With this to back them up, North Plainfield looked like a cinch, but North Plainfield proved to be capable, hard, and big; defeating S.P.H.S. to the tune of 25 to 0. Our team began improving and plowed through Metuchen and Highland Park with plenty of fight. A return game with North Plainfield brought out a fighting Scotch Plains team which held the visitors to a 6 to 0 score. We met Metuchen again in a good, hard, muddy game and lost 7 to 6. Following this, we played our last game of the season with Highland Park. It was a real tough, hard-fought game which brought out some startling feats from the Junior Varsity, but it ended in our defeat.

Giardino, P. Sanguiliano, Orrico, Shreve, Womack, and Winston were our Varsity backs. Sylvester, Novello, Long, Persson, J. Sanguiliano, Franklin, Thomas, Fitch, Raub, Kearney, Poling and McGowan were Varsity linemen.

The J. V. squad was composed of Dineen, Ehmann, Tittanegro, Tullo, Buckley, Dougherty, Graves, Todd, Hannon, and Angleman. Zmuda, Bruno, Clark, and Chew were the managers.
The Varsity Club started off a good year with Sabbott Orrico as President, Pete Franklin as Vice President, Jim Shreve as Secretary, and Alex Zmuda as Treasurer. The Club had a roller skating party which was very successful. The profits of this skating party will be used for letter sweaters for seniors who have been on the varsity of any team for two consecutive years.

Gifts were given to two departing seniors, Ed Fitch and Pete Franklin who have entered the service of their country.

The membership of the club has been swelled by seniors who have made the varsity in football.
For the second time in the history of Scotch Plains High School a senior class decided to have a yearbook. Under the supervision of Mr. Raymond Perry, the class immediately elected officers and organized a staff.

The staff found many difficulties to hinder their progress, such as finding time to have the pictures taken, securing a company to print the yearbook, and planning activities to raise money.

In March, after months of hard work, the Culmen was completed and ready for the presses.
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Senior Class Poem

We, the class of forty-four
Stand before the open door
Which leads us to our destiny.

We gaze into a war-dark sky
And see the lightning flashing high,
To devastate humanity.

But here in our beloved school
We have wrought a sturdy tool
With which to conquer misery.

Of high ideals and friendships strong,
Of work and play and lifting song,
Of consecrated loyalty.

And as we pause before the door,
We see beyond those clouds of war,
To a peace that glows triumphant!

Grace Lazell Hull
Seniors
LAURA KATHERINE BADOLLET
"Kay"
Editor-in-Chief of Fanscotian, Culmen Staff, Student Council, National Honor Society, Phi Sigma, Band, Hi-Tri
Kay has illustrated her capability in all of the five issues of the school paper this year. Her ready wit and sense of humor account for her cheerful nature. One of her favorite pastimes is playing boogie-woogie on the piano. This striking redhead will study journalism at college.

ANTHONY CAMPBELL
"Tony"
Basketball, Golf, Band and Orchestra
Tony is noted for his flashy shirts, colorful neckties, and ability to make baskets for the Junior Varsity Basketball Team. A member of the band, he excels in either drums or trumpet. Tony will enter the Air Corps after graduation.

BETTY CARRONA
"Betty"
Assistant Director Junior Play, Stage Manager Senior Play, Culmen Staff, Girls' A.A.
"Betty" has been an ardent athlete all through school. She has taken Basketball, Baseball and Hockey in her stride. Betty is also a very able typist and has been a diligent worker for the Culmen. Betty plans to continue her excellent secretarial work after graduation.

TERESA CARRONA
"Tre"
Girls’ A.A. Culmen Staff
"Tre," quiet and seldom heard from, has been noted for her efficiency as a typist. Teresa has been a willing typist on the Culmen Staff. Ambitious Teresa, besides working, will go to Secretarial night school next year.
EVELYN CARTWRIGHT
“Carty”
Library Council, Junior Play, Culmen Staff
“Carty” is a sweet little blonde with bright blue eyes who is always ready for a little fun. She plans to enter the Nurse Cadet Corps or the Presbyterian Hospital, for her medical training.

The distant future sees “Carty” as an airliner stewardess.

ROSE CHECCHIO
“Rose”
Culmen Staff
Rose has been, in her quiet way, a very active member of the Business Staff of the Culmen. She is the willing worker who types the Student Council minutes. She will long be remembered for her many frequent giggles. Her plans for the future are indefinite.

DORMA JEAN COLEY
“D. J.”
Senior Play
Pert and vivacious Dorma Jean delighted many with her charming performance as childish “Gloria” in the Senior Play. She will be remembered for her winsome smile that helped sell Senior Candy. Dorma sided with Bing Crosby in the famed Sinatra-Crosby feud. She is an excellent ping pong player. She plans to attend college but has not decided which one.

WILLIAM CORRIS
“Bill”
Track, Band and Orchestra, Moonglowers, Chorus
Bill, the possessor of a thatch of brilliant red hair, has a remarkable sense of humor and has been a member of the All-State Chorus for two years.

A-1 in the line of trombone playing and a 1-A member of the Air Corps, he will probably be called into the service this summer.
THOMAS DARLINGTON

"Tom"
Junior Play, Science Club

"Tom" is the boy who cruised about town in those limousines and station wagons. He was always busy working out Physics and Trig problems but he did take time out to be the outstanding "Sheriff" of the Junior Play.

LAURA DI FRANCESCO

"Peanut"
Editor of Culmen, Business Manager of Fanscotian, Sec.-Treas. Phi Sigma, Service Club, Forensic Club

Capable with a capital "C" might well be the middle name of this pert and always-on-the-go Senior. As an advocate of clothes strictly for comfort, she turns out many of her smart skirts and dresses. Next fall she will enter the Katherine Gibbs Secretarial School and later hopes to become a fashion designer.

MARIE DI FRANCESCO

"Marie"
President of Senior Class, Student Council, Phi Sigma, Secretary of General Association, Hi-Tri

Popular Marie is the first girl to be President of the Senior Class. She is also the very capable secretary of the General Association. Marie's smart clothes, neat appearance, and cheerful personality make her one of the most attractive members of the class. After graduation, she will train to become a teacher.

ADELE DE NITZIO

"Del"
Ziggity Boom Club, Culmen, Senior Play

"Del" is a boisterous and lively senior with brown curly hair, blue eyes, and an engaging smile. Her bubbling vitality and avid humor make her a pleasing person. Her specialties are: hamburgers, cokes, Clark Gable, Frank Sinatra, and doing the Rumba. She will always be remembered for her "solid" portrayal of Bummy in the Senior Play. "Del's" plans for the years following graduation include training for accountancy at Pace Institute.

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JOSEPHINE DINIZO

“Jo-Jo”
Culmen, Secretary Senior Class, Service Club

“Jo-Jo” is a petite, sporty, five-foot lass, with brown naturally wavy hair, large expressive brown eyes, and a row of freckles marching across her nose. Her infectious laugh has been heard throughout S.P.H.S. She’s a “hep” little dancer and enjoys doing the Rumba to “After Sundown.” She adores hamburgers, Major Philip Cochran (Flip Corkin), and Frank Sinatra. She has had great success in the Secretarial Course and her future lies at Washington School for Secretaries.

PATSY JEAN FALKENHAIN

“Pat”
Student Council, Band and Orchestra, National Honor Society, Phi Sigma, Forensic Club

Patsy Jean will always be synonymous with acting, the theatre, and personality plus. Never-to-be-forgotten was her excellent job of directing the Senior Play, and her super assembly programs. Versatile Pat plays the cello and gives elocution lessons in her spare time. At college she will major in Dramatics.

STANLEY FISHMAN

“Stan”
Band, Orchestra, Brass Ensemble, Fancotian, Phi Sigma, Student Council, Assistant Editor of Yearbook, Forensic

“Stan” was one of the quiet seniors whose presence was always felt. He was a staunch supporter of all class activities and served the school in many ways. “Stan” will go far with his study of medicine for he has great talent as a student and leader. He plans to take the V-12 after completing his education in S.P.H.S.

EDWIN FITCH

“Ed”
Football, Track, Student Council

The star track man of the school is Ed Fitch. Eddie has always been full of school spirit and patriotism as he wore the blue of S.P.H.S. on the gridiron and is now wearing Navy blue for Uncle Sam.
RUTH FLEMING
“Ruthie”
Fanscotti, Hi-Tri
Sweet and quiet Ruth has the distinction of having been Property Chairman for both the Junior and Senior Plays. In her gentle way, Ruth has been active on the Senior Candy Committee and the efficient treasurer of the Hi-Tri. She will attend a secretarial school.

WALTER FORD
“Walt”
Band and Orchestra, Moonglowers
The owner of a completely engaging grin, and swell sport, Walter came to us from Roselle in his sophomore year. Perfectly at home either playing the trombone or explaining Algebra problems, “Walt” was called for the Army and left in February. His presence has been missed by all.

ROBERT FRANKLIN
“Pete”
Football, Varsity Club, Track
“Pete” was the invincible one of the school eleven and at all times displayed the agility and alertness of a rabbit, though at times he was seriously hindered with a leg injury. His future lies in the hands of Uncle Sam as “Pete” wears the blue of the Navy.

BARBARA GORE
Ziggity Boom Club
Intelligent and athletic Barbara has lots of pep and energy. Her sincere and unselfish interests concerning the Senior Class were evident in the very fine job she did as chairman of the ticket committee of the Senior Roller Skating Party. Barb’s crazy about horses and has a collection of some one thousand pictures to prove her devotion. Her ambition is to become a stage-set designer.
JEANNIE GRANT

"Jeannie"
Drum Major, Culmen Staff, Service Club, Senior Play, Band and Orchestra, Hi-Tri

Petite and dainty Jeannie first won fame as a drum Majorette and winner of many twirling contests. With her sweet and winsome ways, she was the adorable "Gloria" in the Senior Play. Next September will find her majoring in Chemistry at Dickenson College.

HARMON HARTVIGSEN

"Harky"

"Harky" is carefree fellow always looking for a little fun. However, he can be helpful and has assisted the Stage Committee a great deal. He is interested in all sports and is a member of the Army Air Corps Enlisted Reserve. He will begin his training soon after graduation.

GWENDOLYN HELBIG

"Gwennie"
Ziggity Boom Club, Twirler

"Gwennie" is that vivacious blonde who was famous for her smart slack combinations this winter. She's participated in assembly programs and is the authoress of some very fine creative writing in her English class. As yet she has not decided what field of endeavor she will enter.

VILMA HEUSER

"Billie"
Student Council, Culmen Staff, Phi Sigma, Business Manager of Senior Play

Cool, calm, and collected is brown-eyed Vilma. Her genial and pleasing nature will take her far along the road to success. When Vilma graduates, S.P.H.S. will be minus a first-class student and the business world will gain an efficient secretary.
GRACE HULL
"Gracie"
Calmen
Grace is a musician to the core. She has a pleasing and delightful personality, and is also very accommodating. Grace is a wizard at composition and a skillful pianist. She yearns to be a concert pianist and to do some composing on the side.

MARIE JOHANSEN
"Recie"
Phi Sigma, Culmen Staff, Senior Play, Senior Chorus, Secretary of 12-2
That Marie is the essence of sweetness is an indisputable fact. This comely-looking, bright-eyed lass has an amiable temperament which will guarantee her success as a secretary. Her delightful and charming portrayal of Annabelle in the Senior Play will long be remembered.

SUZANNE JONES
"Suzy"
Student Council, Culmen Staff, Phi Sigma, Junior Play, Senior Play, Band and Orchestra (1, 2, 3, 4) Hi-Tri
The peppy and vivacious horn-blowing blonde of the class is "Suzy." Full of fun and spirit, she was always the spark-plug of the senior table in the cafeteria. In the fall, Suzanne will enter Oberlin where she will study music.

PATRICIA JORDAN
"Swish"
Vice-president of the Senior Class, Fanscotian, Phi Sigma, Senior Play, Service Club, Band and Orchestra, Hi-Tri
"Swish" was an energetic member of the knitting brigade and the service club. She gave a lovely performance in the Senior Play as "Myra" and it is no wonder, as she portrayed a sweet young lady.
JOAN KAUFFMAN

"Jo"
Library Council, Culmen Staff

Here is the quiet half of the Kauffman-Helbig twosome. Pretty as a picture with dark hair and a peaches-and-cream complexion is Joan. She is to be commended for her fine cooperation with all organizations in all events by "lending a helping hand" when it came to art work.

DICKINSON KEARNEY

"Dick"
Student Council, Varsity Club, Service Club, Culmen, Senior Play, Football, Track

"Laugh and the world laughs with you" might well be Dick's motto. This amicable and witty Senior has been an active participant in sports and the very capable President of the Service Club. Upon graduation his aspiration is the "Navy V-12," specializing in Chemical Engineering.

KATHERINE KEYES

"Kitty"
Phi Sigma, Junior Play, Senior Chorus, Band and Orchestra

Individual and attractive Kitty is a superb stylist at the piano. Some day Kitty will break records at Carnegie Hall and until that day she intends to work hard to attain that end. Her possibilities are great and her frank and open manner should insure her success.

JEANNE MARIE LEMAL

"Jeannie"
Junior Play, Senior Play, Student Council, Fanscotian, President of the Phi Sigma, President of the Library Council and President of the Ziggity Boom Club

This lively and lovely young lady is one of the prettiest brunettes who graces the hall of our Alma Mater. She has always worked for the school with sincerity of purpose. September will find her enrolled in Ohio Wesleyan.
BETTY LOEFFLER
Fanscoting, Culmen, Hi-Tri
Strictly "on-the-beam" Loeffler has been the life of many a party with her wit. Betty's skill as an amateur photographer is evident in the year book, and her talent in art work is evident in the Fanscoting. She plans to attend a school for photography. 

SUZANNE LOMENCH
"Sue"
Fanscoting, Culmen, Senior Activities Committee
Vivacious and attractive "Sue" is often envied for her beautiful hair. Cheerfulness and neatness are her typical characteristics. Her wit and sense of humor constitute an amiable nature which will guarantee her success throughout college and later life.

ROBERT LONG
"Red"
Varsity Club, Football Team, Basketball
Bob's one of the fellows who represents S.P.H.S. out on the gridiron. One look at him will tell you that nickname is appropriate. If perchance someday you see someone with a "crew cut" that has red hair, and doing some fancy and daring things on a motorcycle, the odds are one to a hundred it's Bob.

VERNON MAC NEIL
"Vernie"
"Vernie" is the breakfast food expert of the class, having tried every cereal on the market, and to date his favorite morning meal consists of one candy bar. He holds unusual preference for math and is a whiz at figuring out the complicated problems confronting him therein.
ROBERT MALLENDER

“Bob”
Baseball, Basketball, Band and Orchestra, Moonglowers

Bob is a businessman when it comes to “cars” and a hep-cat when it comes to the “drivers.” He’s full of fun and has a personality which brightens up all occasions.

CAROL McMANUS

Junior and Senior Chorus, Student Council, Culmen Staff

The sparkler on her finger accounts for that sparkle in her eye. The mention of Carol’s name will always evoke a memory of lovely long tresses and a modest and tranquil nature. She ventures a secret ambition to become a pilot but intends to reconcile with the inevitable and become a secretary.

RICHARD MEYER

“Dick”
Library Council

All those who know Dick will tell you he’s very obliging, witty and good-humored. The members of the student body will always remember his magnificent purchase of a thousand dollar bond during the fourth war loan drive in the school. Dick has a fondness for trigonometry and farming.

JOYCE MONTAGNE

“Joy”
Vice President Library Council, Culmen Staff

Joyce is the attractive dark-haired young lady who will always be remembered for her smart clothes and bright red fingernails. She plans to train for a secretarial career at Katherine Gibbs.
RUTH NAUL
"Ruth"
Managing Editor of Fanscotian, Calmen Staff, Service Club, Hi-Tri

A sociable, accommodating, and good-humored member of the student body is Ruth. As a part of the Service Club she enforces the one-way traffic system, and as a part of the Fanscotian Staff she performs a real service to the school. She will further her education at Middlebury College where she will pursue a study of languages.

AMELIA NOVELLO
"Millie"
Girls' Athletic Association, Fanscotian Staff, Hi-Tri

Neat and sweet are the most appropriate words to describe this member of the Senior Class. She ranks tops as a meticulous and fastidious dresser and is of a spirited and yet dependable nature. Millie will devote her time after graduation to make-up women-kind more pleasing to mankind, that is she will study beautetics.

MAURO NOVELLO
"Senator"
Football, Varsity Club, Service Club, Hi-Y

Not the quietest member of the Senior Class, "Senator" was the "spark plug" and "sweater boy" of the class of '44. He's the proud possessor of a beautiful crop of black wavy hair and a football record anyone would envy.

SABBOTT ORRICO
"Sab"
Student Council, Varsity Club, Football, Basketball, Track, Hi-Y

Sabbott has taken an active part in school affairs throughout high school. He was the very competent President of our class for two years and has excelled in the field of sports. Cruising around in a black, red, and yellow Ford, Sabbott has enjoyed life.

After high school he will join the Army Air Corps for active duty.
WINIFRED PANGBORN  
"Pattie"  
Culmen Staff Typist  
Blonde and full of rhythm is Pattie. She could walk off with a number of prizes if she entered the "Harvest Moon Ball" contests. Upon graduation Pat will enter the business world as a secretary.

CYRIL POLING  
"Bud"  
Vice President of Sophomore Class, President of Student Council, Varsity Club, Service Club, Baseball, Football, Basketball, Senior Play, Hi-Y  
Throughout high school "Bud" has always accepted the opportunities and obligations of the school enthusiastically. A ready wit and a pleasant disposition account for the popularity of this all-around athlete. He intends to enter Colby University in the Fall.

KATHLEEN POLING  
"Kathy"  
Service Club, Hi-Tri  
Kathy, the quiet girl with the lovely smile, came to S.P.H.S. in her Junior year. Due to her pleasing personality and charming manner, she has become popular with both students and teachers. After graduation she will attend Rider's College.

ELIZABETH PUCHEL  
"Betty"  
Varsity Cheerleader, Ziggity Boom Club, Culmen Staff  
Peppy Betty Puchel is one of our six Varsity Cheerleaders. Dancing is her favorite diversion. She is enrolled in the Secretarial course and intends to study beautetics.
WILLIAM RAUB

“Bill”
Football, Varsity Club, Junior Play, in charge of P. A. System
Interested in mechanics, aeronautics, and engineering, Bill has demonstrated his ability to excell in all fields. Friendly and easy going, he will be remembered as the mysterious “Professor” in the Junior Play, and as the charging right tackle of this year’s Varsity Football Team.

GERTRUDE ROCHFORD

“Trudy”
Girls’ Athletic Association
Dark, slim, and pretty as a picture is “Trudy.” She has a quick wit and is always ready for fun. “Trudy” plans, after graduation, to become a private switchboard operator. With her voice, success is assured.

FRANCES RUSSO

“Fran”
Senior Chorus
That girl with the charming contralto voice is none other than Frances Russo. Music is her number one hobby, and after graduation she will take up voice.

PAULINE ST. GEORGE

“Polly”
Junior Play, Senior Play, Service Club, Culmen Staff, Student Council, Band and Orchestra, Hi-Tin
Blonde, attractive, and talented “Polly” has made history with that sweet trumpet. She plays and adds sparkle to the Moon-glowers. Her future plans include college and teaching.
ANTOINETTE SANGUILIANO

"Toni"

Culmen, Girls' A. A., Fanscotian

"Toni" was an ambitious typist as she faithfully served the Fanscotian and the Culmen. Her long neat curls insure her success in her chosen field of beautetics.

JOHN SANGUILIANO

"Sange"

Football, Vice Pres., General Assembly, Senior and Junior Plays

"Sange," the ideal of every girl, is tall, handsome and has an infectious grin. John will always be remembered for his splendid performances in both class plays, and for his personality plus. Johnny's plans for the future are indefinite but he plans to work immediately after graduation.

LORRAINE SARACE

"Rae"

Culmen, Hi-Tri, Prompter for Senior Play

Vivacious "Rae" has a sparkling smile. She's slightly daffy about banana shortcake and Artie Shaw's "Dancing in the Dark." It is her ambition to become an interpreter at Spanish-American conferences, meeting famous diplomats and great international figures.

RUTH SAUNDERS

"Sandy"

Student Council, Culmen Staff, Twirler, President of Hi-Tri, Prompter for Senior Play

That right combination of blonde hair, blue eyes, is popular Sandy. Don't let her size fool you because when it comes to deviltry, you'll find an extra big dose in her. She hopes to attend a school for nursing.
WARREN SEABON
“Seabon”
Culmen Staff, Track

“Seabon” ranks tops among the jitterbugs in S.P.H.S. and was an active member of the “Culmen” sports staff. He has been on the track team for two years and after graduation he will join the Coast Guard.

MADELINE TOMICK
Phi Sigma

Madeline is an adorable and admirable blonde with a Pennsylvania accent. In her Junior year, she came to our Alma Mater, and her sociable and good-humored disposition won her many friends. Having been bitten by the bug of ambition, she has spent a good deal of her spare time working. After graduation she intends to do office work.

EDWARD WARSETSKEY
“Ed”
Business Manager of Culmen, Phi Sigma, Service Club, Senior Class Treasurer

Despite quiet and tranquil nature, Ed loves red-hot music. He is interested in sports and is a dependable and hard-working student. Well qualified personally for any job he chooses to undertake, he is interested in becoming an electrical engineer.

RUTH WASSMANN
“Ruth”
Art Editor of Fanscotian, Service Club, Phi Sigma, Hi-Tri

Ruth has proven her talent as an artist as chairman of the decorations committee for the Junior Prom and as chairman of publicity for the Senior Carnival. She has attained a high scholastic record throughout high school and her favorite subject is Trigonometry. As yet, she has no definite plans for the future.
LUCILLE WEBSTER

“Lucy”

Fanctonian, Culmen, National Honor Society, Phi Sigma,
Senior Play, Hi-Tri

Throughout her four years of high school, Lucille has received
very high marks; in fact she now ranks highest scholastically
in the Senior Class. She has very graciously lent her talented
hand at art when it came to publicity. She will attend after
graduation, Miami University, Ohio.

HARRY WHITEHEAD

“Harry”

This “little Galileo” has a remarkably keen sense of humor.
Words are wholly inadequate to describe this fellow’s unusual
talent in Physics, Electricity, Radio and all branches of mathem-
atics, so he’ll have to be satisfied when we say he’s scientifi-
cally inclined. If inducted into the Army, Harry would like
to get into the Signal Corps.

ALEX ZMUDA

“Axel”

Football Manager, Golf Team, Varsity Basketball Team

“Axel” is a cheerful, cooperative fellow always willing to help
you in any way he can. He has always been interested in sports
and is on the varsity basketball and golf teams. Alex will spend
his immediate future in the Army Air Corps.
CLASS HISTORY

By Kay Badollet

Once upon a time there were one hundred and twelve little New Jersey ducklings. Some were fat. Some were thin. All were scared. They were little ducks in a big puddle. They were in seventh grade.

It was very noisy. Hammers and drills went tap, tap, tap, drill, drill, drill. Lessons were like water on a duck's back.

The next year they moved into the new ad-di-tion. They waddled happily down the huge halls. In June the duckies paddled through the class play, "Ship Forever Sailing." Then they were given their diplomas. They were freshmen!

With lots of flapping of wings, the ducklings chose Herby Lambertson (who could quack very loudly) to lead them. Latin and history didn't seem like "duck soup," but it was fun stepping on each other's feet at the Junior High Dancing Club.

As sophomores, the ducklings became hep to the jive. At a September blow-out they screamed for Sabbott Orrico to be president, and Bud Poling to be v.p. The Sophomore Hop was a solid session, but definitely! In zoot suits and keen jeans the chics (I mean ducks) jived to the hot licks of the Twinsters in the "Barn" which looked too utterly utter with hay, horses, a cow, and a swoon moon.

The junior year was really ZOWIE! The joint started jumpin' when Sabbott Orrico and Bob Liana became class president and vice-president. In October the wolves and wolverines jammed the Skating Academy to make the skating party a snorking success. But the super-colossal extravaganza was the Junior Play, "Ghost Wanted," which was sheer MUR-DER!! A magnitude multitude packed the auditorium to see Jeanne Lemal, Johnnie Sang, and assorted creepy characters such as Pat Falkenhain as the lady who liked spiders. But actually!

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We, the class of 1944, being of sound mind and with a strong sense of responsibility to posterity in that our imperishable gifts should be properly bequeathed to our less fortunate successors, who, nevertheless, with great effort and good fortune may become worthy upholders of the torch of knowledge, do hereby present our Last Will and Testament in order that the disposition of our unparalleled attributes may be properly known to all who wish to share them.

To the faculty we leave:
First:—the remembrance of the last looks on our beautiful faces on the day of parting.
Second:—the satisfaction of having taught us at least one thing—that the beginning of knowledge is knowledge that we know nothing at all.

To Mr. Adams we leave a record of excuses whose number and variety will never be surpassed.

To Miss Higgins we leave a spirit of resignation for the violence we have done to Shakespeare and his literary cronies.

To Mr. Burd we leave a pocket dictionary containing "a few well chosen words."

To Mr. Perry we leave some soundproof walls for use during those periods when the students of instrumental music are practicing overhead.

To Mr. Clark we leave the right to serve succeeding classes as a radical exponent of the higher powers of mathematics.

To Miss Pitcher we leave the right to use capital punishment on all students who do not use French during her French classes.

To Mr. Gutknecht we leave some alchemists' formulae for unbreakable glass, unspoilable experiments, and unflunkable students.

To Mr. Remcho we leave the eminently befitting name, "Fuzzy Wuzzy," derived from the following passage of sanskrit:
Fuzzy Wuzzy was a bear;
Fuzzy Wuzzy had no hair.
Fuzzy Wuzzy wasn't fuzzy—was he?

To Mrs. Stocker we leave a saddle for Jim Nazium to put on Charlie Horse.

To Mr. Callaghan we leave a hydraulic jack with which to boost the percentage of season ticket sales.

To Mr. Adkins we leave the credit side of the ledger for his service to our class.

To Mr. Checchio we leave a debt for musical appreciation which can only be payed by note.

To the succeeding class we leave:
First:—the record of our class to refute the statement that high school bred is a four-year loaf.
Second:—the privilege of ascending the senior stairs majestically rather than clandestinely.
Third:—a stratosphere balloon for all of those who wish to reach our marks.

To the trophy case we leave a suitable container in which the wisdom of the departing senior class may be seen and admired by all future classes—one small pill bottle and a magnifying glass.

Wherefore be it known by all these presents that the class of '44 makes the foregoing bequests with humbleness for the advantages we have received; with pride in our accomplishments; with the hope that these bequests may be appreciated, and with the assurance that whether or not they are indispensable, they are certainly unique.

JEANNE MARIE LEMAL, Testator
For the first time in the history of Scotch Plains High School a student directed the Senior Play. Patsy Jean Falkenhain, senior, assisted by Miss E. Higgins, directed “The Ugly Duckling” which was presented two nights to a full auditorium.

Suzanne Jones as “Pat” the heroine, Johnny Sanguiliano as “Freddy” her he-man hero both gave swell performances. Adele De Nitzio will never be forgotten for her characterization of “Bummy,” Pat’s boisterous, loyal friend. Jeannie Grant and Dorma Jean Coley each played Gloria, Pat’s sister for one night, both doing the part excellently. The Senior Class appreciates the work done by all to make the play the great success it was. The rest of the cast, including: “Bud” Poling as “Al”; Pat Jordan as “Myra”; Marie Johanson as “Annabel”; Lucille Webster as “Rosie”; Pauline St. George as “Florence”; Mauro Novello as “Murphy”; Dick Kearny as “Tom”; and Jeanne Marie Lemal as “Vicky” all gave memorable performances.
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