THE 25th GRADUATING CLASS OF
SCOTCH PLAINS HIGH SCHOOL

PRESENTS

THE 1954 CULMEN
GEORGE T. ESPOSITO
DEDICATION

In this our twenty-fifth year, we look both back and ahead. Exemplifying this spirit of the old and the new, of age and youth, is Mr. Esposito.

Having graduated from this school, he returned to his Alma Mater bringing enthusiasm, vigor, and spirit. In a short time he has become an ambitious leader and trusted friend of the Class of 1954.

To Mr. Esposito, with memories of the past, with present accomplishments, and with fervent hopes for the future, we dedicate our yearbook.
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LEIGHTON CURTIS ADAMS  
Band; Vice-President, Orchestra; Moonglowers  
Dig that hot trombone, man! Yes, it’s Leighton warming up for band, orchestra, or Moonglows. Bleached blondes are definitely taboo, but he thrives on Italian food and cars. The future will see Leighton in those “bell-bottom trousers” learning a trade.

FRANK JOHN ALOIA  
Senior Chorus; Football  
In 1951 S.P.H.S. welcomed Frank into the Sophomore class. His work in various activities has made him a valuable asset to our class. Frank has no dislikes to speak of, but his favorites include Southern fried chicken, an Italian dish called lasagne, and girls—naturally! The future may find Frank studying drama and voice.

DONALD AMBERG  
Band; Moonglows  
Don came to S.P. in his Junior year. He became a familiar sight cruising around in his ’46 Ford. He attained rapid fame by joining the Moonglows in which he has done a tremendous job. Don like hillbilly music, cars, and most of all, girls. In the future he plans to do farm work.

JOHN ARGENZIANO  
Football; Varsity Club  
“Ginzy” is one of our rugged Raiders. His hard plunging and blocking have aided many a Raider run and he himself has carried the pigskin over the line on occasion. His smile is known by all.
ANTHONY ARMINO
Tony, with his ready smile and gay humor, can’t help but win friends. Blonds, Italian food, and Henry’s French pronunciation rate high with him. There is also a ’41 Ford in his future. Tony would like to attend Rutgers for a Pre-Med course after graduation.

DOROTHY ANNE BARTLESON
Culmen; Band; Jr. Play; G.A.A.; Library Council
A barrel of fun—that’s our Dotty with her cute smile. Strange as it seems Dotty isn’t fussy for she has no special likes or dislikes. Our friendly gal is hoping to attend Bucknell University in preparation for Elementary Education.

PAUL BECKMAN
Fanscotian, Editor; Culmen; Student Council; Projection Squad; Track; Cross Country
Beck came to us in his Sophomore year from Baltimore, Md. A lover of cars, Beck can usually be found working on one or driving around in his model “A” Ford. Among his other interests are fried shrimp, travel, and a certain senior. After graduation he plans to attend the University of Washington.

ROBERT BEETHAM
Jr. National Honor Society
Bob gave us an eye-full when he steamed by in his beautiful dark green Buick convertible. A hard worker, his pleasant attitude has made him a good friend to many. Bob has decided on college but he isn’t sure where.
CLARA LOUISE BELL  
Senior Chorus; Las Contadoras; G.A.A.  
Weezy is one of our smaller seniors. She's got lots of pep which she exhibits at football games. On the top of her list come frozen custard, milkshakes, and dancing. It's not unusual to hear her say "I'm always willing to try something new." After graduation she plans to go to college and major in biology. She hopes to go into research work.

BARBARA ANN BENNINGTON  
Culmen; Band; Orchestra; Jr. Play; G.A.A.  
Barb has loads of pep. She enjoys a good football or baseball game, especially when it's the Dodgers. Italian food is never passed by. After school the "Pru" keeps her busy. In her spare time she enjoys sewing and Military Academies. After graduation she plans to attend college to study Home Economics.

ELEANOR MARY BEYER  
Art Club; G.A.A.  
El has loads of energy which is shown by her wide variety of interests. On top are dancing, tunafish, and any Italian food. She thinks a trip to Paris and Rome would be great. Cauliflower and soup don't interest El. Her future is undecided at present.

WAYNE BOLAN  
Projection Squad; Fanscotian  
As is common among the Seniors, Wayne loves fun. He always manages to have a fine time under any conditions. This smiling fellow has an ardent love for baseball. Definite plans for a dentist college are in the making.
RICHARD RONALD BOYD
Student Council President; Science Club; Sophomore Class
President; Jersey Boys’ State; Football; Baseball
Tall, blonde, and handsome Ronnie is a well-known figure around
S.P.H.S. On the football field or as President of Student Council
he always does a wonderful job. Steaks, French fries, and girls
are tops on his list. As for the future, college is the only thing
Ronnie has definitely decided on.

ERIC R. BRAUN, JR.
Student Council; National Honor Society; Library Council;
Football; Science Club
Broad shoulders and a cheerful smile characterize this rugged
Raider. Buster came to us from Rahway in his Freshman year
and his quiet ways have made him a valued member of our class.
Eric, our farmer, is intensely interested in animals and plans to
study veterinary medicine after graduation.

BARBARA JOAN BREMNER
Las Contadoras
Barb left us in her Sophomore year but is again a member of the
class of ’53. Besides eating, (shrimp and French fries rate high
on her list), Barb is one of those fun-to-be-with people who is
always looking for someone or something she has lost. She might
model at the Conover School but marriage will probably take the
spotlight.

CAROL ROSE-ANN BRUECKNER
G.A.A.; Make-up Committee
One of our most attractive Seniors, Carol is always noticed first
for the neat clothes she wears. Seemingly quiet until you get to
know her, she is always full of fun. A Perry Como fan, Carol
likes horses and dislikes people who are late. Her friendly and
quiet ways will be a great asset to her plans of a career as a medi-
cal secretary.
MARY ROSE BUGLE
Culmen, Editor; Art Club; Student Council; G.A.A.; Junior Play; Jr. Nat'l. Honor Society, President
The girl with the beautiful blond hair. That's our Culmen Editor, Bug. Always efficiently busy, she is liked by all for her winning ways. Whenever party needs peppering up, just call on Mary who is one of those lucky people who is intelligent yet has time for everything else, including a job. Mary's good looks should be an asset in a modeling career.

THOMAS BURR, JR.
Tom comes to us this year from Westfield High. While in Westfield he was in the Dramatics group and the Photography Club. Says Tom: “I don’t mind spinach, but I hate asparagus.” After graduation he plans to go to college and study forestry.

EUNICE BURTON
Library Council; G.A.A.
Eunice’s love of pretty clothes certainly shows up in her appearance. Friendliness, efficiency, and neatness are the characteristics of a good secretary and Eunice has them all. Her quietness just makes one want to get to know her better and to have her for a friend. After graduation, secretarial school looks promising to Eunice.

DEAN O. CARHOUN
Band; Orchestra; Projection Squad; Jr. Nat'l. Honor Society; Jahm Mathematics Award
Dean is a very busy person. It is not unusual to find him working in the projection booth or back stage. He is also a good student and likes everything, especially French. After graduation he hopes for a course in electrical engineering at Princeton.
ALBERT ROY CHRISTENSEN  
Foothall  
When Roselle lost Roy two years ago, Scotch Plains rejoiced. He's been a fabulous addition to our classes and he's livened many of them up with his droll wise-cracks. Cars are a great interest with him as they are with many other boys. He may be quiet when it comes to speeches but those eyes carry on their own conversation! Good luck in the future.

HAROLD NORMAN CHRISTOPHER  
Culmen; Science Club; Baseball; Basketball; Track  
Harold is interested in a wide variety of sports which includes hunting and fishing. He also enjoys driving. Girls rate high with him. When it comes to food Harold would enjoy a dinner of roast duck or lobster. His future plans include college to study either chemistry or chemical engineering.

DOUGLAS VICTOR CLOSTERMAN, JR.  
Varsity Club; Football  
Doug has two special interests, cars and girls with long hair. He likes auto racing very much and plans to own a stock car some day. Football rates pretty high also. His ambition is to be the owner of a body shop sometime in the future.

HELEN CRITELLI  
G.A.A.; Culmen, Typing Editor  
One of our top secretarial course members, Helen is known for her neatness and her ability to bring laughter to any group. A friend to all, "Hel" is a lover of dancing, convertibles, and pizza which proves she is fun to be with. Her only dislike seems to be freckle-faced boys. After graduation, office-work seems like the best bet to "Hel".
WILLIAM CULP  
Science Club  
Bill is a rather quiet person. His main interest is in the amateur radio field. He is one of the "3 Hams" in the class. Perhaps Bill will go into the Air Force or Signal Corp after graduation but his plans aren’t too definite.

C. ROBERT CURTIS  
Art Club; Jr. Chorus  
Bob is one of those people who is quiet in class but outside of school his humor is in evidence. Since his trip to California a few years ago, Bob’s interest is in the west. His dislikes center around "boys who think" which explains itself. After graduation his plans are to join the Navy and then attend college.

HERBERT L. DARROW  
Always ready with a wise-crack, that’s Herb. Of course his dislikes center around teachers but we forgive him for that after getting to know him. His favorite food is roast beef but his real interests lie around radio and television, the field which will claim Herb after he receives his sheepskin.

ROBERT DAVIDSON  
This tall redhead hails from Westfield. Although one of our more quiet Seniors, Bob can be expected to bring forth some witty remarks. When looking for him, Bob can usually be found driving his "hot little Ford". We’re sure the future holds much for this fellow.
JOSEPH DAVIS  
Football

Joe is most famous for his unforgettable runs for touchdowns. Away from the football field, Joe’s main interest is his sleek honey of a car. Of course girls and food rate high on his record of likes. Joe’s fine personality and humor will certainly be an asset to him in the future.

ADELE MARIE DE FRANCESCO  
Culmen, Business Manager; Chorus; Las Contadoras; Jr. Student Council, President; Sr. Student Council; Junior Play; Cheerleader, Captain; Jr. National Honor Society; Citizenship Institute; Senior Class, Vice-President; Committee, Soph Hop, Jr. Prom

A cute little trick bubbling over with pep, is our own Adele. Besides participating in many activities, Adele likes driving, hamburgers, and cute boys. Future—Medical Assistant.

SHIRLEY ANN DE HART  
Student Council; G.A.A.; Junior National Honor Society; Culmen

Neat, quiet, easy to get along with; these are the things that make Shirl the wonderful classmate that she is. An ardent Dodger fan, she also enjoys knitting (a familiar scene is Shirley with a sweater in the making) and listening to Don Cornell. With her patience and friendliness, Shirl will make an excellent nurse.

MARJORIE ELIZABETH DUPLIN
Sr. Chorus; Las Contadoras

By returning to Scotch Plains this year, Margie has renewed many old friendships. Ohio lost an asset when we again claimed her as ours. One of our sweetest classmates she is very talented at the piano. Besides tearing around in a souped-up Ford, Margie enjoys all sports. Her dislikes are “people who think they know it all”. Margie’s goal is to be a nurse and with her patience and personality we know she will make a good one.
MARIE EDWARDS
G.A.A.
Our Eddie likes to listen to Eddie Fischer especially while taking her fill of Italian food. Marie, with a humorous, optimistic outlook, plans to study nursing. Vacations may find her relaxing in Pennsylvania.

RUSSELL JAMES EGAN
Culmen, Sports Editor; Fanscotian; Varsity Club; Football Manager; Track Manager; Scorekeeper; Science Club
Russ has been at nearly every sports event reporting for the newspapers and spreading S.P.’s fame. Always ready with a good story he has livened up many party. Russ is sure of college, where he plans to study aeronautical engineering.

CAROL ELIZABETH ELSENER
Senior Class, Secretary; Junior Class, Secretary; Culmen; Fanscotian; Band; Orchestra; Junior Play; Jr. National Honor Society; G.A.A.
Carol is the attractive and popular girl who has been elected secretary of the class for the past two years. Always a lot of fun, Carol likes brown-eyed boys, football games, and writing letters. She intends to major in psychology at some girls’ college in Virginia.

WALTER J. ENGEL
Projection Squad
Walt likes to travel, which he did to come back to us from Boulder City High School in Nevada. There this dark-haired boy with the flashing smile was art editor of the school paper and played on the basketball team. A brunette, and his favorite dessert, cherry pie a la mode, both rate, as does a ’51 Ford. Walt plans to attend college to study aeronautical engineering.
BARBARA J. ESBRANDT
Since the middle of May in her Jr. year, Barb, formerly of Bat-
tten High School, has been in our midst. Of all the sports she
likes basketball and bowling best. After actively chasing a basket-
ball up the court, the steak and French fries she craves so much,
taste mighty good. Up to now her after-graduation plans are
indefinite.

FRANK FEDOWITZ
Quiet scientific Frank can usually be found in the Chemistry lab
asking Mr. Tilley about some little known fact of radio theory.
As you can guess, Frank is one of those masterminded “Hams”.
Frank’s intelligence will carry him far in the future.

GAIL JANICE FEREDAY
Band and Orchestra, Secretary; Moonglows; Majorette;
G.A.A.; Junior Play; Culmen
High-stepping Gail with the gay plaid skirt marches up the field
at the head of the S.P.H.S. band. In class she keeps us roaring
while she frantically waves her hands as she tells a story. And
that giggle, you’ve never heard anything like it! At the mention
of steak her nose will wrinkle with dislike but not so when she
thinks of a certain fellow—a sailor. Gail plans to start at Drake
during the summer.

SHEILA FISCHER
G.A.A.; Senior Chorus
With a shake of her dark hair and a sparkle from her eyes Sheila
begins a story, most likely about a certain Marine. Being with
people, especially those who are friendly and open-hearted, is a
joy to her. Sheila is mad about Italian food. Following cap and
gown will be at least two years of work and then marriage, if
everything turns out well.
ANTOINETTE JEANNE FOURRE
G.A.A.
Outwardly Toni might appear quiet, but away from school that is not necessarily true. No doubt she knows her cars since she likes all kinds. It is good too because one of her dislikes is walking. Babysitting does not appeal to her either. Apparently S.P.H.S. is going to lose a very nice girl to the Waves this June.

GAIL DIAN FRUEHAUF
Fancotian; Culmen; Jr. Student Council; Treasurer; Art Club; Make-up Committee; G.A.A.
Blonde and petite is our Gail. Never a harsh word is uttered by this precious package of neatness. Her talents are many but art excels, as we remember by thinking of the Jr. Prom mural. She loves to give parties and is always up on the latest top tunes. Her friendliness should be an asset as Gail breaks through to the big world.

ELIZABETH ANNE GEORGE
Senior Chorus; Vice President; Las Cantadoras; Moonglowers Vocalist; Jr. Play; Cheerleaders, Co-Captain; G.A.A.; Culmen
To say that Annie has pep and school spirit would be an understatement. She has been rooting for S.P. since her arrival from Rahway four years ago. Anne has a passion for dark-haired boys with pretty brown eyes as well as hamburgers, French fries, and that red and white Chevy. Looks like college in the sunny South.

PETER FREELAND
Library Council
Quiet, likeable Pete is one of our more serious students. He is wrapped up in electronics and after the service he plans to be an electrical engineer. He applies himself well and is friendly to everyone. Pete is a lover of hot convertibles and he’s sure they’ll fit in somewhere.
ANN VIRGINIA GIMSKIE
Fanscotician; Culmen; G.A.A.
Petite Ann is a rare girl because she has no dislikes, but her list of interests is long. Take for instance the subject of food—we will agree with her that steak, French-fries, and Italian meals are delicious. Sports fans will join her in rooting for the Yankees and at football games; or in ice skating. When it comes to dancing there are Guy Lombardo, Perry Como, and Doris Day from the music world to accompany her. Teachers' college is her next step.

THOMAS RAYMOND GLOVER
Culmen; Jr. Student Council; Library Council
It's a welcome relief to find someone now and then who is always laughing and who always has a smile for folks. Our boy Tom is like that. He has a great love for animals and plans to go to the University of Pennsylvania to study veterinary medicine. Tom is ever the gentleman and is always ready to extend a helping hand.

JULANNE HAER
Culmen; Band; Orchestra; Chorus; Las Cantadoras; All-State Orchestra; Jr. National Honor Society; Junior Play
There is seldom a sound from Jule until she starts to play with the orchestra and then we are glad we waited. Jule works hard on any task but during the summer she relaxes with her music in Maine. Conscientious, pleasant, and a fine friend, Julanne will make good use of her talents studying musical therapy.

JAMES BRUCE HALL
Student Council; Culmen; Fanscotician; Jr. Play; Art Club; Track; Cross Country; Basketball; Assembly Committee
Bruce's interests include membership on several committees, athletic teams, and publication staffs. Always an addition to English classes, Bruce enjoys debating and writing. Outside interests include Scouting and camping. Bruce plans to attend small college and major in education or journalism.
WAYNE A. HANSEN
Pres., Science Club; Projection Squad.
Wayne is known for his timely remarks always presented with a straight face. His dislikes center around red heads but in the Navy he won't have to tolerate them. Anyone need help on chemistry? Ask Wayne, he'll straighten you out while he mixes you up. His life's work, will not be science but hotels.

SOPHIE MAXINE HARRIS
Jr. Chorus; Art Club; Red Cross; G.A.A.
A big smile and a little giggle have been Sophie's trademark through the years. A hard worker, she is always willing and able to lend a helping hand. Sophie like clothes (which are of good taste) and travel and would like to attend a beautician's school after graduation.

ELIZABETH HENDERSON
Girls A. A.
Liz likes fried chicken and fashionable clothes and loves to travel, especially in a "52" Chevy. She doesn't care for conceited people but there may not be to many of those at the Belle Meade School where Liz intends to pursue a modeling career after graduation.

CAROL FRANCES HILL
Culmen; Band; Orchestra; Student Council; Jr. Play; American Legion Oratorical; Library Council.
Another hard worker, Carol can give anyone a cheerful earful and has ranked high in the class of '54. Carol gets a bang out of New England summers and hopes to carve for herself a career in veterinary medicine. Her favorite, black coffee, should keep her going at the University of Pennsylvania.
DONALD W. HOLMGAARD
Fanscotion; Pres. Chorus; Basketball.
Red, as he is known around school, is one of our big scorers on the basketball court. He is six feet plus and a high jumping forward. Red, aside from being an asset to our basketball team, has been a member of the chorus for four years and has kept history classes alive with his remarks. He was elected chorus president in his junior year. The future may hold landscaping or aviation machines.

ROBERT KENNETH HORNBY
Student Council; Asst. Ed. Culmen; Pres. Freshman Class; Jr. Honor Society; Library Council; Pres. Science Club; Service Club; Jr. Play; Jr. Student Council; Football Manager; American Legion Award; American Legion Oratorical; Boy’s State.
Bob has been one of our class leaders since grade school and each year brings more achievements. When he is not doing something to help meet a deadline we see Bob in his green Model A. Considerate and thoughtful, these are the reason’s Bob’s classmate’s turn to him for help and they always receive it. Sure to succeed is the award we give him.

CAROL ANN HOUGHTON
Art Club; Girl’s A.A.
Carol is very definite in her plans to go on as a secretary and no doubt she’ll be happy because her favorite subject has been office practice. She loves to spend her spare time driving and keeping occupied with sports, especially horseback riding. Boys rate high with Carol when they’re tall and dark.

ROLAND HUGHEY
Varsity Club; Football; Basketball; Baseball; Service Club; Jr. Student Council.
Roland is one of our big men in sports and has quite a record. Although usually quiet he has a ready smile and can give out with some dry humor. He plans to go to college and major in physical education. With his sports background he should do very well.
BERNARD JOHNSON
Football; Varsity Club.
He's not too heavy but don't let that fool you—he's a real powerhouse when it comes to crossing the goal line. Bernie has gone through many an opposing line to score and he can share the credit for more than one victory.

BRUCE ISAAC KEMP
Pres., Library Council; Nat'l Jr. Honor Society; Jr. Student Council; Projection Squad; Culmen, Pictorial Editor.
When not zipping along just short of the speed of light, Bruce is thinking up some way to playfully harass students or teachers. With all the fun, he is still a good worker in any group and has kept busy in many class projects. Bruce plans to take his cheerful self to an undecided college this fall.

PHILIP JAMES KOERNER
Baseball.
Tall, with brown hair and greenish-blue eyes well describes Phil. With the appearance goes a liking for sports and the music of Glenn Miller, as well as a drive in his family's '51 Chevrolet. Braggarts and sea food are his two dislikes. The future will find Phil handsomely dressed in an Air Force uniform.

VICTOR GLENN KRINGLE
Glenn is the new, quiet, brown-eyed senior who hails from Towsen High in Baltimore, Maryland. He thinks Scotch Plains is a much newer school but it rates about the same as Towsen. If you need help in history speak to Glenn, but his favorite subject is mechanical drawing and he hopes someday to be a draftsman.
CHARLOTTE ANNE KROG
Culmen; Fanscotian; Art Club; Junior Chorus; Library Council; Girl's A.A.; Junior Play.
Charlotte is one of our cutest gals and has a nice personality plus a certain way with the boys. She's right at home at a party or football game and loves Cape Cod. Charlotte plans to enter nursing school after graduation.

ANDREW N. LO BUE
Andy likes to make a meal of Italian food, especially pizza, and then go out to hunt, fish, and trap. He also is favorably inclined toward blonde girls with blue eyes. After graduation Andy hopes to be a building contractor.

VIVIAN SUE LANTHEAUME
Fanscotian; Culmen; Art Club; Service Club; Girls A.A.
"Viv" or "Vivian," which ever you please, is one of the smallest seniors but also one of the busiest. Often seen scurrying around the halls she's occupied with something and it might concern French which is her favorite subject. She intends to take journalism in college and someday hopes to take a trip "a Paris."

BARBARA ANN MADDOCK
Fanscotian; Culmen; Student Council; Jr. Play; Assembly Committee, Chairman; Projection Squad; Point System; American Legion School Award; American Legion Oratorical.
Competent, hard working Barbara never fails to be around when there is a job to be done. At the very top of our class, "Barby" finds time to spend many pleasureable hours swimming, writing letters and participating in church work. In a few years we may find Barbara doing parish work in a church.
HELEN MALANGA

Girl's A.A.; Culmen.

Helen Malanga is very impressive with those big brown eyes and brown hair. Always taking an optimistic outlook on the world, "Lee's" pleasant smile is present at all times. Homemade Italian ravioli tops Helen's list of treats, singers Frankie Lane and Doris Day running a close second. One of her greatest attributes is her fashion designing and an education in this line is seen in the near future.

EDWARD J. MANFRA, JR.

Football; Track.

A sportsman's appetite makes Ed fond of a good meal, particularly macaroni and spaghetti. Over-sophisticated people are not popular with big, silent Ed who talks only when there is something worth while to say. He is not sure about after-June plans but perhaps he will go into contracting work.

JOAN LOUISE MCDONALD

Now here's a girl who loves to travel, listen to singers Eddie Fisher, Perry Como and Dinah Shore and watches the Dodgers with keen interest. Yes, that's our Joan. A friendly smile is always seen on this petite girl's face and she always has a friendly word. Some lucky office will receive Joan soon.

PAUL ROBERT McGUIRE

Baseball; Basketball; Projection Squad.

Always ready with a cheerful smile, Paul, or Mac, take your choice, has proven himself a pleasant and constant friend. Paul has been seen at practically every sporting event Scotch Plains has held and when it comes to baseball information just ask him. After his sheepskin it's college for Paul.
WALTER McNEIL
Varisty Club; Football; Baseball.
A contagious grin usually precedes some dry humor from quiet and unassuming Mac. He has been a tough man to get by on the Raider’s line and enjoys art work. Mac intends to continue his art study in a commercial art school.

LOIS ELIZABETH McNUTT
Senior Chorus; Las Contradoras.
If you hear those mellow notes issuing from chorus, you’ll know it’s Lois. Besides being a wonderful singer “Lo” has that certain something needed by all applicants of the nursing field. Could it be her sweet, natural disposition? Good luck Lois, we know you’ll do well.

LORRAINE D. MILLS
Red Cross.
Lorraine is a girl who finds life likeable. It is her contagious giggle that often delights an entire class. Lorry, avoids squirrels, onions and cars that don’t go. Lorraine’s plans are not definite, but she should be fun to have in any career.

PHILIP PAOLETTI, JR.
“Phil” is another fellow interested in cars. He has his own ‘34 Ford but dislikes people who drive carelessly. Phil would like to enter Florida Southern in the fall and after that join the Air Force. Mechanically minded, he hopes to turn flying into a career.
RICHARD LEE PASQUARELLA
Football; Baseball; Art Club.
“Richie’s” big interest is in cars. He spends most of his spare time (when he isn’t playing football,) working on his ’49 Ford convertible he is very proud of. After graduation comes the Army and after that Rich would like to open a garage of his own.

BETTY ANN PEARCE
Fanscoting; Culmen Art Editor; Jr. Student Council; Junior Play; Jr. Red Cross; Girl’s A.A.; Jersey Girls’ State; Library Council.
Fun-loving, original, neat, witty and peppy all rolled together describe our Betty Ann. This active classmember can always be found at football games or at the nearest sewing machine—always performing outstanding sewing feats. In the near future “Bett” hopes to be at the University of New Hampshire studying Wildlife Conservation.

LORRAINE PIZZALTO
“Lory” came to us brand-new in her Senior year. We have all come to appreciate her delightful sense of humor. Her only dislike is spaghetti. This coming September she is planning to attend Berkeley Secretarial School, majoring in Law Secretarial work.

G. WILLIAM RAU
Culmen; Band; Student Council; Jr. Play; Projection Squad; Library Council; Track; Cross-Country; Jr. Nat. Honor Society; Senior Class President; Freshman Class V.P.; Boy’s State Delegate; Oratorical Contest.
Although “Bill” is rather quiet in school, he is a smashing addition to any party, always bringing along his quiet humor. Cars and sports are major avocations in the life of this Senior although his future should entitle him to a lawyer’s certificate.
JAMES BERNARD REILLY
Student Council; Culmen; Jr. Play; Art Club.

We'll long remember “Jim” for his leading performance in the Junior Play. Always adding to a conversation and showing leadership qualities. Jim puts a certain blonde senior as number one on his list. Next year Jim will be sporting a Navy uniform.

JOHN HERBERT REVETT
Treasurer, Sophomore Class; Student Council; Varsity Club; Football; Track.

When “Jay” rejoined us in his sophomore year, Scotch Plains gained what California lost. Although generally quiet in school, Jay excels in track and was a husky end on the football team. We'll be looking for him to set new track records in the future.

PETER OWEN RIDGWAY
Junior Class President; Sophomore Class V.P.; Freshman Class Treasurer; Art Club; Student Council; Fanscotian; Service Club; Varsity Club; Track; Cross-Country; Football; Basketball; Bowling; Boys’ State Alternate; Sec., Tres., Variety Club.

“Pete” is one of our most active and popular seniors. He made his name on the track team in our sophomore year and has been an outstanding runner in the county ever since. His many likes includes a certain special girl now in Ohio. His future plans include the Air Force and a career in hotel administration.

ELVIRA JEAN ROBINSON
Art Club; Jr. Red Cross.

Elvira is the quiet, sincere girl seen in the Scotch Plains halls with never a worry pictured on her pretty face. “El’s” only dislike is conceited people but her likes are naturally many. With El’s pleasant, unassuming manner we are sure she will do well in both of her chosen fields—office work and then marriage.
CYNTHIA MARION ROCCO
Jr. Play; Art Club; G.A.A.
It’s no sin to be like “Cyn” our pretty, relaxed Senior. And we simply can’t overlook her dramatic performance in “Our Miss Brooks.” Cynthia is happiest when served hot thick-milk shakes. Please don’t turn on classical music at this time or Cynthia will leave. A secretarial job or a dramatic school is “Cyn’s” future.

KENNETH ROGERS
Student Council; Moonglowers; Jr. Play; Art Club; Football.
Ken is that tall, blonde, good-looking fellow often seen with a certain cute cheerleader. Ken is dependable, a good student, good athlete, and an all around fellow. His cool “40” Buick is the envy of many a senior boy. After graduating Ken may be headed to a small college to become an engineer.

WILLIAM SALISBURY, JR.
Projection Squad; Science Club.
“Bill” is a likable fellow with blond hair who loves to fly model airplanes, drive, or run an outboard motor boat or do just about anything where he can use his vast knowledge about mechanical things. In the summer Bill loves to visit Texas and hopes some day to start a wheat ranch there but first comes the Air Force and college.

FLORENCE FELICE SANGUILIANO
G.A.A.; Junior Red Cross; Art Club; Chorus.
Tiny and shy but so energetic and efficient, Flo and her pretty smile seem to be many places at once. She likes to travel and in the sports line she favors swimming and skiing. Flo keeps up pretty with the latest in fashion but she doesn’t care for long hair or heavy jewelry. Her sweet disposition and good taste should help her a lot if her wishes to be a hairstylist come true.
PAULINE B. SANGUILIANO
Junior Chorus; Fanscotian; Junior Red Cross; Make-up Committee; Service Club; Girls A.A.

Though “Sange” (as she is known to her friends) is one of the quiet, reserved members of the class, she is loads of fun when you get to know her and is a true and loyal friend. “Sange” likes pizza, and popular music. After graduation she plans to attend a beauty culture school. Good luck, “Sange,” in whatever you undertake.

RITA ANN SANGUILIANO
Art Club; Red Cross.

Don’t let her size fool you. Although she’s small, Rita is friendly, neat, and full of ambition. As she is quiet and unassuming Rita is liked by all. Swimming, in which she excels, is Rita’s favorite pastime. She studies hard for plans to become an elementary teacher are in the distance.

MARIE ANN SCARINCI
Junior Chorus; Red Cross; Girls A.A. Make-up Committee; Culmen; Service Club.

Petite Cookie likes dancing at the Falcons, bowling, hen parties, and is always full of enthusiasm over something new. She is a loyal friend and always fun to be with. She enjoys not only watching sports but participating in them as well. After graduation “Cookie” plans to be a secretary for about two years and then marriage.

CAROL LOUISE SCHADE
Junior Chorus; Junior National Honor Society; Senior Chorus; Las Cantadoras; Junior Play; Library Council; Assembly Committee; Culmen.

“Shadey” as you can gather is one of the class’s busiest members. She is great fun to be with and makes friends easily. Among her likes are french fries and Maine. Her only violent dislike is drinking. Aside from all her school activities she finds time for Senior Girl Scouts. After graduation she plans to attend Trenton State Teacher’s College.
GAIL JEAN SCHRUL  
Culmen; Senior Chorus; Las Cantadoras.
Gay likes Pontiacs, horses, and food in any form. She is known for her friendliness and is always ready to help someone. However, she does not like people who do not tell the truth. After graduation she is planning to work for a year. Then we will find her in Nursing School.

ROSE MARIE SCHRUL  
Culmen; Jr. Play; Sewing Club; G.A.A.
If you're looking for Roe you'll probably find her helping someone. She spends her spare time writing letters to a sailor, bowling and listening to semi-classical music. An unusual dislike of Roe's is the color yellow. Her future includes working and best of all, marriage.

MARGARET ANN SCHWINGEL  
Culmen; Jr. Play; Dramatic Club, St. Council; Pres., G.A.A.; Cheerleaders.
A red Lincoln convertible, a certain graduate, food, and cheering are among Peggy Ann's interests! However, she is not in favor of homework or conceited people. Peggy is always on the go attending to one thing or another. She is one of the best liked people in the class of '54. Laselle Junior College will be the future stamping grounds of Peggy.

JOHN ANTHONY SINKER  
An avid sports fan is Sink and probably one of our most loyal Yankee backers. John finds a special interest in mathematics and science and hopes to further these interests in an engineering college following graduation.
WARREN B. SMITH

Football.

"Smitty," the proud possessor of two fine cars during the past few years, hopes to continue his interest, in the automobile business. Smitty has a special love for spaghetti which will be served with the courtesy of Uncle Sam during his army enlistment in the near future.

JOAN SNYDER

G.A.A. Jr. Honor Society; Freshman Dance and Jr. Prom; Chairman of Senior Banquet; Junior Play; Sr. Student Council; D.A.R. Good Citizen.

A girl with a hand in everything is good definition of Joan. She never seems to run out of time or a friendly smile. Horses and boys are a few of the special interests she has. Joan has always done everything in such a thorough way we know she will make a success of college.

RODERIC SPENCER

National Jr. Honor Society; Varsity Club; Baseball.

Hardworking, quiet and dependable is about the best way to describe Rod. He has held down a spot on the baseball squad and stood high in the class since our earliest high school days. Rod plans to attend college where we are sure that he will be very successful.

ROSAE CECELIA SPINALE

Art Club; G.A.A.

Roe is known for her long, dark hair. She can always be found stirring up something. Roe really goes for bowlegged boys with passionate eyes. She dislikes hypocrites and "Rah, Rah" haircuts. Trapenhagen School for Design and Decoration will probably find Roe as one of its pupils in the future.
HENERY STEINMAN

Henry, who has the ability to find the choice remarks for every occasion, finds his main interests in another field. His love for math, chem, and physics all contribute toward his goal of a career in Radio Physics. We are sure, though, that Henry's mission in life is to keep people happy and laughing.

LEWIS STRANICH

Football; Baseball.

Future sports fans and athlete at S.P.H.S. will long remember Lewie as a husky, versatile Raider football and baseball hero. Aside from sports, good food and "clean" cars are his other popular interests. Lewie's hard work on the athletic field is a clue to the spirit he plans to put forth working after graduation.

DONALD SZALKOWSKI

Treas. Sr. Class; Treas. Jr. Class; Art Club.

Big, quiet and likeable, Don has been a student at S.P.H.S. since his freshman year but still has a spot in his heart for his native Irvington. The business world, into which he hopes to step after graduation, will not be an unfamiliar place. Don has done an outstanding job for the past two years as Treasurer of the Class of '54.

ELMER TERRY, JR.

Student Council; Football; Baseball; Varsity Club.

Pete, a big man with a big heart, has been a dependable member of the Raider football and baseball squads for the past few years. He now hopes to turn the enthusiasm he has for sports toward a career in plumbing, where he will work with his father.
DONALD THOMPSON
Fanscotian; Art Club; Service Club; Culmen; Junior Play.
Tall, quiet and handsome, Don came to SPHS in his Junior year. His quiet way and likeable personality have won him many friends in these past two years. Art school seems to be the next step in Don's future and then a career in commercial art, a subject in which he has already proven himself capable.

ROBERT TODD
Culmen.
Bob is usually a quiet and gentle guy but mention the South and he assures you that: the Confederacy will rise again.” He likes nothing more than to dance with a small blonde senior or eat southern food. Bob is undecided about college but feels certain that he will be meeting with Uncle Sam very shortly.

RICHARD ALLEN TORBIK
Track.
Dick, who came to SPHS from Elizabeth two years ago, is a very easy going guy who knows how to get the most out of life. He is not quite certain about the future although he has hopes for a career in engineering. We are sure though, that goodnatured Dick will enjoy life and make life enjoyable for those around him.

SABINO MICHAEL VENEZIA
Art Club; Intramurals; Treasurer, Student Council.
Sab is just one of those good-looking fellows. One of the most popular boys in the class he likes all kinds of Italian foods, especially pizza. Girls with “just right figures” get Sab’s note, too. He dislikes show-offs. After that fateful day in June “Sab” plans to work in his father’s hardware store.
THERESA VENEZIA

Fanscotian; Cheerleader; G.A.A.

Brown eyed, dark-haired Terry is a popular attraction around S.P. Wherever there is laughter or cheerleading you will find Terry in the middle of it. With her pleasing personality and ready smile she has been a good friend to everyone.

HERBERT VERSE

Art Club; Science Club; Jr. Student Council.

If you hear laughter and see someone having fun, that’s Herbie. Besides being jolly he also likes short brunettes, light convertibles, steak, and mashed potatoes. Watch that waist-line Herbie. The future will find him either as an Electrical Engineer or going to Penn. Military College.

SANFORD BARTON WANNER

Art Club; Manager; Track; Fanscotian; Jr. Play.

Hamburgers, french fries, pizza—in fact all kinds of food head Sandy’s list of likes. Next in line are dark blondes and Westfield. (Could there be some connection in the last two?) Sandy is the type of fellow who will try anything once. Upon graduation from S.P.H.S. he would like to attend a teachers’ college to become a history teacher. With his winning ways we know that Sandy will go far.

RICHARD TRYON WETHERALD

Jr. Chorus; Art Club; Sr. Chorus.

Dick is the studious type. In study hall he actually studies! Dick likes to travel and eat. He dislikes people who talk too much. His plans for the future include a pharmacy course in Philadelphia or at Rutgers. Wherever he goes and whatever he does we the class of ’54 know he will be successful.
RICHARD CARTER WEAR

Fanscotian; Band; Basketball.
Dick came to us from Pennsylvania in his senior year. He disliked leaving his old school at such a time but now has made many friendships here. His chief likes are long blonde hair and Pennsylvania. After he graduates, Dick plans to go to college and then enter the advertising end of either radio or journalism.

MARJOH C. WILLIAMSON

Junior Chorus; Service Club; Red Cross; Fanscotian; Senior Chorus; Culmen.
Always bubbling over with something, that's Midge. Fried chicken, dancing, and New England appeal to her as does anything powder blue. She enjoys watching all kinds of sports and never misses a game if she can help it. “Midge” is undecided about her future but thinks it will be office work for her.

WILMA ANN ZEGRAY

Fanscotian; G.A.A.
If you hear an argument you will probably find Wil in the middle of it. Among her other interests are Frankie Laine, Theresa Brewer, fried chicken, and foreign languages. She intends to go to a Secretarial School to major in a Spanish Secretarial Course. Later she wishes to work for an importing and exporting company.
The Junior Class has been a success since their first project, the Freshman Dance. This year, having been led by competent Tom Andrusky, they've done better than ever. Their Junior Play, "Good-bye, My Fancy", was a success. Their Junior Prom was enjoyed by all and now they are planning to top everything with their Senior Year. Their many leaders should bring them out on top.

President ..................... Thomas Andrusky
Vice-President ................ Vivian Carri
Secretary ...................... Diane Hutchings
Treasurer ...................... Anita Flora
Meet the Sophomores, no longer the frightened underclassmen of yesteryear. They cut open their first worm and explored the mysteries of the flora and fauna. “Gracias” or “Merci” became an everyday part of their vocabulary. This year their big event was the Soph Hop. Gala decorations, gay formals, and fragrant corsages will be long remembered.

President ........................................ John Roglieri
Vice-President ................................. Arthur Cockburn
Secretary ........................................ Harriet Max
Treasurer ......................................... Micheal Willard
FRESHMAN CLASS

We welcomed the class into the beginning of their high school career. Although we didn't see the Freshmen very often they were very important folks for they are the "seniors" of the Junior High. This year, as every year, they are looking forward to the Freshman Dance. The all important event of the year comes in June with their promotion ceremony when they make the final step into Senior High.

President ........................................... Valerie Stevens
Vice-President ................................. Jane Scarpa
Secretary ................................. Barbara Knapp
Treasurer ................................. Audrey Prior
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.
WE DID.

Editor-in-chief .......... Mary Rose Bugle
Assistant Editor .......... Robert Hornby
Art Editor ............... Betty Ann Pearce
Typing Editor ............ Helen Critelli
Business Manager ........ Adele De Francesco
Sports Editor ............. Russell Egan
Pictorial Editor .......... Bruce Kemp
Faculty Advisor .... Charles W. Armerding
The Senior Student Council, composed of representatives from every homeroom and organization in the school Senior High, meets twice a month to discuss and work out the many problems that arise from the student body.

Annually they send to the state convention several delegates who come back with new ideas and suggestions from other schools.

The council also sponsors a roller skating party and the traditional Christmas Dance. This fine organization has proven well the value of student government.

OFFICERS

President ................................... Ronald Boyd
Vice-President .............................. Richard Kelly
Secretary ................................... Rita Nyborg
Treasurer ................................... Dolores Pizzuti
The council has four elected officers who meet twice a month with the presidents of Junior High Organizations and homerooms to consider school problems. In all there were thirty-nine members this year.

The council’s main money making activity is a roller skating party. Each year the council from another Junior High is invited to visit Scotch Plains to exchange ideas. Next year the group plans to join the state student council organization.

OFFICERS

President ......................... Kenneth Iuso
Vice-President ................. Barbara Beckman
Secretary ......................... Judy Glore
Treasurer ......................... Garry Wilbor
A coveted distinction is election to the Wescott Chapter of the National Honor Society. Open to the scholastic upper third of the class its final membership will consist of the fifteen percent of the class who have best demonstrated character, scholarship, leadership, and service. The induction assemblies are always inspiring and each member is well-deserving of the recognition of membership.

Not resting on their laurels, the Society continues its school service by posting the honor rolls during the year and by serving as ushers at various night events. While it recognizes achievement among the seniors, the Honor Society offers a challenge to succeeding classes to develop within themselves the outstanding and to put forth their best.
Extra! Extra! For the first time the Fanscotian is a printed paper! No longer does the staff have to labor over an inky mimeograph machine. Now there are professional looking pictures on the pages. Still the hard-working staff has to give time to securing the current events around school, making up the who's who in the senior class, and keeping tabs on the doings of the school teams.

The enthusiastic support of the student body and the backing of the townspeople has made possible the great strides forward this year. The group is also indebted to the able guidance of Mrs. Peer and Mr. Esposito who encouraged the production of top-notch issues.
The Live Wire, the newspaper of the Junior High School, supplies the underclassman with class news and announcements of coming events. Mr. Prisnoek, the faculty advisor for the publication, and the entire staff is kept busy turning out a successful paper.
The houselights dim, the curtains open, the spotlight is focused and the performance begins. For all this, we give our thanks to the Projection Squad, one of the hardest working organizations in the school. Besides our assemblies and the daily use of many audio-visual aids, the group is responsible for all evening entertainment. This praiseworthy organization certainly deserves a big hand.
The Junior Projection Squad is a replica of the Senior Projection Squad with a few exceptions. The junior team is made up of students in grades seven through nine. This group has one almost exclusive right—it mails the films from our school. Undoubtedly we will someday see these many ambitious boys behind the projectors in the senior high.

President .......................................................... Rodney Jones
Vice-President ....................................................... William Yurasko
Secretary .......................................................... Preston Shimer
Treasurer ............................................................ Billy Larson
Faculty Advisor ................................................... Mr. Francis Malesky
Checking books in and out, collecting fines, mending books, and straightening shelves are just a few of the duties that keep Council members busy.

The Library Council was organized in 1942 to promote student interest in library work. The students, under the supervision of Miss Ayers, librarian, spend one or two periods a week in the library performing the everyday tasks that keep our library running efficiently and smoothly.
This year, because of half-session, a Junior Library Council was formed to serve the students of the Junior High School.

Much of their time this year has been spent in orientation to the various phases of library work; how to check books in or out, the process of doing reading records, or where to find information for some harassed History student.

The meetings of the council are held twice a month in the library. Here the students discuss their work and make plans for their activities and projects.

President .............................................. Judy Bragdon
Vice-President ................................. Gale Weigle
Secretary ............................................ Barbara Braun
Faculty Advisor ................................. A. Lorraine Ayers
BOYS’ CHORUS

The Boys’ Chorus, newly organized this year, is the male reply to the Las Cantadoras. Only the most talented boys of the chorus may join. Because this group is as yet unknown in the community, their efforts are confined to S.P.H.S. They, along with the Las Cantadoras, are featured in the Christmas program and the Choral Festival.

Las Cantadoras is a group of the most exceptional girls from the chorus. They sing the more difficult music with charm and ability and consequently are in great demand, not only in school, but throughout the community. They, along with the Boys’ Chorus, do the annual Christmas caroling through the halls of S.P.H.S. Las Cantadoras also takes part in the Christmas and Choral Festival programs.
The Senior Chorus, made up of talented boys and girls from the high school, is one of the most rewarding of the extra-curricular activities. Under the able direction of Miss Ruth Swetland, the chorus presents the annual Christmas program telling the Christmas story in song. The chorus also presents the Choral Festival, a program of choral varieties. The highlight of this year’s Choral Festival was the Mikado.

President ....................... Anne George
Vice-President .................. Tom Andrusky
Secretary ....................... Barbara Dunn
Treasurer ....................... John Frusco
One of our most popular organizations is our dance band, the MOONGLOWERS. Each year they have several programs which are always looked forward to with great expectation and during one of these they have tryouts for a vocalist. Our MOONGLOWERS travel to other schools for exchange assemblies and have given a good name to S.P.H.S. Their continued practice on exceptional arrangements makes them an organization of which Scotch Plains High can be truly proud.
This year the orchestra has been working under a great difficulty, that of half session. It has had to have rehearsals during the senior high session. Still, four of its members represented us in the All-State orchestra this year. They are Julaniê Haer, Bill Hahn, Nancy Taber, and Preston Shimer. The orchestra plays for two assemblies during the year; the National Honor Society Assembly and the Oratorical Contest. Their biggest appearance is in the Night of Music and at the end of the school year they play for Senior Commencement. Hats off to the efforts of this organization!
BAND

Dressed in bright blue jackets and trousers, trimmed with a white stripe and braid on the sleeve, the S.P.H.S. band marches proudly on to the field. We were certainly proud of our band at the football games as they entertained us at the half. We have many other reasons to be proud of them. This year three of its members are representing us in the All-State Band. They are Bob Busse, Leighton Adams, and Joe Sackel. As in years passed the band provided the music for the Junior Play. Each year we look forward to their music in the Night of Music and always know that the band is doing a swell job.

President .................................. Julanne Haer
Vice-President .......................... Carol Hill
Secretary-Treasurer ...................... Gail Fereday
Faculty Advisor ........................ Mr. Edward Wojnarowski
TWIRLERS

Drum Majorette .................. Gail Fereday
Twirlers ......................... Nancy Bessler, Geraldine Petty, Lucy Purvis, Virginia Gross, and Martha Agans.

What bright flash of color is that leading the band? Whose whistle keeps order in the ranks? It is none other than our majorette Gail Fereday and her corp of high-spirited young lasses in their smart plaid uniforms and caps. What fun it is to see these girls in their varied formations, such as, twirling to "Your Cheating Heart" during the half! The blue and white flagged batons are easy to follow and are another great addition to the girl's work on the football field, at pep assemblies, and in leading several town parades. A football game wouldn't be the same without our twirlers.
Ziggity-boom! Rah! Rah! It's the cheerleaders! We saw them on the football field, encouraging the Raiders, win or lose. No basketball game would be the same without their spark. They sponsored two successful dances for the football team and few will forget those exciting evenings.

After their hard work and service to S.P.H.S. are near completion the girls are partially rewarded by a trip and a show in New York City. It would take more than that to repay these girls who have given so much and been such a credit to our school. Their golden megaphones are but a symbol of our thanks to them.
GIRLS’ ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

The Girls’ A. A. is open to interested girls in the Senior High School. The many sports competitions provide interest for a great number of girls with varied skills. The playdays are looked forward to by the girls with high hopes of coming home the victors and Mrs. Hazel Stocker’s supervision has helped the teams become well-trained and successful. Although hockey, baseball, and archery are the other sports taken up by the group, basketball is the most popular competitive sport. The organization teaches the girls the rules of good sportsmanship and fair play.

President ............................................ Peggy Ann Schwingel
Vice-President ..................................... Vivian Carri
Secretary ........................................... Nancy Tabor
Treasurer ............................................. Dolores Pizzuti
Faculty Advisor ................................... Mrs. Hazel Stocker
You can recognize our athletes by the sharp blue and white jackets they wear as Varsity Club members. We can thank our lettermen for a good part of our school social life this year because aside from their sports efforts they have sponsored a roller skating party and several dances.

OFFICERS
President .................. Pete Terry
Vice-President ............. Eric Braun
Secretary-Treasurer ....... Pete Ridgway
Faculty Advisor .......... Mr. Raymond Callaghan
SPORTS
Scotch Plains' gridiron Raiders fought an uphill battle hampered by injuries throughout the season. Calling the plays was quarterback Bill Austin who also threw the passes which landed in the capable hands of ends Jay Revett and Joe Davis more than 50% of the time. Scotch Plains rounded out the forward wall with one of the heaviest lines in its history including co-captains Pete Terry and Eric Braun with the assistance of Doug Closterman, Bill Lersch, John Argenziano, and Ronnie Boyd. Carrying the ball for lots of yardage were Doug Nettingham, Lou Stranich, and Bernie Johnson with Ken Rogers supplying the kicking. Coach Callaghan will have a lot of replacing for next years squad.

Co-Captains ..................... Eric Braun and Pete Terry
Most Valuable Player ............... Bill Austin
Due to the loss of Scotch Plains' championship team last year, Coach Dettmar had a lot of rebuilding to do. He centered his team about Captain Dick Kelly who is one of the country's top scorers. Helping Dick under the backboards are Roland Hughey and Skip Hope with Bill Austin and Paul McGuire providing the outside punch. Off to a slow start the Blue Raiders are improving with each game and with their experience should put on a good showing by the end of the season and return to top, winning form next year.
Behind Captain Billy Lee our baseball team of 1953 came out at the end of the season with five wins, seven losses, and two ties. Although the majority of the team was in the graduating class of 1953, the future is still bright for the team of 1954. The right arm of Lew Stranick and the catcher’s glove of Pete Terry should provide the spark in this year’s team.

BASEBALL

Coach ..................... George Aakjer
Even though the Raiders lost many outstanding performers last June they have the makings of a fine squad this spring. The loss of talented distance runners has been balanced out by a fleet group of sprinters and middle distance men. Strength in the field events is more than promising. S.P.H.S. will do proudly by its cindermen this year.
CLASS HISTORY

Six years. Six years that seemed like six months. We rushed through high school, hurried to get out, and now that the time is here we regret its speediness. We were the same group of baffled seventh graders that September brings every year. Gradually we learned how to get from room eight to the gym without going by the library. We learned how the change of classes works. Eighth grade—synonymous to room eight and it’s “volunteer system.” Finally we became known as the CLASS OF ’54 with a title—Freshmen. That year brought our first dance and our first election of officers. The next year, our first formals. We learned the knack of driving teachers mad. The nauseating odor of formaldehyde drifted down the hall as the biology classes valiantly tried to find the spleen, brain and various and assorted viscera. The Latin “scholars” and their “day in old Rome”. It was a reward for two years of hard work—Julius Caesar or bust!

Finally we were Juniors. We got our class rings for which we had waited so long, This year was a turning point. The hot-rodders began making their place in the world. Future secretaries madly typed away to hit sixty w.p.m. French and Spanish students debated whether to continue or give up. We’ll often laugh at the pranks of certain fellow classmen who planted a “corpse” in the girls’ room. Catsup never frightened anyone so much as it did those unlucky few who walked in first that dreary morning. Prom night. No rest for the parents of party-goers. We’ll never forget those beautiful red and white awnings that were the symbol of the Cafe de la Paix. And the flower carts so common in France. Decorating was half the fun. Our acting ability finally peered out of the shadows when “Our Miss Brooks” graduated from the day of tryouts to opening night. The pictures that hung in the cafeteria to urge people to buy tickets probably only frightened them away. We had our first taste of psychology in U. S. History I. We began to wonder if we were victims of senile dementia, schizophrenia or any of the other mental diseases. We finally got our first experience at blowing up the school in chemistry. At last we were the cause of the horrible rotten egg smell to which the school is subjected at least one day a year. Memories consist of cut hands, burnt clothing, and worn plastic aprons.

Some of the students were lucky enough to graduate to physics, and their final year at S.P.H.S. This year came in with a bang, when a cherry bomb exploded in the downstairs hall. Class officers were chosen and we were finally ready to assume those longed-for Senior privileges! We certainly exercised them as we kept an all-day vigil by the Senior stairs for law-breakers. Such fun it was! We devoted an editorial and a picture in the newly-printed Fancyscotian to our authority. The arguments over our yearbook began. All of us tried our best to cut classes for picture-taking. We voted on this and that but didn’t remember which had won when we saw the finished product. We learned, under the watchful guidance of Miss Higgins, how to pronounce the most commonly mispronounced words in the English language beginning with oral, gaseous, and clique right through to the very last word. All through the year we had money-making projects to keep our treasury in existence. Our play “Sight Unseen” was certainly a history-making event! After struggling with English accents, exorcism and materializations we presented a final success. After that the year flew. We took college boards hoping to get accepted to a school of our choice. Spring arrived and our Senior year began to fade. Graduation season loomed up with our unforgettable prom, banquet and then—COMMENCEMENT. Now it is almost all over. We, the CLASS OF ’54 have left our mark and are ready to move on. Friendships have been made that will never be forgotten. We owe so much to the teachers who have guided us through these memorable years; Mr. Adams has been the best principal a school could have. He’s been a friend to us through every trial we’ve experienced. None of us will forget him or the rest of our faculty members. We do thank them from the bottom of our hearts.

Now we begin a new era, but as we look through this yearbook we will know that we will meet again someday to recall and mull over all our wonderful high school days.

GOOD-BYE SCOTCH PLAINS HIGH. WE LOVE YOU!
HALL OF FAME

CLASS WIT .............................................. Gail Fereday .............................................. Tom Glover
                                       Mary Bugle .............................................. Doug Closterman

CLASS SOPHISTICATE ......................... Cynthia Rocco .............................................. Bob Todd
                                       Carol Elsener ............................................ Dean Carhoun

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BEST DANCER ........................................... Gail Fereday .............................................. Ken Rogers
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MOST TALENTED ........................................ Gail Fereday .............................................. Leighton Adams
                                       Julanne Haer

HANSOMEST .............................................. Ken Rogers .............................................. Jay Revett

PRETTIEST ................................................ Cynthia Rocco .............................................. Charlotte Krog

CUTEST ..................................................... Gail Fruehauf .............................................. Don Thompson
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MOST POPULAR .......................................... Adele DeFrancesco ...................................... Ronnie Boyd
                                       Pete Ridgway

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MOST LIKELY TO SUCCEED ......................... Barbara Maddock ........................................ Bob Hornby
                                       Joan Snyder

FRIENDLIEST ............................................. Joan Snyder .............................................. Tom Glover
                                       Terry Venezia .............................................. Pete Terry
Mes oui! . . mes amis . . Our Junior Prom! The red and white awnings, the carts piled high with paper flowers, the little tricolors were all part of the big dance of our junior year.

We called it Soir a Paris and it took days of planning and much hard work before the Tour Eiffel peered over the trees and the Arc de Triomphe smiled down at us from the mural. The square by the Cafe de la Ville, at the Crossroads of the Rue de la Paix and Champo Elysees was the site and our thoughts will often return to that scene by street signs.

The girls were in their glory, their long gowns dusting the cobble stones of our mythical Paris. The boys felt a little strange in their tuxedoes but it wasn’t long before the stiffness was gone and we danced away the hours of a wonderful evening, our Evening in Paris.
SOIR A PARIS
THE JUNIOR PLAY

Our first class play was a hit!
We were all "naturals" for our parts
for OUR MISS BROOKS was about—of
of all things—a high school English
teacher. After weeks of Ticket selling
and practice under Mr. Limoli's direc-
tions we finally arrived at "first night".
The story was about Miss Brooks vali-
antly trying to stage her own play and
proving life was not just a bed of roses!
Remember the mess in getting made
up, the thrill when the curtain opened,
the mad rush between the acts?
Miss Brooks' act with the soap flakes
for a snowstorm, Rhonda's strutting in
her kimona, Martin's appendicitis, Mr.
Wadsworth's rages, they kept the audi-
ence roaring and gave us excitement and
fun. It was over so soon but will be re-
membered in our hearts as our "theatri-
cal debut".
OUR MISS BROOKS

Miss Brooks........................Betty Ann Pearce
Miss Finch................................Mary Bugle
Hugo Longacre............................Bruce Hall
Mr. Wadsworth............................Tom Andrews
Miss Audubon..............................Barbara Maddock
Elsie......................................Anne George
Elaine.....................................Julanne Haer
Jane......................................Peggy Ann Schwingel
                               Carol Elsener
Sylvia.................................Barbara Bennington
Doris.................................Dottie Bartleson
Marge...................Adele De Francesco
Faith........................Rose Marie Schrul
Rhonda.........................Cynthia Rocco
Stanley.............................Bill Rau
Martin.............................Bob Hornby
Mrs. Allen..........................Carol Hill
Basketball players..............Don Thompson
                                           Ken Rogers
                      Don Szalkowski
Student Directors..............Carol Schade
                                 Joan Snyder
                          Charlotte Krog
Prompters.......................Sandy Wanner
                               Gail Fereday
CAST

Etta...........................................Carol Schade
Miss Potter.................................Clara Louise Bell
Archibald Andrews...............Bruce Kemp
Lady Judity Elliot........Peggy Ann Schwingel,
  Anne George
Mat..........................................Tommy Glover
Lady Hortense Elliot........Joan Snyder
Gen. Sir Thomas Elliot........Bob Hornby
Lady Penelope Elliot........Carol Elsener
Mrs. Millicent Malone........Betty Pearce
Henry Malone................Bill Rau, Pete Ridgway
Bleating Hawk.....................Pete Terry
Student Directors........Carol Brueckner,
  Gail Fruehauf, Vivian Lantheaume
Prompters........Dottie Bartleson, Gail Fereday
THE SENIOR PLAY

It will be a long time before we forget Archie's British accent, or Mrs. Malone's seance. We'll often look behind us to see if Mat is following us with a brief case or if Lady Hortense is about to strangle someone. We remember all these happenings and many more from our wonderful senior play, SIGHT UNSEEN. Rehearsals were trying but the tremendous direction of Miss Higgins pulled us through to opening night when we burst forth with a production that kept the audience spellbound and laughing from beginning to end.

Ghosts stalking about, an Englishman performing an exorcism, Lady Judith falling in love with Henry, the American, just proved that once again our class had done something “different” and “original”, even in our play.
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