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THE CULMEN

SCOTCH PLAINS HIGH SCHOOL
Scotch Plains
New Jersey
Dedication

To Miss Pitcher, counselor and friend, whose invaluable aid, patient guidance, and unstinted generosity with her precious time have been the deciding factors in the financing of this year's activities.
HONOR ROLL

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There are many nostalgic partings in one's lifetime but perhaps the saddest one of all is the bidding goodbye to old school friends and opening the door on a world of new responsibilities and uncertain futures. Graduation, it is true, is only the beginning; but it is also, in a sense, the beginning of an end—the end of a decade or so of wonderful experiences. To all those coming after us we leave a portion of our memories; the rest we will carry with us always.
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Organizations
This Year's Student Council, meeting every two weeks in the library under the guidance of Mr. Robert Adams and Mr. Raymond Perry, successfully directed S. P. H. S through another eventful school year.

Once again S. P. H. S. sent its representatives to the state Student Council meeting at N. J. C. in New Brunswick. Later various members who visited the panel discussions held there gave brief summaries before the Junior and Senior High assemblies.

For the first year the Council's main source of income, the roller skating parties held at the Plainfield Academy, was cut off. Because of this a campaign for waste paper collection was instigated by the Council with the result of $13.00 a ton being donated to the school.

The Student Council also took a forward step in the direction of inter-school relationship by holding exchange assemblies with neighboring schools.

Using the money left by last year's senior class, the Council purchased a new motion picture machine and a new screen.

By vote of the governing body a code of good sportsmanship and cooperation perpetrated by Mr. Perry was adopted by the school.
Library Council

President: Virginia Stern
Vice President: Bill Pearce
Secretary: Marion Macaulay
Treasurer: Peggy Sorge
Advisor: Miss A. L. Ayers

In 1942 the Library Council was organized to promote interest in the library. For over a year it has been serving the students of the school under the guidance of Miss Ayers, our librarian.

Some of the duties of the Library Council members are to keep the library attractively decorated and the books correctly arranged, to attend to the circulation of books and the collection of fines, and to prepare magazines for the shelves. This year the Council has held conferences with library groups from other schools, has had parties, and has given an assembly program for the school.

Meetings of the Library Council are held once every two weeks. Each member must attend the meetings and also serve in the library for at least two periods a week. For satisfactory work a member receives one credit at the end of the year.
Third Row—Ruth Grison, Susan Goudy, Bette Young, Barbara Lea, Virginia Stern, Margaret Baker, Gretchen Dinkle, Dorothy Ball, Mr. Gutknecht.
Second Row—Laura Ferrara, Rose Musumeci, Jane Poliseo, Emma Di Nizo, Mildred Mattos, Bette Sheridan, Lois Williamson.
First Row—Charlotte Stern, Peggy Sorge, Shirley Seaborn, Jean Peterson, Betty Newman.

PHI SIGMA

President ................................................ EMMA DI NIZO  
Vice President ........................................... JANE POLISEO  
Secretary-Treasurer ................................. MILDRED MATTOX  
Advisor ................................................... MR. H. GUTKNECHT

THE HONOR SOCIETY is known as Phi Sigma (φΣ), these being the Greek initials of the Philomathean Society, and consists of the twelve seniors and the twelve juniors ranking highest scholastically in their classes. If there happens to be a tie for the twelfth place all the students in the tie are included in the society.

Not a money-making organization, Phi Sigma is concerned primarily with raising the scholastic standards of the school. One function of the club is the Honor Roll which is computed and distributed after each marking period.

Phi Sigma meets about once a month with Mr. Gutknecht acting as advisor. One of the highlights of the year was the Faculty Tea which club members attended.
The Service Club consists of those seniors and juniors considered especially dependable and efficient. The members must maintain high scholastic averages to remain in the club. They have loyally served our school by maintaining order and directing and handling the “one-way” traffic system.

Under the guidance of Miss Mingle, the club's advisor, the Service Club sponsored a dance following a basketball game.
THE VARSITY Club of Scotch Plains High was organized in the fall of 1941. The purpose of this club is to present awards to the senior members of the club who have earned a varsity award two years in succession in any sport sponsored by the Boys' Athletic Association. These awards, either sweaters or gold charms, will be presented the boys at the award assembly in June by the club advisor, Mr. V. Remcho, football coach.

The boys this year that are eligible for these awards are as follows: Mike Sylvester, gold football; Peter Lamscha, gold track shoe; Dave Winston, gold football; Ray Angle, gold football; Jim Shreve, gold football; Bob Long, gold football; Steele Andrews, gold track shoe; Charlie Persson, leather suitcase; and Jack Todd, gold basketball.
The birth of our club, Los Majaderos, came with the arrival of our new Spanish teacher, Senorita Alonso. The literal translation of Los Majaderos, in case you were wondering, is “blockheads.”

The purpose of the club is to create a better understanding of the customs and habits of our Spanish-speaking Latin American neighbors. In order to spread this idea throughout the school, Los Majaderos presented a Latin American program on April 12, Pan American Day. However, all our time is not taken up with studying and speaking Spanish. Los Majaderos started off the school year with the first big dance. To add to the enjoyment of the members and friends, Senorita Alonso invited a few entertainers from Russell Sage College. Few people will forget the samba as danced by two of them. There was also a Christmas party given by the members.

It is our hope that the Spanish Club will continue to grow and spread its ideals throughout the school.
SCIENCE CLUB

President .................. HARRY WAIN  Vice President ............... DAVID LANSING
Secretary .................. WAYNE TURNER  Advisor .................. MR. H. GUTKNECHT

Under the guidance of Mr. Gutknecht, the Science Club was again organized for 1944-45.

The first meeting was for the purposes of electing officers and deciding upon the aims of the club for the year. The aims are to promote scientific thought and reasoning and to further scientific interests.

The members of the club were interested in the distillation of crude oil. Mr. Lansing of Esso Laboratories spoke to the club about the refining of oil and its products.

Other experiments that were conducted by the club were the tests for alkali content of well-known brands of soap. Tests were made on vinegar to determine the percentage of acetic acid present.
The Girls' Athletic Association was organized to promote good will and sportsmanship, and to afford a chance for all senior high school girls interested in sports to play those games which they liked best.

The basketball season was especially popular. The girls played Dunellen, North Plainfield, Bound Brook, Rahway and Regional. Other sports participated in included: swimming, archery and softball, while at the gym exhibit the Association demonstrated various exercises.

The dues collected this year went toward buying new equipment and Girls' A. A. awards.
First Row—Jacqueline Miller, Jane Sylvan, Gretchen Dinkel, J. V. Captain; Ceverena Fitch, Joan Duplin, Doris Thompson, Dorothy Cowell.
Second Row—Bette Sheridan, Varsity Captain; Mildred Mattos, Virginia Stern, Genevieve Cichon, Florence Lestarchick, Greta Albert.

ZIGGITY BOOM CLUB

The Ziggity Boom Club is composed of the Varsity and Junior Varsity Cheerleading squads. The object of the club is to promote a democratic spirit of cooperation, good sportsmanship, loyalty, and service to the school, through the student body, by efficient cheerleading.

The activities of the club this year consisted of a dance after a basketball game, the "Soc" Dance, and their annual trip to New York in June, their gift to themselves to celebrate and bid farewell to another successful year.
Hi-Tri, besides being a world of fun, has served two other purposes. First and foremost, it has created a friendly companionship among its twenty-seven members; secondly, this organization sponsors at least one important project each year for the high school. This year the girls sponsored the Sixth War Loan Drive and set as their goal, a $3,000 "Flying Jeep." The club can be highly congratulated, for the goal was surpassed. The girls have also done some knitting for the Junior Red Cross.

Social activities included a backward date, a trip to New York, a Christmas party, several hikes and the annual banquet.

Miss Catharine Mingle, club advisor, was assisted by Miss Gloria Alonso.
Third Row—Charles Orrico, Carl Schuler, Shirley Montagne, Peggy Schuler, Marilyn Sours, Claire Smith, Nancy Coulbourn, Genevieve Cichon, Alvera Ludwig, Ray Angle, Jack Cowan.
Second Row—Lois Williamson, Jeanne Garabrant, Barbara Lea, Gretchen Dinkel, Sada Thompson, Susan Goudy, Mrs. Dell'Isola, Charlotte Stern, Roberta Reid, Betty Vroom.
First Row—Eleanor Pengelski, Hulda Ronn, Jean Peterson, Annalou Todd, Margaret Baker, Gertrude Kitsz, Betty Young, James Shreve.

THE FANSCOTIAN

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Once again this year the staff put out a special edition of The Fanscotian on the very first day of school and came through with the full twelve issues. Besides covering the news around school and occasionally "scooping" everyone, The Fanscotian produced several memorable features such as "The Miss Scotch Plains High School" contest, Don D'Amato's "The Dream," Honeylou Todd's "Way Back When," and Jim Shreve's "In The Sportlight."

The staff had a big disappointment this year when the Columbia Scholastic Press Conference was called off. However, the senior members were given a dinner by the staff to take the place of the annual banquet given by Columbia University. The paper can be congratulated on having won a Scholastic Press Award for the past ten years.
Early in September the class of 1945 decided that their project should be a yearbook, the third in the history of Scotch Plains High School. The staff was organized immediately and began work under the guidance of Mr. Raymond Perry.

From the beginning the workers on the yearbook encountered numerous obstacles to the Culmen’s successful completion, namely: publishing difficulties, the staff’s financial problems, and the activities which prevented students from giving full cooperation. Finally, in March, the yearbook went to press and the editors to a sanatorium.
Top Row—Henry Donatelli, Mr. Checchio, John Hull, Eaton Rockwell, Phil Di Quello, Fred Sanguiliano, Bill Delnegro.


Third Row—Roddy Rau, Doris Borrow, Eleanor Pengelski, Dorothy Ball, Betty Ann Hill, Beryl Angleman, Joan Elsener, Jane Colville, Donald Dexter, David Di Fabio, Dorothy Webster.

Kneeling—Bob De Nitrio, Herbert Gardner.

BAND

President             JOHN HULL  Secretary-Treasurer  Lois Archbold
Vice President        BILL DELNEGRO  Advisor          Mr. J. Checchio

The Scotch Plains High School Band turned out its usual fine performances this past year. Composed of many musically inclined pupils and under the superb direction of Mr. Joseph Checchio, it is always ready when called upon—and the calls are many. Heard at various town events as well as in football games, pep assemblies and other school programs, the band, though under-estimated by some, has done an excellent job.
The members of the Scotch Plains High School Orchestra were busy during the first half of the year preparing new music for the annual Spring Concert, commencement, and other school activities. The orchestra participated in the Christmas program this year, at which time it played a potpourri arranged by Mr. Checchio and also accompanied the Chorus in several numbers.

Several new members have joined the orchestra this year and some of the older ones are hoping to qualify for All State Orchestra.

Under the fine leadership of Mr. Joseph Checchio, the orchestra has enjoyed an unusually good year.
THE MOONGLOWERS, our school's popular band, has been most successful this year under the fine direction of Mr. Checchio and with the excellent ensemble work of all the members. They played for numerous assembly programs, for many dances after home sports events, and at various other programs. They are always acclaimed by the school for whatever they participate in and have steadily progressed throughout the academic year. The vocalists with the band are Florence Lestarchick and Rudy Dormaier.
This year, for the first time, a separate boys' chorus was organized, in addition to the girls' chorus. Both were under the direction of Mrs. Holt. This meant doing a new type of work, but both choruses were successful in their first year.

At Christmas the girls gave an assembly program, while the boys caroled in the halls. Their greatest undertaking, however, was their spring program at which they entertained an enthusiastic audience with a varied selection of well-known numbers, including the combined boys' and girls' choruses. The climax of their year was the fine performance at both the baccalaureate and commencement exercises.
Sports
FOOTBALL

Last Row—Asst. Coach Limoli, Eugene Clark, Herbert Buckley, Clyde Baver, Laurence Zampella, Arthur Hyman, Roland Ackerman, Bill Peters, Coach Remcho.


MEMBERS OF VARSITY

Mike Sylvester       Jack Todd       Pete McDede  
Charles Persson      Dick Wilson     Pete Lamscha  
Jim Shreve           Bob Long        Leigh Thomas   
Howard Graves        Ken Howell      Tony Titianegro    
Paul Sanguiliano     Ray Angle       Preston Ehmann  
Bill Simon            Dave Winston  Don D’Amato   
Gaylon McGowan

Senior Certificate, Jack Dineen, U.S.N.  
Varsity Manager, Herbert Buckley  
Assistant Managers  
Jim Stonehill         John Bruno     Eugene Clark  
Pete DiLio

THE FOOTBALL TEAM that Coach Vince Remcho put on the field this year for Scotch Plains High School was one of the finest, producing more points than any other gridders ever to represent S. P. H. S. Ending up with an excellent record of five victories and three defeats, this team will be long remembered by all.

In the opening tilt with Metuchen on the new field our boys banged out a 20-2 victory. Gaylon McGowan, sturdy guard, christened the new field with a 40 yard run for the initial touchdown after he picked up a fumble in first period.

The jinx which haunts Remcho’s eleven at North Plainfield still supplied discouragement as we were downed 12-0 in a sloppily played game.

In the third game a good Bernardsville crew nosed out Scotch Plains by a point, 13-12. This was a tough game to lose. Snapping back with revenge our Plainers mauled Rutgers Prep 60-0 which set a record in the scoring column for S. P. H. S. Renewing our athletic relations with North Arlington seemed to be a smart move. Traveling to North Jersey to meet the Vikings on the gridiron, our boys displayed a smooth brand of generalship as they eked out a 14-13 decision.

The next tussle was the one everybody in the area wanted to win for Scotch Plains—Highland Park, our bitter rivals. In a tough hard fought game that everyone enjoyed, the Owls came out on top 9-6. Highland Park, a sectional state championship team, admitted we were their stiffest opponents. The Little Five Conference championship was also decided in this game.

Another Conference game with Sayreville followed the Owl game, and Scotch Plains bounced back by trouncing the Bombers from South Jersey 27-0.

The final Turkey Day game pitted our highly praised boys against the Harrison team from Newark. It ended up in a field day, with the Plainers winning 46-0.

Our Blue Raiders were the third highest scoring team in Union County with 184 points, and also, were the only team in the history of Scotch Plains High School to reach 184 points. We placed three boys on the all-state selections. Jim Shreve earned a Group I first team berth, while Jack Todd placed on the second. Bob Long, dynamic tackle, made honorable mention.
THIS YEAR'S basketball squad was coached by Mr. Raymond Callaghan, who has done such a fine job for the past two years.

Returning this year were seven letter-men: Ray Maggs, Ray Angle, Jim Shreve, Jack Todd, Paul Sanguiliano, and Mike Sylvester. Other standout performers were Ray Clark, Dave Winston, Ken Howell, and Steele Andrews. At the start of the season, a two-team system was used which proved most successful although this plan was discontinued because of injuries, illness, etc. which weakened one team or the other.

This outfit proved to be one of the highest scoring quintets in Plainer history, setting new scoring records. The first record was the 63-36 shellacking we gave to Harrison. We tied this record in the 63-33 victory scored over Metuchen. The third record was an individual honor which went to Ray Maggs, who scored 34 points to eclipse the old record by fifteen points. He also broke the all-season individual scoring record with his 200 points. With an eighteen game schedule on tap, and thirteen out of fifteen games already on the winning side of the ledger, we are fighting for first place in the Little Five Conference and have a chance to enter the state tournament. This year's schedule consisted of many old rivals and some new high schools, two games being played with each of the following schools: Dunellen, Highland Park, Summit, Oratory Prep, Sayreville, Jamesburg, North Arlington, Metuchen, and the Alumni. A single game was played with Rutgers Prep.
The 1943-1944 track team completed a rather successful season.

Dual wins over Rahway, Pingrey, Metuchen and Highland Park and one loss to North Plainfield showed the team had consistency. However, in the Tri-Conference Meet, several of the boys fell down miserably giving us a second place instead of the anticipated first.

The quarter milers traveled to Philadelphia to take part in the Penn Relays. The team made up entirely of Sophomores came in fifth giving a good account of themselves.

In the State Meet held at Montclair, the boys really did themselves honor in sharing fifth place with North Arlington.

Both Mike Sylvester and Jack Todd put Scotch Plains way out in front in the first two events, taking first place in the discus and javelin throw respectively. With no hurdle entrees and a slip up in the broad jump, our lead was overtaken by mid-afternoon.

A fine half mile run by Tom Williams gave us a second place in that event. Ed Adams took fifth place in the pole vault with Dave Winston doing the same in the 100 yard dash.

All the boys except Ed Adams, Sabbot Orrico, Bill Corris and Warren Seabon will carry the blue and white for this year's track team and another good showing is anticipated.
LAST YEAR twelve boys answered the call for candidates, five being seventh graders. These small boys dropped out before the qualifying round.

The season ran as any other season finishing up three wins, seven losses and one tie.

The squad was composed of the following boys: Alex Zmuda, Edward McCrea, Tony Campbell, Arthur Brien, Robert Mardo, Larry Palmer, Substitute—Lindley Church.

Varsity awards were made to all except Church, who received a J. V. letter. McCrea was given a gold golf charm, since he was the team's captain.

Zmuda and Campbell were lost due to graduation, but likely material is coming up, if the military doesn't interfere.

There was nothing outstanding about the 1944 season. Zmuda improved, and Campbell, who joined up after a late start, was a very valuable addition. The group of friendly, congenial boys composing the team enjoyed playing golf together.
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Zmuda improved, and will be a valuable addition. The team loved playing golf to-
CLASS SONG

To be sung to the tune of Londonerry Air

Sometimes we wonder why we have to leave so soon,
We'll miss you so, for we will hate to go.
And as we leave, we'll carry all our thoughts with us,
The thoughts of proms and plays and classroom fun.

Oh! Scotch Plains High, we always will remember you,
For you will represent our passing years.
Our teachers who have helped to teach us all we know,
Deserve the praise and many thanks we now extend.

And as we leave, the tears are gently falling,
Those cherished days we know will linger on,
Though we may wander many miles away from home,
Into a world so different from our own.

And now that our last year is at an ending,
We say goodbye to teachers, books, and friends.
Oh! Scotch Plains High, our love for you will never die,
We leave you now and bid you all a fond farewell.

By Bettie Corris, Laura Ferrara, Jackie Martin, Emma DiNizo,
Helena Sanguiliano
Seniors
SENIOR OFFICERS

Peter Lamscha
President

Doris Morgan
Secretary

Jean Peterson
Vice-President

Laura Ferrara
Treasurer

Miss Edith Higgins
Chairman of Senior Advisors

Miss Edith Pitcher
Senior Advisor

Mr. Raymond Perry
Senior Advisor
RICHARD ABBIATE
"Dick"
Navy
Full of fun and always the life of any party, "Dick" is entertaining, enthusiastic, and easy-going. His average tastes include a real fondness for his Mom's potato salad, the sweet trumpet of Harry James, and in the line of sports—swimming and tennis. He wants to continue his education after the war, despite the fact that he left school during the academic year to join the Navy. Since he has a great talent for interior decorating, he plans to enter this field in the future.

STEELE ANDREWS
"S.A."
Varsity Club, Basketball, Track, Junior Play, Vice President of the General Association, Boys' A.A.
Tall, rangy, and handsome, with subtle wit and very nice blue eyes, Steele is an attractive and intelligent addition to our list of promising young males. A good student, a dependable worker, and a lad full of initiative, Steele has all the qualities which insure future success. After graduation he will attend Rensselaer Polytechnical Institute to prepare for a career as an aeronautical engineer. With such a grand personality he should go far.

RAYMOND ANGLE
"Ray"
Football, Basketball, Varsity Club, Fansectian, Student Council, Culmex, Baseball, Service Club, Boys' A.A.
Well known for his infectious grin and dark good looks, Ray is one of our most popular boys. He has a warm personality, gay charm, and a good analytical mind. A very fine athlete, he excels in basketball and baseball. Despite his preference for brunette women his film favorite is Ginger Rogers. In the musical field he likes the suave arrangements of Artie Shaw, and in the culinary department meatloaf hits the spot. Ray hopes to attend college in preparation for a career as a Forest Ranger.

RUTH APEL
"Ruthie"
Senior Chorus, Girls' A.A., Red Cross
"Ruthie" is a tall, sweet blonde whose quiet efficiency and placid unruffled nature have endeared her to many. She is a capable and dainty seamstress and she dislikes conceited or jealous people, an understandable peeve since she is far from either. Ruth has a fondness for roast chicken and Bing Crosby and is an ardent flicker fan of John Payne. On graduating, she plans to enter college or business school and then wishes to enter the field of fashion designing.
MARGARET BAKER

"Butch"

Phi Sigma, Editor of Fanscotian, Service Club, Student Council, President of Hi-Tri, Spanish Club, Girls' A.A., National Honor Society

"Butch"—don't let that nickname fool you—is one of our most popular hardworking females. Her neat appearance, blonde good looks, and personality plus rate her high in the esteem of everyone. As editor of the Fanscotian—a real job—her leadership and talent for organization have been ably proved. Margie has been bitten by the bug of ambition—a good thing to be bitten by these days. She plans to enter Winthrop College for Women after graduation in June.

GLORIA BELLINGRATH

"Glow"

Senior Chorus

"Glow" is an attractive, curly headed blonde with an even disposition and a passion for chicken croquetes. She has a very sincere love for music as her loyalty to the Senior Chorus has proved, and her favorite pastime is either to sing or play the piano. "Glow's" hobby is a fascinating one, collecting rare and unusual perfume bottles. She hopes to become a nurse after graduation. She'll be a mighty pretty angel of mercy.

DOROTHY BRYNILDSEN

"Dottie"

Senior Chorus

"Dottie" is vivacious and sparkling, with the brightest "Scarlet O'Hara-ish" green eyes you've ever come across and one of the most amusing lines of chatter possible. She is kindness itself and claims that her main ambition is to keep everyone happy. Known for her wit and her ability to look on the bright side of life, "Dottie," with her pleasing voice and wonderful disposition, should succeed admirably as a telephone operator—her chosen profession.

HERBERT BUCKLEY

"Herb"

Football, Varsity Football Manager, Varsity Club

"Herb" is the strong silent type well noted for his many capabilities and good disposition. He is another behind-the-scenes worker and proved himself indispensable as manager of the football team. The fact that he is such a hard worker and such an agreeable companion has made him many true friends. Tall and slim, with thick brown hair and nice green eyes, Herb is as good-looking as he is agreeable. He will long be remembered for his skill in machine-shop and that blue "limousine" of his.
GENEVIEVE CICHON

"Jeannie"
Senior Chorus, President of Girls’ A.A., Ziggity Boom Club, Fanscotian, Junior Play, Student Council

"Jeannie," the gal with all the pep and energy and the lucky possessor of a gorgeous head of long blonde hair like molten sunshine, is one of our most active and attractive girls. A good dancer, a big eater, a vigorous cheerleader, and an excellent athlete, "Jeannie" enters into any activity with bubbling enthusiasm. She likes the syncopated rhythms of Woody Herman’s band and loves to ice-skate when the weather permits. She plans to become a secretary. Her future boss is to be envied.

RAYMOND CLARK

"Ray"
Basketball, Varsity Club, Navy

Slim, wiry, and swift, Ray is lightning on the basketball court and his accuracy in making difficult “shots” has established him as a worthy star. Hunting and fishing are Ray’s favorite pastimes and he breeds his own hounds. When he hears the “mel- low” music of Vaughn Monroe, his feet begin to tingle, for Ray is really “smooth” dancer. Cheerful and witty, his pleasant grin radiates good humor. Ray, as many other “fellas”, entered the Navy during the school year, and like those others he has been genuinely missed.

PATRICIA COLLIN

"Pat"
Hi-Tri

One of our more attractive brunettes is “Pat” Collin. A ping-pong enthusiast, she won the Fanwood Woman’s Singles Championship and has figured importantly in various tournaments. Interested in entering the entertainment field, she is an ardent movie and record fan. Among her favorites are Tommy Dorsey and Andy Russell and “Pat” vows she would walk miles for a steak dinner at Caesar’s. After commencement she plans to attend college to prepare for a theatrical career.

BETTIE CORRIS

"Bettie"

Girls’ A.A.

Attractive, cheerful, and good-natured, Bettie is known for her welcoming smile and genial attitude. She’s peppy, athletic, and always ready for activities and fun. Skating rates high with her, while movies run a close second. “Bettie’s” favorite color is blue; she loves steak, and her pet hate is liver. Since she is well prepared by a conscientious pursuit of the secretarial course, “Bettie” intends, after graduation, to enter the business world doing clerical work.
MARY JANE COULBOURN

“Janie”

Spanish Club, Culmen, Senior Chorus, Senior Play, Secretary of Girls’ A.A.

A merry senior girl with tawny tresses, lively blue eyes and a knack for putting everyone at ease, is “Janie.” She is an excellent basketball player and has helped to pile up many points for her Alma Mater. Although crazy about the color blue, steak, and the “super” crooning of Bing Crosby, she hates women who dress to extremes. Janie hopes to attend Berkeley School after graduation—then to fulfill her ambition to become a secretary.

DOROTHY COWELL

“Dot”

Hi-Tri, Culmen, Ziggyt Boom Club, Freshman Class Treasurer, Junior Play, Senior Play, Girls’ A.A., Senior Chorus

Full of pep and energy with a great abundance of charm and good humor, “Dot” is an amiable addition to any gathering. Long chestnut hair and big innocent grey-green eyes are her main attributes. She is taking flying lessons and has a fondness for swimming and horseback riding. Her favorite subject is English and knitting takes up her spare time. During her school years she has made many friends and cultivated many interests. At present her ambition is to attend some sort of art school.

DONALD D’AMATO

“Duck”

President of Spanish Club, Student Council, Moonglowers, Orchestra, Band, Culmen, Senior Play, Junior Play, Track, Football, Service Club, Boys’ A.A.

“Don,” second only to the immortal Fats Waller in his rendition of “boogie-woogie” on the ivories, is decidedly a “solid” senior. A handsome fellow, “Don” is noted for his versatility, talents, and geniality. He has been an active participant in sports and has the distinction of appearing in both the Junior and Senior Plays. His favorite pastimes are hunting and fishing. He is interested in forestry and plans to enter college to prepare for a career in this field.

WILLIAM DEL NEGRO

“Bill”

Vice President of the Band and Orchestra

“Bill” is that most unusual of combinations, a lover of music and athletics. An alert and intelligent boy with a grand sense of humor and a most agreeable temperament, he is well liked for these very attributes. In his spare time “Bill” likes to swim and build model planes. His musicianship and excellent drumming have proved invaluable in Band and Orchestra. “Bill” plans to further his education in college come next fall.
EDITH DI DONATO

“Eadie”

Culmen, Point System

“Eadie” is the small dark-haired girl with a humorous twinkle in her brown eyes. She has always taken an interest in school affairs, and does her part well. Edith loves phonograph records, and has quite a collection—favoring the “solid music-makers”: Glenn Miller, Frank Sinatra, and Joe Stafford. Her other tastes run toward the color red and fried chicken (we all agree there!) “Eadie” hopes to do secretarial work upon leaving high school.

ROSE DI FRANCESCO

“Rose”

Girls’ A.A.

“Rose” is a quiet girl who enjoys sports, favoring basketball. She has made many friends while in school. Dark and agreeable, with a very sweet smile and a friendly nature, Rose is a gentle and sincere girl. Her hobby is one which she shares with many people—listening to records. “Rose” plans to become a typist when she leaves school. With her amiability she should go far.

JOHN DINEEN

“Jack”

Football, Varsity Club, Navy

A bright-eyed, witty fellow with a mischievous grin and a talent for being the life of any party, “Jack’s” has been a familiar and well liked face around Scotch Plains High School. Hunting, fishing, and football have been favorite spare time occupations. “Jack” left in the first semester of this year to join the Navy. Though we miss him and wish very much that he could have seen the year through with us, we are proud of the job he and the other fellows like him are doing.

EMMA DINIZO

“Emmy”

President of Phi Sigma, Culmen, Chairman of Point System, Student Council, Senior Play, National Honor Society

Emma, who has the distinction of being the tiniest member of the Senior Class, possesses a pair of gay brown eyes and a contagious giggle. As physically active as she is mentally, she has proved herself efficient and earnest in all her positions of leadership in the school. “Emmy” hunts up little known phonograph records and has a sizeable collection to prove her interest, Duke Ellington heading the list. She is enrolled in the Commercial Course and hopes to fulfill her ambition to become a private secretary.
DEANE DONNELLEY
"Gypsy"
President of Service Club, Treasurer of Spanish Club, Orchestra, Band, Moonlighters, Track, Student Council, Junior Play, Senior Play.
Deane is a tall goodlooking fellow with an effervescent sense of humor, an engaging grin, and a great capacity for kindness. He plays a “smooth” trumpet and has contributed a great deal to our Music Department. As treasurer of Spanish Club he has demonstrated his dependability and generosity in the willingness with which he has worked in the first year of its organization. He is athletically inclined towards track, baseball, and swimming and plans to enter college to prepare for a medical or teaching career.

RUDOLPH DORMAIER
"The Voice"
Senior Chorus, Boys Chorus, President of Moonlighters, All State Chorus, Senior Play, Student Council.
Debonair and attractive, Rudy is the mellow-voiced male vocal attraction of the Moonlighters. His hobby is working with machinery at which he is most adept. Machines and machinery are of paramount interest to Rudy even before his outstanding talent in music. The mere mention of strawberry shortcake, with whipped cream no less — sends him into ecstasies. He hopes to fulfill his ambition of becoming a mechanical engineer at Newark School of Engineering.

PRESTON EHMANN
"Pep"
Football, Baseball, Varsity Club, Science Club, Service Club, Boys’ A.A.
Handsome, energetic "Pep" is the brunette lad with the cheerful personality and hearty laugh. "Pep" is the best high pressure salesman in the class. With his forceful persuasiveness he could, as the old saying goes, "make an Eskimo buy a refrigerator." In both football and baseball he has proved himself an important asset to the athletic program, but "Pep's" real flare is for math and science. His ambition is to become an electrical engineer and he hopes soon to attend an engineers college.

LAURA FERRARA
"Doll"
Secretary of Junior Class, Treasurer of Senior Class, Student Council, Service Club, Phi Sigma, National Honor Society.
A cute, peppy girl with neatly curled hair and a variety of lovely clothes, Laura possesses a friendly manner and remarkable efficiency. She is someone who can always be counted on to do her best. A lover of music and sports, "Doll" is an ardent admirer of Frank Sinatra and spends much of her time following the results of baseball, football, and basketball. We are all sure that Laura will make an excellent career for herself as a private secretary.
DONALD FINTER
"Don"
Baseball, Spanish Club, Culmen, Senior Play, Varsity Club, Boys’ A.A.

Tall, blond, and cheerful is Don, a senior who is at home on the basketball court or at the drums. His ever present good humor and variety of quick quips have made him many friends and a member of the exclusive body of “class wits.” Don favors yellow, a color which he frequently wears. Although he knows the Navy has its eye trained on him now, after the war Don wants to attend college and then obtain a job in engineering.

AMELIA FRAATZ
"Millie"

This bright-eyed, amiable lass is friendly and well liked by everyone. She is good-humored and gentle, a favorite in any gathering. Her main ambition is to travel—far-away places have a real fascination for her—and in this connection she collects postcards from many localities. Amelia’s favorite on the color roster is blue and in the line of food she dotes on shrimp salad. Her plans after graduating include some form of war work.

JEANNE GARABRANT
"Jeannie"
Fanscotian, Girls’ A.A., Hi-Tri, Make-up Committee

The door swings open, and in rushes an attractive blonde, “Jeannie” by name, on the trail of another “scoop” for the Fanscotian. Her efficiency and talent for writing have made her the star reporter of the school paper, a fact which is easily understandable once you have read a few of her many poems and short stories. In the line of food, anything gooey is preferred. As yet her plans for the future are not definite.

ALBERT GAUSZ
"Al"
Army

Brunette, intelligent and pleasantly good-humored, “Al” has always been a swell sport—ambitious, hard-working, and conscientious. He is very interested in weather conditions, and his predictions, by means of scientific instruments, are amazingly accurate. He will use the knowledge he has thus gained when he enters his chosen profession as a weather-forecaster.
RUTH GENISMAN

"Bubbles"
Senior Chorus, Service Club, Senior Play, Girls A.A.,
Gaitmen, Spanish Club

The enviable owner of lustrous raven-black tresses and a sweet
and winsome smile, “Bubbles” is an ever-popular and com-
patible girl. She is a skilled knitter as evidenced by her numer-
ous projects—socks, mittens, and sweaters. Her main dislikes
are cauliflower and Guy Lombardo’s unusual style, both of
which she really detests. “Bubbles’ captivating personality
guarantees her an attractive future though as yet she is unde-
cided about it.

RICHARD GOLTRA

“Dick”
Phi Sigma, Football

Tall, affable “Dick” came into our lives back in the Fresh-
man year, eager to learn and make friends. This was done in
short order due to his natural aptitude, genuine friendly per-
sonality, and mutual interests with other students. “Dick” loves
the great out-of-doors—a statement proved by his sincere fond-
ness for sports and the adventurous trip he took hitch-hiking
through Texas to New Mexico this past summer. “Dick” has
always been interested in and would like to make a life-long
career of farming.

ANITA HANSSSEN

“Anita”
Senior Chorus, Junior Red Cross

A trim and well-groomed sandy blonde, Anita is a dependable
girl with a well-timed wit and a quick, clever mind. She is a
stimulating companion and a brisk efficient worker—a pleasing
and unusual combination. Well satisfied with her mode of liv-
ing, she has no definite dislikes and her likes are too numerous
to catalog. Anita plans to enter the business world after grad-
uating. Her grand qualities will ensure her success.

ANNA HOLSTEN

“Holstein Cow”
Senior Chorus, Girls’ A.A., Service Club; Junior Red Cross

Anna of the responsible efficiency and merry laughter is a girl
whom we all can depend on to do a good job. She has a col-
collection of stamps that overflow practically everything, and
when not sorting through them, she spends her time reading. Glenn
Miller and Dick Haymes really “send” her, while blue or baked
ham are definitely her favorites. At Harlem Hospital Anna is
going to take up the nursing profession—she’ll make a very
povial, sincere, and capable “Florence Nightingale.”
JOHN HULL
"Johnny"
President of Band and Orchestra, Brass Sextet, Track, Student Council, Senior Play, Vice President of Spanish Club, Boys A.A.

"Johnny," a slim, dark Don Juan of a fellow, has strong musical inclinations and a suave charm all his own. A handsome profile and pleasing voice are but two of his outstanding attributes. John is fond of all sports: football, baseball, track, and tennis heading the list. His hobby is printing, to which he devotes much of his spare time. In preparation for a career as an architectural engineer, he plans to attend Columbia University.

JANICE JENSEN
"Mouse"
Gymnast, Hi-Tri, Spanish Club, Junior Play, Senior Play
Petite, fun-loving "Mouse" hides behind a pair of mischievous blue eyes and a cute up-turned nose. An able artist and a whiz at hockey, she brightens up many a class with her well rounded personality. Definitely "little bit of all right by Janice's standards are spaghetti, the color green, and Charlie Barnett's band. She has figured importantly in both Junior and Senior Plays, but will abandon acting for art school and a career as an airline hostess.

ALBERT JOST
"Al"
Boys' Chorus, Basketball, Navy
Wavy light brown hair and a bright smile are "Al's" distinguishing features. His genial nature, dependability, and sincerity have made him a desired member of many gatherings. "Al's" tastes run toward pumpkin pies and juicy steaks; as for hobbies, hunting hits the spot with him. He has an even temper and is a good sport to boot. His plans for the future must be laid aside for a while since Uncle Sam has called and "Al" is now arrayed in Navy blue.

JOY JURGENS
"Jersey"
Library Council
A sweet and dependable girl, Joy has a gentle, friendly and cooperative manner. The blue of her bright eyes is further enhanced when she wears that soft color, her favorite. As for hobbies, drawing and collecting travel pamphlets keep Joy happily occupied, and nothing pleases her sense of taste more than mellow pumpkin pie. In the winter this ice skating fan may often be seen zipping over any available lake. After graduation, Joy hopes to enter the designing world.
GERTRUDE KITsz

"Gertie"
Typing Editor of Fanscotian, Culmen, Girls' A.A., Candy Committee

As efficient and cooperative as she is friendly, "Gertie" possesses soft blonde hair, lovely long eyelashes, and a pleasing personality. She skates like a native Hollander and enjoys all sports, while ice cream to her palate and blue to her eyes seem to be tops. Following graduation "Gertie" will attend the Berkeley School where she will receive more extensive secretarial training. From here her love of adventure and excitement will probably lead to an airlines office.

PETER LAMSCHA

"Pete"
Service Club, Track, Football, Basketball, Varsity Club, President of the Senior Class, Boys' A.A.

"Pete," president of the Senior Class, possesses a warm sense of humor, exemplified by the quality and quantity of his quips. Wit, vitality, and enthusiasm, plus lively and unusually grasping mind are his most outstanding attributes. Not to be overlooked, however, are his curly brown hair, dazzling smile, and twinkling eyes. As Captain of the Track Team he has proved his prowess in this sport. "Pete" intends to go to college to prepare for a career as either civil or mechanical engineer.

RUTH LARSEN

"Ruth"
Girls' A.A.

A tall blonde with soft blue eyes is Ruth, as fast on the basketball court as she is on the typewriter. She boasts a number of friends, a genial disposition, and is an excellent roller-skater. Bing Crosby rates "absolutely solid" with Ruth, but she loathes the tasty dish of pumpkin pie. Her career will center around typing and we know that Ruth's manual dexterity and willingness to work will surely place her high in this field.

BARBARA LEA

"Barb"
Secretary of Hi-Tri, Co-Editor of the Culmen, Fanscotian, Secretary-Treasurer of Service Club, Phi-Sigma, National Honor Society, Girls' A.A.

Conscientiousness, a good sense of humor, and compatibility are all synonyms with "Barb," who possesses lovely coppery-red hair and the softest grey eyes imaginable. Her invaluable work as co-editor of the yearbook has helped immeasurably to insure its success. An artist from way back, "Barb's" skill can easily be judged by the numerous posters she has made. She hopes to attend Swarthmore College and, on completing her education, enter the fields of either commercial art or social work.
ROGER LEACH
“Rog”
Science Club
Roger, an agreeable and quiet boy, is famous for accomplishing a lot and not talking about it. A behind the scenes worker, he has taken care of the movie projector during the past year and thus has shown his dependability. Fond of collecting “odds and ends,” “Rog” has a huge collection covering many fields. He expects to enter the army and become a mechanic in the Air Corps, but his first love is farming and he wants to attend agricultural school after the war.

ROBERT LOEFFLER
“Bob”
Navy
“Bob,” a humorous young man with twinkling, brown eyes and an engaging wit, is famous for his timely remarks. He has a special fondness for blueberry pie and the raucous rhythms of Spike Jones and his City Slickers, while in the field of sports, football—a universal favorite, rates high. “Bob’s” hobby is working with machines and he is particularly happy when putting around cars. In December, Uncle Sam called him into the Navy. We have missed him tremendously.

ROBERT LONG
“Bob”
Basketball, Football
“Bob,” the motorcycle dare-devil with sandy red hair, will “long” be remembered for his strength and drive on both the football and basketball teams. His bold stunts on a motorcycle are unrivalled. Tall, brawny, and attractive, he has the proverbial “muscles of steel.” All out for femininity, “Red’s” pet peeve is seeing girls smoke. In February we lost Red to the Army Air Corps. It was a sad day indeed, for he is a great favorite in athletics and among his classmates.

RAYMOND MAGGS
“Slim”
Basketball, Varsity Club, Boys A.A.
This slim, sun-capped Apollo has the distinction of being one of the tallest and handsomest boys in the class. Full of a quiet devil and a slow unpredictable smile, “Slim” is a good deal more mischievous than you might think from his casual air. Fast, graceful, and accurate, Ray is quick-silver on the basketball court, and has attained the all time high-scoring record in S.P.H.S. basketball. He would like to attend college and has hopes of becoming a coach.
JACQUELINE MARTIN

“Jackie”

Service Club, Girls A.A., Candy Committee, Junior Red Cross

“Jackie,” a peppy, sweet senior girl, has proved her worth in several activities, especially as an ardent member of the girl’s basketball squad. Her quiet assurance place her in good stead in her chosen profession of nursing, which she will take up in Harlem Hospital after graduation. “Jackie” plans to use her knowledge on a trip to the devastated regions of the world—a good opportunity to collect some more coveted match covers.

MILDRED MATTOX

“Millie”

Ziggity Boom Club, Phi Sigma, Girls A.A., Spanish Club, Calumet

A lively, winsome, pretty girl with beautiful, long blonde hair is “Millie,” a real charmer and a sweet person. Active in many varied fields, her favorite sport is swimming and her hobby is dancing. Subjects which interest her most are Spanish and English and she admits that she loves to eat as long as lima beans aren’t on the menu. After graduating, “Millie” will fulfill her ambition to become a nurse.

FLOYD McCORMICK

“Floyd”

Sincere and cooperative, Floyd has found many friends through his great amiability. In spite of his track ability he finds that swimming is his favorite sport. He also favors steaks—juicy, please—and has a slight preference for the color blue. Floyd would like to travel some day and that wish may come about very shortly for in January Uncle Sam beckoned his itchy finger and Floyd joined the ranks of the United States Army.

SHIRLEY MONTAGNE

“Shirl”

Fanscadian, Calumet, Library Council, Girls A.A., Makeup Committee, Red Cross

Shirley, of the sparkling mischievous eyes and infectious giggle, is one of the most animated members of the Senior Class. She has a vital interest in sports and is an ardent rooter of all athletic events. She likes to dance and read and has a large collection of pictures and clippings. A frequent participant in school activities, her boundless energy and ready good humor have made her many friends. She plans to attend college and become a teacher.
DORIS MORGAN
"Mickey"
Girls' A.A., Culmen, Freshman Class Treasurer, Sophomore Class Secretary, Junior Class Treasurer, Senior Class Secretary
This tall, blonde and attractive young miss is enrolled in the commercial course. Her efficiency and willingness to work are evidenced by her active participation in many school activities. Her hobby and favorite sport is tennis and you would probably see her decked out in blue instead of the conventional white, as she favors that color. After graduation, Doris will attend a school operated by Western Union Telegraph Company, there to train in the intricacies of this field.

ROSE MUSUMECI
"Rose"
Culmen Business Manager, Hi-Tri Treasurer, Service Club, Phi Sigma, Senior Chorus, Senior Play
Poised, personable, and petite, Rose is an efficient and capable worker, and a good-natured amusing companion. Full of vitality and spirit, she is an excellent student and a grand all-round girl. Her hobbies are reading, dancing and knitting, at which she is most adept. Rose's ambition is to become a lawyer, high aim but one she is well qualified to fulfill. She plans to attend New Jersey College for Women and then to complete her studies at the Fordham School of Law.

WILLIAM PEARCE
"Bill"
Spanish Club, Phi Sigma, Junior Play, Student Council, Culmen Art Editor
A tall, sociable, blonde fellow whose pungent wit and congeniality stand him in good stead with any crowd, "Bill" is a frequent participant in many school activities and an excellent student to boot. He likes "sharp" clothes, swimming, and anything in the line of food but parsnips. Collecting records and souvenirs is his prime hobby and people who grind their teeth his main peeve. "Bill" will enter the Navy after graduation, but he hopes to become a commercial artist when the war is over.

ELEANOR PENGELSKI
"Ellie"
Feniscotian Art Editor, Culmen Pictorial Editor, Band, Orchestra, Makeup Committee Chairman, Candy Committee, Hi-Tri, Spanish Club, Girls A.A.
Attractive, with sweet, endearing wits, pretty blue-green eyes, and a real talent for art work, "Ellie" is one of our busiest girls. Because of her talent in art, she is called on by many organizations to exhibit her handiwork on posters and paintings. In her rare moments of relaxation she enjoys the "rugged rhythm" of boogie woogie and archery is the sport of which she is fondest. "Ellie" wants to go to college but has not decided which one.
CHARLES PERNSSON

“Perk”
Football, Basketball, Baseball, Varsity Club, Boys A.A., Navy
Tall, charming, good natured, “Perk” has an ingratiating grin
and engaging manner. As co-captain of the football team, his
excellent record is one which any athlete might envy. His gen-
eral prowess in sports has been an outstanding contribution
to our school, and he is well liked by his team and classmates for
his warm friendliness. “Perk” left S.P.H.S. in January of this
year to enter the Navy, but when he returns he hopes to become
a policeman. There has been a big gap due to “Perk’s” absence.

JEAN PETERSON

“Jean”
Hi-Tri, Orchestra, Band, Chorus, Student Council, Service
Club, Phi Sigma, Girls A.A., Spanish Club, Vice President of
Senior Class, Moongowers, D.A.R. Representative, Fanciotian
Famous for her cheerful nature and dimpled grin, Jean has
always entered into school activities with whole-hearted inter-
est. A lover of sports, her favorite is ice skating. Jean, never
idle, fills in her spare minutes with knitting and listening to
Glenn Miller’s band. Her first love is dried apricots; her pet
hate, people who scuff their heels when they walk. She intends
to go to Bethany College, where she will major in English and
Spanish.

MARIE LOUISE PIEKARSKI

“Sis”
Band, Candy Committee
Serene, blonde, Marie is a newcomer to our school this year.
A sweet and considerate girl, these very qualities have made
her many fast friends and she has proved herself an asset to
the class. Marie, along with many others, finds ice skating her
favorite sport. A very musical girl, her hobby is playing the
piano and she is also an excellent organist. Marie hopes to go
to college and upon graduation enter the field of nursing as a
registered nurse.

MARY LOU POWERS

“Mary Lou”
This pretty brunette with the slow, friendly smile has made
herself useful as a whirlwind typist and a sparkplug in hockey.
She has a mania for both red and green when it comes to color.
Lovely blue eyes and thick dark hair are outstanding features
while her amiability and resourcefulness are strong charac-
teristics. Her dream is to tour Europe—when the war is over—but her immediate plans are to enter the Cadet Nurse Corps.
She should really do justice to that uniform.
ROBERTA REID

"Bert"

Fanciotian, Spanish Club, Jr. Red Cross, Candy Committee

Pretty green eyes and a sparkling vivacious manner are "Bert's" outstanding characteristics. She is well dressed, neat, attractive, and has an adorable giggle, besides a particular fondness for lamb chops and Dick Haymes. "Bert's" favorite subject is Spanish. She would like to major in this language at college and after graduation become a secretary in a Spanish firm or a nurse. With her bubbling personality there should be no doubt of her eventual success.

FRANCES RICHARDSON

"Frances"

Frances is a tall, slender, young lady with brown hair that is naturally curly (lucky girl)! She came to good old S.P.H.S. in her senior year from Snyder High School in Jersey City. Her hobby is dancing, preferably to the strains of Harry James’s golden trumpet. In the sports line Frances prefers ice-skating, roller-skating, and baseball. Like so many of us she loves red, the color favorite of most ambitious and successful people. She plans to become a secretary.

HULDA RONN

"Hulda"

Fanciotian, Culmen, Hi-Tri, Junior Play, Candy Committee, Red Cross

Cheerful and gentle, Hulda is known for her never failing good humor and her willingness to help out in any capacity. Usually a behind the scenes worker, she ably handled an outstanding part in the Junior Play. Hulda is tall, with serene beauty and quiet strength of character. The Senior Class is indebted to her for her generosity in giving time and effort to the Candy Committee, an underestimated source of revenue for our treasury. She hopes to attend classes at Presbyterian Hospital to prepare for a nursing career.

DOROTHY RUSCH

"Dot"

"Dot" is a good looking, vivacious blonde whose genuine sincerity and considerate friendship have endeared her to many. Her "rusching" is not confined to the school halls for "Dot" is a talented dancer whose able entertainment is much in demand. She has frequently entertained our service men and war workers presenting a combination of her twirling and dance routines. With her preparation "Dot" should soon realize her ambition to become a professional dancer.
HELENA SANGUILIANO

"Lee"

"Lee" is a good-looking brunette with sparkling eyes and a dazzling smile. She claims that her hobby is housework, one sure sign of her capable, responsible nature, and her pet relaxation is the movies. Fond of exotic things, her favorite food, chicken chow mein, is a good illustration of this. "Lee's" bright coloring is at its best in her pet shades of blue and yellow. Her plans after graduation include attending Drake Business College and becoming a secretary.

BILL SCHACHT

"Coop"

Track, Science Club, Boys A.A.

Bill, a bright blond fellow full of wit and clever remarks, is one of the best liked and most agreeable boys in the class. His main interest has always been centered around aviation and his hobby is building model planes, one in which he really excels. "Coop" likes to putter around cars, reassembling parts and tinkering with motors. He likes steak—juicy, rare, and sizzling, and Woody Herman's band. Bill hopes to become a commercial airline pilot after the war.

MARGARET SCHULER

"Peggy"

Hi-Tri, Fancotian, Culmen, Junior Play, Senior Play

Who belongs to those beautiful blue eyes and that curly dark hair? None other than "Peggy," famous for her witty comebacks and talent for oratory. Determination to succeed, ambition and a ready friendliness are her outstanding characteristics. Her love for green stems from the shamrock as does her unerring Irish pep and energy. Spare moments find her with a book in hand or listening to her favorite crooner, Bing Crosby. She will probably enter either the Cadet Nurse Corps or State Teacher's College.

HELEN SEVERAGE

"Helen"

Quiet, co-operative, and easy to get along with, Helen is a sweet, brown-haired lass with lovely clear blue eyes and a gentle, tender nature. She is fond of blue, most becoming color to her, and when in an eating mood, fruit fills the bill. After graduation, Helen plans to establish a career as a typist. With her pleasant, unobtrusive manner, we are confident her goal will be reached.
ELIZABETH SHERIDAN
“Bette”
General Association Treasurer, President of Ziggity Boon Club, Phi Sigma, Girls’ A.A., Service Club, Sophomore Class Treasurer, Hi-Tri, Spanish Club, National Honor Society
The petite girl with enviable dark hair, stunning clothes, and vivacious charm, is “Bette.” A good student, an active participant in all phases of school activities, she is also the possessor of a great deal of personality. Her work as captain of the Cheerleading Squad and treasurer of the General Association has proved her value. “Bette” is also a very good dancer and a skilled knitter. Her ambition is to become a secretary.

JAMES SHREVE
“Moe”
Football, Basketball, Baseball, Varsity Club, Student Council, Service Club, Fanscotton, Culmen, Boys’ A.A.
Dark and goodlooking, Jim is an all-around athlete, witness above. Good-natured and friendly with genuine Irish geniality, he is the only back in the history of the school ever to be on the All-State first team. Not contenting himself with the sports program given in school, he loves swimming and was the State Champion in Ping-Pong. Jim plans to be a football coach, and with his personality and love of athletics will go far in the sports world.

DONALD SMITH
“Don”
Track, Boys’ A.A., Service Club
A blond sparkplug with a marvelous sense of humor and a real talent for mimicking, “Don” is as pleasant and easy-going a fellow as you could meet. He is a “good egg” in every sense with loyalty and genuine friendliness for all. His ideal pastime includes anything in the sports line, especially skiing, and to restore his energy, nothing pleases him more than a big turkey dinner. The future will probably find “Don” attending Syracuse University before entering the Navy.

Marilyn SOURS
“Marilyn”
Hi-Tri, Girls’ A.A., Library Council, Fanscotton, Culmen, Spanish Club
Quiet and industrious, Marilyn is known for her generosity and willingness to work in various organizations. She has delicately pretty features reminiscent of Dresden china shepherdess. Her hobby is poetry, especially writing it, and various tidbits prove her talent. Fond of her “vittles,” Marilyn’s favorites include Southern pecan pie, and carrots in any guise. After graduation she plans to attend night school while training to be an air line receptionist.
DORIS STARBUCK

"Red"
Assembly Chairman, Hi-Tri, Spanish Club, Calmen, Student Council

Doris is famous for her stunning strawberry blonde locks and ultra-smart clothes. A sense of humor, lots of bright ideas, and artistic ability all lend her charm. She is an ardent knitter, as evidenced by her constantly increasing wardrobe, and has a particular fondness in the musical line for Johnny Johnston and Tommy Dorsey's Band. Green, Doris's favorite color, is decided compliment to her unusual coloring. She hopes to attend college, but as yet has made no definite plans for the future.

VIRGINIA STERN

"Ginny"
Secretary of General Association, President of Library Council, Phi Sigma, Hi-Tri, Service Club, Ziggity Boom Club, Calmen

Strikingly attractive, with delicately beautiful coloring, "Ginny" has a ready smile for everyone, but if it's for horses or hamburgers, it becomes a little readier. From the West comes her love of riding and also her hobby of collecting rattles—from snakes. A whiz at math, she plans to major in science at Swarthmore so she can match wits with her father. Her pet plan—to take a leisurely trip through France—apres la guerre. In France, who knows!

JAMES STONEHILL

"Big Jim"
Football Manager, Basketball, Boys' Chorus, Boys' A.A., Baseball, Varsity Club

"Jim" is a handsome fellow with a nice smile, sea-blue eyes, and an easy-going disposition. He is very interested in athletics, particularly basketball and baseball, and was invaluable to the football team this year as its manager. "Jim" has a pleasing singing voice and used it to good advantage this year in Boys' Chorus. His ambition is to be a baseball umpire and his other plans include teachers' college.

GRACE STRIDDE

"Grace"
Senior Chorus

Grace, spirited and friendly, is one of the few true musicians in the class. Her lovely coloratura voice has a quality and clarity unusual in one of her age. Grace has taken a summer course at the Juilliard School of Music and plans to go back for a four year course. Her plans after Juilliard—to continue her musical education in Europe—and to try for the concert stage. Dark, slender, and gracious as her name implies, Grace possesses qualities which insure success.
MICHAEL J. SYLVESTER
"Mitch"
Football Co-captain, Basketball, Track, Varsity Club, President of Boys' A.A., Service Club, Student Council
"Big Mike" is a rugged, goodlooking fellow with an excellent athletic record, the strength of an ox, and a marvelous disposition. His rippling muscles and fine footwork have stood him in good stead in all phases of athletics and he has proved his indispensability again and again. "Mitch’s" twinkling eyes and hearty grin have a warmth which appeals to all his classmates. He will probably enter some branch of the service soon after graduation.

JEAN SZALAJKO
"Jean"
Petite and well-groomed, Jean is a trim, brisk little girl with a sweet smile. She likes to dance, particularly to the strains of Harry James's trumpet and at mealtimes, steak and candy tickle her palate. Her favorite sport is skating and her pet color, white. She loves New York and hopes to get a job there after she graduates. Her vivacity and easy going nature will surely make her popular.

SADA THOMPSON
"Sade"
Hi-Tri, Co-Editor of Culmen, Fanvention, Junior Play, Secretary of Spanish Club, Makeup Committee, Student Council
The charming owner of lustrous brown eyes and a lovely voice, Sada also has a warm friendly manner, bubbling vitality, and ever present enthusiasm. She’s a whiz at cooking and delights in nicknaming everyone. We are indebted to Sada for her ceaseless efforts to compile this yearbook, while confronted by numerous obstacles. Her ambition is to become an actress. We know that Sada’s definite talent, personality, and ambition will surely make her top notch.

JOHN TODD
"Jack"
President of General Association, Service Club, President of Junior Class, Culmen, Varsity Club, Boys' A.A., Football, Basketball, Track, Baseball
Tall, dark-haired, with a charming forceful personality and wonderful leadership qualities, "Jack" is a boy whose varied interests and talents place him high in demand. His athletic prowess is unquestionable, his sense of humor unquenchable. "Jack" can be counted on to keep any gatherings in "stitches" with his well timed remarks, and this facility may come in handy for any profession he might choose to enter in the future. We are confident of full success for this dynamo of ability, capability and initiative.
ALICE VERRE
"Alice"
Culmen
Alice is a serene, dark, and attractive young lady whose most distinctive qualities are her unruffled disposition and pleasing manner. She is fond of steaks, the color green, and Tommy Dorsey, and in contrast to her dislike for Frank Sinatra, approves of the smooth vocal technique of Andy Russell. Collecting foreign and antique money is her hobby—a fascinating one, you’ll agree. Alice hopes to become a secretary after graduation.

VIVIAN WATSON
"Viv"
Culmen
With a quick, pretty smile and a charming personality, “Viv” has proved herself an able worker and a really likeable girl. A peacetime occupation that gives her a great deal of enjoyment is traveling, though she finds time to participate in many sports. “Viv” loves to wear green and she dotes on luscious steak—a commodity rather “out of this world” at the present time. Her geniality and diligence will, we predict, be invaluable in her career as a secretary.

LOIS WILLIAMSON
"Tootsie"
Fanscotian, Phi Sigma
Cute, diminutive and shy are all adjectives that describe “Tootsie,” one of the more studious members of our senior class. Though she is inclined to keep quiet about her activities, she is a whiz when it comes to square dancing, swimming and skating. “Tootsie” can often be seen, her blonde head bobbing over a typewriter as she works for the Fanscotian. This experience coupled with her scholastic record will make her a welcome person at the business school of her choosing.

DAVID WINSTON
“Dave”
Phi Sigma, Secretary of Varsity Club, Service Club, Football, Basketball, Track, Boys’ A.A.
A fine student, an all-round athlete, and grand guy, “Dave” is an active fellow whose many achievements and worthwhile qualities have won him lasting friendship and respect from his classmates. He has one of those rare, logical and analyzing minds, a faculty most evident in science of any sort. “Dave’s” hobby is an instructive and most enjoyable one, coin-collecting, but his main interests are centered in music, from which profound influence has developed his ambition to become a band leader.
DORIS WITTACK
"Doris"
Library Council
Doris, quick-witted and intelligent person, is another fine member of the class. A skilled knitter, she is seldom without some knitting, crocheting, or embroidering. Her favorite food is spinach (no problem child there), and she declares that she could eat it till it came out of her ears. Doris is a conscientious student and a busy but always agreeable person as well. Undecided as to her future plans she will, nevertheless, enter the business world.

BETTY YOUNG
"Betty"
Hi-Tri, Fancotian, Phi Sigma, Candy Committee
Sweet, quiet, and extremely pretty, ably describe Betty, the girl with the gentian-blue eyes and placid disposition. Faithful and conscientious, her tireless efforts on behalf of the Candy Committee have proved her worth. A secret ambition is to tour the West; her favorite color, green—as one look at her wardrobe could show you; and her hobby—knitting, at which she is most proficient. It is easy to imagine Betty in the role of a nurse, her chosen profession—healing and comforting the sick.
**Most Ambitious**

**Boy**
- 1. Bill Pearce
- 2. Jack Todd

**Girl**
- 1. Rose Musumeci
- 2. Margaret Baker

**Most Amiable**

**Girl**
- 1. Jean Peterson
- 2. Margaret Baker

**Boy**
- 1. Peter Lamscha
- 2. Mike Sylvester

**Most Athletic**

**Girl**
- 1. Genevieve Cichon
- 2. Mary Jane Coulbourn

**Boy**
- 1. Jim Shreve
- 2. Mike Sylvester

**Most Brilliant**

**Girl**
- 1. Barbara Lea
- 2. Ginny Stern

**Boy**
- 1. David Winston
- 2. John Hull

**Cutest**

**Boy**
- 1. Rav Angle
- 2. Peter Lamscha

**Girl**
- 1. Emma Di Nizo
- 2. Bette Sheridan

**Best Dancers**

**Girl**
- 1. Bette Sheridan
- 2. Gene Cichon

**Boy**
- 1. Jim Shreve
- 2. Mike Sylvester

**Best Dressed**

**Girl**
- 1. Bette Sheridan
- 2. Doris Starbuck

**Boy**
- 1. Mike Sylvester
- 2. Rudy Dormaier
Most Likely to Succeed
Boy—1. Jack Todd
2. Steele Andrews
Girl—1. Jean Peterson
2. Margaret Baker

Most Popular
Boy—1. Peter Lamscha
2. Mike Sylvester
Girl—1. Jean Peterson
2. Bette Sheridan

Prettiest Girl—
Handsomest Boy
Girl—1. Doris Starbuck
2. Bette Sheridan
Boy—1. Mike Sylvester
2. Ray Maggs

Most Studious
Girl—1. Barbara Lea
2. Rose Musumeci
Boy—1. Bill Pearce
2. David Winston

Most Talented
Boy—1. Rudy Dormaier
2. Don D’Amato
Girl—1. Sada Thompson
2. Jean Peterson

Most Versatile
Boy—1. Jack Todd
2. Peter Lamscha
Girl—1. Jean Peterson
2. Margaret Baker

Class Wits
Boy—1. Peter Lamscha
2. Jack Todd
Girl—1. Dorothy
Brynildsen
2. Marilyn Sours
Seated on couch: Emma Di Nizo—Alix Mercier; Bette Sheridan—Lillian Stafford; Janice Jensen—Sally Boyd; Standing: Rose Musumeci—Miss Hayes; Deane Donnelley—George Boyd; Laura Ferrara—Muriel Doughty; Peggy Schuler—Ethel Spelvin; Dorothe Cowell—Elise Benedot; Don Finter—Homer Johns; Bill Pearce—David Mackenzie; Mary Jane Coulbourn—Miss Curtis; Rudy Dormaier—Tim Simpkins; Don D’Amato—Jim Simpkins; John Hull—Austin Bevans; Ruth Genisman—Madge Kent; Miss Edith Higgins, Director.

SENIOR PLAY

After an interval of several years, Miss Higgins once again directed the annual Senior Play, this year entitled “The Charm School,” which drew a capacity crowd at both performances.

The story relates the adventures of a handsome young automobile salesman, who, after inheriting a girls’ boarding school, insists on running it according to his own plan—mainly that girls should be taught to be charming.

The two leading roles, Elise Benedot and Austin Bevans, were nobly portrayed by Dorothe Cowell and John Hull. Excellent supporting roles were played by Mary Jane Coulbourn as Miss Curtis, Rose Musumeci as Miss Hayes, Don Finter as Mr. Johns, Janice Jensen as Sally Boyd, Deane Donnelley as George Boyd, and Bill Pearce as David Mackenzie. To add spice to the play we had Don D’Amato and Rudy Dormaier as the Simpkins twins. Memorable performances were given by Bette Sheridan, Emma DiNizo, Ruth Genisman, Peggy Schuler, and Laura Ferrara, who portrayed the girls at the school.

The various committees that worked so diligently to ensure the play’s success are to be congratulated for a job well done.
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Once again directed the annual play, which drew a capacity crowd. The automobile salesman, who

ingeniously portrayed his role, was a source of delight to the audience.

The play, "The Devil's Advocate," was directed by John Higginbotham. The cast included Sally Boyd, Muriel Doughty, Bill Pearce, and David MacDuffie. The play was a success, and the performances were given by Peggy Schuler and Laura Dillman.
IN THE DIM, DARK YEAR OF 1941, the school's first war year, we, the illustrious class of '45, began our journey through the rigors of education as members of Scotch Plains Senior High School. Awkwardness, shyness, excitement, and noise predominated that day as we held our first class meeting under the Big Top with vigorous "Vince" Remcho as class advisor. It was in this year that many of us turned toward activities such as music, athletics, and "Fanscotian," all of which we pursued with undiminished enthusiasm during our remaining years at the Alma Mater.

In our sophomore year, hard as it was for us to believe, we were told that we were the noisiest class ever to appear at S.P.H.S. Incredible, yes!, but we found out we were truth is stranger than fiction. It was this year that we attended our first big dance, the Sophomore Hop (those of us who did not fall victims to the measles and mumps epidemic). It was here that the boys displayed their variety of dancing techniques, the two step, the three step, and the "let's sit this one out, my feet hurt" step.

During our junior year, we laid aside our spitballs, slingshots, and paper airplanes long enough to sponsor some startling events, the first being a solid blow-out at the Plainfield Roller Skating Academy. The second was "Early to Bed, Early to Rise" (but late for school), which proved to be one of the most successful plays ever held, for we filled the auditorium with a capacity audience, each person shelling out a paltry sixty cents to see a performance unequalled in the annals of modern drama. The Junior Prom, another sharp article put on by the '45ers was attended by a throng of screaming bobby-soxers and uncomfortable looking boys wearing fish'n tails.

As the fall of 1944 rolled around we all went to football games to watch our boys butcher their opponents. Another important phase of the activities was a Christmas party at which the seniors exchanged such gifts as cigars, baby's wearing apparel, rattles, paper dolls for those boys in the class who had nothing to do after basketball practice, and Willkie buttons. Then, of course, there were those unsung heroes of the class who spent two-thirds of the year slaving over the yearbook. (The other third of the year was spent in regaining their health.)

Another of our accomplishments was the highest scoring record of any basketball team ever seen at S.P.H.S. Every Tuesday evening industrious students put aside their beloved homework (who is kidding whom?), and ventured via car, bus, foot, or thumb to the game. We wound up our spectacular season March second when we entered the State Tournament at Elizabeth.

On March second and third, we slayed the teeming crowds of spectators with a colossal production of "The Charm School." The cast was hailed as too too utterly, and consequently invited to Hollywood for instant screen tests. (We can dream, can't we?)

With the approach of spring came also the approach of our last school activities. We busied ourselves with preparations for the club banquet, trips, and parties, and finally finished our social career in a blaze of glory at the Senior Prom. With prospects of a bright future before us we filed solemnly, if uncertainly, from Commencement exercises to new horizons and golden opportunities.
LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT

WE, THE CLASS OF '45, being of sound (?) mind and body, do bequeath these meager possessions to those poor bedraggled individuals over whom we have brandished the tyrannical sceptre of superiority the past wonderful year.

To the Freshmen (a la next year) we leave:
Our tireless, painful efforts in the world of the "aesthetic" which all involved suffered at dancing class;
Those awful overpowering introductions to Latin "Hic Hac Hoc" (conjugate, please);
General Science (Now what is photosynthesis);
Algebra (x plus 2x = I give up!);
The third successive year of crushes on upperclassmen, "only this time, mind you, it's the real thing";
First long dresses for the girls, and don't you feel swish even if your partner does step all over the hem.
To the soon to be Sophomores we leave:
Can you believe it? The cafeteria at 12:05 and maybe (if you're on your good behavior) the unprecedented privilege of attending senior assemblies;
If you're not a little ahead of yourselves, that first smudge of lipstick (and we do mean smudge). Don't worry, you'll get the hang of it!
Those everlovin' "hutches" and bow ties. You're really groovy, chicles!
That glorious Soph Hop (was there ever another like it?). Note to decoration committee: Buy pull-a-enty of Scotch Tape;
Those big congregations at the corner drugstore—hibernation quarters for the gossipmongers;
Oops, almost forgot—(take a deep breath) combination lockers!!!
To the would-be "glorious" Juniors:
This is the year when you begin to have "real" school spirit. You may have had it before, but now with fellas on the team whom you've known since they first learned how to tie their shoes—it's different, somehow! Now you'll yell like the dickens and annihilate with a well-timed glance any stale numbers who don't;
Now, too, is the time when you guys and gals begin to "belong" — you're not rank beginners on the team any more. This is IT, kids!!
Now, too, come more serious moments—if the war is still on, the first few guys who reach eighteen are packing up and bidding nostalgic farewells.
If you're lucky you'll have a roller-skating event like ours—whipping around the rink with gay abandon—CRASH! into a tall figure casually maneuvering its way through the network of figures—you look up—you mutter something menacing (deleted)—then a quick change of expression—"Why hello, Mr. Adams!!";
The Junior Prom, m'loves—with all the measured stateliness of a Duke Ellington jam session. My, my—a reception line, even. The crowning glory (adjust your halos)—march with your accustomed grace into the senior seats at that last sad assembly.
To you Senior sheiks we leave:
The first rap of the gavel at your initial G.A. meeting;
The wildest homeroom periods you've ever had where—in one corner of the room sports discussions are being held, in another section someone is doing takeoff on the rumba, and in a third corner there are feverish parleys in the mystic world of Office Practice. The fourth and last corner is taken up by the newest love birds who just stare at each other until you think they'd get myopia, and in the center of the room are cheerleaders planning new yells, poor anemic students grappling with French verbs, somebody shining his shoes with handkerchief, and shaking at seventy-five percent of the girls applying new coat of war paint (and don't think we're kidding, it's that bad!) ;
In swift parade come all the super sports events of the year—
Football and basketball seasons you can tell because every Monday ninety percent of the Senior Class is either on crutches or can't speak a word. (Note: Yelling comes in handy if you've got an oral report due Monday.)
We also leave with bated breath the Culmen to your own careful management. Watch the finances, chullun, they really mount!
The Senior Play in which everyone has the talent of a Bernhardt or a Barrymore and the exuberant spirits of a Jimmy Durante. There is only one thing to keep in mind, don't go too far if you want your director to stay sane. Directors are necessary, you know.
We're sorry to report that the one thing we can't leave, no matter how much we want to, is graduation. That, sweet things, is up to you. Maybe it is unfair, but since we have an extra-special place in our hearts for Seniors (cause aren't they extra-special people?), we leave our wishes to you for a wonderful year, 'cause honestly, whoever said that the Senior year is the best one ever, had his head on his shoulders.

With sign and seal and affection,
THE SENIOR CLASS OF '45
SO WHAT?

Getting out this yearbook is no picnic.
If we print jokes, people say we are silly;
If we don't, they say we are too serious.
If we clip things from other magazines, we are too lazy to write them ourselves;
If we don't, we are stuck on our stuff.
If we don't print every word of all contributions, we don't appreciate genius;
If we do print them, the columns are filled with junk.
If we make changes in another fellow's writeup, we are too critical;
If we don't, we are blamed for poor editing.
Now, like as not, some guy will say
We swiped this from some other book.

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