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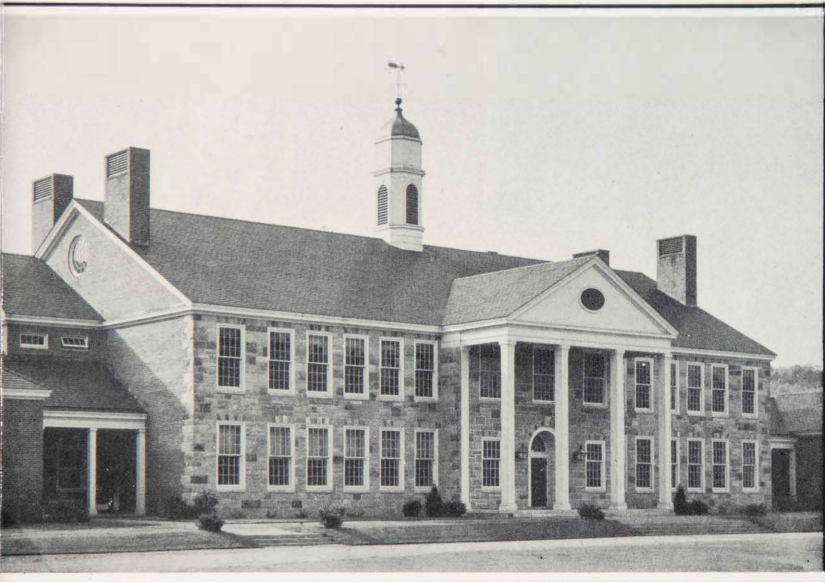
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John B. DuBois

The Class of 1945 dedicates "The White Oak" to John B. DuBois and Walter A. Doty, custodians of the Housatonic Valley Regional High School. In so doing, we wish to express the gratitude felt by everyone for their capable maintenance of the school premises.

It is a foible of mankind to take for granted the little things of life. We take this opportunity of showing our recognition and

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Walter A. Doty



appreciation of what John and Walt, as they are familiarly known, have done to make our stay here a little more pleasant.

We thank them for the comforts and the countless services which they have so willingly given and which will recall for us fond memories of our school days.

## PREFACE

Following in the footsteps of our predecessors, we, the class of 1945, proudly present this, the fifth issue of "The White Oak."

The staff deeply appreciates the generous aid given by all those who have assisted in any manner in the publication of this yearbook. We are especially indebted to Mrs. Camp, our faculty adviser, who has given so freely both of her time and energy toward making "The White Oak" a success. We extend our sincere thanks also to our principal, Mr. Paul W. Stoddard, and to Mrs. Gulnac, the school registrar, for their many valuable suggestions. Finally, we thank The Brown Studios and T. O'Toole and Sons for the capable manner in which they have handled the photography and printing.

We have enjoyed the editing of "The White Oak", and we hope that it will, from time to time, bring back to our classmates pleasant memories of their school days.





George Barton S 1/c  
U. S. Navy



In Memoriam  
Pfc. Louis Pipa  
U. S. Army



Arthur Lardi S 1/e  
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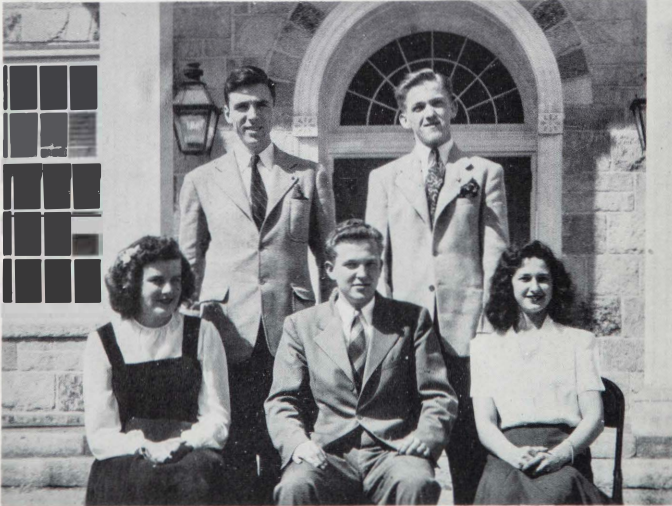
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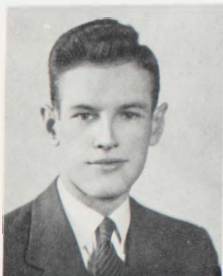
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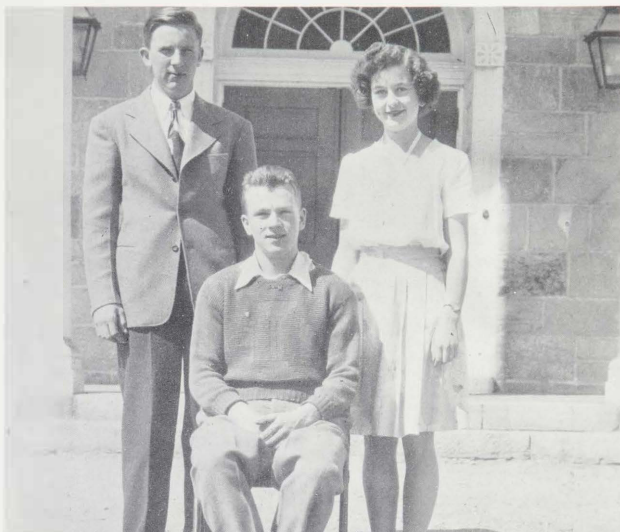
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### MR. FRANK B. RICHARDSON

We, the Senior Class of 1945, wish to express our deepest thanks and sincerest gratitude to Mr. Frank B. Richardson for what he has done for us. His tact, generous nature, and genial disposition have made him a devoted friend both to students and faculty.



## CLASS HISTORY

The fall of 1941-42 was eventful for many reasons. September will long remain in our memories, for we were entering the door of our four years of education to prepare ourselves for civil or military life. Not more than four months went by before our country became directly a part of another great war. We, in school, in order to help, did many things, such as buying war stamps and bonds, and having a paper salvage drive.

When we walked through the doors of HVRHS for the first time, we found ourselves wandering about, hopelessly guessing and, of course, making mistakes. We eventually assembled in our home room after consuming some time in finding it. Courage was indeed needed by all of us to try to overcome the "kidding" by the upper classmen. They took great pleasure in directing us on forlorn journeys to some fictitious room on the *third* floor.

That year soccer was introduced as a new sport, and the Student Council was organized with Ronald Wike and Dorothy Drescher as the freshmen representatives. It was also the year of that sneak attack on Pearl Harbor, for which the Nips are paying so dearly now. Rationing began with sugar and tires, but gasoline was still plentiful, thank goodness. *That year, we were the underdogs.*

In 1943 we entered our sophomore year with that ambitious air and superiority that only sophomores possess. That year, *we* could torment the incoming Freshmen. But on the whole, I guess, we were rather lenient toward them.

Drastic cuts in the petrol supply eliminated the Junior Prom, disappointing many of us. The NORTHWEST CORNER was established, with Angelina Marcon as editor. Jane Jackson and Chester Raynard were voted Student Council members, along with the two elected in the freshman year. "Tangerine" and "Sleepy Lagoon" were popular with the girls. The boys did not dance much as they were interested mostly in sports and being inducted into the Armed Forces. The Moron Club was organized by the junior girls, Janet Vaill being the president. But it is no longer in existence. We wonder why. Oh well, morons will be morons!

Room 103, which contained some of the present seniors, had been an outstanding room the year round. One of its achievements was the purchase of a Service Flag for the school under the guidance of Mr. Smith.

The first of our troops landed in Ireland, being convoyed through the submarine infested waters of the Atlantic. We gained the "indispensable support" of Italy. That year must have been a poor one for us. "Mairzy Doats" and "Pistol Packin' Mama" seemed to have the popular support.

Juniors! Whee! Some of us began to think seriously of school and of graduation. But alas! they were few and considerably outnumbered. 1944 was the year of *our* Junior Prom, which, may I add, was a great success, both finan-

## CLASS HISTORY (continued)

cially and socially. The girls showed up in some of the latest styles of wartime dresses. I think some of the boys are still wondering "what holds those gowns up." In the dim light you could just catch the gleam from the medals of many of the servicemen present. Frank Coons and June Williams were elected to be added to our growing Student Council representation. The Council came more into notice with Jack Marcon as president. An Honor Roll of all servicemen from this school was started by the Civics Club. Basketball was good, with Bob Gaylord as captain, but the team struck some tough opposition.

1944-45 arrived, our senior year! This was the final chapter in the history of the Class of '45. We were the upper classmen now, just bubbling over with superiority and dignity. For the first and last time, we were under one roof, and president. Though we were the largest freshmen class, there were only seventeen boys graduating.

The *Northwest Corner* was continued this year, under the editorship of John Pacocha. The Board decided to publish the paper here in order to have more prompt and efficient news service. This meant an increased amount of work for the adviser, and especially the publishing staff, under the direction of Miss Gesell.

The Student Council became even more active under Ronald Wike, with the New Year's Dance, the Emblems, and at last, *our School Band*.

We had some of the best assemblies of our four years during the last year. The school as a whole rocked with the music of the Coast Guard Band. The majority of the students polled Republican in the school elections. The national election results were different — Roosevelt was elected, you remember.

In late November, Miss Meehan left us. Her classes wondered who would be their new teacher. It worked out all right after awhile, but I am sure she is missed by the students and faculty. We express thanks to her for her splendid cooperation and help in the Student Council.

The invasion of France had been finally accomplished and the Allied Armies pushed to the Siegfried Line. Then last December, "when the war was almost won," the Belgian Bulge . . .

Varsity basketball was a success this year. Lewis Heath's fine ball handling and shooting, along with the efficient support of the rest of the team, led the Regional Five close to the League championship. Coach Travis deserves a great deal of credit for the hard work he put into the team. We hope the team next year will go much further.

This ends the history of the Class of 1945, at least so far as school is concerned. We shall try to use this experience in the world, starting now.

Sign:

Beatrice Nicholas  
John Higgins



PAUL FREDERICK ALLYN  
 "Muscles" North Canaan  
 "Who loves not women, wine,  
 and song,  
 Remains a fool his whole life long."  
 General Course  
 Homeroom President '41-'42,  
 '43-'44  
 Student Council  
 '41-'42-'43-'44  
 Cheerleader 1945  
 Junior Prom Committee Chairman  
 '43  
 Soccer Team '43  
 Intramural Basketball '44-'45  
 Track '42-'43  
 Ring Committee '43  
 Intramural Softball '42-'43  
 (Favorite saying)  
 "I don't know."



MABLE ELIZABETH CARLSON  
 "Bet" Cornwall  
 "A constant friend is a thing rare  
 and hard to find."  
 Classical Course  
 Nos Septem Collium 3  
 Glee Club 1  
 Moron Club 3  
 Intramural Basketball 3, 4  
 Junior Prom Committee 3  
 (Favorite saying)  
 "My Heavens!"



EMMA CARBERRY  
 "Dolly" Sharon  
 "The pleasure which there is  
 in life itself."  
 Home Economics Course  
 Intramural Basketball 1, 2, 3  
 Intramural Soccer 1  
 Intramural Softball 1  
 (Favorite saying)  
 "I wouldn't go so far  
 as to say that."



ROBERT WILLIAM CASEY  
 "Case" North Canaan  
 "With affection beaming in one eye  
 and calculation shining  
 out of the other."  
 Industrial Arts Course  
 Homeroom Vice-President 1,4  
 Junior Prom Committee 3  
 Cheerleader 4  
 Civics Club 1  
 Intramural Basketball 3, 4  
 Intramural Softball 3  
 Intramural Football 4  
 (Favorite saying)  
 "So what!?"



FRANK LEWIS COONS  
 "Shine" Kent  
 "The charm and playfulness  
 of his talk."  
 Classical Course  
 Intramural Basketball 3, 4  
 Nos Septem Collium 3  
 Track 2  
 Operetta 4  
 (Favorite saying)  
 "Buy me one of those."



BETTYE JANE COOK  
 "Cookie" Millerton, N. Y.  
 "Let love have his way."  
 General Course  
 Glee Club 1, 3, 4  
 Operetta 4  
 Intramural Basketball 1, 2, 3  
 Squad Leader 3  
 Moron Club 3  
 Nos Septem Collium 3  
 Staff of "Northwest Corner"  
 Homeroom Secretary 1  
 Sophists 4  
 Girls' Club 3  
 Kent Forum 3  
 (Favorite saying)  
 "Oh Pooh."



DORIS MARIE FAEDI  
 "Panic" North Canaan  
 "She entertains a cheerful disposition."  
 Home Economics Course  
 Intramural Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4  
 Intramural Soccer 2, 3, 4  
 Intramural Softball 3  
 Cheerleader 4  
 Girls' Club 3, 4  
 (Favorite saying)  
 "Are you kidding?"



DOROTHY ANNA DRESCHER  
 "Dot" Sharon  
 "Life without learning is death."  
 Classical Course  
 Student Council 1, 2, 3, 4  
 Homeroom Vice-President 2  
 Homeroom President 3  
 Le Cercle Francais 3,  
 Vice-President 4  
 Nos Septem Collium 3, 4  
 Sophists 4  
 Squad Leader 4  
 National Honor Society 3, 4  
 D.A.R. Representative 4  
 Editor of "The White Oak" 4  
 Valedictorian  
 1945  
 (Favorite saying)  
 "O-ooh!"



DELORES FITTING  
 "Dee" Salisbury  
 "Life is an ecstasy."  
 Home Economics Course  
 Girls' Club 3  
 Glee Club 1  
 Home Nursing 4  
 (Favorite saying)  
 "Damn it all."



ELIZABETH TERESA FRANCIS  
 "Bette" Salisbury  
 "Life's a pleasant institution.  
 Let us take it as it comes."  
 Home Economics Course  
 Glee Club 1  
 Girls' Club 3  
 Intramural Basketball 1; 2, 3  
 Intramural Softball 3  
 Intramural Soccer 1, 3  
 Homeroom President 1  
 (Favorite saying)  
 "Well, after all, kids!"



JANE ELLEN FISCHER  
 "Fish" East Canaan  
 "Anything for a quiet life."  
 Home Economics Course  
 Intramural Basketball 2, 3  
 Intramural Soccer 4  
 Intramural Softball 3  
 (Favorite saying)  
 "That's the stuff you gotta watch."



NANCY JEAN FRALEIGH  
 "Nanny" North Canaan  
 "Good manners are your speed."  
 General Course  
 Glee Club 1, 4  
 Girls' Club 3, 4, Reporter 4  
 Intramural Basketball 4  
 (Favorite saying)  
 "Ye gods and little fishes."



JOHN CAMPBELL HIGGINS  
 "Higs" Sharon  
 "An athlete beyond reproach"  
 General Course  
 Glee Club 1, 2  
 Basketball "Jayvees" 3, Varsity 4  
 Dramatics Club 3  
 Staff of "Northwest Corner" 4  
 Nos Septem Collium 3  
 Track 3  
 Intramural Basketball 3, 4  
 Operetta 4  
 Business Board of  
 "The White Oak" 4  
 (Favorite saying)  
 "Oh, Joe, more fun"



JANE JARVIS JACKSON  
 "Janie" Millerton, N. Y.  
 "The real essence of work  
 is concentrated energy"  
 Commercial Course  
 Glee Club 1, 2, 3  
 Intramural Basketball 1  
 Squad Leader 2  
 Junior Assembly 3  
 Editorial Board  
 "The White Oaks" 4  
 Le Cercle Francais 3, 4  
 Secretary and Reporter 4  
 National Honor Society 3, 4  
 Student Council 2, 3, 4  
 Nos Septem Collium 3  
 Operetta 4  
 Sophists 4 Secretary-Treasurer &  
 Reporter 4  
 Staff of "Northwest Corner" 4  
 Kent Forum 3  
 Junior Prom Committee 3  
 (Favorite saying)  
 "Give me a horse"



EDWARD MAURICE KIRBY  
 "Ed" Sharon  
 "His humor is the soul of wit"  
 General Course  
 Model Airplane Club 1, 2, 3, 4  
 Vice President 3, President 4  
 Senior Play Orchestra 1  
 Intramural Basketball 3, 4  
 Intramural Softball 3, 4  
 Intramural Football 4  
 (Favorite saying)  
 "That's tough"



JOHN WILLIAM KETTLE  
 "Ket" Sharon  
 "His sole concern with work was  
 considering how he might best  
 avoid it"  
 General Course  
 Intramural Basketball 3, 4  
 Intramural Softball 3, 4  
 Intramural Football 4  
 Model Airplane Club 3, 4  
 (Favorite saying)  
 "Go snatch yourself"



JULIA LUCY HOUGHTALING  
 "Julie" Sharon  
 "Silence is sweeter than speech"  
 Commercial Course  
 (Favorite saying)  
 "Oh, goodness sakes"



LEWIS AUSTIN HEATH  
 "Lew" Salisbury  
 "He that hath knowledge spareth  
 his words"  
 Industrial Arts Course  
 Baseball Manager 3  
 Intramural Basketball 1, 3, 4  
 Senior Play Orchestra 1  
 National Honor Society 4  
 Varsity Basketball 3, 4 Captain 4  
 Class President 4  
 (Favorite saying)  
 "I wouldn't know"



ESTHER MARIE MCKEE  
 "Kee Girl" Sharon  
 "She makes the most of life"  
 Home Economics Course  
 Homeroom Vice President 1  
 Squad Leader 1, 2, 3, 4  
 Glee Club 1  
 Intramural Basketball 1  
 Intramural Softball 2  
 (Favorite saying)  
 "Sad case all over, kids"



JEANNE MARIE MENSER  
 "Jeannie" Canaan  
 "So fair she takes the  
 breath of men away"  
 General Course  
 Glee Club 1, 2  
 Homeroom Vice President 1, 3  
 Intramural Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4  
 Moron Club 3  
 Girls' Club 3  
 Ring Committee 3  
 Junior Prom Committee 3, Queen 3  
 Senior Assembly 3  
 Squad Leader 3, 4  
 Art Editor "Northwest Corner" 4  
 Intramural Softball 3  
 Sophists 4  
 War Stamp Committee 4  
 (Favorite saying)  
 "Oh Bright!"



MARYANN MOYER  
 "Kid" Sharon  
 "Zealous, yet modest"  
 General Course  
 Glee Club 4  
 Home Nursing 4, President 4  
 (Favorite saying)  
 "Oh Christmas!"



RALPH EVERETT LOPER  
 "Rodj" Sharon  
 "The game of life is worth playing"  
 General Course  
 Homeroom President 2  
 Intramural Basketball 3, 4  
 Varsity Manager 4  
 Junior Prom Committee 3  
 (Favorite saying)  
 "Carstairs and Ginger — Please"



MARJORIE GRACE LAMSON  
 "Margie" Salisbury  
 Glee Club 1, 2, 3  
 Basketball 2, 3  
 Girls' Club 2, 3  
 (Favorite saying)  
 "Oh Stink"



MARY LENA LARDI  
 "Snookie" Canaan  
 "It's a gift to be merry and wise"  
 General Course  
 Glee Club 1  
 Intramural Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4  
 Homeroom Vice-President 1  
 Intramural Soccer 3, 4  
 (Favorite saying)  
 "Are you serious?"



JOHN FRANK PACOCHA  
 "Jasper" Kent  
 "Wanta' hear a good joke?"  
 Commercial Course  
 Chairman Junior Prom 3  
 Editor of "Northwest Corner" 4  
 Intramural Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4  
 Squad Leader 2, 3, 4  
 Varsity Basketball 3, 4  
 Intramural Softball 3, 4  
 Intramural Football 4  
 Class Night Chairman 4  
 Business Board of  
 "The White Oak" 4  
 Student Council 4 Vice President 4  
 National Honor Society 4  
 (Favorite saying)  
 "We sold our cow"



MARY EILEEN PATTON  
 "Irish" Lakeville  
 "A horse, a horse, my kingdom  
 for a horse"  
 General Course  
 Glee Club 4  
 Operetta 4  
 Intramural Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4  
 Intramural Soccer 3  
 Nos Septem Collium 3  
 (Favorite saying)  
 "My goodness!"



VERA MARGARET NILES  
 "Bridget" West Cornwall  
 "I like to be friendly"  
 Home Economics Course  
 Glee Club 4  
 (Favorite saying)  
 "Well, for Pete's sake!"



ELISABETH LOUISE  
 O'LOUGHLIN  
 "Betty" Lakeville  
 "A witty woman is a treasure"  
 Classical Course  
 Glee Club 1, 3, 4  
 Home Nursing 1, 3  
 Nos Septem Collium 3, 4  
 Sophists 4  
 (Favorite saying)  
 "Oh gee"



BEATRICE LOUISE NICHOLAS  
 "Bea" Canaan  
 "A woman of delightful  
 sophistication"  
 Commercial Course  
 Homeroom Treasurer 3  
 Intramural Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4  
 Co-Captain 4  
 Glee Club 1  
 Girls' Club 4 Secretary 4  
 Squad Leader 3  
 Intramural Softball 3  
 Homeroom Secretary 2  
 (Favorite saying)  
 "Oh golly!"



SHIRLEY JANE PARSONS  
 "Babe" Kent  
 "Gentlemen prefer blondes"  
 Home Economics Course  
 (Favorite saying)  
 "Oh Johnny"



DORIS LOUISE PETERSEN

"Dossie" Falls Village  
"The most beautiful object in the world is a beautiful woman."

- Classical Course
- Glee Club 1, 2, 3
- Le Cercle Francais 3, 4
- Sophists 4
- Dramatic Club 3
- Nos Septem Collium 3
- Student Council 4 Secretary 4
- Operetta 4
- Homeroom Secretary 2
- Homeroom President 3
- Junior Prom Committee 3
- Attendant 3
- Junior Assembly 3
- Features Editor of "Northwest Corner" 4
- Business Board of "The White Oak"
- National Honor Society 4
- (Favorite saying)
- "Gonna' have a hemorrhage"



BARBARA ELIZABETH PITCHER

"Pitch" Sharon  
"The gift of gaiety may itself be the greatest good fortune"

- General Course
- Home Room Vice President 1
- Glee Club 1, 2
- Home Nursing 1
- Intramural Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4
- Captain 2, 3
- Intramural Softball 1, 3
- Squad Leader 3, 4
- Soccer 1, 2
- (Favorite saying)
- "You've got rocks in your head."



ROSINA JOSEPHINE PONTEVIA

"Rosie" Salisbury  
"The tree of knowledge in your garden grows."  
Classical Course  
Glee Club 1, 2  
Nos Septem Collium 3  
Le Cercle Francais 3, 4  
Home Nursing 3, 4  
(Favorite saying)  
"Are you kidding?"



CHESTER STUART RAYNARD

"Chet" Canaan  
"Nothing is finer or better than a single life."

- Classical Course
- Student Council 2, 3, 4
- Varsity Basketball 3
- Intramural Basketball 3, 4
- Junior Prom Committee 3
- Nos Septem Collium 3
- Reporter for "Northwest Corner" 3
- National Honor Society 4
- (Favorite saying)
- "Oh my back!"



MARY ELIZABETH PAVIOL

"Mary" East Canaan  
"Silent 'til it comes to horses"  
Classical  
Home Nursing 3, 4  
Boots and Saddles Club 4  
(Favorite saying)  
"So what!?"



VIRGINIA MAE ROOT  
"Ginny" Cornwall

"Smile and the world smiles with you."  
General Course  
Nos Septem Collium 3  
Intramural Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4  
Captain 4  
Softball 3  
Moron Club 3  
Secretary and treasurer of Home Room 3  
Junior Prom Committee 3  
(Favorite saying)  
"Heavens!"





MARY JOSEPHINE SEBBEN  
"Seb" North Canaan

"A merry hearth doth make a  
cheerful countenance"

- Commercial Course
- Intramural Basketball 3, 4
- Intramural Soccer 3, 4
- Intramural Softball 3
- Squad Leader 2, 3, 4
- Cheerleader 4
- Girls' Club 3, 4 Vice-President 4
- Home Room Treasurer 3
- Business Board of  
"The White Oak" 4
- (Favorite saying)  
"I told you so"



CLAUDIA RUTH SANGER  
"Claudie" Falls Village

"So loving and so lovely"

- Classical Course
- Intramural Basketball
- Glee Club 1, 2, 3, 4
- Home Room Secretary 2
- Sophists 4
- Operetta 4
- Dramatics Club 3
- Nos Septem Collium 3
- Staff of "Northwest Corner" 4
- Junior Prom Committee 3
- Attendant 3
- Squad Leader 4
- (Favorite saying)  
"I'm going to pop a gasket."



PRISCILLA WHITE ROSSETER  
"Pris" Salisbury

"A good heart is better than all the  
wealth in the world."

- Classical Course
- Nos Septem Collium 3
- Glee Club 1, 2, 4
- Home Nursing 3, 4, President 3,
- Secretary 4
- (Favorite saying)  
"Jeepers!"



EUNICE CYNTHIA SHELDON  
"Skinny" Kent

"And the lady shall say her mind  
freely"

- Classical Course
- Nos Septem Collium 3, 4
- Le Cercle Francais 3, 4
- Sophists 4
- Dramatics Club 3
- Operetta 4
- (Favorite saying)  
"O, sugar!"



LOUISE ROSEMARY ROSSETER  
"Rosie" Lakeville

"Give her a horse and she's happy"

- General Course
- F. F. A. 3, 4
- Glee Club 1
- Home Economics Club 1
- (Favorite saying)  
"Get a horse!"



ROSE MARIE SANTIN  
"Ro" North Canaan

"A smile is better than a  
thousand words"

- Commercial Course
- Glee Club 1
- Intramural Basketball 2, 3, 4
- Co-Captain 3
- Intramural Soccer 2, 3, 4, Captain 4
- Intramural Softball 2, 3, 4
- Captain 3
- Squad Leader 4
- Girls Club 3, 4, Reporter 3
- (Favorite saying)  
"I told you so"



**LOUANN MURIEL STORMS**  
 "Stormy" Salisbury  
 "All this — and brains, too."  
 Classical Course  
 Homeroom President 1  
 Squad Leader 2, 4  
 Intramural Soccer 1  
 Glee Club 1, 2, 3  
 Le Cercle Francais 3, 4, President 4  
 Nos Septem Collium 3, 4  
 Junior Prom Committee 3  
 Intramural Basketball 1, 2, 3  
 Sophists 4  
 Literary Editor of  
 "Northwest Corner" 4  
 Dramatics Club 3  
 Moron Club 3  
 Honor Society 3, 4, President 4  
 Editorial Board of  
 "The White Oak" 4  
 Junior Assembly 3  
 Fulton Scholar  
 Operetta 4  
 (Favorite saying)  
 "Ha, ha — I don't get it."



**JOSEPH CARTER SPOTH**  
 "Bud" North Canaan  
 "Of science and logic he chatters."  
 Classical Course  
 Homeroom Secretary 1  
 Homeroom President 2  
 Homeroom Vice-president 3  
 Intramural Basketball 4  
 Operetta 4  
 Honor Society 3, 4  
 Nos Septem Collium 3  
 Reporter for "Northwest Corner" 4  
 Editorial Board of  
 "The White Oak" 4  
 Defense Stamp Committee 4  
 (Favorite saying)  
 "I wonder what would happen  
 if . . . ?"



**HARRY THOMAS SIMONTON**  
 "Harry" Lakeville  
 "I never think of the future;  
 it comes soon enough."  
 Agricultural Course  
 Junior Prom Committee  
 F. F. A. 2, 3, 4, Secretary 3  
 (Favorite saying)  
 "Hello."



**WARREN EDGAR SOULE**  
 "Egger" Kent  
 "Anchors Aweigh"  
 Agricultural Course  
 F. F. A. 1, 2, 3, Treasurer 3  
 Intramural Basketball 4  
 Intramural Softball 3  
 (Favorite saying)  
 "Wolf, wolf."



**MARION RUTH SPRAGUE**  
 (Mrs. Samuel J. Turner)  
 "Baby" Falls Village  
 "Love is what makes the world  
 go round."  
 General Course  
 Defense Stamp Committee 4  
 Homeroom Treasurer 1  
 Glee Club 2  
 (Favorite saying)  
 "Tell it to the marines."



**GEORGE LEWIS STERRY**  
 "Ironhorse" Kent  
 "A man, so quiet among us."  
 Industrial Arts Course  
 Intramural Basketball 2, 3, 4  
 Intramural Softball 3  
 Intramural Football 3  
 (Favorite saying)  
 "That there."



MARY ELEANOR TOBIN  
"Toby" Kent

"Her heart is young and gay."  
General Course  
Homeroom Secretary 1  
Nos Septem Collium 3  
Glee Club 3  
Squad Leader 3  
Junior Prom Committee 3  
Intramural Basketball 3  
Intramural Softball 3  
Homeroom Vice-president 3  
Sophists 3, 4  
Moron Club 3  
Junior Assembly 3  
Kent Forum 3  
Alumni Editor of  
"Northwest Corner" 4  
War Stamp Committee 4  
(Favorite saying)  
"Golly Creeps!"



IRENE LOUISE VANICKY  
"Rene" Sharon

"Cheerfulness is my avocation."  
Commercial Course  
Homeroom Vice-president 1  
Glee Club 1  
Girls' Club 3, 4  
(Favorite saying)  
"That's for the pigeons."



HARRY EDWIN VAN DEUSEN  
"Doug" Salisbury

"Sports are his idols."  
Industrial Arts Course  
Homeroom Treasurer 3  
Intramural Basketball 2, 3, 4  
Intramural Football 4  
Intramural Baseball 3  
Intramural Softball 3  
(Favorite saying)  
"Dig me."



EILEEN FRANCES SULLIVAN  
"Eileen" Falls Village

"For she is studious"  
General Course  
(Favorite saying)  
"Gee Whiz."



WALTER PETER TURKIEWICZ  
"Pete" Sharon

"A nice unparticular man."  
Industrial Arts Course  
(Favorite saying)  
"Oh Nuts!"



RUTH JEANNETTE  
TATSAPAUGH  
"Tatsy" North Canaan

"She's a winsome wee thing."  
Commercial Course  
Girls' Club 3, Treasurer 4  
Squad Leader 3  
Glee Club 1  
(Favorite saying)  
"Oh Myrtle!"



RONALD BENJAMIN WIKE  
"Ben" Sharon

"An affable and courteous gentlemen."  
General Course  
Intramural Basketball 2, 3  
Intramural Softball 2, 3  
Business Editor of  
"The White Oak" 4  
Operetta 4  
Dramatic Club 3  
Glee Club 1, 2, 3  
Civics Club 1  
Junior Prom Committee  
Staff of "Northwest Corner"  
Homeroom President 2  
Student Council 1, 2, 3, 4,  
President 4  
Squad Leader 4  
Homeroom Vice-president 1  
Junior Assembly 3  
Class Ring Committee 3  
(Favorite saying)  
"Ya think so?"



ANNA ELIZABETH WHITBECK  
"Hink" Salisbury

"Work always comes before pleasure."  
Classical Course  
Nos Septem Collium 3  
Home Nursing 3, 4  
(Favorite saying)  
"That's cute."



HAROLD LOUIS WARNER  
"Slug" North Canaan

"An all round good fellow."  
General Course  
FFA 3, President 4  
Basketball Jayvees  
Intramural Basketball 3, 4  
Intramural Softball 3  
Intramural Football 4  
(Favorite saying)  
"Howdy"



GLORIA ALMA WEAVER  
"Glory" Sharon

"For she was just the quiet kind."  
Commercial Course  
Girls' Club 3, 4  
(Favorite saying)  
"Jeepers Creepers!"



EULALIA MARGARET WOLCOTT  
"Lalie" Sharon

"Ready, able and willing to help."  
General Course  
Intramural Basketball 2, 3, 4  
Sophists 4, President  
Homeroom Treasurer 3  
Ring Committee 3  
Glee Club 4  
Exchange Editor of  
"Northwest Corner" 4  
Operetta 4  
Junior Prom Committee 3  
Junior Assembly 3  
(Favorite saying)  
"You're not just kiddin'!"



JUNE DORIS WILLIAMS  
"Junie" Goshen

"The secret of success is work"  
Commercial Course  
Student Council 3  
Glee Club 1  
Homeroom Vice-president 2  
Homeroom President 3  
Ring Committee 3  
Moron Club 3  
Junior Assembly 3  
Girls' Club Secretary 3, President 4  
War Stamp Committee 4  
(Favorite saying)  
"I thought I'd die!"



HARRIETTE ANN FRINK  
"Henri" Canaan

Commercial Course  
"She will find a way"  
Glee Club 1  
Volley Ball 1  
Junior Prom Committee 3  
Class Ring Committee 3  
Homeroom Secretary 3  
Girls' Club 3, 4  
Girls' Club President 3  
Class Secretary 4  
"Northwest Corner" 4  
Honor Society 4  
Student Council 4  
Squad Leader 4  
Costume Committee for Operetta 4  
(Favorite Saying)  
"Oh, nuts."



POST GRADUATE  
CORA MAE SOULE  
"Mae" Kent

"Silence is wisdom."  
(Favorite saying)  
"Shucks!"



MARGARET SARAH HANLON  
"Peggy" Falls Village

Classical Course  
"Quiet and serene as a whirlwind"  
Nos Septem Collium 3, 4  
Glee Club 1, 2, 3  
Operetta 4  
Assembly Play 4  
Defense Stamp Committee,  
Chairman 4  
Refreshment Committee Junior  
Prom. Chairman 3  
Squad Leader 4  
Homeroom Secretary 2, 3  
Class Prophet 4  
(Favorite Saying)  
"Aw, go on."



EDNA LOUISE FRINK  
"Louise" Canaan

Home Economics Course  
"Sugar and spice and everything  
nice"  
Volley Ball 1  
Girls' Club 3, 4  
Girls' Club Treasurer 3  
Play-day Chairman 4  
Honor Society 4  
Costume Committee for Operetta,  
Chairman 4  
(Favorite Saying)  
"Oh, dear. Oh, dear!"



CATHERINE FELICIA  
GRUSAUSKI  
"Cathy" Kent

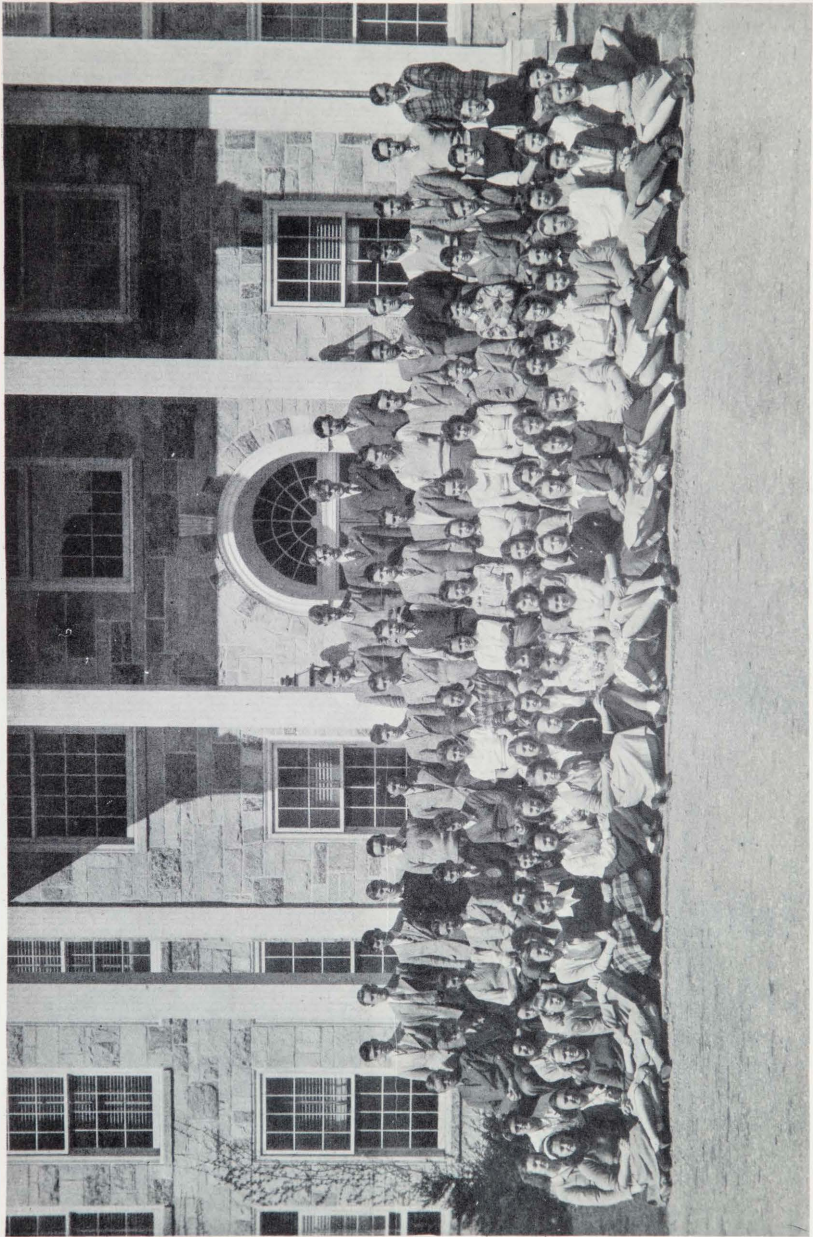
Classical Course  
"Still water runs deep"  
Nos Septem Collium 3, 4  
Le Cercle Francais 3, 4  
Dramatics Club 3  
Assistant Editor "White Oak" 4  
Debating Club 4  
Salutatorian 4  
(Favorite Saying)  
"You're silly."

## WHO'S WHO IN THE CLASS OF 1945

Dorothy Drescher	Most Likely to Succeed	Joseph Spoth
Julia Houghtaling	Least Argumentative	Peter Turkiewicz
Bettye Cook	Most Argumentative	Paul Allyn
Betty Francis	Wittiest	Edward Kirby
Doris Petersen	Most Popular	John Pacocha
Dorothy Drescher	Most Conscientious	Chester Raynard
Esther McKee	Best Athlete	Lewis Heath
Doris Petersen	Best Looking	Ronald Wike
Jean Menser	Best Dresser	Ralph Loper
Nancy Fraleigh	Most Cheerful	Frank Coons
Esther McKee	Best Dancer	John Higgins
Jean Menser	Most Sophisticated	Ronald Wike
Jean Menser	Most Talented	Lewis Heath
Ruth Tatsapaugh	Neatest	Ralph Loper
Doris Faedi	Best Personality	Frank Coons
Mary Sebben	Cutest	John Kettyle
Louann Storms	Most Cultured	Joseph Spoth
Doris Petersen	Class Dictionary	Joseph Spoth
Mary Paviol	Most Courteous	Harold Warner
Louise Frink	Most Practical	Harold Warner
Betty Francis	Class Bluff	Robert Casey
Jane Jackson	Best Leader	John Pacocha
Claudia Sanger	Greatest Flirt	Paul Allyn
Betty Francis	Clown	John Kettyle
Eunice Sheldon	Noisiest	Robert Casey
Ruth Tatsapaugh	Most Original	Lewis Heath
Harriette Frink	Most Lovable	John Kettyle
June Williams	Most Sincere	Lewis Heath
Bettye Cook	Best Politician	Paul Allyn
Margaret Hanlon	Most Versatile	Ronald Wike
Doris Petersen	Best All-around	John Pacocha
Jane Jackson	Most Independent	Paul Allyn
Virginia Root	Best Dispositioned	Edward Kirby
Eunice Sheldon	Most Talkative	Joseph Spoth
Barbara Pitcher	Most Romantic	Ronald Wike
Gloria Weaver	Quietest	Peter Turkiewicz
Mary Lardi	Happy-go-lucky	John Kettyle
Betty Francis	Teachers' Pests	Paul Allyn
June Williams	Class Blusher	Ralph Loper
Eunice Sheldon	Class Giggler	John Pacocha
Eulalia Wolcott	Funniest	Edward Kirby
Anna Whitbeck	Sleepiest	John Kettyle
Mary Sebben	Peppiest	Joseph Spoth
Doris Petersen	Nicest Smile	Harry Van Deusen
Dorothy Drescher	Done Most For School	John Pacocha
Favorite Hobby		Dancing
Favorite Book		'The Robe
Favorite Song		Rum and Coca Cola
Favorite Movie		Going My Way
Favorite Actor		Van Johnson
Favorite Actress		June Allyson
Favorite Sport		Basketball
Political Party		Democratic
Our Heroes		Boys in Service

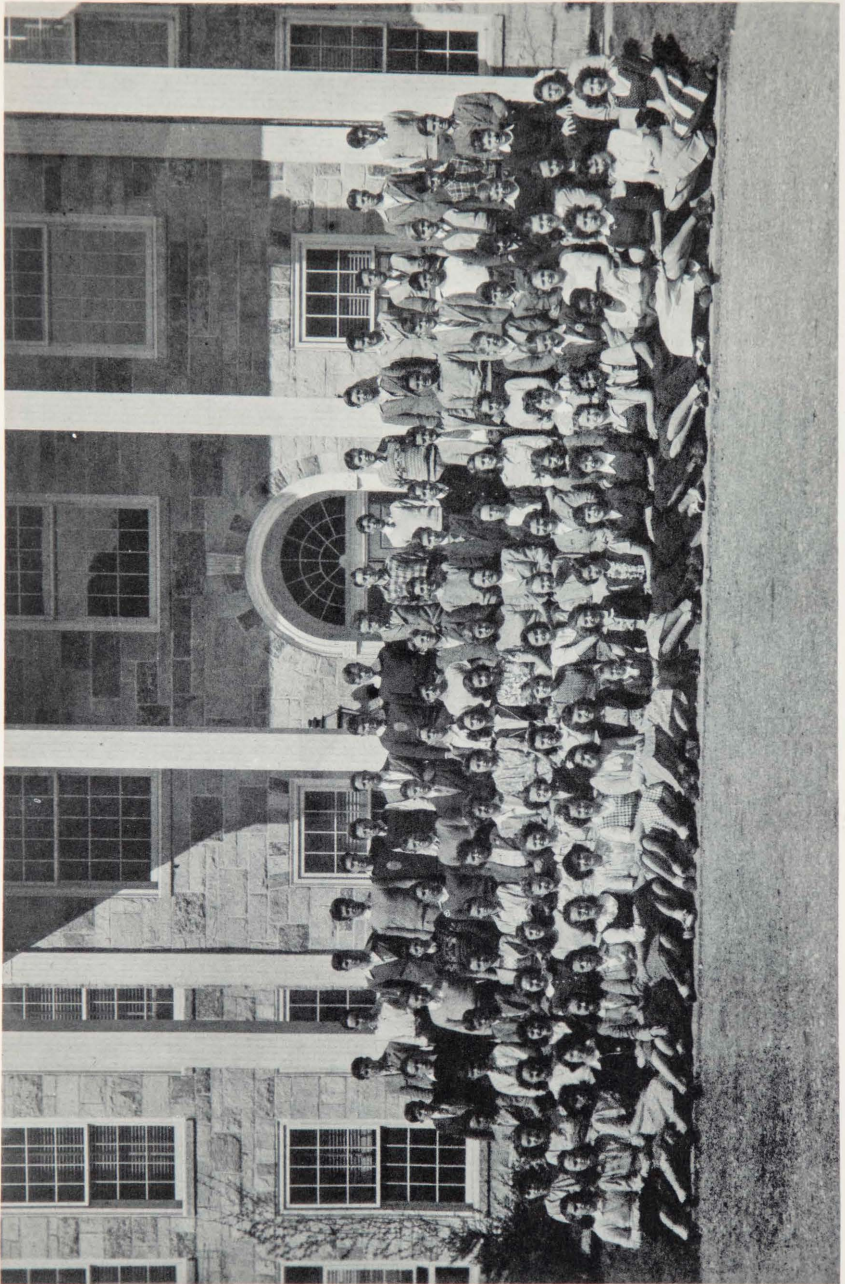


CLASS OF 1946



CLASS OF 1947





CLASS OF 1948



HORSELESS CARRIAGE

# Basketball Team



Seated — F. Woodman, R. Grannan, M. Clay, J. Pacocha, L. Heath, captain; J. Higgins, E. Stoecker, F. Coons, H. Warner. Standing — Mr. Travis, faculty adviser; W. Kivinski, R. Swift, L. Coons, J. Stanton, J. Dudley, N. Whitbeck, A. Heath, R. Loper, manager.

The Housatonic Valley Regional High School Basketball Team of 1945 won more games than any other Regional team to date.

We are especially proud of our boys who showed such splendid teamwork and spirit. Despite injuries to the players and the illness of the coach, they did a fine job.

They have greatly helped to build the morale and school spirit of the student body up to a peak which had never before been attained.

We are indebted to Coach Travis, who gave freely of his time and energy to aid our boys in their success.

## BASKETBALL SCHEDULE 1944 - 1945

Amenia .....	31	Regional .....	48	Washington .....	22	Regional .....	31
Millerton .....	16	Regional .....	32	Pine Plains .....	28	Regional .....	33
Williams .....	52	Regional .....	43	Watertown .....	40	Regional .....	37
Alumni .....	63	Regional .....	31	Williams .....	31	Regional .....	30
Washington .....	28	Regional .....	41	Morris .....	18	Regional .....	35
Watertown .....	45	Regional .....	37	Amenia .....	32	Regional .....	19
Morris .....	28	Regional .....	32	Litchfield .....	27	Regional .....	24
Pine Plains .....	40	Regional .....	35	Litchfield .....	41	Regional .....	29
Litchfield .....	28	Regional .....	24	Simsbury .....	36	Regional .....	44



J. O'Hara, president: C. Donovan,  
vice president: V. Walker, secretary;  
M. Hanlon, treasurer; Mrs.  
Camp, faculty adviser

## Nos Septem Collium

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## Le Cercle Francais

Seated — C. Donovan, J. MacNeil,  
P. Dowd, J. Jackson, secretary; L.  
Storms, president; Miss Crofton,  
faculty adviser; D. Drescher, vice-  
president; J. Dowd, treasurer; R.  
Pontevia. Standing — A. Kellogg,  
S. Gustafson, E. Sheldon, R. Mur-  
ray, V. Walker, C. Grusauski, P.  
Flynn, D. Petersen, H. Mantas,  
E. Decker



Seated — Miss Gesell, publishing director; E. Wolcott, J. Menser, M. Tobin, J. Pacocha, editor; J. Jackson, I. Storms, B. Cook, D. Petersen, Mrs. Camp, faculty adviser. Standing — C. Grannan, B. Grannan, J. Spoth, H. Frink, S. Fuller, J. Higgins, N. Sanger, C. Sanger, R. Wike, R. Perotti, A. Cutler.



Editorial Staff of NORTHWEST CORNER

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### Debating Club (Sophists)



Seated — S. Gustafson, D. Drescher, M. Tobin, J. Menser, J. Jackson, secretary; E. Wolcott, president; Mr. Clark, faculty adviser; B. Cook, vice-president; L. Storms, D. Petersen, C. Sanger, P. Dowd. Standing — R. Wike, C. Marcon, A. Kellogg, P. Flynn, E. Sheldon, V. Walker, R. Murray, E. O'Loughlin, C. Grusauski, D. Jones, J. Dowd, J. Higgins



Glee Club

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## School Band



First Row — S. Gereg, C. Emmons, L. Allyn, J. Leffingwell.  
Second Row — S. Leffingwell, B. Bartram, E. McKee, A. Middlebrook, E. Williams, N. Witt, I. Middlebrook, V. Williams.  
Third Row — R. Lindberg, F. Gomez, P. Chamberlain, B. Dalone, E. Cecchinato, S. Vanicky, R. Thompson, H. Van Deusen, A. Heath

President, J. Joray; vice-president,  
S. Johnson; secretary, E. Corban;  
treasurer, D. Cantelli



## Home Economics Club

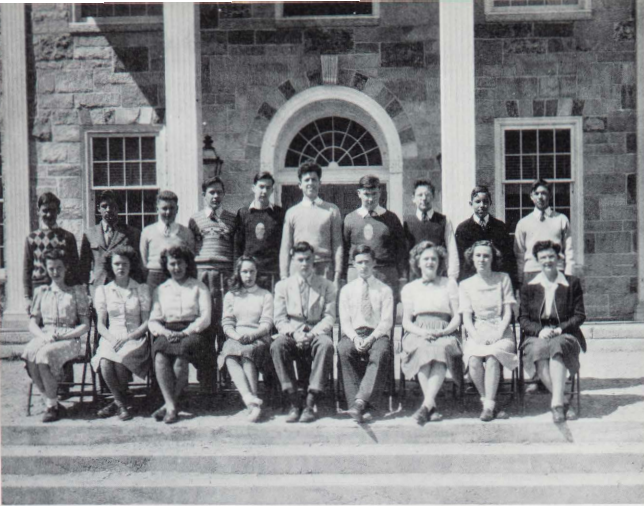
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## Girls' Club



Seated — A. Bierce, J. Williams,  
president; B. Nicholas, secretary;  
R. Tatsapaugh, treasurer; Miss  
Kingsbury, faculty adviser; M. Seb-  
ben, vice-president; H. Frink

Standing — M. Lamson, P. Hurl-  
burt, D. Faedi, R. Santin, N. Fra-  
leigh, I. Vanicky, G. Weaver,  
L. Frink



Civics Club

Seated — K. Davis, S. Weir, L. Lovett, J. Gondelli, secretary; J. Godburn, president; B. Grannan, vice-president; B. Whitman, B. Doty, Mrs. Fitts, faculty adviser. Standing — C. Grannan, M. Van Vlack, C. Hoover, J. Dudley, T. Noyes, R. Pipa, R. Thompson, R. Potter, L. Coons, I. Madsen.

FFA

Seated — C. Davis, R. Rosseter, R. Hart, reporter; R. Lindberg, vice-president; H. Warner, president; E. Pedersen, secretary; F. Gomez, treasurer; Mr. Wood, faculty adviser. Standing — A. Brown, sentinel; J. Honour, L. Roy, F. Carberry, H. Pedersen, S. Griswold, L. MacNeil, A. Hurlburt, A. Golden, E. Swaller.





Seated — Mr. Winter, faculty adviser: J. Godburn, A. Heath, E. Kirby, president: L. Emmons, J. Kettyle. Standing — C. Hoover, G. Condon, R. Coons, L. Howard, N. Perkins, I. Madsen, B. Grannan, A. Cutler



Airplane Club

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## Baseball Team



Seated — G. Hall, L. Heath, W. Soule, A. Cecchinato, G. Clark, M. Clay, J. Stanton, R. Lindberg, G. Sterry, F. Gomez. Standing — E. Kirby, manager: J. Leffingwell, C. Raymond, R. Swift, J. Dudley, L. Paquette, R. Brown, H. Massini, G. Austin, L. Cecchinato, J. Neville, Mr. Travis, coach

## THINGS WE'LL NEVER FORGET

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Ricky's homecoming  
Our Basketball Team!!  
Our Tea Dance  
Mr. Healey as a substitute chemist  
Mr. Stoddard's jokes (?)  
Lab day and the aromas  
Our Puppy Lovers  
Operetta Rehearsals  
Ralph Loper's flashy clothes  
Eunice Sheldon's "Everybody picks on me!"  
Joe Spoth's experiments, chemical and otherwise  
Betty Carlson and Ginny Root's twin outfits  
Our super mathematicians  
Jean Menser "Oh those jokes!"  
Ricky's "You may go" at 3:07, *after* we were all seated  
Dolly Carberry and Betty Francis arriving in homeroom at 9:06 (after the last bell)  
Betty O'Loughlin's polished shoes  
Peggy Hanlon's suit  
John Kettyle's frequent cat naps  
Our Junior Prom  
P. S. via the P. A. interrupting sixth period classes (a welcome reprieve)  
Mrs. Camp and Miss Gesell's cooperation with our "Northwest Corner"  
Scrambled eggs and hydrogen sulphide  
Our language weeks  
Rose Santin's basketball ability  
Mary Lardi writing to ten boys in service  
John Higgins' waltzing  
Mrs. Whitney's "Do you feel like a hamburger?"  
Esther McKee's many suitors  
Margie Lamson, Mary Sebben, Doris Faedi — our Senior Cheerleaders  
Bettye Cook's flirtatious manner  
Marion Sprague's marriage  
The formation of our school band  
Julia Houghtaling's speed in taking dictation  
Our child prodigies  
Our underclassmen  
Our graduation  
Housatonic Valley Regional High School

**Sign Here, Please . . .**



Eunice Sheldon



Irene Vanicky



Jane Jackson



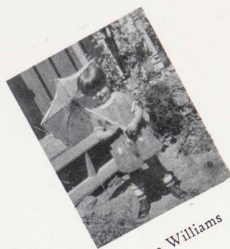
Ronald Wike



Rosina Pontevia



Ruth Tatsapaugh



June Williams

# WHEN WE



Eulalia Wolcott



Marjorie Lamson



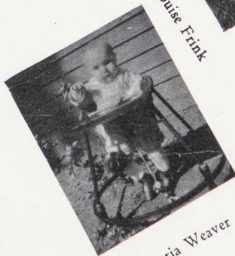
Harriette and Louise Friak



Dorothy Drescher



Priscilla Rosseter



Gloria Weaver



Mary Paviol



Joseph Spoth



Rohemary Rosseter



Jean Menser



Beatrice Nicholas



Mary Ann Moyer



Elisabeth O'Loughlin



Louann Storms



Catherine Grusauski



Emma Carberry



Claudia-Ruth Sanger



Mary Patton

# WERE YOUNG



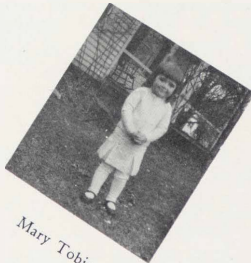
Doris Petersen



Edward Kirby



John Pacocha



Mary Tobin



Margaret Hanlon



Delores Fitting



Nancy Fraleigh



Esther McKee



Shirley Parsons

# Last Will and Testament of the Class of 1945

We, the superhuman wits of the class of '45, of that highly recommended school for morons, Housatonic Valley Regional, being of excellent mind and body, do hereby will and bequeath to the future classes of the said institution the following:

To the Junior Class we leave a restful summer vacation to build them up to resist the wear and tear of Senior year.

To the Sophomore Class we leave the ability to cooperate and make their activities successful.

To the Freshman Class we leave the hope that the war will be over soon so they may have more school activities.

To the Service men who were once members of our class we leave our every hope and prayer for their safe homecoming.

Mary Sebben leaves her heart to Forrest Woodman.

The Frink sisters leave their ability to excel in studies to the Dowd sisters.

Louann Storms leaves, taking her love for the Air Corps with her.

Betty Cook and Paul Allyn leave, arguing.

Eunice Sheldon leaves her flirting ability to Rosemarie Dempsey.

To Joan Olsen, Anna Whitbeck leaves her work habits.

Ronald Wike leaves his singing ability to Jesse O'Hara.

Catherine Grusauski leaves her place on the honor roll to Betty O'Donnell.

Jane Fischer leaves, wishing she were a freshman again.

John Pacocha leaves his carefree manner to James McInroy.

To Dorothea Jones, Nancy Fraleigh leaves her pleasant manner.

Delores Fitting leaves her lion temper to Gwendolyn Parsons.

Gloria Weaver wills her shyness and homework magic to anyone who wants to escape work, especially Gloria Hendershot.

To Peggy Francis, Betty Francis leaves her ability to remain quiet at least fifteen minutes of the day.

Ed Kirby leaves his wit to haunt the teachers.

"Dolly" Carberry leaves her ability to captivate men to Gladys Paley.

Mary Patton wills her talented voice to the Glee Club so that it may be able to "carry on" in future music presentations.

Eulalia Wolcott leaves her worldly experiences to "Sugar" Middlebrook.

Eileen Sullivan leaves her feminine ways to Joyce Brennan.

John Higgins wills his dancing ability to Joe Stanton.

Ruth Tatsapaugh leaves her title as "Class Poet" to Alfred Cutler.

To Betsy Hart, Claudia Sanger leaves her "go get 'em" ways.

June Williams leaves her diving ability to Martha Brown.

Jean Menser leaves Flora Ann carrying on the name.

Doris Petersen leaves her "slick" hairdo to Alta Bierce.

Jack Kettyle leaves, wishing he could take Beatrice Flint with him.

Mary Paviol leaves her "kissproof" lipstick to "Del" Middlebrook.  
Ralph Loper leaves his "wolfish" manner to Bob Roraback.  
Dorothy Drescher leaves her title as "Valedictorian" to Carol Donovan.  
Mary Tobin leaves her story-telling to Phyllis Hurlburt.  
George Sterry leaves, "gratefully."

Beatrice Nicholas leaves her wardrobe to Minnie MacNeil.  
Esther McKee leaves her numerous male wolves to the future classes.  
To Archie Heath, Harry Van Duesen leaves his wild night life.  
Vera Niles leaves with matrimony in mind.

Virginia Root wills her basketball ability to Virginia Col.  
Rosemary Rosseter wills her worries over tests to Beverly Goodman.  
Maryann Moyer leaves her studiousness to Shirley Gustafson.

Priscilla Rosseter leaves her thoughts she never expresses to Constance Marcon.

To Bob Swift, Lewis Heath leaves his position as President of the Senior Class.

Mary Lardi leaves her happy-go-lucky manner to Janet Hedden.

Betty Carlson leaves her pleasing personality to Jean Hayden.

Rosina Pontèvia wills her lack of interest in boys to Louise Lawrenz.

To David Keener, Chet Raynard leaves his height.

Bob Casey leaves his P.W.H. notebook to Mr. Clark. At last!

Doris Faedi leaves her cheerleading ability to Louise Allyn.

Joe Spoth leaves, hoping the future Seniors will be 100% in war stamp sales.

To Edna Patton, Irene Vanicky leaves her serious manner.

Frank Coons leaves his cheerfulness to Anthony Cecchinato.

To Virginia Walker, Julia Houghtaling leaves her pleasant manner.

Warren Soule leaves, taking the Sharon girls with him.

Rose Santin leaves her athletic ability to Patty Flynn.

Peter Turkiewicz leaves his quiet ways to Francis Gomez.

Jane Jackson leaves her love for horses to Alice Kellogg.

Peggy Hanlon leaves her laughter echoing in the halls.

To HVRHS, we leave!

We, the Class of '45, do declare this to be our last will and testament.

Witnessed and signed by

Honorable "Gravel Gertie"  
Attorney-at-law

Mary Lardi  
Harry Simonton  
Testators

# CLASS PROPHECY

Scene — A rocket ship landing field in California in 1955.

*Peggy* — Can you tell me what time the next rocket ship leaves for— Why! it's Chet Raynard!

*Chet*—Hello there, Peggy! What in the world are you doing in California?

*Peggy* — I was just going to ask you the same thing. Didn't you know that I live here? I'm librarian at the University of California. I was just going to ask if you knew when the next rocket ship leaves for Brazil? I'm on my way down there to see the World's Fair.

*Chet* — I think there is a special excursion to the Fair in an hour. I was down there yesterday afternoon for a short time; it's really wonderful! Be sure to notice the landscaping around the American buildings since it was all planned by Dorothy Drescher. She has really made a name for herself as a landscape architect.

*Peggy* — Oh, how nice! I always knew she would be a success at whatever she decided to do. By the way, Chet, what are you doing now?

*Chet* — Why, I'm an aeronautical engineer.

*Peggy* — Oh, that's swell. On my way down to the field I met John Kettle; he is manager of the famous Plaster Pot Corp. He told me to be sure to see John Higgins' exhibition at the Fair. He has his world famed collection of ancient cars, one of his most famous specimens being the 1929 Studebaker which he had when he was in high school.

*Chet* — I didn't happen to see his exhibition, but I'll be sure to look for it the next time I go. Speaking of high school, do you remember Betty O'Loughlin and Mary Ann Moyer? They have a profitable business in Reno, Nevada; they are running a Lonely Hearts Club here.

*Peggy* — Leave it to them! I just bought a couple of magazines to read on my way to Brazil and on the cover of "Seventeen" I saw that Rose Santin, Mary Sebben, and Ruth Tatsapaugh are its leading dress designers.

*Chet* — Well, you'll never guess who is the new editor of "American Girl."

*Peggy* — No, Who?

*Chet* — John Pacocha took over a few months ago. The last issue was a real success.

*Peggy* — Have you read Eileen Sullivan's new best seller? She sent me the first edition, autographed and everything. The name of it is "A Tree Grows in Falls Village."

*Chet* — No, I haven't read it, but I've read several other novels she has written and they were very good.

*Peggy* — I'll bet you didn't know that Paul Allyn is making a fortune in the oil business. While drilling an artesian well in South Kent, he accidentally hit oil. Bob Casey, who is Paul's assistant, is married to some strawberry blonde he met in Australia during the last war.

*Chet* — Speaking of South Kent, did you know that Eunice Sheldon is a world famous Ju Jitsu instructor? She has a Ju Jitsu School in all the important cities of the world. Her motto is, "Every man for himself."

*Peggy* — Well, only Eunice could make money at a business like that. I had a letter from Catherine Grusauski inviting me to come home to her wedding in June. It seems that she is marrying some professor from Harvard whom she met on her way home from China. She was the special features editor



of The New York Times, and had been attending a world-wide convention which was being held there.

*Chet* — Good for her!

*Peggy* — Catherine told me that she has one of those famous Lar-Faedi emerald engagement rings. It was made in Canaan by the jewelry corporation of which Mary Lardi and Doris Faedi are co-owners. They have taken over the old magnesium plant in Canaan and are making cultured emeralds from prune juice bottles. Warren Soule and George Sterry are their business managers.

*Chet* — That certainly is a clever business. Only Mary Lardi and Doris Faedi could think of anything like that. The last time I was home I met Nancy Fraleigh, who is now married to Dick Bergenty. She was buying some ice cream at Harold Warner's Ice Cream Bar in East Canaan. He makes the ice cream right there on his farm from the cream from his own Holsteins.

*Peggy* — Really!

*Chet* — Not only that, Rosemary Rosseter is running a model farm in Lakeville using Mr. Wood's "Five Fundamental Facts for Farmers" as her only guide. She exchanges horses with the H L F Ranch in Wyoming which is run by Harriette and Louise Frink.

*Peggy* — Oh, yes, I've heard a lot about their ranch. I'd love to go there some time on a vacation, and I could stop to see Mary Paviol and Bettye Cook, who are nurses at the Plastic Surgery Center near there.

*Chet* — That's the hospital Harry Van Deusen went to for plastic surgery on his arm. He came home a flying hero, wounded in an air battle over Japan. He recovered so completely that he was able to start a Continental Airline from New York to Calcutta. Among others Priscilla Rosseter and Mary Tobin are working for him as airline hostesses.

*Peggy* — I'm awfully glad that Priscilla is an airline hostess; that is what she always wanted to be. Louie Heath is an astronomer, and he has an observation tower on Mt. McKinley. One week, he had an exciting article in "Star Life," a weekly publication which he puts out. This article was describing an unusual comet which he saw for a few seconds. He was already to write up his observations when he saw it again, only it seemed to be coming closer. He was greatly amazed when he saw it circle around his tower several times, and then come down to earth nearby. He rushed out to see what it was and he saw Frank Coons stepping out of his new rocket ship.

*Chet* — You might know that Frank Coons would stop at nothing less than a rocket ship. That's what he would have to cart himself around. On my way home from work in my private plane, I turned on the radio, and who do you suppose has a program of her own? None other than Shirley Parsons. She has taken over the Woman's Radio Bazaar, and broadcasts daily from a New York studio. When her program was over, there was a singing transcription, advertising Houghtaling Secretarial School in Washington, D. C. Julia Houghtaling established the school a few years ago. She is assisted by Irene Vanicky and Gloria Weaver.

*Peggy* — Yes, her school has been getting a lot of publicity. Have you heard Ed Kirby's program on Thursday nights? He is taking Bob Hope's place as America's most famous comedian.

*Chet* — I always listen to his program. I accidentally met him when I was skiing at Sun Valley last winter. He was taking skiing lessons from Betty Carlson and Virginia Root, who are skiing instructors there.

*Peggy* — The four of you must have had a grand reunion. When I was

in New York last fall. I went into a record shop to buy a collection of Victor Herbert's music. Several of the recordings were made by Ronny Wike and Doris Petersen, who are now taking the places of Nelson Eddy and Jeannette McDonald. When I went in, who should come to wait on me but Anna Whitbeck. She is the owner of the shop.

*Chet* — Claudia Sanger owns a shop in New York, also. Hers is called the "Specialty Shop" and it is on Fifth Avenue. She makes and sells accessories for the hair. There was an interesting write-up about her shop in *The New York Times* by Beatrice Nicholas, who is a fashion editor for the paper.

*Peggy* — I saw that article by Beatrice. Did you see Jean Menser's picture in last month's *Life* magazine? She is one of John Powers' famous models.

*Chet* — No, I didn't but I'll certainly try to find that number. I was at a World-Series baseball game in Chicago this summer and I saw Rosina Pontevia. She is the new manager of the Brooklyn Dodgers.

*Peggy* — No wonder they won the World's Series. I don't see how they could lose with Rosina as manager. When I was home last week I went to Eulalia Wolcott's "Wet Wave Shop" in Sharon. While I was there, she told me that she had had a letter from Louann (Storms) Roberts who is now living in Africa with her husband. Louann is an interpreter at the American Embassy there. Eulalia had a great deal of news. She told me that Esther McKee and Barbara Pitcher have signed a contract with Arthur Murray, and that already they are teaching people to dance in a hurry. She also told me that Marjorie Lamson has a music school for children in Salisbury. She is teaching them to play the piano by ear.

*Chet* — Mary Patton used to give singing lessons at Marjorie's school, but recently she got a contract with the Metropolitan Opera Company.

*Peggy* — I'll bet she loves that.

*Chet* — I suppose so. I went to see Joe Spoth not long ago: he has a research laboratory in Alabama. He is working for the government and has done some brilliant research work. Ralph Loper is his chief assistant and test tube washer. Ralph read a card he had just received. It was from Emma Carberry and Betty Francis. They had just arrived at their long-sought destination. They started for Alaska in a 1920 convertible right after graduation. After many, many detours they arrived safe and sound. They went to Alaska to work for some old bachelor who owns a gold mine.

*Peggy* — I'll bet they covered a great many miles going from Lakeville to Alaska. Jane Jackson and June Williams have done a great deal of travelling since we last saw them. They are both private secretaries to the President of the United States. They have been attending all the conferences held by the Big Five. Only last week they were in Moscow.

*Chet* — Yes, I guess they get around. I was talking with Delores Fitting yesterday. She is a singer in a cafe in San Francisco. She told me that Jane Fischer is a nurse at the emergency hospital near this field.

*Peggy* — Here's my rocket ship, now. Why, there's Peter Turkiewicz, our ambassador to Russia. And he was such a quiet boy in school!

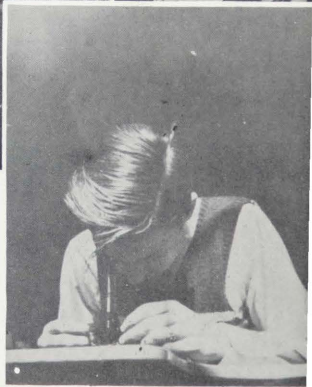
*Chet* — Yes, I remember. Oh, by the way, did you know that Harry Simonton is the president of the "Zippo-Zingo Insurance Company?" I hear that it is putting Lloyd's of London out of business.

*Peggy* — This has been such a pleasant experience, meeting you like this, but I really must leave now. Goodbye, Chet.

*Chet* — Goodbye, Peggy.

Sign:

Margaret Hanlon    Chester Raynard



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9. Award of Good Citizenship Medals
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Tune — Materna
11. Benediction ..... Father Zyskowski
12. Recessional March (Opus 8) ..... Ernst W. Barnard  
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A U T O G R A P H S



## WHAT WOULD HAPPEN IF?

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We ever did *all* our homework?  
Louann hadn't met Cliff?  
Chem class discovered a new element?  
Paul Allyn didn't tease the girls?  
Frank Coons never chewed toothpicks?  
Claudia ran out of hair gadgets?  
Julia Houghtaling caused a riot?  
Esther McKee didn't cause a riot?  
No one sang "Happy Birthday" during lunch?  
Eunice hated men?  
Mary Patton, Rosemary Rosseter, and Mary Paviol weren't  
always talking about horses?  
Peggy Hanlon couldn't sew?  
Joe Spoth hadn't had his hair cut "butch" style?  
All our boys were back?  
Rosina grew an inch taller?  
Lewis Heath wasn't basketball captain?  
Ed Kirby wasn't witty?  
John Higgin's car ever ran a whole mile without stopping?  
Betty Francis' life was serene?  
Doris Petersen should lose her beautiful smile?  
Pricilla Rosseter disagreed with anyone?  
John Pacocha didn't have a joke to tell?  
Barbara Pitcher arrived in homeroom on time?  
Jane Jackson got a "feather cut"?  
We all flunked guidance?  
Mr. Richardson hadn't come back?  
The Frinks didn't belong to 4-H?  
Ginny Root and Betty Carlson weren't always together?  
Harry Simonton ever agreed with Mr. Clark?  
Eulalia Wolcott wasn't Mr. Healy's secretary?  
This column was never written?



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To those who will yet go out to rule.

We bid farewell to all our teachers, too,  
Who, now, have seen our struggles through,  
For with their guidance and gallant fight  
We've started on the road of right.

Though ups and downs have come our way  
We've always had the will to stay  
'Cause here we are at last all trained  
To profit from the knowledge gained.

Some will go to college for further learning,  
While others into industry for earning;  
But whatever is the aim of each,  
We know those goals we will all reach.

We turn our thoughts to say a prayer  
For service men and women everywhere,  
And hope that peace with its holy light  
Will make our future years both calm and bright.

To HVRHS, with tearful eye, we bid good-bye  
And may its banner ever fly  
O'er students young and stout-hearted  
Though remembering us who have departed.

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