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THE CLASS OF
1956
presents
THE CULMEN
SCOTCH PLAINS HIGH SCHOOL
SCOTCH PLAINS, NEW JERSEY
FOREWORD

This Culmen is, in a sense, a mirror. It contains a brief description of the Class of ’56 and the experiences that we have enjoyed most while in Scotch Plains High School. We don’t know what the future holds for us, but we are ready to face it with what we have learned here. “Forward ever be our watchword.”
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We, the Class of '56, are proud to dedicate our Culmen to a fine teacher and a true friend. Our association with him has been a benefit to all of us. Those who have been in his classes can certainly say that they were never dull. The zest he put into teaching made chemistry and physics more interesting to the students who took them. This dedication is our way of expressing gratitude and appreciation to Robert E. Tilley.
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As we look back on our four years of high school we begin to realize our indebtedness to the faculty. Our appreciation will increase as time goes on. These words are offered to the teachers as a small token of our thanks for all of their patience and understanding.

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The Class of 1956 wishes to express its deep appreciation to the senior officers and advisors for all they have done for us during our final year at S.P.H.S.

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WAYNE ADELMAN
Going fishing? Better be sure to include Wayne. When he has a rod in his hands he is a happy fellow. Wayne is one of those boys who claims he won't be sorry to leave school. We think that Wayne could make a great Army sergeant. Maybe when he starts trying to pound some sense into a group of new recruits he'll wish he were back in school taking orders.

JOHN ANGELELI
Band; Orchestra; Moonglows.
"Chick", our drummer boy, has pounded his way to fame at S.P.H.S. "Chick's" face is usually missing for a day or two during hunting season, but that just may be coincidence. He likes two kinds of music — the music from good band and the purr from the dual pipes of his "hopped-up Ford". "Chick" will devote his drumming talents to construction work after high school — unless he goes to college.

MARY CLARA BAKER
Art Club; Fanscotsian; Culmen; Library Council.
When you girls want to get prettied up for a big night sometime in the future you will probably go see Mary. She wants to become a beautician. Her ability to get along well with people should enable her to succeed in her chosen career.

BARBARA LOUISE BALDWIN
Assembly Committee; G.A.A.
Next to blondes in new "Chevys", Bobbi likes skating, dancing and good music. She's always active and usually has some new idea up her sleeve. Bobbi can use the experience she is gaining at a dry cleaning store to keep her nurse's outfit neat next fall.
ROBERT BARANOSKI

"Bezo" is well known around school for his father’s yellow Mercury. Bob loves to drive that car! He spends his spare time building model planes and boats. He likes outdoor activities—fishing in particular. The future is a big question mark for Bob. Quite possibly he will find himself in the service.

JANET LOUISE BAZIN

Dramatics Club; G.A.A.

Janet moved away from Scotch Plains for a year or so of her high school days. She came back in her senior year and rejoined our ranks. She still has interests elsewhere though, especially Dallas. College or business school will follow graduation for Janet.

MARGARET ANN BARONE

Library Council; Chorus.

Peggy rates near the top of our list of dancers. Her love of activity may be one reason why she does so well. Peggy is one of our future secretaries, but her career may be terminated before it gets started if the right fellow comes along. You can never tell about those things says "Peg".

ALICE ELAINE BETHUNE

Library Council.

Who has the greatest variety of collections in our class? Why Judy, of course. She collects anything and everything. Judy’s genuine friendliness to everyone will be well remembered. She likes to work with pre-school and handicapped children. Her ability to show herself as a true friend to them will aid her as she enters this interesting and rewarding field.
ROBERT BLOODSWORTH

Bob came to us two years ago from Amherst Central High School. What’s his favorite hobby? Why girls are! Another year will find Bob swabbing the decks while sailing the seven seas. It will be the Navy for him as soon as he can get into a uniform.

ANN ELIZABETH BOEHM

Senior Chorus; Las Contadoras; Orchestra; Culmen.

A short, cute girl with music in her fingers—that’s Ann. She has always been interested in music and hopes to become an accomplished pianist some day. Ann likes to study people. However, don’t worry if you catch her watching you. She’s only sizing up your personality. Good luck Ann, and keep practicing on that piano.

WILLIAM H. BOOTH

Basketball; Baseball; Varsity Club.

Strike three! Bill has just struck out another man with his stinging fast ball. He has been the mainstay of our pitching staff for several years. With his great ability and avid interest in this sport he is sure to continue playing after high school. Although we have no crystal ball, we predict that Bill will pitch a team to a world series victory in the not too distant future.

DALE MILLARD BORGESON

Did anyone see a set of barbells? No? Then Dale must be using them. Body building and archery are his hobbies. But you can be sure that Dale doesn’t let his studying go while he toughens up. His marks show no neglect to lessons. He seems to always have the answer. Dale will take advantage of his ability to solve problems by becoming an engineer.
JUDITH ANN BRAUN
G.A.A.; Senior Chorus; Service Club President; Spanish Club Secretary; Junior Play; Red Cross; Junior National Honor Society; Student Council.

H'm, what is that delightful aroma coming from the kitchen? That's Judy trying out new recipe. Cooking and sewing have been favorites with her for quite a while. Judy plans to learn more about her hobbies by studying home economics at college.

STEPHEN M. BRICKS
Science Club.

Do you have a rock you want identified? Or a sick animal you want cured? Steve is the man to see. He has always been interested in science and nature study. Steve can usually be found after school asking Mr. Tilley about some unsolved science problem. Next year will find Steve in a college lab.

ALAN BRIXIUS

Al is our future florist. He loves to raise plants so he has chosen a business he should be happy in. Immediately after graduation though, he will enter Rutgers where he will study agriculture for a year. He wants to be well-prepared for his future. Al's quiet, easy-going manner should insure him of a very successful business.

HERBERT WILLIAM BORLEIS

Band; Orchestra; Moonglowers; Student Council.

If you happen to glance at the orchestra during one of our assemblies, you will usually find Herb in the trumpet section. We don't know if his red face helps his playing or not, but it must have something to do with it. Herb is working as a soda jerk to earn money for further schooling.
VIRGINIA RUTH BROCH
Junior and Senior National Honor Societies; Culmen Financial Manager; Library Council President; Student Council; Senior Chorus Secretary; Las Contadoras; Junior Play.

As you must notice, "Ginni" has been very active in school activities. You don't hear much from her, but you can be sure that if she is on a job it will be done well. "Ginni's" perseverance will aid her as she majors in Chemistry at college.

Marilyn Ruth Brown
Senior Chorus; Culmen; Fanscotican.

Lynn spends her spare time working a sewing machine. She finds making her own clothes very interesting. She does a good job too, as anyone can see. Lynn is always ready to laugh at a good joke. A typewriter will replace her sewing machine next year at secretarial school.

Alice Carolyn Bugle
Spanish Club; Fanscotican; Dramatic Club; G.A.A.

Not too quiet, not too loud—that's Alice. She gets along with anybody anywhere. When asked about the thing she likes best, Alice immediately replied, "Dancing." An ardent admirer of Perry Como, Alice especially loves rhythm and blues music. The commercial course which she has taken in school will soon be put to use. The boss who gets this efficient girl for a secretary will be a lucky man.

MaryJane Butler
Senior Chorus; Library Council Vice-President; Art Club; Dramatic Club.

Maryjane is the swimmer in the Class of '56. She especially loves competitive swimming, and with her skill she always has a mighty good chance of winning. She is quite talented in art and voice also. Maryjane will enter William Smith College (New York State) in the fall. She is certain to get her R.N. with top honors and become an outstanding nurse.
WILLIAM O. CALHOUN
Culmen; Junior Play; Projection Squad; Baseball.

Everyone remembers Bill's fine directing of the Junior Play and the way he helped to make it a success. We weren't surprised though, for that's the way he works at everything. And when there's good times afoot, you can always count Bill in. His likeable personality and easy-going manner make him an asset to any crowd. College will find Bill studying aeronautics.

ARLENE JOYCE CAPONE
Senior Chorus; Spanish Club; G.A.A.

Do gentlemen prefer blondes? Arlene is mighty pretty brunette. A certain senior from North Plainfield thinks so too. Everyone likes Arlene because she is so friendly. Her voice isn't just average either as her participation in senior chorus indicates. Maybe someday Arlene can make others as pretty as she is. Customers will surely flock to the beauty parlor she'll be working in after she finishes her training.

SANDRA JEANNE CARLSON
Senior Chorus Vice President; Spanish Club; Library Council Secretary.

"Sandy" can be depended on to do things wholeheartedly. She gives her all to cheering at the ball games and maintaining senior privileges in school. Formerly of Missouri, Illinois, and Nebraska, she favors Scotch Plains because of its friendliness. In the future Sandy will be an airline stewardess.

ARTHUR R. COCKBURN
Student Council President; Senior National Honor Society; Junior Play; Culmen; Boys' State; Sophomore Class Vice-President; Basketball; Track.

Art knows everybody, likes everybody, and is liked by everybody. This tall, dark, and handsome senior is just the boy to head the student body. His school work doesn't suffer for all his activities either. His marks are right up near the top. Art is going farther north or west when he starts college. At least he's going someplace where skiing is popular.
VIRGINIA ANN CONNELL
Senior Chorus; Las Contadoras; Band; Fanscotian; Culmen; Junior Play; Dramatics Club President; Art Club; G.A.A.

"Ginni's" never too busy to flash you her friendly smile. Sometimes it seems as if she doesn't have a care in the world. Actually she has "a finger in every pie." Fine arts are her strength. They will be her major when she enters Wittenberg College (Ohio).

DOMINICK J. CRITELLI

"Dom", one of our commercial students, thinks he would like office work, and evidently it would like him. His work in typing and bookkeeping is certainly above average. Dominick's interests are varied though—from business to mechanics. Everyone who knows this boy knows he loves automobiles. Junior college will prove that he favors business administration as a career.

DAVID M. CURTIS
Student Council; John Jr. Math Award; Junior National Honor Society; Baseball.

Almost any day of the week you can see Dave driving around in his Ford. His love for cars is evident to all who know him. His skill in math and surveying is no secret either. Dave plans to major in math and science in college which, incidentally, will be Massachusetts Institute of Technology. He hopes they don't drill on English though. That is his special dislike where school is concerned.

WILLIAM ALBERT DAWE
Band; Orchestra.

Bill is a person who "seems" so quiet—until you know him! Then you find out that he is really full of fun. He says he likes to play golf, but we wonder if it's not the trouble he can get into rather than the golf game that attracts him to Shackamaxon. Bill wants to go south to college (preferably North Carolina) and take liberal arts course until he decides on his major.
Nicholas Joseph Di Francesco, Jr.

Nick is another one of those boys who might "just happen" to be absent from school a day or two at the beginning of hunting season—or when the weather's nice for fishing. His looks are not deceiving for he is quite an outdoorsman. In fact, he likes the open spaces well enough that he has chosen construction engineering as a future occupation. He will prepare for this work in Newark College of Engineering.

James K. Durkin

Football Captain; Varsity Club Vice-President.

Jim is one of those boys who burn the midnight oil—but not for study! He's out looking for a good time. After all, youth comes but once in a lifetime. On the football field Jim does his part as one of our star players. His quick wit has put life in many a class and probably will bring more smiles in college classes next fall.

Jewel F. Ehrlich

Art Club; Dramatics Club; G.A.A.

Judy seems so quiet with her soft voice and sweet personality—till you see the twinkle in her eye. Maybe that twinkle has something to do with a certain boy from Chatham. Who knows? Of course, Judy loves art as this is where her talent lies. A junior college is in her immediate future. Afterwards she will continue art work, probably in a commercial field.

Clifford James Emory

Baseball; Spanish Club.

Although Cliff may be short, you can't miss him; he always has a smile ready and waiting. Interested in cars and girls (they go together), he also likes sports and french fries. Cliff finds English one of his most interesting subjects. Though he is undecided about the future, he says that he would like to further his knowledge of Shakespeare if he can.
LOIS M. ESBRANDT

Lois came to Scotch Plains during her sophomore year. She has made friends quickly, and we think her a fine addition to our school. Lois loves to be active and uses her energy at swimming and dancing. Graduation will find her entering Muhlenberg Hospital for nursing training.

EDWARD JOSEPH FARKAS

That noise in the sky—you hear it; but where is it coming from? Then you see a shiny silver streak just emerging from a cloud. "There goes Ed!" you cry. Yes, Ed wants to become commercial airline pilot. Now, while still on the ground, he loves fishing, swimming, and girls, but heartily dislikes homework. After graduation, Ed will join the Air Force and get experience as a pilot.

BARBARA ANN FISH

Senior Chorus; Moonglowers.

Bobbie joined us at the beginning of our Senior year and has immediately become known as "the girl from Texas." Rock 'n' roll music and, of course, dancing will please this lively senior any time. She does her share of dancing as a member of the Moonglowers' can-can line. Graduation will send Bobbie back to the Western part of our country. She plans to attend Oklahoma University.

JANET MARIE FISCHER

Senior Chorus; Make-up Committee; G.A.A.

Janet, our girl with the loo-ng brown hair and peppy eyes, seems to be always going somewhere or doing something. If you can't find her, she's probably at a basketball game or by a record player with loads of jazz records and pizza by her side. You won't find her in Bermuda shorts though—or eating cabbage. Some lucky doctor will have Janet as his secretary in the near future.
LORRAINE JOAN FISHER
Junior Play; Culmen; Fanscotican; Spanish Club; G.A.A.; Library Council; Art Club; Make-up Committee.
Cute and friendly Lorraine (Lori to her friends) is a fun-loving girl. Her big smile has gained her many friends. She doesn’t care much whether she is ice skating or swimming as long as she is around people. Every football game finds this girl a cheering fan. College will follow high school.

WILLIAM E. FLEISCHMAN
Band Vice-President; Orchestra Vice-President; Moonglowers; Football; Boys’ Glee Club; Culmen.
If you meet Bill in the hall on a cold day, you can see a strange sparkle in his eyes. If you ask him what’s up, all he says is, “There’s three feet of dry powder at Bromley.” Bill loves to ski. He wants to attend a New England college. Do they have skiing on the curriculum, Bill?

JOHN FOWLER
Baseball; Student Council Treasurer; Junior Class Treasurer; Freshman Class President; Junior National Honor Society; Varsity Club.
Jack is a friendly boy with a wonderful sense of humor. As we all know, his main love is baseball! (He is one of the few Red Sox fans in the Senior Class.) His favorite food is home-made baked spaghetti. Jack hopes to work for a year and then go to a small college. We’re all sure Jack will have a happy and successful life.

CARL N. FRANK
Student Council; Football; Basketball; Baseball; Track.
Few of our fellows have seen more sporting activity than Carl. He is really an outdoorsman as he likes landscaping as well as his many sports. Carl is also a hard worker and dislikes people who loaf when there is a job to be done. Many of the school dance decorations are the result of Carl’s effort. It will be the Marines for this boy next year.
COLLEEN KAY GALLAWAY

Junior National Honor Society; Junior Play; F.T.A.; Library Council; G.A.A.

Colleen, our attractive redhead, is quite a busy gal. If she isn’t working (at Tepper’s), she is sewing, making toll house cookies, or riding around Westfield. Boys, be careful drivers and keep clean shaven to stay on her brighter side. “Coll” hopes to go to Cedar Crest College in the fall, then become an airline hostess.

WILLIAM G. GAUERKE

Junior Play; J.V. Basketball.

Bill is one of the few lucky owners of bright red hair. If you can’t pick him out from that fact, try listening for someone using a word that has about as many syllables as you have fingers. You’re sure to be listening to Bill, for he takes pride in developing his vocabulary. Aside from good marks and his studies Bill is an avid Giant fan and enjoys other sports, with golf at the top of the list. Bill’s plans include a technical college and chemical engineering.

JEAN FAIR GIMSKIE

Culmen, Fanscotian; Library Council; G.A.A.; Art Club.

Sweet and lovely—a perfect description of Jean. Very quiet in school, she loves fun, especially in the form of dancing and music. Her liking for people should be a great asset to this future secretary. Jean can’t stand stewed tomatoes or liver, but thinks green eyes and blond hair go very nicely together.

SHIRLEY ANN GRAVES

You couldn’t ask for or find a friendlier or more helpful girl than our Shirley. If you want to learn the latest dance step, this is the girl to come to for help. She loves all kinds of music and knows many of the dances that go along with the popular songs. She is also a lover of chicken and attends all basketball games. Having no dislikes, Shirley should be a very pleasant and agreeable secretary.
RUTH ELNA HAIG
F.T.A. Librarian; Library Council; Spanish Club.

Ruth is one of those quiet-until-you-get-to-know-her girls. Very sweet and helpful—that describes our girl Friday perfectly. She likes to work with young children, an essential quality for a teacher. We envy her future elementary or kindergarten pupils. Ruth will get them off to a good start on their education.

VIRGINIA KAY GROSS
Drum Majorette; Make-up Committee; Spanish Club; Orchestra; Moonglowers; Band.

"Ginni" is the girl who leads the band, cheerleaders, and twirlers down the field at football games. She likes music as her activities show and makes a good contribution to the Moonglowers. "Ginni" has many interests including chemistry, coffee sodas, and dancing, but believe it or not she doesn't like pizza. After S.P.H.S. "Ginni" hopes to see the halls of Penn State where she'll study medical technology.

RUSSELL FREDERICK HALL
Student Council; Track; Culmen; Junior Play.

We all remember the goodly group of "Greek" actors which entertained us in several assemblies. Russ was one of those talented "Greeks". He likes good band music as his record collection testifies. He did a good job on the track team. Industrial engineering is the next thing on the program according to Russ.

GRACE MARIAN HAMLETTE
G.A.A.

Grace is a combination of beauty and friendliness in the correct proportions. Grace has many interests—dancing and homemaking in particular. She finds something especially fascinating about a certain blue and gray Ford. Conceited people don't rate with her at all. It will be legal or medical secretarial work for Grace next year.
WALTER EMERY HAMPTON, JR.

Culmen; Track; Live Wire.

Blond, good-looking "Walt" has set many female hearts a-flutter. A lover of music, he is also quite a shutterbug. Food (which is always good), swimming, hunting, and his job take up most of this busy boy's time. Next fall may find "Walt" at Bucknell studying business administration.

CAROLE JANE HARTLAUB

Fanscotian Editor-in-Chief; Senior National Honor Society; Student Council.

Carole keeps S.P.H.S. informed by seeing to it that the Fanscotian is published regularly. School and books, preferably novels, go over big with the driver of that pale green 1950 Plymouth station wagon. In the fine arts department, she plays the piano, does oil paintings, and teaches Sunday School. Carole is interested in all sports, especially hockey and basketball. She will soon be looking for a nice boss who needs a good secretary.

ELIZABETH JUNE HAUCK

Fanscotian Assistant Editor; Senior Chorus; Spanish Club.

"Betty", one of the most talented girls in the Senior Class, is noted for her lovely smile and sparkling eyes. She has done some outstanding paintings, one of which is hanging in Mr. Adams' office. She is an accomplished pianist as well as an artist. "Betty's" natural ability and friendly personality should make her a successful interior designer.

ARTHUR HENDERSON

Moonglowers' Vocalist; Senior Chorus; Boys' Glee Club; Track; Student Council; Football.

"Artie" is one of Scotch Plains High's best dancers, especially at the mambo. He often steals the show at our many dances with his easy-going style. When "Art" is not in school he can often be found playing golf, his favorite sport. Let's hope Art doesn't get sea-sick when he joins the Navy after graduation.
BARBARA ANN HENRY

"Barb" likes to be with groups of people. Whenever there is a big party going on, "Barb", without a doubt will be there. Collecting records is her favorite pastime. Dancing runs a close second. Barbara's two violent dislikes are bleached blondes and immature boys. Some lucky office will soon find her an efficient and friendly secretary.

JANET IRENE HILDEBRANT

G.A.A.; Art Club; Fanscadian; Library Council; Red Cross.

Tall, slim, attractive "Jan" always has a sweet smile and a friendly hello for everyone. Her many likes include movies, sports, dancing, Italian foods, and hillbilly music. Nosey people, however, don't rate high with her. After graduation, Janet hopes to attend college or work with children in some capacity. We wish her the best in whatever she chooses.

DAVID ADOLPH HOLZHAUER

Assembly Committee Chairman; Senior Chorus.

Hear that beautiful organ music? If you trace the source of the sound you will probably find Dave pursuing his favorite hobby. He spends many of his spare hours at his church helping in various activities. After graduation he plans to devote all his time to religious work. May God bless you, Dave, as you try so unselfishly to help others.

GINA CHRISTINE IAIONE

Senior Class Secretary; Culmen; Fanscadian Typing Editor; Junior Class Secretary; Junior Play; Senior National Honor Society.

As you can see by her list of activities, Jean is one of our top secretaries. There is good reason for this too. She is quiet, neat, and very efficient. The better you get to know Jean, the more you like and appreciate her. She gets along well with everyone. We are sure that she will make many friends at secretarial school next fall.
DAVID A. JACZKO

Dave always has something humorous to say, especially during classes. He is quite a sports fan—baseball, football, and archery being his favorites. Science and English are tops with Dave, but he thinks math should be avoided if possible. He has been working for the past few years so he can go to college. Because of his ambition and will to work, he will go far in the world.

DELORES LOUISE JONES

Senior Chorus; Las Contadoras; Art Club; G.A.A.

Delores is well-known around school for her silly giggle that often disrupts an entire class. She enjoys dancing and singing. Food, fun, and fellows are at the top of her list, but dull people are near the bottom. Delores plans to be a secretary for an insurance firm. Her employer will surely find her a great asset to the office.

ROBERT W. JONES

Baseball; Culmen; Varsity Club; Football; Junior Play; Basketball.

Dark and handsome "Jonesy" is just crazy about outdoor sports. Swimming, fishing, and hunting are his favorites. He likes all kinds of food including pizza pie and chicken. Although he is a good worker, school and homework just don't agree with him. College will be the future stamping grounds for Bob. With his ability and friendliness, how can he be anything but a success?

VYT JURAITIS

Red Cross; Library Council.

Vyt is tall, dark, and handsome—but, oh, so quiet (until you get to know him). He came to us after his sophomore year at St. Peter's High School and became a part of S.P.H.S. right away. Vyt is an avid baseball fan. Anything you want to know about baseball? Just ask Vyt. His future plans include college, where he's sure to come out on top.
LOIS ANN KELB

F.T.A.; G.A.A.

Lois is one of our cutest senior girls. When she came to us during March of her junior year, her friendly attitude and sweet smile made her an immediate hit with everyone. She is one of those rare people who likes everything and dislikes nothing. Next fall Lois starts studying to be a teacher.

MARGARET LINDA KELLY

Make-up Committee; Fanscadian; F.T.A.; Art Club; Student Council; G.A.A.; Culmen; Freshman Class Treasurer.

Linda is quite an active member of the Class of '56. When she is not in school she can often be seen driving around town in her family car. Her many likes include driving (naturally), clothes, collecting records, and a certain sailor. Homework, however, is not popular with her. A teachers college will soon find Linda a loyal student.

KAY ELLEN KESSL

Kay is a fun-loving senior who doesn't get any pleasure out of doing homework. Her books tend to stay closed if she has a chance to go skating or to take a drive with a certain fellow. In the near future she will take a long walk up a short aisle. We can almost hear the wedding bells now, Kay.

KENNETH JAY KEYES

Baseball; Science Club.

If you're looking for Ken, nine chances out of ten you'll find him eating pizza. He just can't live without it. Have any question about cars? Just ask Ken if you do. He's usually seen whizzing about town in his maroon Mercury. He most often greets you with, "How ya doin'?" After the long awaited day of graduation, Ken plans to join the Navy and see the world!
ANNE LESTER KIMBERLEY
Senior Chorus President; Las Contadoras; Band; Orchestra; Cheerleader; Junior National Honor Society; Girls' State; F.T.A. Vice President; Culmen; Junior Play; Student Council; Senior National Honor Society.

Whenever New England is mentioned Anne is ready to rave about it. She is always on time and can't tolerate anyone who is late. Anne is envied by many girls for her hand-knitted sweaters.

LOIS J. KIRACOFE
Make-up Committee.

"Lo" is rather quiet around school, but don't let that fool you. She is always ready to have fun or make friends with anyone. "Lo" has a craving for many fruits and can often be seen munching on an apple! Whenever anyone mentions math or winter, her nose wrinkles with detest. She hopes to attend college and study to be a nursery-school teacher. With her patience and love for children, Lois will make an excellent teacher.

JUDITH ANN KOERNER
G.A.A. Treasurer; Fanscotian; Culmen; Junior Play; Library Council; Senior Chorus; Student Council.

"Kern" is often seen whizzing about town in her '55 pink 'n' black Chevy. She listens to all kinds of music from rock 'n' roll to classical. In her free time, which is rare, she either reads or goes to the movies. Judy hopes to study journalism at junior college in California. With all her personality she is sure to go far in her chosen profession.

GAIL ADRIENNE KOSLOW

Gail was a welcome addition to our senior class this year. She came here from Danbury, Connecticut. Gail has some very creative talents such as composing music and drawing. She gets her exercise riding horses. In the future, Gail will attend a liberal arts college.
PATRICIA ELSIE KRAJEWSKI

"Pat" is another newcomer to S.P.H.S. She has found her place in our ranks though. "Pat" likes cars, especially Lincolns and Mercurys. She would rather loaf than do any kind of work. Work disagrees with her. If she were sewing and listening to music (with some pizza by her side) she would be quite contented. After graduation "Pat" plans to attend a commercial art school.

BARBARA ANN KRASNODEMBSKI

Spanish Club; Library Council; G.A.A.; F.T.A.

Barbara has been in Scotch Plains since the middle of her junior year. Always full of fun and pep, "Barb" likes to spend her energy at ice-skating. When she's not "busy" she does a lot of reading and eating. If she listens to music it's sure to be western. In the future Barbara would like to attend the State Teachers College in Jersey City. She knows she won't major in math, though.

BERTIL ANDREW KROG

Audio Visual Aid Director; Projection Squad; Stage Crew.

How shall the lights be adjusted for the play? Why did the "mike" go off? Where is the projector? Andy has the answers to all these questions and some more besides. He has been invaluable on the projection squad. Andy's philosophy is a good one. He says, "The best time of your life is the time you spend in school."

ROBERT D. KOZIMOR

Senior Chorus; Basketball; Varsity Club; Football; Student Council.

"Kozzie" is always at the wrong place at the wrong time. It seems he's always getting blamed for something he hasn't done. But, believe it or not, Bob likes school anyway. He finds chorus and his part in the tenor section almost as interesting as his many sports activities. College and the study of pharmacy will follow graduation. Good luck, Bob!
THOMAS V. KRUZE

No one could ever say that Tom, with his quiet, easy-going manner, causes any trouble when things get noisy. If you have any problems about your car you can go to Tom, and he will fix it up. Besides cars Tom enjoys fishing and boating. After he graduates Tom plans to go to a trade school or work as a mechanic.

DIANE ADA KUNSTMANN

Senior Chorus; Las Contadoras; Spanish Club; G.A.A.; Culmen; F.T.A.

If you visit the right dentist in a few years, Diane may be the nurse who will hold you in your chair when the agony starts. She plans a career in dental hygiene. "Di" has been very active in the Spanish Club this past year. Good luck, Diane. We know you will make a fine nurse.

ROSE MARIE LA COSTA

Culmen; Senior Chorus; Spanish Club; G.A.A.; Red Cross.

"Ro" is one of the friendliest and peppiest girls in our senior class. Occasionally though, she settles down to read, knit, or listen to music. She would rather drive "the Buick" than anything else she can think of—unless it's boys from a certain town. Her only real dislikes are spinach and people who have a superiority complex. After graduation "Ro" plans to attend college and then become an airline hostess.

ROLAND L. LAING

Roland came to us this year from Irvington High School. Although he is quiet he is always friendly and is an important addition to our class. Roland likes sports and instrumental recordings. After graduation he plans to attend college.
KARL W. LANGEFELD

Blond crewcut, bucks, charcoal grey slacks, and V-neck sweater aptly describe this fellaf! If Karl isn’t at one of the school sports activities, he is probably home working on his sailboat. He is one of the very few who orders a hamburger at Tito’s instead of pizza. We need no crystal ball to find out what the immediate future holds for Karl. He plans to attend college to study engineering.

WILLIAM P. LATIES

Bill is another one of the newer members of our class. Before attending S.P.H.S. he lived in Rochester, New York. Bill, with his brushes in hand, is one of our future artists. Now he spends a great deal of his time working at his job in Tepper’s. After graduation Bill plans to enlist in the Army and afterwards continue his education in college.

BEVERLY B. LAWLER

Student Council; Cheerleaders; Senior Chorus; G.A.A. President; Fanscotton; Spanish Club.

"Bev" is one of the liveliest and friendliest girls of the senior class. She says she likes tall, dark, n’ handsome boys best, but her popularity with the opposite sex isn’t limited to those few. “Bev’s” favorite pastime is knitting socks in history class or chorus. A junior college seems to be in her immediate future with the aim of being a medical assistant eventually.

PATRICIA LOUISE LEE

Senior Chorus; G.A.A.

Shall we skate? There is nothing ’Pat’ likes better unless it’s music and dancing. She can never get too much of any of these. If her fingers move as fast as her feet she will surely make a good secretary. However, secretarial work is not definite. Modeling may be her career, she says.
ANN MARIE LELLO
G.A.A.; F.T.A.; Fanscotian; Senior Chorus.

If you hear a deep alto voice, you'll know that it's Ann. Besides singing, Ann enjoys dancing, sleeping, tuna fish and tomato sandwiches, money, and the Navy. Her few dislikes are high collars and conceited or untidy people. In the future Ann would like to teach or become a secretary.

JEANNE ANN LERSCH
Student Council; G.A.A. Secretary; Cheerleaders; Twirlers; Junior Play.

See that high-strutting twirler who never drops her baton? That's Jeanne Lersch. Jeanne is always ready to help anyone who is in trouble. We have heard, by way of the grapevine, that she is one of the most expert argyle knitters in the school. Are you going to take your yarn to art school, Jeanne?

JEAN MARIE LIANA
G.A.A.; Art Club; Red Cross; Service Club.

Jean is our senior with those pretty, dark brown eyes and hair. She is always ready for a good time and when out in a crowd, she's a far cry from her usual quiet self. Jean spends most of her free time bowling, traveling, and listening to popular music. The rest she spends with a special someone from Rutgers and with a '51 Chevy. In the future Jean plans to become a secretary.

MARGARET ANNA LINDER
Assembly Committee Chairman; Culmen; Student Council; Library Council; Make-up Committee; Las Contadoras; Senior Chorus; Junior Play; Art Club; F.T.A.; Junior National Honor Society.

Margaret's list of activities shows her many talents. In addition she enjoys reading, cooking, sewing, and working with children. Margaret, looking ahead to the future, has her college all picked out. It will be Montclair State Teachers College. She then plans to teach home economics in high school.
NANCY V. MAEHL
Senior Chorus; Fanscotian; F.T.A.; Library Council.

Nancy, the star of French III class, came to us from Metuchen High two years ago. She quickly adjusted herself to the new conditions she met and became a real asset to our class. Her enthusiasm and hard work have helped make many activities successful. Nancy, as most of us, will head for college next fall.

BARBARA ELLEN LINDSAY
Service Club Treasurer; Fanscotian; Culmen; G.A.A.; Freshman Class Secretary; Spanish Club; F.T.A.; Junior Play; Band; Junior and Senior National Honor Societies; Senior Chorus; Red Cross.

"Bobbie" is one of those girls who finds history class the best place to catch up on her knitting. She has been a member of almost every extra activity at Scotch Plains High. If you fellows want to rate with her you'd better invest in a crew cut. "Bobbie" would be pleasantly surprised if she found pizza a regular part of the menu at her college lunchroom.

PAUL E. MAKOWSKI

Paul is an important member of our class even though he is inclined to be a little quiet. Paul likes radios and is the only radio ham in the class of '56. He also likes fishing, boating, and sports in general. After graduation he plans to join the Army and then attend a radio school.

ROBERT E. MAHLER
Football; Track; Science Club; Senior Chorus; Boys' Chorus; Art Club; Varsity Club; Spanish Club.

The players lined up. Signals . . . hike! The ball swiftly and perfectly sped back to the kicker. Who was it that put the ball in motion? Why "Bob" of course. He did an excellent job at center last fall. "Bob" devotes many of his spare hours to fishing. From what we hear, he catches the big ones. That's not a fish story, is it, "Bob"?
RAYMOND P. MANFRA

If you hear a deep voice call, "Hey buddy!", you usually don't have to look too hard to spot "Ray". He is one of Mr. Armerding's favorite history students. Ray is a cold-blooded fellow. He is never caught without his leather jacket. If he doesn't go to college, Ray will go to work for his father as a contractor.

BARBARA ELLEN MANN

Fanscotician; Junior Play; Make-up Committee.

"Bobbie" joined us in her sophomore year. She likes to make argyle socks and prefers music by Perry Como or Glenn Miller. Bowling and baseball, in season, are her favorite sports. "Bobbie" who has taken advantage of most of the secretarial subjects at school, plans to become a secretary and work in the Civil Service.

BENJAMIN R. MARANZANO

Varsity Football Manager.

Although you never hear "Ben" talking very much, he uses a lot of energy in aiding our football team. "Ben" also likes basketball and girls. He has no real dislikes. He is quite a talented painter and likes this form of spending his time so well that after graduation he plans to go into the painting business.

PETER MATZ

Senior Executive Board; Student Council; Varsity Club Secretary; Basketball Captain; Baseball; Senior Chorus.

"Skip", who came to Scotch Plains High in his junior year, has varied talents. His athletic prowess is shown on the basketball court and the baseball diamond. He plays a number of musical instruments and sings bass in Senior Chorus. "Pete" will be a well-rounded asset to a local engineering office.
JAMES WALTER MAYER
Projection Squad; Junior National Honor Society.

"Jim" likes archery and spends a good deal of his spare time with the bow and arrow. Jim also enjoys "cruising" in his 1949 Oldsmobile coupe. He earns his "gas money" by serving as service station attendant in Fanwood. The future includes college and probably engineering for this boy, who likes math and who faces his assignments with his usual easy-going smile.

HARRIET JANET MAX
Sophomore Class Secretary; Senior Chorus; G.A.A.; Art Club Vice-President; Band; Junior National Honor Society; J. V. Cheerleader.

Who's that attractive brunette in the pretty dress? That's Harriet, and she probably made that dress herself. She makes most of her clothes in her spare time. Sports and dancing come after boys on her list. Harriet attended Oceanside High in Long Island as a sophomore and came to Scotch Plains High as junior.

JENNY CAROLINE MAYER
Fanscotian; Art Club; Senior Chorus; Junior National Honor Society; Library Council; Senior National Honor Society.

Jenny is one of those people who has the wanderlust. She can't wait for a chance to head over the hills and far away. Jenny finds ice skating one of her most interesting hobbies. If any of us meet her sometime in the future she will probably be wearing a nurse's outfit. Her quietness and efficiency will help make her a success.

JOHN ARTHUR MAYER
Culmen Associate Editor; Junior and Senior National Honor Societies.

John, who consistently comes up with those good grades, likes to spend his spare time at archery. In season his pastime is bowhunting. During the rest of the year, any outdoor sport, especially fishing, will do. John likes science and mathematics and is sure to take a high place among the many other future engineers of his class.
DONALD J. McKAY

Student Council.

"Don", a "cool" dresser, owns the brightest pair of blue slacks in the Scotch Plains area. Girls and more girls are his favorite hobbies, but "fooling around with cars and motorcycles" rates a close second. "Don" hears "Uncle Sam" calling; he plans to join the Navy after graduation.

HOWARD R. MEARS

Band; Orchestra; Moonglowers; Football.

"Reber" has musical talent as well as athletic ability. He has been in band and orchestra since ninth grade and joined the Moonglowers as a junior. He belatedly began his football career as a senior and made the Varsity team on his first try. "Reber" also likes girls and other sports. He will get his education at the University of Maine.

LAURIE ANN MILES

Cheerleaders; Captain; Fanscotic; Spanish Club Treasurer; G.A.A.; Student Council; Junior Play; Senior Chorus; Library Council; Make-up Committee.

Laurie came to Scotch Plains High from Long Island in the middle of her sophomore year and in a very short time became known to many of the girls and most of the boys. As a junior she was in the play as well as most other activities. As a senior she was the very successful captain of the cheerleaders. As you can see, Long Island's loss was Scotch Plains' gain.

ROY C. MILLS

Basketball; Football; Track; Varsity Club: Junior Play.

As you can see, Roy is athletically inclined. When not busy with sports, he is always willing to lend a hand, whether it be to decorate the gym for dance or to collect money for some charitable organization. Roy will enter one of the branches of the service after graduation. After fulfilling his military obligations, he plans to further his education.
SHIRLEY ANN MILLWATER

Art Club; G.A.A.

"Shirl's" main interest is "Mike", whom she plans to marry in September. Her talents include painting, ballet, and interpretive dancing. She appreciates both classical and popular music, and is also happy when she is driving her car or buying clothes. "Mike" can count on plenty of fried peppers and Italian spaghetti, of which Shirley will be sure to eat her share.

JUDITH ANN MONTUORI

Band; Orchestra; G.A.A.; Fan Soc; Library Council; Spanish Club; Art Club; Senior Chorus.

"Judy" has no trouble keeping busy. When she has finished her school work and is almost caught up with her extra curricular duties, it is time for her to report to Muhlenberg Hospital for volunteer work. These duties will give her a "jump" on her further education which will include nurse's training. After becoming a registered nurse, "Judy" plans to be an airline stewardess.

PHYLLIS A. NETTINGHAM

Band; Orchestra; G.A.A.

Friendly Phyllis can always be counted on to do a good job, especially in the orchestra pit or on the gym floor. Boys, horseback riding, and swimming (in that order) are Phyllis' sports. She will be an asset to both the teachers and the student body at the college she chooses to attend.

CARL NORMAN NORLOFF

"Norm" began his Scotch Plains education in the seventh grade, and started his musical career at the same time. He plays several instruments including trombone and tuba. "Norm" has had number of cars which he likes to "mess with." Tinkering with radio and gardening take up the rest of his spare time. College, as well as a Ford, is in this boy's future.
ARLENE OGDEN

Arlene is usually quiet in class, but now and then she adds a witty bit to the discussion. She seems to really enjoy living (not so common an attitude as you might think) and is usually laughing or smiling. She likes pop music and "Lou" Arlene, planning marriage after she leaves school, will be helped by her interest in cooking.

WILLIAM A. ORTON

Always ready to add a witty comment to the conversation, "Bill" lends a certain atmosphere to class activities. He walks briskly through the halls in a manner that reminds you of a lumberjack felling trees. "Bill" can see himself as a yeoman in the Navy and later as a bookkeeper.

BARBARA ANNEE OSBORN

Cheerleaders Co-Captain; Senior Chorus; Make-up Committee; Spanish Club; Franscotian, G.A.A.; Library Council; F.T.A.; Band.

If you see someone jumping all over the football field and the basketball court, you're probably looking at Barbara. She swears she doesn't do anything in particular, but it's mystery how she spends so much time doing it. All her energy is certainly put to good use in cheerleading, for she does enough to make up for anyone who isn't on the beam. She enjoys anything as long as she doesn't have to sit still. Barbara would like to enter Pembroke in the fall.

RICHARD JOHN OLSEN

Art Club.

"Dick" is one of the younger members of the class, but you couldn't tell it by looking at him as he is nearly six feet tall. He enjoys photography and playing basketball. "Dick" likes and gets good marks in scientific and mathematical subjects. These qualities give him great aptitude for engineering, his chosen profession.
BARBARA OSIENKO
If you're looking for someone to support a party "Bea's" your girl. But whatever you do, don't ask her about Tony Bennett, because once she gets going you'll have hard time stopping her. "Bea's" plans for the future are indefinite, but we're sure she'll be successful in whatever she undertakes.

KATHRYN RAE PEIPER
G.A.A.
"Kathy" has good school spirit and can usually be seen rooting at football games. She has a special interest in Navy redhead, but she also likes driving a red and white Ford convertible. After school Kathy has plans for business school and then marriage.

WILLIAM DRYSDALE PEIRSON
Culmen Business Editor; Senior Chorus; Band; Orchestra.
Friendly, easy-going "Bill" came to us from Bloomfield in our Junior year and immediately accustomed himself to the ways of S.P.H.S. Being an amateur chef, he finds many real tasty ways to fix the fish caught after a long day behind the rod and reel. "Bill" plans to spend the next decade preparing to become a dentist. Best of luck, always.

EILEEN MAE PETERSON
Moonglows; Band, Orchestra; Library Council Treasurer; G.A.A.
Really living it up in the Moonglows, Eileen is another one of our musically talented. She likes sports and certainly is no slouch when it comes to hitting home-runs. Her friendly manner should carry Eileen far as a gym teacher or in her work with juvenile delinquents.
FRANCES ELIZABETH POWERS
Culmen Typing Editor; Fanscotian Business Manager; Senior National Honor Society.

"Fran" doesn't make a lot of noise or fuss about a job; she just goes to work and comes up with results. Not one-sided, she likes the gayer parts of things too and has a taste for painting and pop music. Her diploma secured, Frances is going to make someone a good secretary.

BARBARA PRALL
Culmen Art Editor; Fanscotian Art Editor; Art Club; Make-up Committee; G.A.A.

Many of the lifelike posters and pictures in school are made by Barbara, whose talent for drawing will be a big factor in her future. Always full of fun, she likes the activities around school, especially the dances. Art school is the next stop and then a commercial art career.

MARGARET ANNE PURVIS
Culmen Editor-in-Chief; Spanish Club; Student Council; Senior Executive Board; Service Club; G.A.A.; F.T.A. Secretary; Senior National Honor Society.

Anne came to us from Mulberry, Florida in her sophomore year and likes Scotch Plains very much. From the way she's made friends it's evident that we like her too. Her marks and her work on the Culmen speak louder than words about the way she goes about anything she does. But she has a less serious side and a smile that's always there. Anne wants to go to a southern college; it's too cold up north.

LUCY ELIZABETH PURVIS
Captain of Twirlers; Culmen; Fanscotian; Senior Chorus; Junior Play; G.A.A.

You can see Lucy strutting down the field at every football game. She likes twirling and puts in a lot of time practicing it. Lucy seems to have a hand in almost everything in school with interests in outside activities as well. Her likes include driving and singing. She plans to grind over the math books in college and would like to be a statistician.
MARIE BARBARA RASILE
Fanscadian; Student Council; G.A.A.; Art Club.

"Babe's" the gal whose clever little mind thinks up those wisecracks heard so often from the back of various classrooms. When she isn't busy dishing out popcorn at the Strand you might see her whizzing through town in that '55 Merc. Joni James and Tony Bennett records will always draw coins from this music lover's pocketbook.

JOHN LOUIS ROGLIERI
Senior Class President; Sophomore Class President; Boys' State; Moonglowers; Band; Orchestra; Junior and Senior National Honor Societies; Student Council; Culmen; Senior Executive Board.

One can sometimes hear John long before he is seen because of his loud red vest. He does a lot of work in school activities and always turns in a good job. Although John contributes his share to the extra curricular activities he is by no means a supporter of the "all work and no play" principle.

CHARLES JOHN RONCKOVITZ
Baseball; Varsity Club; Senior Chorus; Student Council.

With his lively personality "Charley" could sell anything to anybody. (He's already sold the Brooklyn Bridge three times to the same person.) "Charley" is always enjoying himself and has a remark for every occasion. His varied interests include rich foods, hunting, and spear fishing in the ocean.

LOUIS RUSSELL
Football; Varsity Club.

"Lou" has been known to resemble a steam engine charging down the football field. A hand-off to him meant a gain every time. "Lou" is one of the few boys in school with a built-in mambo beat, and he sure makes good use of his talent. He can hear the service calling him, and he plans to answer as soon as he gets out of school.
JOAN ANN RUSSO
Senior Chorus; Las Contadoras; Fanscotian; G.A.A.; F.T.A.; Dramatics Club; Make-up Committee.

"Joni" is the girl with red on the mind. This ailment is caused by a certain someone who owns a red '54 Ford convertible. Let's not get Joan wrong though. She does have other interests, such as knitting and skating. Because Joan always looks so neat and "chic", we're sure she'll be successful in her chosen career of fashion merchandising.

PATRICIA MARIE SABO
Culmen; Art Club; Red Cross.

"Pat" is the girl with the glitter in her eye ever since that fella slipped a ring on the third finger of her left hand. Although her mind is primarily on one thing, "Pat" still enjoys swimming and ice skating. After graduation, she plans to work at Bell Labs and then get married and tend to raising some children.

CORINNE GAIL SACK
Art Club; Dramatics Club.

"Corky" is one of those happy girls who always seems to be smiling. Oddly enough, one of her favorite pastimes is typing, which is generally associated with school and work. Although her likes are many, she is quite definite about her one dislike. She detests conceited people. After graduation some lucky boss is going to have our "Corky" as his competent secretary.

JOSEPH JOHN SACKEL
Band; Orchestra; Moonglowers; Senior Chorus.

When Scotch Plains' Moonglowers come on the scene you're sure to see Joe, for he's a talented music enthusiast. Joe has other interests, but nothing beats music in his book. So set is he in his ways that he's going to be an instrumental music instructor. With his sense of humor we're sure that all his pupils will enjoy his lessons immensely.
ANN MARIE SIEVERS
Ann has the longest brown hair in the school. She is always ready to give a friendly smile and say hello to anyone. Ann wants to spend at least two years in school before she hears wedding bells. What a long time, Ann. Can Mell wait that long?

JUDITH ANN SAND
Student Council; Culmen Pictorial Editor; Cheerleaders; Girls Citizenship Institute; F.T.A. President; Junior and Senior National Honor Societies; Junior Play; Fanscotian; G.A.A.; Service Club.

"Sandy" is one of the more studious members of the Class of '56. Don't let this throw you off though. She is always ready for a good time and her long list of activities proves her dependability. Her main hobby is reading, especially historical novels. Steak and french fries can tempt this girl anytime. We're sure that "Sandy" will make a fine elementary school teacher.

WILLIAM F. SCHRAMM
Bill has a keen interest in cars and you can often see him dashing around town in his own hot Chevy. He likes school, especially certain study halls where he seems to enjoy himself quite a bit. (He really lives it up!) Bill will be on his way to college in the fall.

DAVID J. SMITH
"Smitty" joined our class last year and has been a definite part of it ever since. With his humorous comments he would leave a large gap in the ranks if he were to leave. You might think that with his size he'd be pushing people around, but Dave just seems to go along enjoying life. After a brief stretch in the Navy Dave will make his plans for the future.
DAVID L. STEPHEN
Football; Baseball; Basketball Manager; Varsity Club; Fanscotian.

If you see a green flash go by, that's "Dave" in his '54 Ford. It is a rare occurrence to see him walking anywhere. His spare time is devoted to raising funds for the class car. That is when he isn't out having fun in his own various ways. After graduation Dave plans to attend prep school.

DONALD JAY SNYDER
Senior Executive Board; Senior Class Treasurer; Junior Play; Culmen; Fanscotian.

Often heard saying the famous cliche, "Hey Bud- dy .!" Jay is usually near any excitement. When not working hard on a school project, he can be seen peacefully(?!) driving a yellow Ford convertible that sags slightly to one side. Jay is as full of get up and go as the new jet propelled cereals and some of his energy is bound to rub off on you if you know him only a little while.

JOSEPH M. SYLVESTER
Basketball, Football, Track; Baseball Manager; Varsity Club.

Joe's the fella' who always has a ready smile and friendly wave for everyone. His gestures and sense of humor have caused many an uproar in class. Joe is a real sports enthusiast, as you can see by his activities. Because of his insatiable love for sports, he seldom has time for his other interests which are popular music and girls.

NANCY WHITING TABER
Senior Student Council; All-State Orchestra; Band and Orchestra Secretary and Treasurer; Moonglowers; G.A.A. Secretary; Girls' Citizenship Institute; Junior and Senior National Honor Societies.

"There goes 'Tabe' up for the rebound!" Yes, Nancy is one of the permanent members of the G.A.A. basketball team. This gal plays a mighty sweet trombone, too. She likes any kind of food, especially pizza and pickles. Her one dislike is asparagus.
THEODORE TORCHY

Ted’s the fella’ who can often be seen pulling into the school parking lot in that Chrysler. Besides his love for cars, Ted rates art, music, and parties high on the list. His plans for the future include taking over his father’s diner. We’re sure that Ted will be a success in the business world.

DAVID PARKER TRUITT

Baseball; Basketball; Varsity Club President; Student Council; Junior Class President; Junior Play; Boys’ State.

“Buddy Dave” is the fella’ who gives out with those hoots at the local theatres, especially if the Dodgers are in the newsreel. In school, he has added to many a class with his witty remarks and ready laugh. Dave is the kind of person who gets along with everybody and vice versa.

LOUISE FRAME VAIL

F.T.A.; G.A.A.; Senior Chorus; Las Contadoras; Make-up Committee.

Louise is one of the most likeable people in the Class of ’56. In her quiet, unassuming way she makes far more friends than the show-off ever could. She enjoys working with small children as well as swimming and playing tennis. We’re sure that Louise, with her steadiness and dependability, will make a fine nurse.

MICHAEL JOHN WILLARD

Student Council; Senior Executive Board; Junior Play; Sophomore Class Treasurer; Basketball; Baseball.

“Mike” is the fella’ who did such a good job as the despairing father in our Junior Play. Besides taking part in many school activities, he is an avid sports fan. In passing any local playground, you might very likely see “Mike” taking part in a ball game. This guy is always ready for a good time and enjoys all types of food. College and perhaps commercial art highlight “Mike’s” future plans.

RAYMOND FRENCH WEIGLE

Senior Class Vice President; Senior Executive Board; Culmen; Varsity Club; Track; Cross-Country; Junior Play; Assembly Committee Co-Chairman; Junior and Senior National Honor Societies.

“Ray”, with his ready smile and hearty laugh, is the kind of person we all like. His dislikes are few, but his interests are many. “Ray” always seems to be having fun whether it’s with school activities, parties, or his favorite sport — fishing. Upon graduating “Ray” plans to attend college and take up chemical engineering.
LOUISE FRAME VAII

Louise is one of the most likeable people in the Class of '54. In her quiet, unassuming way she makes more friends than the show-off ever could. She enjoys working with small children as well as swimming and playing tennis. We're sure that Louise, with her steadiness and dependability, will make a fine nurse.

LOUIS A. WINTZER
Assembly Committee, Library Council.

That rumbling you hear in the vicinity of the school is neither an earthquake nor thunder. It's "Lou" and those duals, which are part of that hot Ford of his. He seems to like clear, resonant tones because other than his car, hi-fi is his chief interest. After he leaves the halls of S.P.H.S., "Lou" plans to attend college and then enter the field of either agriculture or animal husbandry.

JUDITH AILEEN WOOD
Spanish Club President; Cheerleaders; Band President; Moonglowers; Orchestra; Student Council; Culmen; Junior Play; Fanscotions; G.A.A.; Senior Chorus; Junior National Honor Society.

"Woodie's" the girl who can usually be seen around school knitting argyles for some special person. If she can't be found knitting, she will most likely be doing one of two other things—eating or listening to Jackie Gleason records.

CHARLES YUNGER
Senior Chorus.

If at some time you can't find "Chuck," just look for him at home, where he'll most likely be slaving over his '40 Ford club coupe. During the summer, however, it's a different story. He can usually be seen racing around Toms River in his outboard racing hull. The gal who catches this fella's heart will have to know how to cook steak, french fries, and pizza to perfection. Shining bright in the future are college, studying marine architecture, and then the Coast Guard.

GAIL IRENE YOUNGSTER
Art Club Vice-President; G.A.A.; Spanish Club.

We all missed Gail when she left us after her freshman year. She returned as a senior to renew old acquaintances. Gail has always been full of energy and enthusiasm so it wasn't long before she was back into many activities. Ice skating is her favorite sport. Maybe that's the reason why she likes winter so much. Gail plans to study retailing at college.

LESLEI W. ZITNEY, JR.

It is rare occasion when you hear a comment from "Les." He is a rather quiet boy. If you mention boats though, "Les" will be right on hand to defend his point of view. He spends his summers on his family's cruiser. With his ability in math and science "Les" should be a great success.
SENIOR SPOTLIGHT

CLASS OF 1956

Wittiest
MARIE and JOE

Most Dependable
JEAN and RAY

Best Dancers
BARBARA and ART

Most Talented
BETTY and JOHN

Friendliest
CAROLE and JIMMY

Best All-Around
ART COCKBURN
Most Likely to Succeed
GINNI and JOHN

Most Sophisticated
COLLEEN and BILL

Most Athletic
NANCY and PETE

Best Dressed
ARLENE and JAY

Best Looking
GRACE and JOHN

Quickest
LOIS and LESLIE

Most Popular
LAURIE and DAVE
UNDERCLASSMEN
JUNIOR CLASS OFFICERS

President ................................................. JOHN KNUBEL
Vice-President ............................................. PHIL VAN BLARCOM
Secretary .................................................. VALERIE STEVENS
Treasurer .................................................... JEANNE BARTLESON

Class Advisors
Miss Roberts, Miss Leitner, Mrs. Peer, Mr. Limoli, Mr. Laggini.

The Class of 1957 has been an active one since it first entered S.P.H.S. This year the Junior Play, "Men Are Like Streetcars," presented December 2 and 3, 1955, was such a big success that it broke the record for having the largest house of any former Junior Play. The Junior Prom on April 14, 1956 was the last wonderful event for the Juniors before they became the Senior Class of 1957.
SOPHOMORE CLASS OFFICERS

President .................................................. GARRY WILBOR
Vice-President .............................................. GALE WEIGLE
Secretary .................................................. BETTE DAVIS
Treasurer .................................................. ALICE WRIGHT

Class Advisors
Mr. Stolt, Mrs. Friend, Mrs. Kollmar, Mr. Tilley, Mr. Adkins.
Mr. Dettmar, Mr. E. Smith.

The Sophomore Class took little time in electing officers and getting started on tenth grade activities. Everyone looked forward to the unforgettable Soph Hop. In June the class looked back on a very enjoyable year and peered ahead to life as Juniors.
The Freshman Class was organized somewhat differently from the other classes. It was governed by a "Council of Eight" consisting of one representative from each of the eight Freshman English classes. This group collected class dues, organized the successful Freshman Dance, and all the other Freshman class activities.
ACTIVITIES — CLUBS
The National Honor Society is an organization whose members must, in the opinion of the faculty, exhibit qualities of leadership, scholarship, service, and character. The group under the leadership of Miss Roberts, faculty advisor, holds monthly meetings. This year the induction assembly had for its program topic the new high school. Fifteen per cent of a graduating class may be elected to membership.

**OFFICERS**

President .......... RAY WEIGLE
Vice-President .... JENNY MAYER
Secretary-Treasurer .. BARBARA LINDSAY

Lincoln’s mention of a “government of the people, by the people and for the people” is a fitting phrase for the description of our Student Council. The faculty aids us but rarely disagrees with our decisions or curtails our jurisdiction. Work with the Student Council gives important experience useful in understanding our American democracy.

OFFICERS

President ....................... ART COCKBURN
Vice-President ................ KEN IUSO
Secretary ..................... BARBARA KNAPP
Treasurer ..................... JACK FOWLER
First row, left to right: Diane Kunstmann, Ginny Gross, Cathleen McCullen, Jayne Scarpa, Judy Giro, Margaret Grimaldi, Judy Montuori, Ginny Haine, Peggy Smith, Anne Purvis, Mr. Joseph Laggini. Second row: Laurie Miles, Barbara Lindsay, Bev Lawler, Judy Bragdon, Betty Hauck, Lorraine Fisher, Arlene Capone, Helene Freiman, Judy Whitenack, Robbie Arnold, Ruth Haig, Barbara Krosnoldembski, Carole Siebert, Valerie Stevens, Rose Marie La Costa. Third row: Ward Sylvester, Barry Remler, Oak Winters, Bob Mahler, George Keely, Cliff Emory, Barbara Braun, Barbara Russell, Diann Manfra, Judy Wood, Joyce Kennedy, Judy Braun.

SPANISH CLUB

Since the Spanish Club began in 1954 it has doubled in membership and popularity. Its members sell soda at home basketball games, hold a Christmas party, one assembly, and a dance, and take a trip to New York. These activities are only secondary, however. The real purpose of the club is to promote an interest in Spanish by giving students the opportunity to use the language during bi-monthly meetings.

OFFICERS
President .................................................. JUDY WOOD
Vice-President ......................................... OAK WINTERS
Secretary .................................................. JUDY BRAUN
Treasurer .................................................. LAURIE MILES
Anyone looking for a book? Just ask the student at the desk. A love for books and literature binds these members together to make a fine, helpful organization. This job isn’t all play. It takes a large staff to keep the library neat and organized.

OFFICERS

President ........................................GINNI BROCH
Vice-President ...............................MARYJANE BUTLER
Secretary ......................................LAURIE MILES
Treasurer .......................................PHYLLIS HAHM

The hindrance of half-session had little effect on the new Fanscotian. The paper reported on all phases of school activities from football to English compositions. The six pages were always attractively arranged and well organized. So many students volunteered to help on the paper that some had to be refused. The entire staff showed school spirit at its best.

EDITORS

Editor .................................................. CAROLE HARTLAUB
Business Manager ............................... FRANCES POWERS
Reporting Editor ................................. HELENE FREIMAN
Sports Editor ......................................... WARD SYLVESTER
Art Editor ............................................. JUDY WHITENACK
Typing Editor ......................................... JEAN IAIONE
Rewrite Editor ........................................ NANCY MAEHL

The Future Teachers of America is a part of a national organization whose purpose is to encourage young people to enter the teaching profession. This year members of Scotch Plains' F.T.A. have gotten some experience in this field by helping our teachers give short quizzes and reviews. As another goal, the club must take part in some civic event or do something of benefit to the school or community.

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**OFFICERS**

President: JUDY SAND
Vice-President: ANNE KIMBERLY
Secretary: ANNE PURVIS
Treasurer: LOUISE VAIL
Librarian: CATHY McCULLEN
SERVICE CLUB

The Service Club was organized to relieve congestion in the halls by conducting traffic between periods. Some of the club members also served as ushers for "Back to school night". Membership is composed of sophomores, juniors, and seniors. In this way no class is disturbed by a large number of students leaving early to take their posts.

OFFICERS

President ................................. JUDY BRAUN
Vice-President .......................... DON CZERWINSKI
Secretary ...................... BARBARA BRAUN
Treasurer .............................. BOBBIE LINDSAY
PROJECTION SQUAD

Lights! Camera! Action! The Projection Squad provided all of these and more this year. They took care of stage lighting; they provided projectors for classroom use; they took charge of other visual aid projects. The squad was able to give more efficient service with new equipment, including an opaque projector and curtains for several rooms. Their work and help was much appreciated.

OFFICERS
Director of Audio-Visual Aid ........ ANDY KROG
Backstage ........................................ RICHARD BRIDGEN
                                          RICHARD HILL
Photography ................................. ROD JONES
Equipment ................................... JACK PANOSH
Projection ................................. ROD LEWIS

Debating is enjoying a revival at S.P.H.S. After a long period of inactivity, the club has been organized again. Mr. Laggini, the coach for the 1954-55 and 1955-56 seasons, has done a good job in training the speakers. Last year our debaters were five senior boys. They made an impressive start, but after they graduated the debate coaches had to start once again from scratch. This year our debaters are showing improvement. In their first tournament they placed 17th in a field of 46 schools from the whole metropolitan area. Ward Sylvester, Bob Scott, Oak Winters and Carl Straub all earned bronze medals for their participation in this annual contest. Silver medals are hoped for next year and if the team works hard enough they might bring home a cup. Practice debates with nearby high schools and inter-squad debates were planned for the end of this year's season. Our success may be a subject for argument, but our debaters' enthusiasm for debating is not debatable.
Assemblies are an important and enjoyable part of our school life and are arranged for by the Assembly Committee, a standing group of the Student Council. This committee schedules our exchange and paid assemblies, in addition to our traditional programs. All assemblies must be planned from the opening exercises to the closing words. All the students who are members of Mrs. Friend’s committee deserve a lot of credit for the work they do during the year.

CO-CHAIRMEN
Louis Wintzer, Margaret Linder, Ray Weigle.
Las Cantadoras is a select group which consists of girls with exceptional vocal talent and an unusual ability to sight read music. These girls are able to handle difficult compositions which they sing not only at school, but at various community functions.

Boys’ Glee Club is a group of about twenty boys who enjoy singing with one another. They work well together and sing a wide variety of songs. A few Glee Club members sometimes accompany the others with musical instruments, which adds a great deal to the resulting sound.
Senior Chorus, this year under the very capable direction of Mr. Donald Brinton, is one of the most popular groups in the school. Despite the crowded conditions under which they have practiced, the results have been amazing. Improving steadily from the beginning of the year they were able to sing many different types of music. All who participated in chorus will agree that it was a very pleasant experience.

OFFICERS

President .............................................................. ANNE KIMBERLEY
Vice-President ........................................................ SANDY CARLSON
Secretary ................................................................. GINNI BROCH
Librarian ................................................................. MARGARET LINDER
Accompanists .......................................................... GINNI CONNELL, ANN BOEHM

MR. BRINTON
Director
The band is one of the most active organizations in our school. Under the direction of "Woj", it plays at assemblies, marches in the town's Memorial Day and Halloween parades, performs at the annual Night of Music, plays for football games and pep rallies, and gives a performance at Bonnie Burn.

OFFICERS

President JUDY WOOD
Vice-President BILL FLEISCHMAAN
Secretary-Treasurer BETTE DAVIS
Director MR. WARNER

BAND
Do you remember walking through the halls on Wednesday morning or early afternoon and hearing those majestic chords coming from the music room? That was the one and only Scotch Plains High School Orchestra probably practicing for the Night of Music or Senior graduation. For years they have brought fine classical music to the ears of S.P.H.S. students. This year has been no exception, and the group has really done an outstanding job.
MUSICAL GROUPS

ART HENDERSON
Vocalist

ANDREA PANTAGES
Vocalist

Judy Whitenack, Barbara Keith, Bonnie Gordon.
One of the most popular and outstanding musical groups in our school is the Moon- 
glowers. Beginning in January the Moonglow-
ers take the spotlight by giving several home 
and exchange assemblies. Made up of musi-
cians who are the cream of the crop and of 
vocalists and a master of ceremonies chosen 
on a competitive basis, this is a group the 
school is truly proud of.

MOONGLOWERS

MR. WARNER
Conductor
TWIRLERS

The Twirlers, in their cute blue and white uniforms, have represented Scotch Plains High very well. With their bright smiles, high stepping, and fancy twirling they contributed great deal to our school spirit and increased the pride that we have in our band.

Majorette .................................. GINNI GROSS
Twirlers, in their cute blue and white BJ, have represented Scotch Plains very well. With their bright smiles, stepping, and fancy twirling they contributed a great deal to our school spirit and increased the pride that we have in our school.

**VARSITY CHEERLEADERS**—Left to right: Jayne Scarpa, Judy Glore, Lorinda MacRae, Barbara Knapp, Barbara Osborn, Laurie Miles, Robbie Arnold, Judy Whitenack, Judy Sand, Valerie Stevens.

![VARSITY CHEERLEADERS](image)

**ZIGGETY BOOM CLUB**

Varisty Captain ......................... LAURIE MILES
Varisty Co-Captain.................... BARBARA OSBORN
J. V. Captain ............................ GALE WEIGLE
J. V. Co-Captain ....................... JACKIE QUIGLEY
Advisors ................................. MRS. F. PEER
MRS. C. SOPER

The Cheerleaders work to spread spirit through the school, and as a reward they receive gold megaphone charms.

Ziggity Boom Rah, Rah!
Ziggity Boom Rah, Rah!
Hoorah, Hoorah!
Scotch Plains, Rah, Rah!

**TWIRLERS**

Junior Varsity—Left to right: Judy Regg, Donna Powell, Carol England, Lynn Vance, Bonnie Andrews, Cynthia Doering, Jackie Quigley, Gale Weigle.

![JUNIOR VARSITY](image)
SENIOR PLAY
CURTAIN GOING UP

THE CAST
Mr. Tony Peterson ......... ROY MILLS
Elsie Hunter ................ JUDY MONTUORI
Janet Young ................ LOIS KELB
Buck O'Hara ............... JIM DURKIN
Nancy Leveridge .......... MARYJANE BUTLER
and GINNY CONNELL
Milt Sanders ............... JAY SNYDER
Jack Guthrie .............. RUSS HALL
Larry (Loretta) Fuller ...... CAROLE HARTLAUB
Andy (Andrew) Fullbright ... RAY WEIGLE
Miss Irene Burgess ....... JUDY SAND
Sylvia Moore .............. MARILYN BROWN
Joan White ................ ARLENE CAPONE
Miss Carolyn Moran ....... BARBARA BALDWIN
Mr. Norman Carter ....... BILL PEIRSON
Miss Henrietta Rivers ...... JEAN LERSCH
Kyle Roberts ............... GINNY GROSS
Ushers ....................... DIANE KUNSTMANN, LAURIE MILES,
Barbara Osborn, Judy Wood,
Mrs. Young ................. RUTH HAIG
Mr. Richard Leveridge ...... BOB MAHLER
Neighbor of Loretta Fuller .. ANNE KIMBERLEY
THE CAST

Directed by
THOMAS J. LIMOLI

The scene throughout is the study in the home of James Clark in the country near a medium-sized mid-western town.

ACT ONE—A Tuesday afternoon in early July.
Ten-Minute Intermission

ACT TWO—Scene 1—Following Saturday evening about seven-thirty.
Scene 2—One week later—Saturday just after noon.
Ten-Minute Intermission

ACT THREE—Several hours later.

Student Directors: Jean Laione, Sylvia Cushing, Jeannine Lenz
Promoters: Lucy Purvis, Betty Hauck, Barbara Osborn, Laurie Miles

THE CAST

Pamela Young
Horriet Morgan
Jeanie Day
Esther Hamilton
Mrs. Liltion Young
Fredericko Collins
Carrie
Mr. Jomes Clark
Sonny Young
Bill Henly
Mr. Leslie Gardner
Mr. Clifford Young
Rusty Pitts
Tony
Mr. Henry Morgan

Colleen Galloway
Judy Wood
Carrie Starchell
Jody Sand
Anne Kimberley
Jody Keamer
Judy Bruck
Nancy Gladbo
Judy Brown
Art Cockburn
Joy Snyder
Ray Wrigler
Donne Truen
Mike Willard
Bill Guehke
Rus Hall
Herbert Bualos

JUNIOR PLAY
Quiet Summer
Hawaii was the theme of our Junior Prom. The band sat on a "South Pacific raft" and we danced under gayly colored streamers. Everyone agreed that the evening was a great success.
The Class of '56 first became one group in the sixth grade when School 4 students joined the students at School 1. After completing grammar school and Junior High, the survivors became freshmen and were officially recognized as The Class of '56. We were then important enough to pay class dues of $1.00 apiece and elect officers to lead us through the year. Jack Fowler was our president. Every noon we danced in the gym and were able, with some struggling, to learn the 2-step by the time the Freshman Dance rolled around. It is doubtful though that we had more fun at our dance than we had at the swimming party and picnic at the end of the year.

All at once we were sophomores. We were really privileged characters then. Not only did we move into the high school, but we had to attend school only half a day. As sophomores our first job was to elect new class officers, and we chose John Roglieri for president. Again we collected dues to finance our first semi-formal, Cupid's Ball.

Juniors! Finally everyone was beginning to notice the "Class of '56"! We certainly worked hard on our play, "Quiet Summer", and when the big night arrived, we found that our work was not in vain for the play was a success. Our attempts at dramatics weren't over though. Who will ever forget the Shakespearean actors in their wonderful, but comical interpretation of "A Mid-Summer Night's Dream"? Dave Truitt, our class president, made the cutest girl!

Outside of school the girls entertained themselves with numerous pajama parties. Oh, those sleepy-looking eyes on Monday morning!

As our junior year came to a close, we anticipated with joy our Junior Prom, "Hawaii". Many boys had gotten their long-awaited drivers' licenses and were proud to dress in their "tuxes" and drive their girls to the prom. With the cute Hawaiian dolls and leis, everyone was able to take home a souvenir of a memorable night.

When we took over senior seats at the end of the year we were sort of sorry our first years at S.P.H.S. had gone so quickly, but we realized we still had our greatest year of all to look forward to.

September 1955 came. Was it true that at last we were really the seniors in S.P.H.S. — the ones all the underclassmen supposedly looked up to? We didn't feel any older, and our teachers were quick to inform us that we didn't act any older either. All of us knew that only one year remained, and we determined to make the most of it. Those long-looked-for senior privileges were finally ours, even if some of them couldn't be enforced. It wasn't our fault though, if we didn't rule as much as possible. The first session of Senior Court proved to the underclassmen that we intended to hold the upper hand.

With our "iron-clad rules" set up and our "power" known to all, we proceeded to more serious things. Our officers had been elected at the beginning of the year, and John Roglieri again held the class presidency. Ray Weigle was his able vice-president, and Jean Iaione capably performed the duties of secretary. Jay Snyder was our treasurer, but something was missing there, for our treasury was "almost nuttin'". It was evident we had to get money from somewhere. Moans and groans soon discouraged the proposition of raising class dues to seven or eight dollars. Why, some of us still owed a dollar from past years! So before we knew exactly how it had come about, every senior was selling magazine subscriptions to earn his dues. The drive was a big success, and we had passed the first hurdle—that of finances.

Christmas was then just around the corner, and it was convenient that it was. Both teachers and seniors needed a rest. But seniors probably got less sleep during those Christmas vacations than they had had in the months before. Parties, holiday jobs, and shopping took up almost every minute. The few moments left were used either preparing for more parties or recuperating from the last one.

All too soon we were back in school again. The weeks following were principally devoted to "sweating" the Culmen. Problems concerning that innocent looking little book popped up from every direction. "How are we going to pay for everything? How does Jacquelyn Hassenpeffer spell her name? Why can't he be there to have his picture taken? Can't someone sell an ad to fill this space?"
Wouldn’t an underclassman like to buy this extra book?’”
Somehow we pulled through though, and the book got published.

Senior Play was next, and anyone who saw “Curtain Going Up” saw some of the problems of the production enacted in public. Surprisingly enough our play was a financial success, as well as a dramatic success. Who would have guessed it when only fourteen tickets had been sold previous to the week before the presentation?

For a while after the Senior Play things were slack. Only the big snowstorm and the Easter vacations broke the dullness. Then April 28 arrived, and with it the Senior Banquet where everyone chuckled over the class will and filled themselves with food and chatter.

Our years were drawing to a close in a hurry. With exams just around the corner, only the Senior Prom remained before we marched down that auditorium aisle to receive our diplomas. All too soon we were dancing the last dance of the big night at Twin Brooks and shortly after making last minute preparations for Baccalaureate and Commencement. It’s a sure thing that if ever we felt like a united class or felt close to one another, it was on the night of June 19 when we bade good-bye to dear ole S.P.H.S. and many friends to go out into the world on our own. Our last year had really been the best of all. It hadn’t been all play and no work though. The girls had worked hard in History II on their knitting, the boys had done a good job of ruining several ammeters in physics, and most all of us had put an earnest (?) effort into English term topics and gym calisthenics. All told we had had a well-rounded year, and even though some teachers might not agree, we felt fully capable of tackling anything this old world might hold for us.

So, S.P.H.S. is now left for the Class of ’57. Don’t be too hard on it, for when you leave you’ll realize what your years here have meant.
VARSITY TEAM

Ken Isso
John Knubel
Jim Durkin
Bob Mahler
Roscoe Counts
Jim McCauley
Bill Fleischman
Tom Jenks
Dick Merrill
Gerry Lostowski
Stanley Nettingham
Dave Callaghan
Richard Jones
Lou Russell
Reber Mears
FOOTBALL

The football team worked long and hard last fall to say the least. While the scoring wasn't overly impressive the squad, composed largely of underclassmen, did gain much valuable experience for the future. John Chironna coached the team for the first time this year. Under his direction we are sure that Scotch Plains will do well next football season.

Scores

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VARSITY TEAM

Ken Iuso
John Rudnik
Jim Decker
Bob Makler
Ronnie Caugh
Jim McCool
Bill Finck
Tom Jinks
Dick Merril
Gary Laboski
Stanley Hengstman
Dave Kellogg
Richard Jones
Tom Russell
Baylor Means

MR. CHIRONNA

Varsity Coach
VARSITY BASKETBALL TEAM
BASKETBALL

Coached by Mr. Dettmar, the Scotch Plains five started their '55-'56 season in high style by taking the first eleven games, with the exception of the Roselle Park skirmish. The latter part of the season brought stiffer opposition and accordingly a drop in the percentage of games won. The team managed to bag a few home wins towards the last but lost itself in the tournaments. The Raiders ended the season with the hope that future years will see Scotch Plains the Union County and State Champs.

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Opp. EDISON
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CRANFORD
CLIFFORD SCOTT
METUCHEN
IRVINGTON TECH.
DUNELLEN
ROSELLE PARK
ROSELLE
METUCHEN
ROSELLE
CRANFORD
HIGHLAND PARK
DUNELLEN
POINT PLEASANT
REGIONAL
LINDEN
CRANFORD
When the grass starts turning green and the ground hardens after winter, you will usually find the track team running and jumping out near the field house. The fellows work hard to get in shape and usually do all right for themselves when the actual competition starts. Good sportsmanship as well as physical endurance are stressed in all track competition.

The Scotch Plains long distance runners have had the best year ever as their record shows. After a rather slow start, the team brought home wins from the last two meets. Practice is done outside (usually in cold weather) for the grueling two and one-half mile races. The boys deserve much credit for their hard work.
When in Spring, a young man's fancy turns to thoughts of baseball.

After an unsuccessful start, the '55 baseball team came back to compile a worthy 10-9 record despite crippling injuries. This year, under the coaching of Mr. Zanowicz, the '56 team is looking forward to an even better season.
G. A. A.

VARSITY CLUB
As you can see by its large membership, the Girls' Athletic Association is a very popular activity. Once a year the G.A.A. sponsors a dance, usually a sock hop, where the girls get the chance to ask their best beaux. Inter-scholastic basketball games is another project which is greeted with much enthusiasm. The success of its many activities keeps the G.A.A. a vital and worthwhile school organization.

The Varsity Club is a group of boys who already have two varsity letters or expect to have two by the end of the year. The club sponsors dances after home basketball games. The money obtained from the dances is added to the dues collected and jackets are bought for the senior members. A popular organization, the club has more members every year.

OFFICERS

President BEV LAWLER
Vice-President MIKE PRIOR
Secretary RUTH MINNICK
Treasurer VALERIE STEVENS

OFFICERS

President DAVE TRUITT
Vice-President JIMMY DURKIN
Secretary PETE MATZ
Treasurer BILL BOOTH
Oftentimes we forget to give credit to those who do the things that add so much to the comfort of our everyday school life. Our custodians spend many hours performing countless tasks and duties which are necessary functions of any institution. On behalf of the entire student body we say, "Thanks to Mr. Brick, Mr. Lewis, Mr. Bedrose, Mr. Fischer, Mr. Boykin and Mr. and Mrs. Miller".
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