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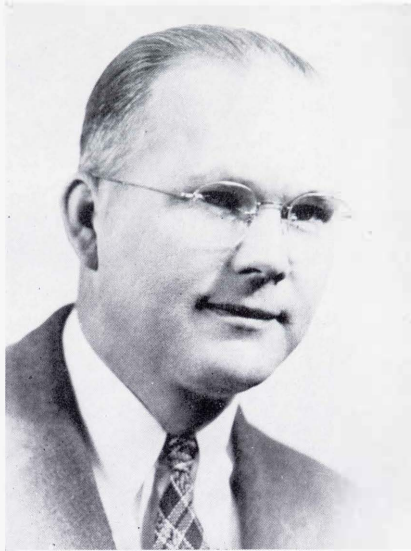
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THE CLASS OF 1943



Housatonic Valley Regional High School

Falls Village, Connecticut



HAROLD M. SMITH

Dedication

The Class of 1943 of the Housatonic Valley Regional High School proudly dedicates its *White Oak* to Mr. Harold M. Smith.

Mr. Smith is a graduate of Bay Path Institute, and has taught at the Litchfield School for Boys, Farmington High School, and for six years in Salisbury, preceding consolidation. He has been a commercial teacher at this school since it opened.

We are glad to dedicate our yearbook to Mr. Smith because his cooperation with our class has been outstanding throughout our four years, and he has been a personal friend and adviser to all of us. We will always remember Mr. Smith for his good humor and fine sportsmanship.

We wish Mr. Smith the best of luck in the future, and feel that he truly deserves this dedication.

Preface

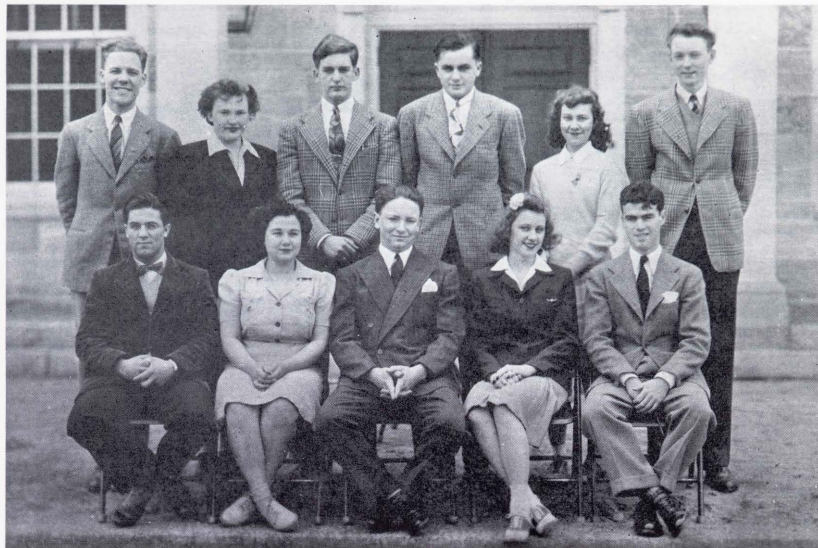
The Class of 1943, by following in the footsteps of the two preceding classes in publishing a yearbook, is helping to set a precedent that will probably be followed by future seniors.

Since our class is the first to have completed four years at the Housatonic Valley Regional High School, we have many memories and experiences that others before us did not have. It has been the privilege of the editorial staff to try to select the most important of these memories to record for future years. Because of war conditions, however, we were greatly hampered, and were sometimes forced into taking what we could get rather than demanding what we wanted.

We cordially thank those teachers who have been patient and understanding with us in the classes that we missed, and we thank Mr. Stoddard and Miss Moore for their cooperation.

STANLEY V. TURKIEWICZ
Editor.

May 15, 1943



EDITORIAL AND BUSINESS BOARDS OF *THE WHITE OAK*

Seated—Hector Chauvin, Esther Brown, Frank Hitchcock, Doris Cunningham, Jack Kenny.

Standing—Bob Knight, Mary Richardson, George Kimble, Stanley Turkiewicz, Shirley Hunter, William Michel.

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 ESTHER BROWN
 JACK KENNY
 DORIS CUNNINGHAM
 HECTOR CHAUVIN

Editorial Board

STANLEY TURKIEWICZ, Chairman
 MARY RICHARDSON
 BOB KNIGHT
 SHIRLEY HUNTER
 WILLIAM MICHEL

CLASS HISTORY

CONNIE: Hello there, John.

JOHN: Hi, Connie.

CONNIE: Well, here we are about to graduate. It doesn't seem possible that our four years here are over. You know—the Class of '43 is the first class to complete the entire four years at H. V. R. H. S.

JOHN: Yes, that is true. It is also the smallest graduating class, for many of our boys have left to serve their country.

CONNIE: Do you remember September 25, 1939?

JOHN: Do I! That was the first day of high school. I'll never forget the expressions on our classmates' faces. Remember how Hector Chauvin got lost, and was finally found wandering around the balcony in the gym?

CONNIE: (Laughing) Oh yes, a group of girls were wondering who the extremely tall, thin man was walking down the corridor: they later found out that it was Mr. Stoddard.

JOHN: We had to pick our way along the corridors, for the floors had not been laid. In fact, the whole building was far from completion.

CONNIE: Our Freshman year was probably the most exciting, for everything was strange, the new building, new teachers, new classmates. We didn't have any rules then, but oh, how they have piled up since!

JOHN: Our teachers had a hard time trying to keep our attention. We were all fascinated by the workmen. Painters were balancing on high ladders. Carpenters were pounding outside the door. WPA workers were leaning on their shovels just outside the windows.

CONNIE: I can remember edging my way down the corridor near the shop where the lockers were standing end to end. What a clanging they made when they were hammered into place! We were able to live over the confusion of finishing this building, and eventually swung into our stride. Our only activity was the Glee Club——

JOHN: But that was compulsory! Of course the girls enjoyed it—but the boys—if they could sing they wouldn't, and if they couldn't they wouldn't anyway, and if they didn't sing they invented other distractions. On the whole we were rather unimportant.

CONNIE: Except in sports—after all didn't we have our Bill Fowlkes, who managed to help keep the bench warm on the J. V., and how about the girls in the Freshman and Senior play-off? We felt mighty proud to have the opportunity of playing with that senior team.

JOHN: (teasingly) And what was the score?

CONNIE: Oh, well, we did take a shellacking, but that's not the point.

JOHN: During our Sophomore year the school activities began to organize. Our Bob Simonton was the Secretary of the Future Farmers of America. Betty Mazur and Alverda Hurlburt both held offices in the Homemakers' club.

CONNIE: Yes—and the Student Council was formed with our Mary Richardson as secretary. Our Sophomore year saw Bill Fowlkes, Frank Hitchcock, and Hector Chauvin as "fighting mad" players on the soccer team.

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JOHN: Shag Fowlkes played basketball so well on the J. V., that he became a substitute on the Varsity.

CONNIE: Yes, and you didn't do so badly on the J. V. yourself. I can remember Hector's stumbling all over the floor, and Hitchcock's long shots that never reached the basket.

JOHN: Bill Fowlkes represented our class on the baseball team, and helped the team to win its first championship.

CONNIE: The high-light of our Junior year was, of course, the Junior Prom, which proved to be a great success under the chairmanship of Frank Hitchcock.

JOHN: Mr. Smith, our man of many trades, kept the committees in good humor with his practical jokes.

CONNIE: Mary Patterson was chosen Queen of the Prom, and six other Junior girls acted as attendants.

JOHN: Four members were chosen to the National Honor Society. The Airplane Club was organized and directed by Mr. Dorsett. Several girls were taking Home Nursing.

CONNIE: The Junior Year was the girls' biggest year in the line of sports for they participated in softball, soccer, and basketball. Alverda Hurlburt was our outstanding athlete.

JOHN: It was the year for the boys, too. Track was made a Varsity sport. Chesebro and Simonton ran the 1-mile in 5 minutes flat. Kimble, Simonton, and Chesebro were the high falutin' kickers of the soccer team.

CONNIE: That's right—and our boys made up the biggest part of the basketball teams. Stanton, Fowlkes, and you, John, played as regulars on the Varsity, while Kimble, Kenny, Hitchcock, Chauvin and Simonton played on the J. V. If I remember correctly, John, you didn't win too many games.

JOHN: No, we didn't, but we did play hard to keep up the school spirit. We did better in baseball though—won most of the games.

CONNIE: Our Senior year presented the most problems. At this stage of our history we became the most important part of the school. We were together in one homeroom for the first time. We became familiar with the teachers, and as it was our last year, we endeavored to make the most of it.

JOHN: At our first class meeting, we elected George Kimble as our president, Phyllis Derigon as vice-president, and Anna Lynehan our secretary. We'll never forget the "order" we had at our class meetings. The Student Council under George Kimble, the French Club under Jean Hemmerly, and the Commercial Club were all functioning smoothly. Mary Patterson with the help of Mrs. Camp and all the future poets and authors made *The Northwest Corner* a real success.

CONNIE: Yes—Stanley Turkiewicz was elected editor of the Year Book, a job if there ever was one. Two new courses were offered to the seniors—Aero-

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nautics and Problems of the Western Hemisphere. Late in April, Mr. Stoddard announced the good news of the arrival of our long waited-for class rings, which we could have C. O. D. Eight members were elected to the National Honor Society.

JOHN: Because of the oil shortage we had an enforced vacation for which we went to school on Saturdays to get in our 180 days. That sure was hectic during the fishing season! We were rather unfortunate to be seniors this year for many senior activities, such as the Senior Play, formal dances, and a class trip could not take place.

CONNIE: Of course we made up for them a little by having the Senior Class Assembly, and Play Day. It was too bad we were unable to participate in sports this year, for we certainly have some A-1 material for an outstanding athletic record. If we had participated, I wonder who the stars would have been?

JOHN: Well, I'm sure Bill Fowlkes would have been made captain of the Varsity basketball team.

CONNIE: Yes, I guess that's right. Bill Stanton, Bob Simonton, and you, John, would probably have been the stars along with Kimble and Kenny.

JOHN: I bet Mary Richardson, Anna Lynehan, Betty Mazur, Barbara Stradlinger, and Olive Hotaling would have helped cheer our team to victory.

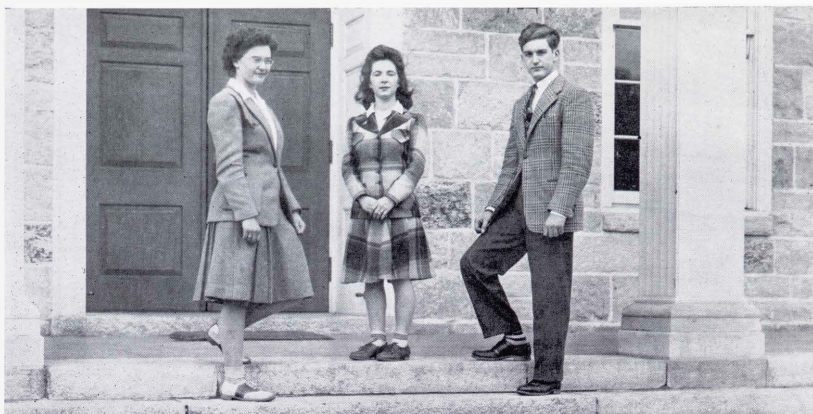
CONNIE: Too bad—no bus rides. Bill Fowlkes would have been captain of the baseball team also. Simonton, in his Babe Ruth style, would have hit our home runs. Bill Stanton would have been our tall, lanky, good-looking pitcher. With you on second base, Turkiewicz on third and Chauvin out in the field—catching fly balls (one way or another) we would have had a winning team, I'm sure.

JOHN: Our class history wouldn't be complete without at least mentioning our cramming for the final exams. Class Night is important to us—but Graduation—that's the most important part of all. We feel proud to have the honor of graduating from the first Regional High School in the New England states.

CONNIE: Before us is college, work, or the armed service. We will always remember our happy days at H. V. R. H. S. We wish to thank all our teachers who have tried hard to prepare us for our place in the world. Some of you we have known for four years, others only one. Some of our former teachers have left, but I'm sure we will remember each of you, and all the "little" things that you have done for us.

JOHN: To our underclassmen we wish the best of luck throughout your high school career. We hope that you will enjoy yourselves as much as we have. We didn't have the opportunity to set any records in the line of sports, so we hope you will carry on for us and keep up the good sportsmanship we have had in our four years. With these last wishes the class of '43 bids their fond farewell.

CONSTANCE SUYDAM AND JOHN MCKEE.



SENIOR CLASS OFFICERS

George Kimble	President
Phyllis Derigon	Vice-President
Anna Lynehan	Secretary



SENIOR ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE

Senior Assembly—Chairman, Julia Del Tenno; Jean Hemmerly, Virginia Da Re, Barbara Stradinger, Anna Loffredo, Abraham Shaskin, Phyllis Derigon, Constance Marshall.

Play Day—Co-chairmen, Betty Mazur, Gino Cortesi; Bill Fowlikes, Jack Kenny, Thelma Williams, Esther Brown, Anna Lynehan.

Class Night—Chairman, Alverda Hurlburt; Martha Dickinson, Betty Baldwin, Olive Hotaling, Alyce Dinneen.



C L A S S E S

SENIORS



ELIZABETH B. BALDWIN
"Betty"

Lakeville

"Monkeys is the craziest people"
Basketball 1; Glee Club 1; News Editor *Northwest Corner* 4;
Commercial Club 4; Student Council 4; Class Night Committee
4; Squad Leader 4.

HECTOR E. CHAUVIN
"Curly"

Kent

"I'm like a powder puff; I belong to the women."
Homeroom President 1; Glee Club 1; Basketball Manager
1; Student Council 2, 3, 4; Soccer 2, 3; Basketball 2, 3;
Baseball 3; Business Board *White Oak* 4.



MARION B. BATHRICK

"Marion"

Canaan

"We wish we knew you better."

L. FREDERICK CHESEBRO
"Cheese"

Canaan

"Laugh if it kills you, and you'll die with a grin on
your face."
Glee Club 1, 2, 4; Civics Club 3; Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4;
Soccer 3; Junior Prom Committee 3; Basketball Manager
3; Track Team 3.



MARGARET B. BRAMAN

"Peg"

Sharon

"The high school day has its delights,
But it can't compare with the high school nights."
Glee Club 1, 2; Basketball 1, 2, 4; Softball 2; Chairman Junior
Picnic 3; Cheerleader 3; Foul Shot Team 4; Squad Leader 4.

GINO J. CORTESI
"Sleepy"

Falls Village

"Work—what's work? Where have I heard that word
before?"
Basketball 1, 2, 3 Intramural; Chairman, Play Day Com-
mittee 4.



ESTHER BROWN

"Es"

East Canaan

"Big arguments come in little packages."
Basketball 1, 2, 4; Civics Club (President) 3; Business Board
White Oak 4; Softball 2.

DORIS M. CUNNINGHAM
"Doris"

Sharon

"An all-round gal, and everybody's pal."
Basketball 1, 4; Homeroom Secretary 2; Student Council
3, 4; Secretary 4; Alumni Editor *Northwest Corner* 4;
Squad Leader 3, 4; Commercial Club 4; Honor Society 4;
Business Board *White Oak* 4.



MARJORIE C. CASEY

"Marge"

East Canaan

"A quiet fountain of knowledge."
Glee Club 1; Civics Club 3; Commercial Club 4.

VIRGINIA C. DA RE
"Dolly"

Canaan

"A wholesale consumer of midnight oil."
Junior Prom Committee 3; Initiation Committee, Chair-
man 4.

SENIORS

JULIA C. DEL TENNO

"Julie"

Canaan

"If ability were music, you'd be a brass band."

Freshman Editor *Housatonic Echo* 1; Glee Club 1, 2, 3; Model Airplane Club, President 3; French Club 4; Literary Editor *Northwest Corner* 4; Chairman Senior Assembly 4; Junior Prom Committee 3.



EVELYN I. DORIZZI

"Evvy"

East Canaan

"Sweet is the word for you."

Glee Club 1, 2; Basketball 1, 3; Homeroom Secretary 3; Squad Leader 4.



PHYLLIS J. DERIGON

"Phyl"

Salisbury

"She looks at the moon because there's a man in it."

Glee Club 1, 2, 3; Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4; Junior Prom Committee 3; Senior Vice-President 4; Features Editor *Northwest Corner* 4; French Club 4; Honor Society 4.

LUCILLE L. DUPLESSIS

"Lucille"

Sharon

"Sweet, quiet, demure: the heart of a rose is not more pure."

Glee Club 1; Class Prophecy 4; Honor Society 4.



DOROTHY C. DE VAUX

"Dot"

Sharon

"You're a great little girl!"

Glee Club 1; Commercial Club 4.



WILLIAM A. FOWLKES

"Shag"

Lakeville

"His athletic ability is excelled only by his friendliness."

Glee Club 1; Baseball 1, 2, 3, 4; Basketball 1, 2, 3; Soccer 2, 3; Foul Shot Team 4; Junior Prom Committee 3; Play Day Committee 4.

MARTHA M. DICKINSON

"Mari"

Canaan

"I've got a new joke. Shall we put it in?"

Glee Club 1; Cheerleader 1; Softball 2; Basketball 1, 2, 4; Class Night Committee 4.



HELEN M. FRANCIS

"Helen"

Lakeville

"I'm not laughing. I'm smiling aloud."

Glee Club 1, 2; Softball 2; Basketball 1, 4.

ALYCE P. DINNEEN

"Al"

Cornwall Bridge

"She's cute, she's cunning;
She's babyish and sweet."

Glee Club 1; Commercial Club 4; Junior Prom Committee 3.

SHIRLEY I. GARFIELD

"Shirley"

Canaan

"Of all the words of tongue or pen
She loves best of all the little word 'men'."

Glee Club 1; Civics Club 3; Commercial Club 4.

SENIORS



MARY C. GAWEL

"Mary"

Kent

"Silence is golden, but who wants to be silent?"
Glee Club 1, 2.

OLIVE M. HOTALING

"Olly"

Sharon

"She speaks her own mind, but we like it."
Glee Club 1, Softball 2; Cheerleader 1, 2; Ring Committee 4; Squad Leader 3; Class Night Committee 4.



WILLIAM P. GENITO

"Bill"

Lakeville

"Let the rest of the world go by."
Glee Club 1, 2; Basketball 1, 2, 3.

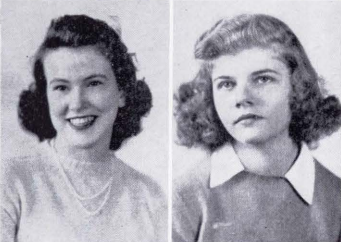
SHIRLEY G. HUNTER

"Shirley"

Canaan

"A little bit of everything is hard to define—but, could we spell it mischief?"

Glee Club 1; Basketball 1, 4; Softball 2; Homeroom Secretary 1; Homeroom Vice-President 2; Civics Club 3; Homeroom Treasurer 3; President Commercial Club 4; D. A. R. Representative 4; Squad Leader 3, 4; Honor Society 4; Class Poet 4; Editorial Board *White Oak* 4; Class Salutatorian 4.



HELEN R. HAYDE

"Helen"

Lakeville

"Her thoughts are expressed by her smile."
Glee Club 1, 2; Basketball 1, 2, 3; Softball 2; Commercial Club 4; Play Day Committee 4.

ALVERDA C. HURLBURT

"Verdie"

Falls Village

"A friendly heart and a sunny disposition make many true friends."

Glee Club 1; Basketball 1, 2; Co-Captain Basketball 3, 4; Co-Captain Softball 2; Squad Leader 3, 4; Treasurer, Home Economics Club 2, 3; Class Night Chairman 4.



JEAN H. HEMMERLY

"Jean"

Lakeville

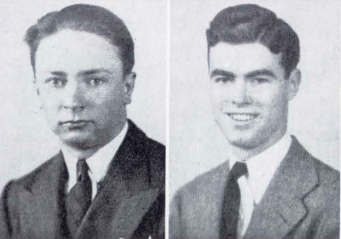
"Gaining wisdom with each studious year."
Glee Club 1, 2; Basketball 1, 2; Civics Club 3; Honor Society 3, 4; Assistant Editor *Northwest Corner* 4; President French Club 4; Class Valedictorian 4.

ROGER L. KEENER

"Rog"

Canaan

"Live or die, survive or perish;
The bachelor's life is the one I cherish."



C. FRANK HITCHCOCK

"Hitch"

Canaan

"I wish I were a moron; my gosh, I guess I am one."
Glee Club 1, 2; Homeroom President 1, 2; Basketball Manager 1, 2; Basketball 3; Homeroom Vice-President 3; Soccer 2, 3; Business Manager *White Oak* 4; Student Council 4.

JOHN W. KENNY

"Jack"

Sharon

"Quiet and courteous—but with *that* gleam in his eye."
Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4; French Club 4; Student Council 2, 3, 4; Senior Play Orchestra 3; Squad Leader 4; Business Board *White Oak* 4; Business Manager *Northwest Corner* 4.

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GEORGE F. KIMBLE, JR.

"Kim"

Salisbury

"He doesn't have to act Shakespeare to be a Romeo."

Glee Club 1, 2; Soccer 3; Basketball 3, 4; Student Council 3, 4; President, Student Council 4; Senior Class President 4; Honor Society 4.



HELEN A. LOUGHLIN

"Helen"

Sharon

"With the world afire, we need good sense."

Glee Club 1.

ROBERT A. KNIGHT

"Bob"

Canaan

"We hate to say it, but blah, blah, blah."

Glee Club 1, 2; Model Airplane Club 3; Basketball 3; Exchange Editor *Northwest Corner* 4; Homeroom Secretary 3; Honor Society 4; Editorial Board *White Oak* 4.



ANNA P. LYNEHAN

"Ann"

Lakeville

"Short and sweet and a lot of fun."

Glee Club 1, 2; Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4; Homeroom President 1; Softball 2; Play Day Committee 4; Class Secretary 4.

LORRAINE R. LA BOUDY

"Lorraine"

Kent

"I have a voice but why wear it out?"

Basketball 1; Home Economics Club 2; French Club 4.



M. CONSTANCE MARSHALL

"Connie"

Falls Village

"Culture, plus."

French Club 4; Student Council 1; Debating Club 2; Volley Ball 3; Softball 3; Sub-Deb 3; Riding Club 3; Dramatic Club 3.

ALICE M. LEFFINGWELL

"Lefty"

Canaan

"You'd be so nice to come home to."

Basketball 1.



BETTY S. MAZUR

"Bet"

Lakeville

"Meaning all her charms, 'solid' we say."

Glee Club 1, 2; Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4; Softball 2; Vice-president Home Economics Club 2; Cheerleader 3; Homeroom Secretary 3; Foul Shot Team 4; Chairman Play Day Committee 4.

ANNA M. LOFFREDO

"Ann"

Lakeville

"She dances her cares away."

Glee Club 1, 2; Basketball 1, 2; Cheerleader 3.



JOHN MCGLASSON, JR.

"Mac"

West Cornwall

"Fix it, mend it, mix it—Bang."

Glee Club 1; Model Airplane Club 3, 4.

SENIORS



JOHN A. MCKEE
"Johnny" Sharon
 "He has looks; he has charm; it is said he has 'it'"
 Glee Club 1, 2; Baseball 2, 3, 4; Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4; Junior
 Prom Committee 3; Sports Editor *Northwest Corner* 4; Class
 Historian 4.

MARY R. OSTAPKO
"Mary" Canaan
 "Service with a smile."
 Basketball 1; Glee Club 1; Homeroom Secretary 3; Treas-
 urer, Commercial Club 4.



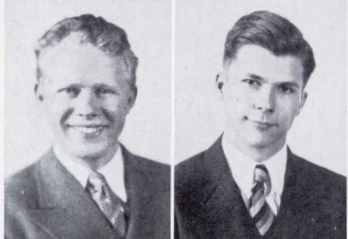
WILLIAM C. MICHEL, JR.
"Mike" Falls Village
 " 'Tis love that makes the world go round."
 Baseball 1, 2; Basketball 1, 2, 3; Glee Club 1, 2; Editorial
 Board *White Oak* 4; Future Farmers 4.

LOIS I. PADDOCK
"Lois" Taconic
 "A smile as contagious as a yawn."
 Glee Club 1; Commercial Club 4.



HOWARD E. OAKLEY
"Beanie" Millerton, N. Y.
 "On the WAVES, the WAVES—the radio waves."

MARY D. PATTERSON
"Pat" Lakeville
 "Now we know what charm means."
 Glee Club 1, 2; Homeroom President 3; Student Council
 3, 4; Editor *Northwest Corner* 4; Service Honor Roll 4;
 Junior Prom Committee 3.



BJARNE E. OLSEN
"Barney" West Cornwall
 "After four years of service, I'm laid off."
 Track 1; Intramural Basketball 3; Future Farmers 2, 3, 4.

RAYMOND H. PAVIOL
"Ray" East Canaan
 "My Momma done tole me."



RUTH V. ONEILL
"Irish" Canaan
 "A temper as calm as an earthquake."
 Hockey 1; Ping Pong 1; Basketball 1, 2, 3; Softball 1, 2;
 Squad Leader 3.

G. FRANCIS PITCHER
"Pitch" Sharon
 "I blush like a rose"
 Intramural Basketball 3.

SENIORS

MARY P. RICHARDSON

"Richy"

Canaan

"All the things you are."

Glee Club 1, 2; Cheerleader 1, 2, 3; Home Economics Club 2; Student Council 2, 3, 4; Secretary, Student Council 2; Vice-President, Student Council 4; Basketball 1, 2, 3; Honor Society 3, 4; Junior Prom Committee 3; Vice-President French Club 4; Squad Leader 4; Editorial Board *White Oak* 4; Chairman Ring Committee 4.



ABRAHAM M. SHASKIN

"Abe"

Canaan

"Can't decide if women are a necessary evil or an evil necessity."

JESSIE B. RORABACK

"Jessie"

Canaan

"Why?—I don't."

Glee Club 1; Home Economics Club 2.



ROBERT C. SIMONTON

"Bob"

Lakeville

"Oh, the hearts he has broken."

Basketball 1, 2, 3; Soccer 2, 3; Baseball 2, 3, 4; F. F. A. 1, 2, 3, 4; President F. F. A. 4.

GERTRUDE E. RYAN

"Geet"

Cornwall

"Ready, willing, and able to help."

Glee Club 1; Home Economics Club 2.



WILLIAM J. STANTON

"Stinky"

Lakeville

"His head's in the clouds, but his heart is where it belongs."

Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4; Glee Club 1, 2; Junior Prom Committee 3; Baseball 3, 4.

MARY R. SANTIN

"Mary"

Canaan

"That's not the wind whistling."

Glee Club 1; Homeroom President 1; Homeroom Secretary 2; Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4; French Club 4; Squad Leader 3; Foul Shot Team 4; Softball 2.



BARBARA L. STRADINGER

"Barb"

West Cornwall

"Need we say more?"

Play 1; Glee Club 2; Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4; Soccer 2; Cheerleader 1; Homeroom Secretary 2; Senior Assembly Committee 4.

LENA P. SEBEN

"Lena"

East Canaan

"I don't say much, but I do a lot of thinking."

CONSTANCE S. SUYDAM

"Connie"

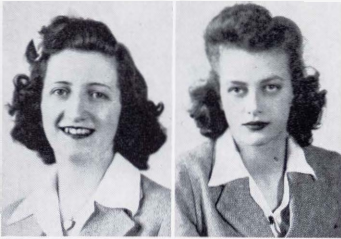
Salisbury

"Here I am dreaming again."

Glee Club 1, 2; Captain Basketball 1, 2; Home Nursing Secretary 3; Squad Leader 3; Ring Committee 4; Class Historian 4.



SENIORS



LENORA A. TOMPKINS

"Lee"

Sharon

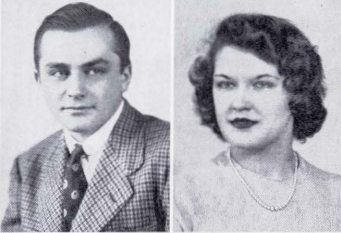
"Look before you leap, then don't."
Glee Club 1; Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4; Homeroom Secretary 1;
Cheerleader 1, 2; Commercial Club 4.

LUCILLE E. WHITNEY

"Lucille"

Taconic

"A small mite with plenty of might."
Glee Club 1.



STANLEY V. TURKIEWICZ

"Turk"

Sharon

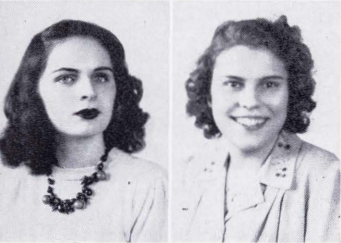
"A razor-keen view-point, and a will to do."
Intramural Basketball 3; Editor-in-Chief, *White Oak* 4.

MARY JANE WIKE

"Mary Jane"

Sharon

"Good nature is stronger than tomahawks."
Glee Club 1, 2; French Club 4.



MARGERY E. WALTON

"Gerry"

Salisbury

"Quiet, like a peal of thunder."
Glee Club 4.

THELMA M. WILLIAMS

"Thelma"

Goshen

"A quiet tongue shows a wise head."
Glee Club 1, 2; Commercial Club 4.

★ ★ OUR BOYS IN SERVICE ★ ★

When the Housatonic Valley Regional High School was inaugurated four years ago, our class entered as freshmen. The following are the names of those who have since left, and are now in the service of our country.

ARMY

William F. Blake	James C. Murphy
Francis L. Garfield	John A. Palazzini
James W. Harvey, Jr.	Joseph J. Pipa
Edward D. Herron	Charles Watts
Donald A. White	

NAVY

Herbert C. Cluff	Frank B. Goodsell
Henry C. Couse	Daniel P. Larkin, Jr.
Richard M. Deneen	Donald J. Patterson
Frederick A. Tellerday	

UNITED STATES MARITIME SERVICE

Foster Thorpe



CLASS OF 1944



CLASS OF 1945



CLASS OF 1946



F E A T U R E S



PAUL W. STODDARD
Principal



M. EDWARD DAKIN
Vice-Principal (On Leave)

THE FACULTY

WILHEMINE E. ALLYN
English

JEANNETTE M. ANDERSON
Librarian. Social Studies

MRS. JOSEPHINE S. BAKKEN
Science. Physical Education

FREDERICK BAUER
Absent on Leave

MRS. MAY A. CAMP
English

WARREN C. CLARK
Social Studies

R. MARIE COLLINS
Home Economics. Science

GRACE E. CROFTON
English. French

EDWARD C. DORSETT
Science. Mathematics

MRS. ADELAIDE G. FITTS
Dean of Girls. Social Studies

EVELYN L. FOWLER
Director of Cafeteria. Home Economics

MAE E. GESELL
Commercial Studies

CORA E. KINGSBURY
Head of Home Economics Department

MARY M. MEEHAN
Social Studies

JOSEPHINE MOORE
Secretary

THELMA E. PRICE
English. Mathematics

FRANK B. RICHARDSON
Head of the Department of Science and
Mathematics

AMELIA ST. JAMES
Nurse

HAROLD M. SMITH
Commercial Studies

MRS. GLADYS D. TRAVIS
Music

AMBLER R. TRAVIS
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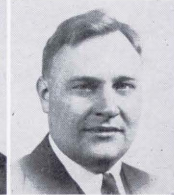
MRS. EMMA M. VOSBURGH
Latin

WESLEY P. WINTER
Industrial Arts

CLARKE B. WOOD
Vocational Agriculture



THE
FACULTY





Seated—Shirley Hunter, Lucille Duplessis, Jean Hemmerly, Mary Richardson, Doris Cunningham, Amy Neels, Alverda Hurlburt.

Standing—Bob Knight, Phyllis Derigon, Mary Ostapko, Cynthia Johnson, Marie Boyd, Barbara Preston, George Kimble.

The Housatonic Valley Chapter National Honor Society

The National Honor Society is an organization in secondary schools in which membership is restricted to those seniors and juniors who have the highest qualities of scholarship, leadership, service, and character. Fifteen per cent. of the total number of pupils in each class is eventually chosen.



Seated—Dorothy Drescher, Mary Patterson, Mary Richardson, Gina Segalla, Louise Allyn, Jane Jackson, Marie Boyd, Betty Baldwin, Doris Cunningham.

Standing—Dick Barton, Jack Marcon, Irving Weir, Frank Hitchcock, Paul Allyn, George Kimble, Chester Raynard, Ronald Wike, Jack Kenny, Hector Chauvin.

Student Council

It has been the aim of the Student Council this past year to uphold the school's high standards of conduct and to increase social activities. The Student Council compiled an Honor Roll consisting of names of all former students of the Housatonic Valley Regional High School who are now in some branch of the United States armed forces. A large American Flag for display in the gymnasium was purchased with funds collected at dances. We only hope that with each succeeding year the Student Council will continue to improve.

President	George Kimble
Vice-president	Mary Richardson
Secretary	Doris Cunningham



S. T. A. R. Commercial Club

Seated—Shirley Hunter, president; Thelma Williams, Lois Paddock, Mary Ostapko, Helen Hayde, Marjorie Casey.

Standing—Alyce Dinneen, Betty Baldwin, Dor's C. nningham, Mr. Smith, Lenora Tompkins, Dorothy DeVaux, Shirley Garfield.



Le Cercle Francais

Seated—Mary O'Meara, Claire Michel, Mary Santin, Phyllis Derigon, Miss Crofton, Jean Hemmerly, president; Mary Richardson, Constance Marshall, Amy Neels, Janet Vaill.

Standing—Barbara Coons, Liane Caumont, Cynthia Johnson, Marie Boyd, Jack Kenny, Julia Del Tenno, Barbara Preston, Mary Jane Wike, Lorraine LaBoudy.



Model Airplane Club

Seated—Fred Heath, Edwin Emmons, Archie Heath, Edward Kirby, Fred Young.

Standing—Mr. Dorsett, Alfred Ongley, Richard Barton, John McGlasson.



The Junior Prom Committee

Seated—Eva Deckker, Katherine Menser, Alice Hansen, Amy Neels, Gina Segalla.

Standing—Warren Foley, Jack Marcon, Mr. Smith, Paul Allyn, Richard Dakin, Nathan Hanson.



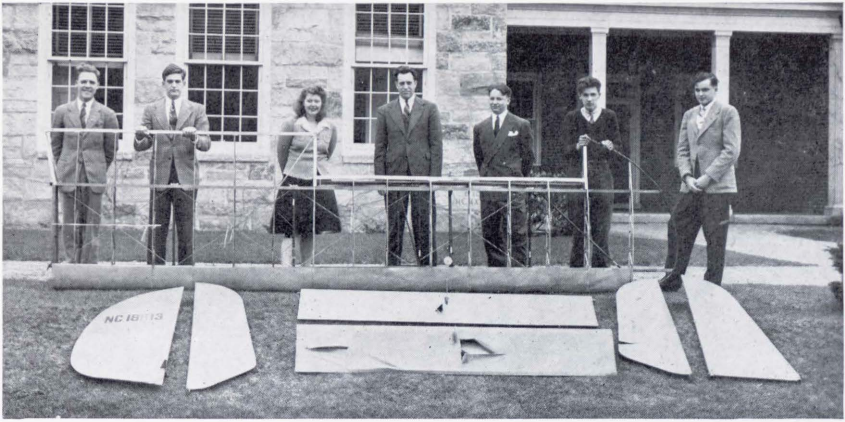
Future Farmers

Seated—James Dean, Hans Pedersen, Francis Gondolfo, Robert Matyas, George Bushnell, Robert Simonton, President: Warren Foley, Harry Simonton, George Brown.

Standing—James Blodgett, Wilfred Carlson, Bjarne Olson, Thomas Foley, Jack Casey, Robert Mott, William Michel, Warren Soule, Robert Gaylord, Paul La Boudy, Mr. Wood.



Glee Club



Left to right—Bob Knight, George Kimble, Julia Del Tenno, Mr. Dorsett, Frank Hitchcock, John McGlasson, and Stanley Turkiewicz.

Aeronautics Class

This year, for the first time, our school has offered a course in Aeronautics with Mr. Dorsett as the instructor. Under the guidance of Mr. Dorsett, the class has been building a primary glider.



Service Flag

Room 103, with Mr. Smith as homeroom teacher, has been outstanding throughout the year. One of its achievements has been the purchase of a Service Flag for the school.



Baseball

Athletics in the school this year came almost to a complete standstill because of the war. Informal competition was held, however, in two sports, with Mr. Travis as coach.

Track





Seated—Betty Baldwin. Doris Cunningham. Mrs. Camp. Mary Patterson. Jean Hemmerly.
Standing—Bob Knight. Julia Del Tenno. Jack Kenny. Phyllis Derigon. John McKee.

Editorial Staff of "The Northwest Corner"

Editor-in-Chief	Mary Patterson
Assistant Editor	Jean Hemmerly
Exchange Editor	Bob Knight
Sports Editor	John McKee
Literary Editor	Julia Del Tenno
Alumni Editor	Doris Cunningham
Features Editor	Phyllis Derigon
News Editor	Betty Baldwin
Business Manager	Jack Kenny

Faculty Adviser—Mrs. Camp

Something to Crow About

Our Class of 1943—the first really to graduate from H. V. R. H. S.
The number of subscriptions to magazines that we sold.
Hector's courage on the dance floor.
Lorraine LaBoudy's amazing salesmanship ability.
Julie's piano playing.
Our boys in the Services.
"Baby" Stoddard's speeches.
George's artistic ability.
Success of our Junior Prom.
The Ideal Senior Boy.
Senior Assembly.
Jean Hemmerly's brains.
Hitchcock's "red" sweater.
Kimble's socks.
McKee's curly hair.
Shaskin's "peach fuzz."
Mr. Richardson's chemistry tests.
Mr. Clark's home state. (We think it's in New England.)
Our long corridors and dark corners. (Ask the couples.)
Our *White Oak!*
Our class officers.
Julie in Aeronautics and Jack in French class.
Phyllis' lab ability.
Our public address system.
Anna as cashier.
The way we return to our home room at 3:07—now.
Mrs. Beers' cheery disposition in the cafeteria.
Our Junior class picnic.
Our Honor Roll.
Mr. Dorsett's long strides.
Our "house next door."
The fire-fighting crew.
Our swell class rings!
John and Walt's brooms . . .

Signed:

THE SENIOR CROWS.

SUPPOSIN'

Shirley, Anna, and Helen came in on time in homeroom period.

"Mike" hadn't come to this school.

Mr. Richardson didn't say, "We will stand and salute the flag."

All the seniors returned to their seats before the last bell.

Cortesi didn't provide action for everything in English class.

"Bob" hadn't met "Bert."

Mr. Dakin hadn't left for the Navy.

There wasn't a shortage of men. (Hey, girls?)

We had gas. (And four tires.)

We had more than two good meals a week in the cafeteria.

Mr. Richardson lost his temper. (Could we blame him if he did?)

McKee lost his tie.

We had had a play.

Betty Baldwin lost her tongue.

Mr. Stoddard forgot to turn on the P. A. switch. (And 106 could hear him above our clamor.)

Mr. Wood lost his overalls.

Senior girls forgot their pocketbooks.

Somebody didn't walk in and catch the Future Farmers changing their pants.

We didn't have the three-minute bell.

The Senior class agreed on anything, anytime, anywhere, at the same time.

Mrs. Bakken hadn't come to cheer up the boys.

Bob was as chivalrous as his name implies.

Esther was yellow instead of Brown.

Mary wasn't Mr. Richardson's daughter.

Connie didn't comb her hair differently every day.

Miss St. James could see what she was giving us for an eye test.

Mr. Smith didn't run the Junior Prom.

CLASS PROPHECY

"AS TIME GOES BY"

CAST

Mary Jane Wike	Anna Loffredo
Lucille Duplessis	Hector Chauvin
Abraham Shaskin	George Kimble

SCENE: HOTEL LOBBY IN NEW YORK IN THE YEAR 1953

Abe: Pardon me, but why are you staring at me? Do you find me so amusing?

Lucille: Oh, I'm so sorry if I have been annoying you. You see, I was merely trying to sketch your portrait.

Abe: Incidentally, you look very familiar. Haven't I seen you somewhere before?

Lucille: I was thinking the very same thing. You aren't Abe Shaskin, by any chance, are you?

Mary Jane: Abe Shaskin! Not that crazy red-headed kid who was always taking my picture in chemistry when I wasn't looking?

Anna: Abie, you old dear, after all these years we meet like this!

Abe: Well, I must say, this is quite a reunion. What are you doing now, Anna?

Anna: Why, Barbara Stradinger and I have a dance team in the "Genito Follies of 1953." Do you remember that dark-haired boy with that flashing smile? He's even manager of the Rockettes at Radio City Music Hall. The blondes certainly keep him busy!

Mary Jane: Speaking of dancing, Betty Mazur is taking Gypsy Rose Lee's place. She's quite a sensation. Mary Santin is thrilling café society with her bubble dancing acts.

Lucille: That's a stunning hair-do, Anna. May I ask where you had it done?

Anna: Why, I had it done by Alyce Dinneen. She has quite an exclusive beauty shop on Fifth Avenue. Helen Hayde is her assistant. And guess who was there—none other than John McKee.

Abe: John McKee? Why, you would never think that such a he-man would come to that. Incidentally, here's a picture of him posing for Kreml Hair Tonic in *Life* magazine.

Anna: Not bad!

Hector: Extra, extra, read all about it. Gerrie Walton and Julia Del Tenno make a non-stop flight around the world.

Mary Jane: Gerrie always said she was going to make an airplane trip around the world.

Lucille: Well, Hector, what are you doing now?

Hector: Oh, shucks, my newsboys went on strike, so I have to peddle papers myself. You know, I'm editor of *New York Times*.

Abe: On my trip to Falls Village I visited Housatonic Valley Regional High School to take photographs of the students for the yearbook. I almost fell over when I saw Bill Michel in overalls—he's taking Mr. Wood's place as director of agriculture, you know. I also saw Phyllis Derigon, who is now in charge of the English department. Gino Cortesi, who is still just as noisy as ever, is now head of the mathematics department. From what I hear, he never gives any homework. I guess he is able to sympathize with the students concerning that matter.

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While walking through the corridor, minding my own business, a mob of energetic freshman boys bumped into me and knocked me down, camera and all. I skinned my elbow, so I had to go to the school nurse and have it fixed. You can imagine my surprise when I opened the door and saw Virginia DaRe, who now is taking Miss St. James' place as school nurse at Regional. Evelyn Dorizzi is the assistant school nurse at Regional. They have so many students now that two nurses are needed.

Lucille: Changing the subject, the other day I went to Deluxe Art Studio, which is owned by Roger Keener. Guess whom I saw sitting on his lap — Marion Bathrick. She's his private secretary.

Mary Jane: Speaking about all our old classmates brings to my mind Betty Baldwin. I had a letter from her the other day, and she owns a Dude Ranch out west. It seems that she was disillusioned in love. Poor Betty. Bjarne Olsen and Bob Simonton are her helpers. She said they are wonders in rounding up those cattle!

Hector (cowboy yell): Say, look at this! Here's your old classmate, Olive Hotaling (her maiden name of course), representing the typical American family in *Ladies' Home Journal*.

Anna: Those curly-headed twins of hers are certainly adorable.

Lucille: Say, isn't it time for the President's speech?

Hector: By the looks of my watch, it's just about time. I'll turn on the radio.

George (speaking from the radio): "My friends, a great phenomenon has occurred in Washington tonight which will be a great surprise to you all. My newly-appointed cabinet is now composed entirely of women, with the exception of my Vice-President, who is Frederick Chesebro. All my cabinet members are my former classmates. Our new Attorney-General is Shirley Hunter, who was salutatorian of my class in high school. Our Secretary of State is Alverda Hurlburt; Secretary of War is Gertrude Ryan; Secretary of the Treasury is Thelma Williams; Postmaster General is Alice Leffingwell; Secretary of the Navy is Mary Ostapko; Secretary of the Interior is Shirley Garfield; Secretary of Commerce is Lena Sebben; and Secretary of Labor is Lois Paddock.

"This is an event which has never before occurred in the entire history of the United States. However, if President Roosevelt can have three terms, I believe that I am entitled to a cabinet composed of women."

Mary Jane: Well, leave it to George Kimble to get the women in governmental affairs, and to think that we once went to school with him!

Lucille: Do you remember Ray Paviol? He actually took Mr. Clark's advice about opportunities in South America. Now he owns a large rubber plantation, which is quite profitable.

Anna: You know it seemed rather useless at the time, for Mr. Clark to be stressing South American opportunities. However, one of his former students took him up on the idea.

Mary Jane: Guess who was piloting the plane he went on—none other than Bob Knight. He's pilot for Pan-American Air Lines now. Anna Lynehan is the air hostess on his plane; you know they like tiny girls for such positions.

Abe: I was photographing the World Series game last Saturday, and Bill Stanton was pitching for the Dodgers. When the Dodgers lost the game, boy, was he sore!

Hector: Oh, man! Get a look at Mary Patterson posing in this slinky gown for "Bonwit Teller" in *Vogue*. She sure is a glamor girl.

Lucille: Did you hear about that terrible explosion at the Medical Center last night? Mary Richardson was attempting an experiment in the laboratory and she had a chemical reaction. I

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guess she also had a chemical reaction when she saw Jack Kenny, the new assistant surgeon. I heard that Jack won't accept anybody except blonde nurses. You know Connie Suydam is his operating nurse—and she had to cut that beautiful long hair of hers.

Hector: Tsk, tsk (courtesy of Joe Palooka), what a tragedy for her, and how we fellows admired those honey-colored tresses!!

Anna: Jeepers, our class is certainly rising up in the world. I have a letter here from Frank Hitchcock. He's head of West Point Military Academy. He told me that he met Stanley Turkiewicz at an Army-Navy football game last fall. Stan is the head of Annapolis now, you know. I wonder if the Army and Navy are in harmony since Frank and Stan are the big bosses.

Hector: I see by the paper that Mary Gavel has just left the United States for Hawaii as a Navy nurse.

Anna: Mary must have a pretty good reason for going to Hawaii.

Mary Jane: I had lunch at Woolworth's yesterday and Jessie Roraback waited on me. We got so interested in talking about old times, that the boss had to tell her to get back to work. The boss was none other than Howard Oakley.

Lucille: My goodness, you would never think that such a calm, good-natured fellow as Howard would turn out to be a great, big, grouchy boss.

By the way, Mary Jane, you haven't told us what you're doing.

Mary Jane: Well, I've taken up child psychology temporarily, until something better comes along. Yesterday I demonstrated some of my psychology on some of Martha Dickinson's charges. You know Martha owns a nursery on 43rd Street. Incidentally, I just finished reading a book written by Jean Hemmerly on child psychology.

Anna: I always thought that our class valedictorian would do something outstanding like that.

Abe: Well, I met my old pal, John McGlasson, on the street this afternoon. He is a research chemist now. He's just discovered a cure for bad termites. He used to be bothered with them, so he made up his mind to do something about it.

Lucille: I just purchased some exquisite cosmetics from Dot DeVaux's cosmetic counter at Sak's Fifth Avenue. How do you like this shade of lipstick, Hector?

Hector: It's simply devastating, my deah! Dot always did apply her makeup with finesse—no wonder she is so successful in the cosmetic business.

Mary Jane: I happened to make a visit to Columbia University the other day, and I was simply amazed to meet Francis Pitcher—he's professor of public speaking there, you know.

Anna: After rehearsal this afternoon, I passed the Y. W. C. A. when I heard a lot of feminine screeches and yells. My curiosity was so aroused, that I decided to go in to see what it was all about. You can imagine expressions when I saw Bill Fowlkes putting a bunch of giggling girls through all the gymnastic exercises.

Hector: What a lucky guy! Leave it to Bill to get the best luck.

Lucille: Guess who I had lunch with the other day—Connie Marshall. She certainly has her hands full now that she's a social worker on the East Side. She's quite enthusiastic about her work.

Hector: Well, I'm glad she likes her work. It must be a tough job to handle these Dead End Kids. I've heard she is clever with her ju-jitsu acts; they certainly must come in handy down there.

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Mary Jane: Do you remember Marge Casey?

Anna: Yes. what is Marge doing now?

Mary Jane: She's quite an independent young woman—she's occupying Dorothy Thompson's place in her newspaper column now.

Abe: Oh. I forgot to tell you—while at Falls Village, I saw Esther Brown. She's coming along wonderfully well with her dairy farm.

Lucille: Yes, she was always interested in farm work, and she's the type of person who is certain to make a success of anything.

Remember our pals, Lee Tompkins and Helen Loughlin? They now own the Sharon Inn. Their experience in commercial law certainly came in handy the other day. It seems that a suit was brought against them for stolen baggage of their guests. However, being experts on law, thanks to Miss Meehan, they revealed the fact that they were not liable.

Anna: Miss Meehan must be very proud.

Lucille: You remember Helen Francis—she's the cook at Sharon Inn, and she's quite an expert on Southern fried chicken: must be that Southern influence.

Hector: I made a long distance telephone call last week, and I nearly fainted when I heard Doris Cunningham speaking. I didn't get my call through until an hour later, because we had so much to talk over. Doris wrote me afterwards that there were a lot of old maids who put up an awful fuss, because they couldn't get the chief operator's position. She's the chief telephone operator at Sharon.

Mary Jane: Let's not forget Peg Braman—you know that soldier she was so crazy about in high school days: well, she finally married him after the war, and they have a beautiful place in Sharon.

Anna: I wonder what happened to Lucille Whitney and Ruth O'Neill. I haven't seen them since graduation.

Abe: Phyllis Derigon was telling me that both are happily married.

Lucille: Do you remember Dick Deneen and Jim Harvey, who left us before graduation to enter service of our country? I swear that the war would never have been won if it hadn't been for those two.

Hector: I hear they are quite successful as brokers on Wall Street, and that they are responsible for the rapid rise of stocks.

Anna: Oh, my goodness, how time has flown! Why, I'm already late for my evening performance! Barbara will be in a frenzy. By the way, you are all invited to a free performance, and to a party we are throwing backstage afterwards.

All: Oh, count me in!

Mary Jane: What a wonderful idea!

Abe: Wouldn't it be wonderful if we could have a class reunion? There are certainly a lot of changes in ten years.

So it's goodbye for now, Anna, but we'll see you at the theatre.

All: 'Bye.

MARY JANE WIKE AND LUCILLE DUPLESSIS.

CALENDAR

1942-1943

September

- 9 School opens.
- 11 Freshman Assembly.

October

- 9 Assembly—Cornwall String Quartette.
- 16 Student Council Dance.
- 26 Assembly—Stanley Osborne on "Australia."
- 28 Future Farmers' Father-Son Banquet.
- 30 No school—Teachers' Convention.

November

- 6 Assembly.
- 11 No school—Armistice Day.
- 19 Assembly—Dr. Banguue Liu.
- 26-28 Thanksgiving recess.

December

- 4 Assembly—Dan Stiles—"New England at Play."
- 18 Student Council Dance.
- 23 Christmas Assembly.

January

- 4 School reopens.
- 15 Student Council Dance.
The long vacation begins!

March

- 1 School reopens.
- 5 Navigation classes start.
- 6 First day of Saturday classes.
- 19 Assembly—"North Africa."

April

- 14 SNOW!
- 16 Assembly—Mr. George Byers—"South America."
- 22-24 Easter vacation.

May

- 4 Nothing but pictures today!
- 7 Student Council Dance.
- 10 Senior Assembly.
- 14 Commercial Club Assembly.
Dedication of Service Flag and Student Council Flag.
- 20 Presentation of Treasury Department "E" Flag.
- 28 Honor Society Assembly—Mr. George Van Santvoord.
- 29 Junior Promenade (the one that was never held!)

June

- 12 Last day of classes.
- 16 Senior Class Night Exercises.
- 18 Commencement.

Ideal Senior Girl

Hair	Connie Suydam
Eyes	Julie Del Tenno
Figure	Barbara Stradinger
Clothes	Connie Suydam
Personality	Julie Del Tenno
Walk	Alyce Dinneen
Voice	Connie Suydam
Hands	Connie Suydam
Lips	Betty Mazur
Complexion	Alice Leffingwell
Chin	Dot DeVaux
Smile	Lois Paddock
Legs	Barbara Stradinger



Ideal Senior Boy

Hair	Johnny McKee
Eyes	Bill Stanton
Physique	Shag Fowlkes
Clothes	Johnny McKee
Personality	Shag Fowlkes
Walk	Johnny McKee
Voice	Stan Turkiewicz
Hands	Johnny McKee
Lips	Bill Michel
Complexion	Bill Michel
Chin	Rog Keener
Smile	Bob Knight
Legs	Bob Simonton

NOSE—WE ALL HAVE NOSE TROUBLE!!!

Who's Who in the Class of 1943

Jean Hemmerly	Most Likely to Succeed	Jack Kenny
Lena Sebben	Least Argumentative	Rog Keener
Esther Brown	Most Argumentative	Hector Chauvin
Mary Patterson	Most Popular	Shag Fowlkes
Betty Baldwin	Wittiest	Hector Chauvin
Alverda Hurlburt	Best Athlete	Shag Fowlkes
Mary Santin	Best Looking	Johnny McKee
Ann Loffredo	Best Dancer	Hector Chauvin
Connie Suydam	Most Sophisticated	Frank Hitchcock
Julie Del Tenno	Most Talented	Hector Chauvin
Lucille Duplessis	Neatest	Jack Kenny
Connie Marshall	Most Cultured	Jack Kenny
Jean Hemmerly	Class Dictionary	Bob Knight
Julie Del Tenno	Best Speaker	Bob Knight
Mary Richardson	Most Practical	George Kimble
Peg Braman	Class Bluff	Hector Chauvin
Mary Richardson	Best Leader	George Kimble
Peg Braman	Greatest Flirt	Bill Stanton
Betty Baldwin	Clown	Hector Chauvin
Mart Dickinson	Noisiest	Hector Chauvin
Ann Lynehan	Most Lovable	Bill Stanton
Jean Hemmerly	Most Scholarly	Jack Kenny
Esther Brown	Best Politician	Bob Knight
Lois Paddock	Class Blusher	Jack Kenny
Ann Lynehan	Class Baby	Rog Keener
Helen Hayde	Class Giggler	Fred Chesebro
Mary Jane Wike	Most Courteous	Jack Kenny
Helen Francis	Breeziest	Abe Shaskin
Lorraine LaBoudy	Sleepiest	Gino Cortesi
Betty Baldwin	Funniest	Hector Chauvin
Esther Brown	Most Independent	Frank Hitchcock
Shirley Hunter	Most Original	Stan Turkiewicz
Ann Lynehan	Cutest	Bill Michel
Marge Casey	Quietest	Rog Keener
Doris Cunningham	Most Versatile	Frank Hitchcock
Mary Patterson	Best-All-Round	George Kimble
Mart Dickinson	Peppiest	Fred Chesebro
Alyce Dinneen	Happy-go-lucky	Bill Genito
Jessie Roraback	Teacher's Pests	Hector Chauvin
Ann Loffredo	Most Romantic	Jack Kenny
Shirley Hunter	Most Talkative	Hector Chauvin
Lorraine LaBoudy	Pessimist	Ray Paviol
Evyv Dorizzi	Optimist	Frank Hitchcock
Ann Lynehan	Best Dispositioned	Bob Knight

OUR FAVORITES

Hobby	Dancing
Book	"They Were Expendable"
Song	"As Time Goes By"
Movie	"Mrs. Miniver"
Actor	Spencer Tracy
Actress	Greer Garson
Sport	Basketball
Political Party	Republican
Our Heroes	Our Boys in the Services

A Little Nonsense

Hi ya all, come gather 'round
To meet the class of '43:
Get to know us before we go
Or you'll miss something good to see.

Our class is quite unusual,
In fact, it's said we're queer;
But when it comes to having fun,
We're "in the groove"; we bring good cheer.

Though classified as morons,
And mentally deficient,
We take the "card" for laughs and jokes:
Who wants to be efficient?

With us, our teachers' heads have ached;
They must have been discouraged.
But what good sports they really were!
We must admit it took great courage.

Some will sadly shake their heads,
And say that we were "goners."
But in the halls of friendship,
Our class takes all the honors.

Our "flivver" was a model H,
A Housatonic sight.
It would not run when teased or coaxed,
But by pep, and will, and fight.

We always hit the bumps and rocks,
Truth is, no one could steer.
And when it came to books and such,
We were always out-of-gear.

Good old H. V. R. H. S.,
We leave with one request:
Don't forget the class of '43,
For we'll always count *you* best.

Shirley G. Hunter.

Class Night Exercises

CLASS OF 1943

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 16, 1943, 8:00 O'CLOCK

Address of Welcome Alverda Hurlburt

School Song Words by Mrs. A. R. Travis

Class History Constance Suydam, John McKee

Class Poem Shirley Hunter

Class Who's Who Mary Richardson, Frank Hitchcock

Class Prophecy ("As Time Goes By") Lucille Duplessis, Mary Jane Wike

CAST

Mary Jane Wike	Anna Loffredo
Lucille Duplessis	Hector Chauvin
Abraham Shaskin	George Kimble

Class Will Julia Del Tenno, Robert Knight

Class Song The Class
(Tune: "Stage Door Canteen") (Words by Olive Hotaling)

MISS JULIA DEL TENNO, *Accompanist*

Program of Exercises

at the

FOURTH ANNUAL COMMENCEMENT

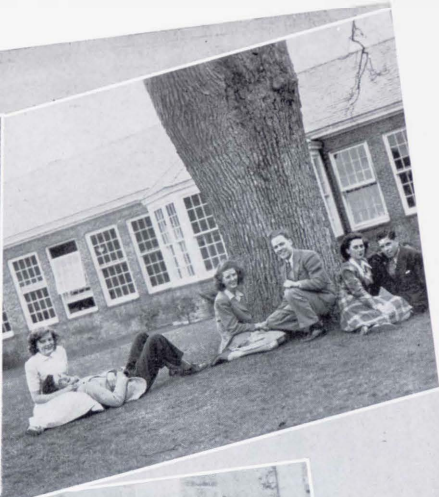
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FRIDAY, JUNE 18, 1943, 8:15 O'CLOCK

1. March of the Priests Felix Mendelssohn-Bartholdy
 2. Invocation Reverend Father Bernard L. McGurk
St. Joseph's Roman Catholic Church, Canaan
 3. Hymn—"O God Our Help in Ages Past" Isaac Watts
(Tune: St. Anne)
 4. Salutatory Shirley Grace Hunter
 5. Commencement Address His Excellency, Raymond E. Baldwin
Governor of Connecticut
 6. Valedictory Jean Hahn Hemmerly
 7. Presentation of Diplomas Mr. Samuel A. Eddy
Chairman of the Regional High School Board
 8. Award of Good Citizenship Medals
 9. Hymn—"America the Beautiful" Katherine Lee Bates
(Tune: Materna)
 10. Benediction Father McGurk
 11. Recessional March (Opus 8) Ernst W. Barnard
- MRS. GLADYS DEHART TRAVIS, *Accompanist*

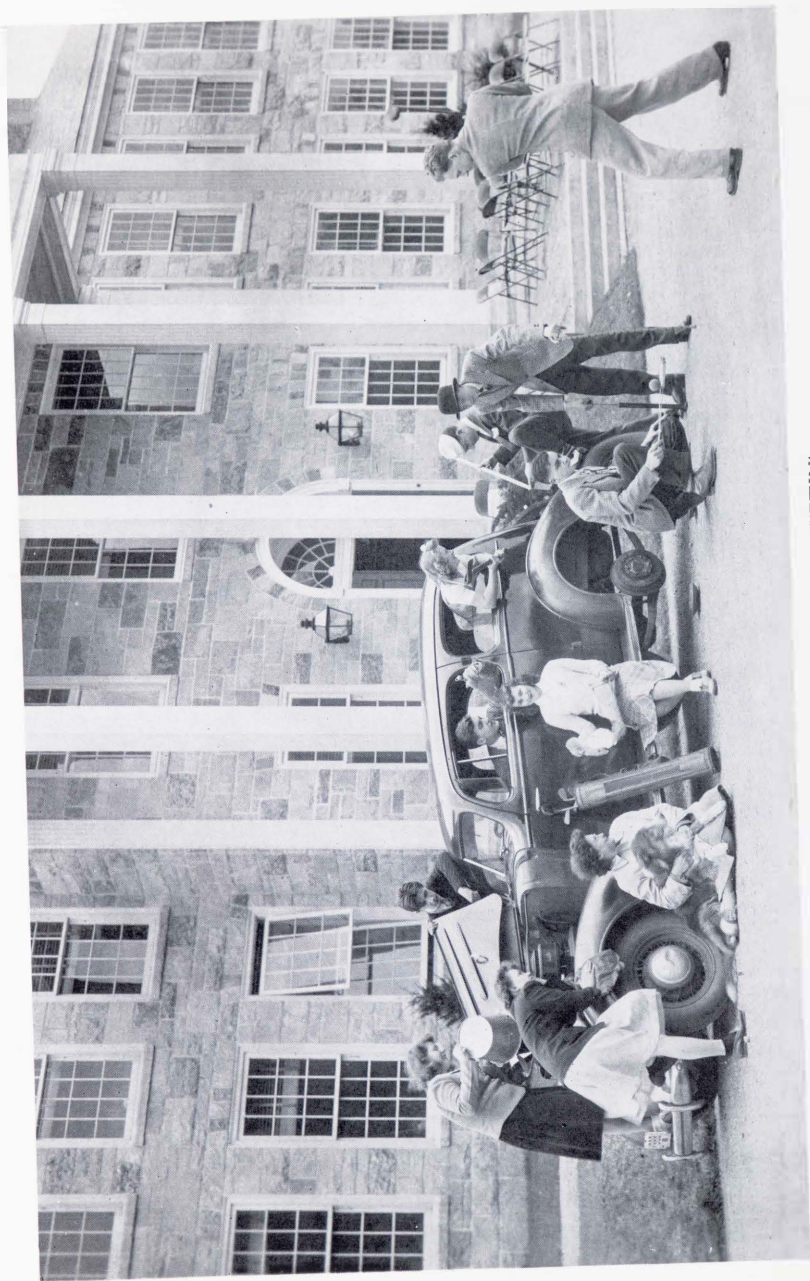
Events of the Day

- 9:10 A. M. We pause breathlessly to listen to "The Boss's" silvery radio voice.
- 9:30 A. M. Miss Moore snaps (a fingernail) while typing Saturday's absence lists.
- 10:00 A. M. John sweeps the floor with Walt.
- 10:30 A. M. Loiterers in the lobby wonder if that delicious (?) odor comes from the chem lab or home economics.
- 11:00 A. M. Jack Kenny takes on all (the French class) girls.
- 11:30 A. M. Mr. Dorsett floats gracefully to earth with his (glider) wings flapping.
- 12:00 M. Miss Fowler fries (her) liver in the cafeteria.
- 12:30 P. M. The swing shift in the cafeteria gets under way.
- 1:00 P. M. Mr. Wood is carried into the school on a stretcher after getting kicked off a farm (by a horse).
- 1:30 P. M. Mr. Clark bursts (out laughing at his own jokes).
- 2:00 P. M. Mr. Travis strips (the gears of his car).
- 2:30 P. M. Mr. Winter lost an arm sawing (Mr.) Wood. (Mr. Wood got mad.)
- 3:00 P. M. Drop everything and RUN, not walk, to the nearest exit.



Things We'll Never Forget

Good old H. V. R. H. S.
Mr. Smith's hair. (A little goes a long way.)
Mr. Bauer and his biology classes.
"Quiet" study halls.
Hector teasing all the girls.
Activity period dances. (With the boys supplying the wall paper flowers.)
Racing in the halls B. R. (Before Regulations.)
Fred Chesebro's "Well, starch my shorts!"
Bob Maven's brains, height, and personality. (How about it, girls?)
Northwest Corner, and our capable editor.
Alyce Dinneen's happy-go-lucky wit.
Jean's vocabulary.
George saying, "Well, look at *all* the women."
Joey Brusky's swell personality, friendliness, and mischievous fun.
Moron jokes.
Abe's flash camera and results (?).
Connie Marshall's deep voice.
Bob Knight's friendly smile. (We have to say *something* nice about him.)
Frank's business mind.
Our six weeks' holiday in mid-winter.
The ten rules (and black marks!).
Bill Genito's "Hi."
Dick Deneen's and Hen Couse's furloughs from the Navy.
The Spiffy Spinster's Sewing Society. (Ha, ha! Well—?)
Ruth O'Neill's Irish temper.
Truth and Consequences program (Hector's corsets, and Betty's sweater).
Our "auditorium." (We can dream, can't we?)
Saturdays in school. (Not such pleasant memories, either.)
Our deadline for the *White Oak*.



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CLASS WILL

We, the Senior Class of Nineteen Hundred and Forty-three, of the Housatonic Valley Regional High School, having come to our last hours, and still being sound of mind and body (at least of body), do hereby bequeath the following outstanding traits in manner and form as follows:

TO TEACHERS:

To Mr. Stoddard, we hope, we leave some "pleasant" memories.
To Mr. Richardson, we leave the chemistry lab, while it's still in one piece.
Connie Suydam leaves her barbershop clippings to Mr. Smith.
To Miss Anderson, we leave a silent study hall!!
To Miss Fowler, we leave some ration points.
The Aeronautics class leaves Mr. Dorsett their glider, who rightly deserves it.
Being patriotic, we leave Mr. Wood our Victory gardens.
To Mr. Winter, we leave the woodwork, in case of wood shortage.
To Mrs. Camp, we leave a quiet English class. (She could use one!)
To Miss Kingsbury, we leave "the house next door."
To Miss Collins, we leave a happy Home Ec class.
Thelma Williams leaves the rest of her sisters to Miss Allyn.
To Miss Gesell, we'd like to leave priority for more typewriters.
A Mile. Crofton nous laissons tout notre francais!!
For Mr. Clark we leave a round-trip ticket to South America.
To Mrs. Fitts, we leave our gratitude for our "conferences."
To Mrs. Bakken, we leave a home room, if one can be found that doesn't cost too much.
To Miss Price, we leave the Pythagorean Theorem.
To Miss Moore, Julia Del Tenno leaves twenty pounds.
To Miss Meehan, we leave her "cute" little stories.
To John and Walt we leave our fingerprints. (For future record.)

TO CLASSES:

To the juniors, we leave the cafeteria and our swell home room teacher. (Sorry, no food!)
To the sophomores, we leave our AA-1 priorities. They'll need them, probably, for rings, Junior Prom, etc.
To the members of the freshman class we leave the school and faculty, and pray they make the best of them.
To the incoming freshmen, we leave the future.

TO STUDENTS:

To Barbara O'Donnell, *Lenora Tompkins* leaves her studious ways.
Barbara Stradinger leaves her "figger" to Cynthia Johnson.
To Sunya Weeks, "*Gerrie*" Walton leaves her driving ability.
Lucille Whitney leaves her petite waist to Betty Prindle.
To Betty Clark, *Mary Jane Wike* leaves her enthusiasm.
"*Shaa*" Fowlkes leaves his basketball, baseball and dancing ability to Bob Gaylord. O. K., Bob?
Helen Francis leaves her "quiet" ways to Caroline Moore.
To Cliff Roberts, *Frank Hitchcock* leaves his curly hair, wishing he had more of it.
To Bertha Jennings and June Brennan, *Virginia Da Re* and *Marion Bathrick* leave their shyness.
Hector Chauvin leaves his Problems of New Hampshire notebook.
To Mary Whitman, *Betty Baldwin* leaves her clownish ways.
Peg Braman and "*Ricky*" leave their diets to anyone who can follow them.
Esther Brown leaves to study elsewhere.

To Irene Middlebrook, *Marjorie Casey* leaves her "flirtatious" manners.
 "Abe" *Shashin* leaves his peach-fuzz to Warren Foley.
Jessie Roruback leaves her "perfect" attendance to Cora Soule.
 To Priscilla Hart, *Lois Paddock* leaves her blushes.
John McClasson leaves his many girls to Paul Allyn, or is one enough, Paul?
 To Kathy Menser, *Mary Patterson* leaves her "babbling."
Gertrude Ryan leaves her sophistication to Janet Vaill.
 To Jack Marcon, *Raymond Paviol* leaves his speaking ability.
Alyce Dinneen leaves her babyish ways to Amy Neels.
 To Florence Zutter, *Lucille Duplessis* leaves her neat coiffure.
Bill Stanton leaves his excess height to Peter Gasperini.
 To Mary Pitcher, *Lorraine LaBoudy* leaves her common sense.
Helen Loughlin leaves her great attraction for the men to Eva Decker.
 To Ned Murphy, *Jack Kenny* leaves his dancing ability.
Anna Lynehan leaves, wishing Paulie Zucco were older.
 To the school, *Lena Sebben* leaves the rest of the family to carry on the name.
Bob Knight leaves, wishing he could hang around for another year. (Bert's a junior, you know.)
 To Vickie Swanson, *Alice Leffingwell* leaves her many interesting arguments in English.
Anna Loffredo leaves her dancing ability to Shirley Anne Foley.
 "Stan" *Turkiewicz* leaves his ability (woof-woof) to Nat Hansen.
 To Marguerite Monteleon, *Betty Mazur* leaves her pretty blue eyes and blonde hair.
 Heavens knows why!!
Shirley Hunter wants Ruth Marschat to be salutatorian next year.
 To Gina Segalla, *Shirley Garfield* leaves her active night life.
Olive Hotaling leaves her seriousness to Eva Decker.
 To Bob Matyas, *Bill Genito* leaves his "A" in English.
Mary Santin leaves her ability to wear clothes to Barbara Coons.
 To Raymond Coons, *Roger Keener* leaves his "manliness."
Ruth O'Neill leaves her Irish accent to Dorothy Simonton.
 To Dick Dakin, *Gino Cortesi* leaves his sleeping ability.
Mary Gawel leaves her friendliness to Liane Caumont.
Bob Simonton leaves his girl-friend in cold-storage.
Bill Michel leaves, taking *Mary Patterson* with him.
 To Frances Hines, *Mary Ostapho* leaves her strength.
Helen Hayde leaves her fits of giggling to Helen Guilian.
 To Agnes Zucco, *Jean Hemmerly* leaves her A-report card.
Phyllis Derigon leaves three stale sandwiches to anyone who wants them.
George Kimble leaves his position as class president to any junior girl, provided he "shows her the ropes."

To Barbara Preston, "Johnny" *McKee* leaves his taste for clothes.
Evelyn Dorizzi leaves her deep brown eyes to Alice Hansen.
 To the future Student Council secretary, *Doris Cunningham* leaves her P. A. voice.
Dorothy DeVaux leaves her quiet ways to Emily Hurlburt.
Freddie Chesebro leaves Claudia expecting a letter.
 To any aspiring chemist, "Barnie" *Olsen* leaves his chemical knowledge.
Martha Dickinson leaves those "corny" jokes to Mary O'Meara.
 To the moths, *Howard Oakley* leaves his blue suit.

TO THE SCHOOL:

We leave * * * *

*Signed and Sealed this Sixteenth Day of June in
 the Year of Our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and
 Forty-three.*

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