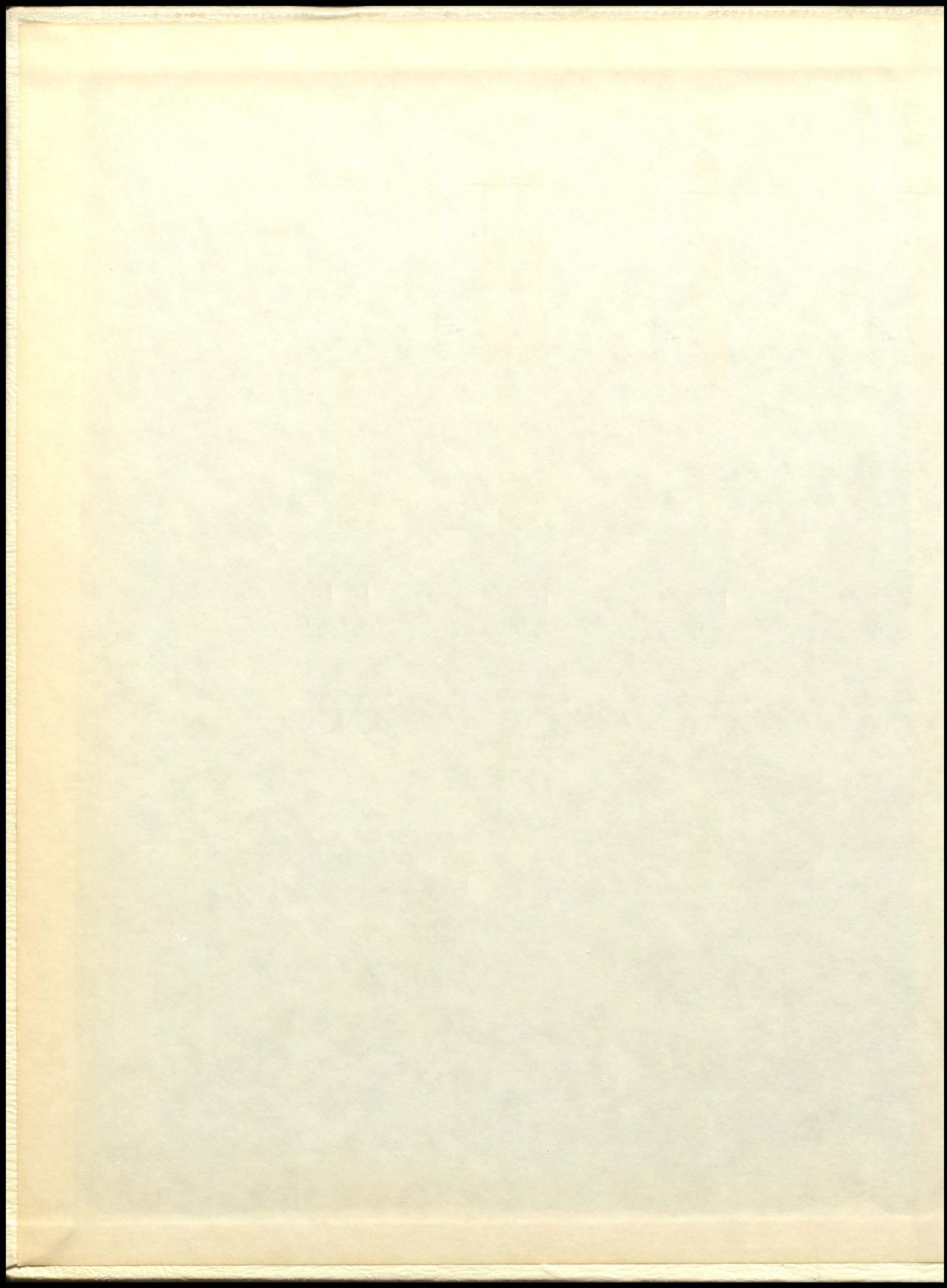
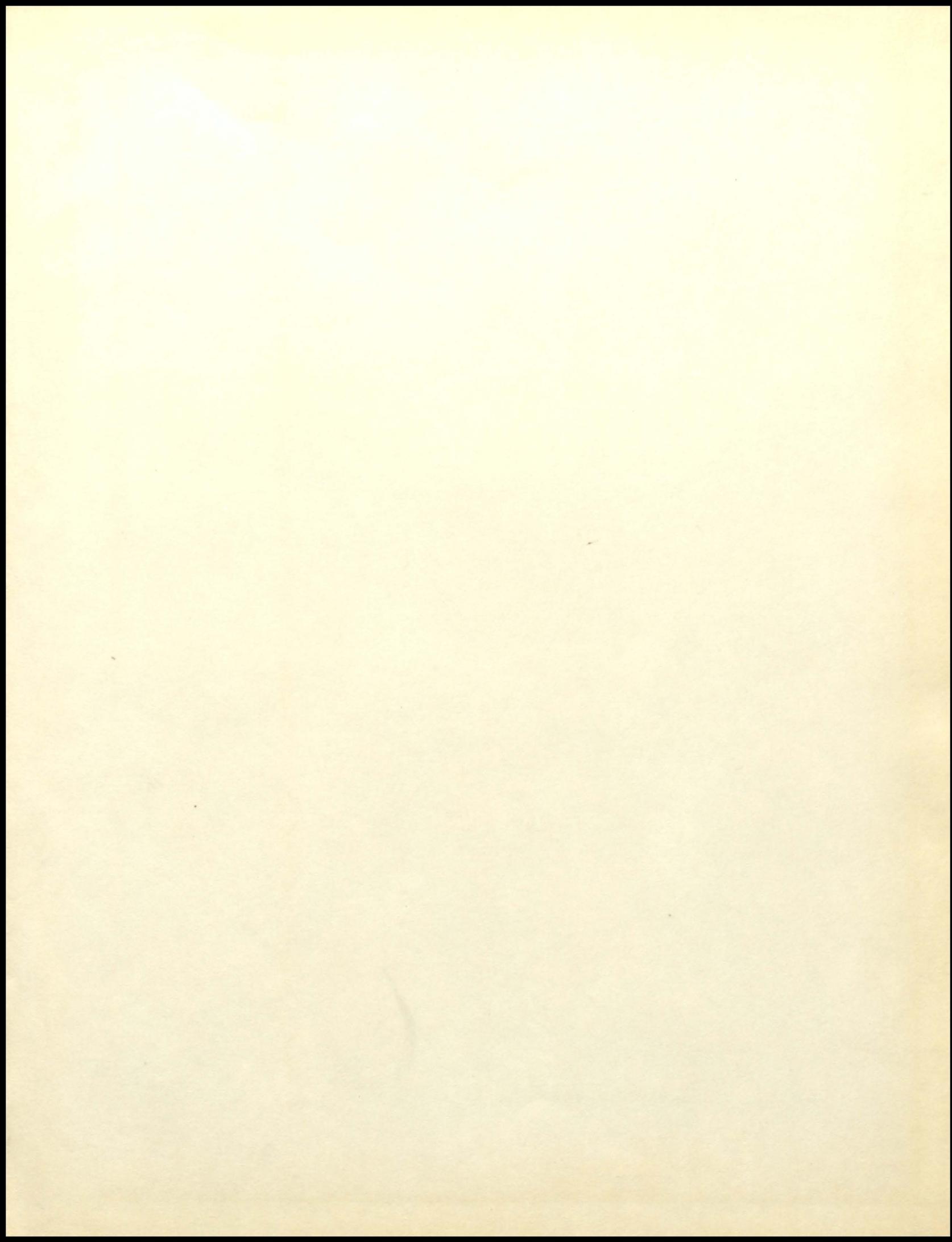


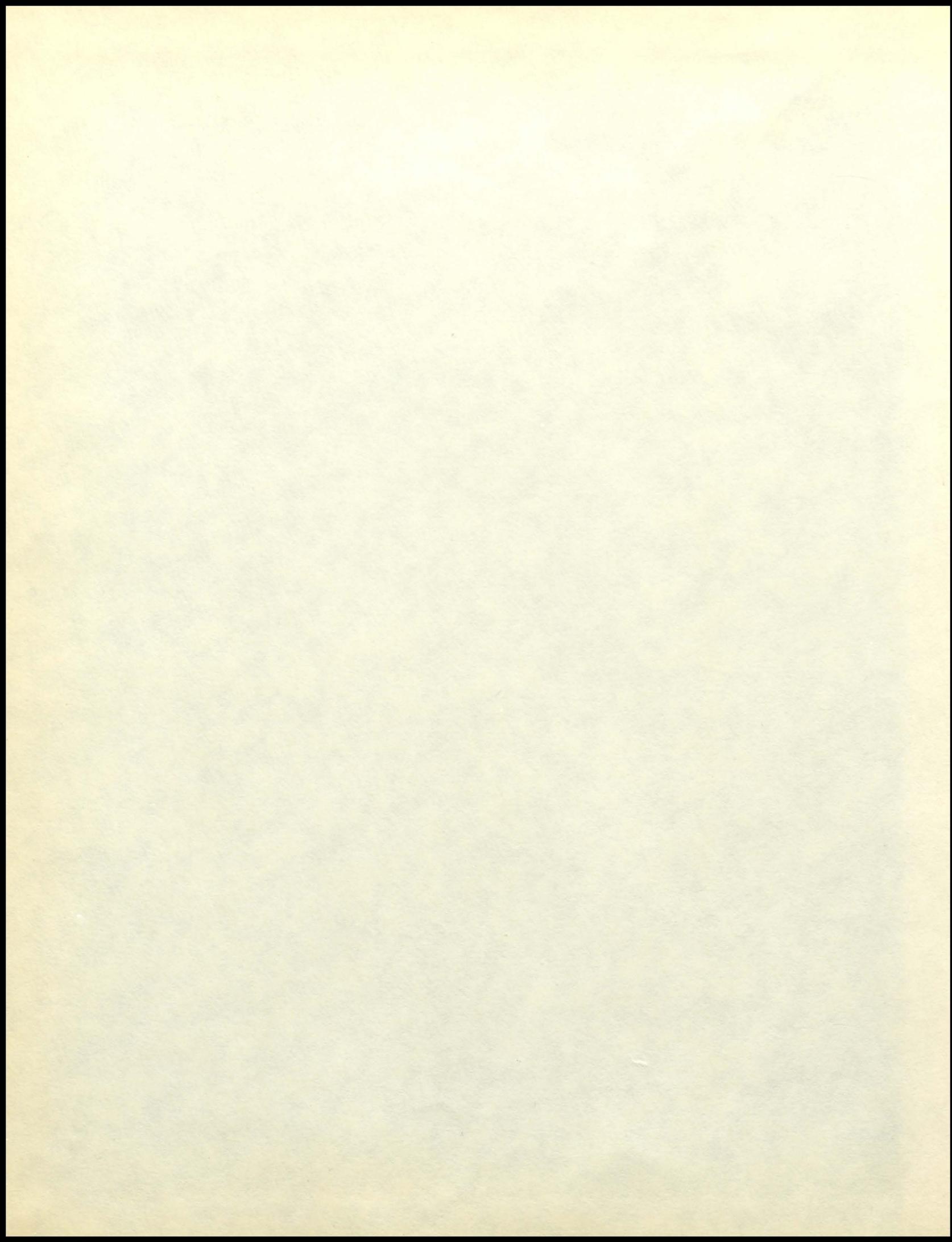
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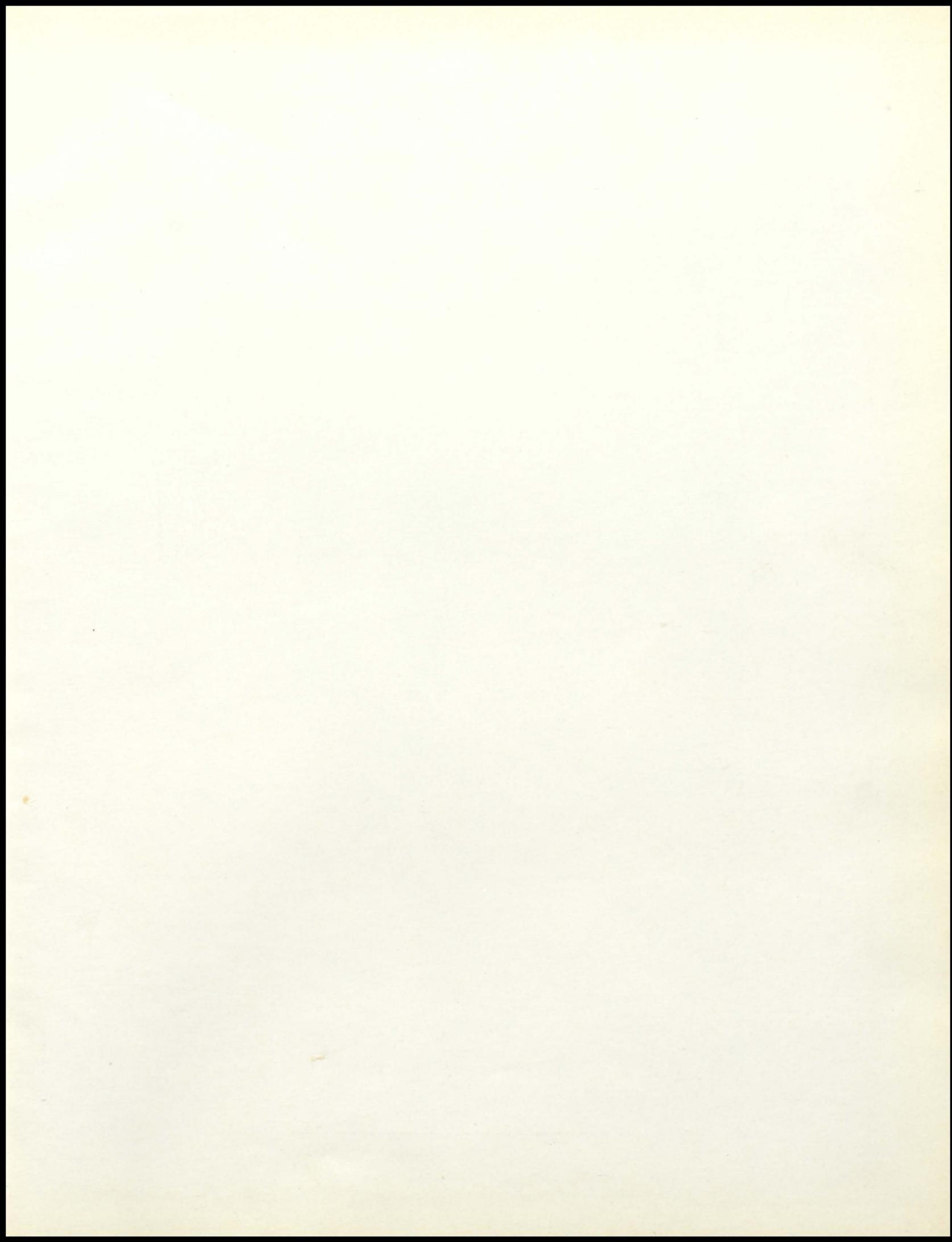
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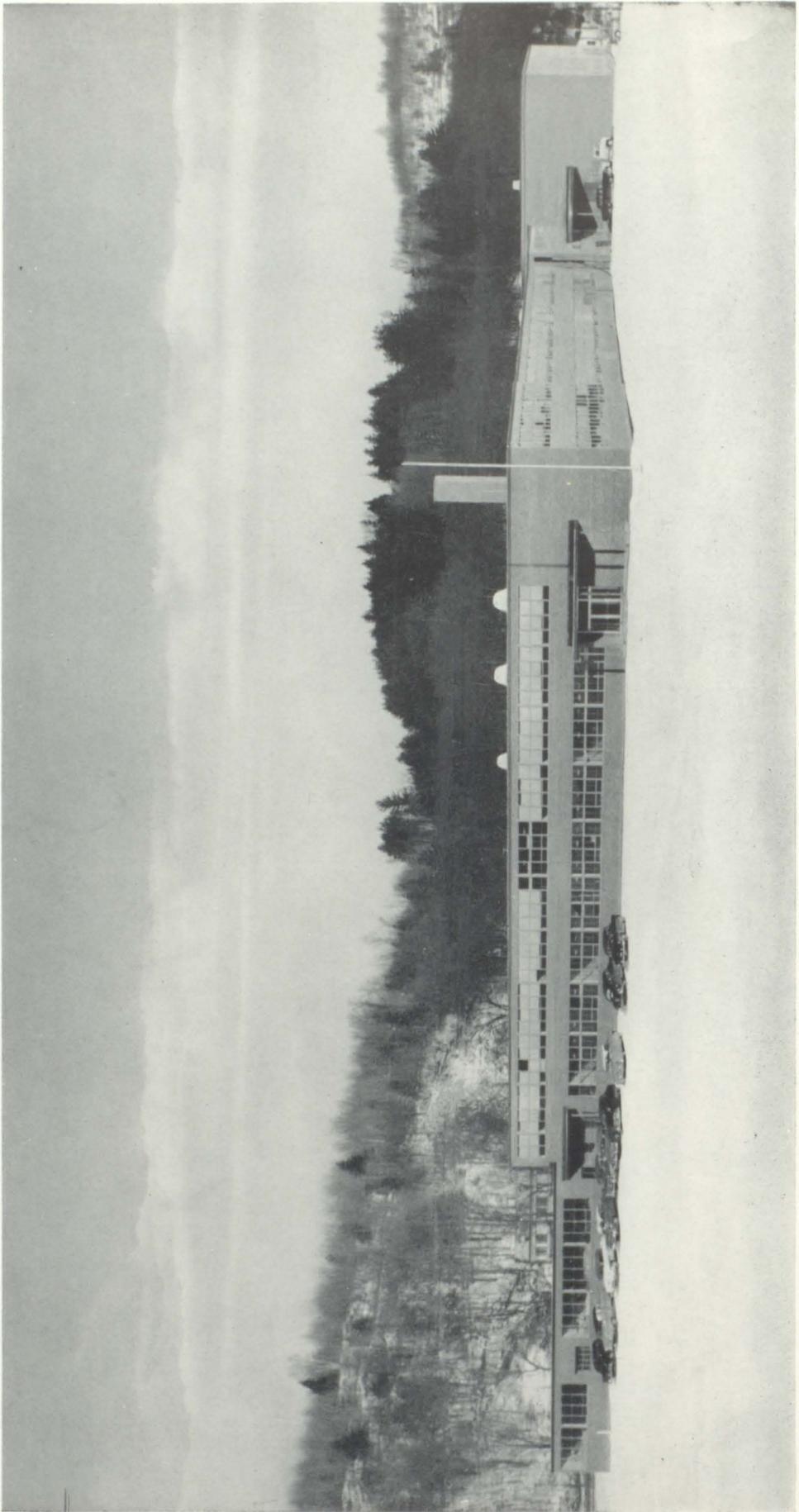
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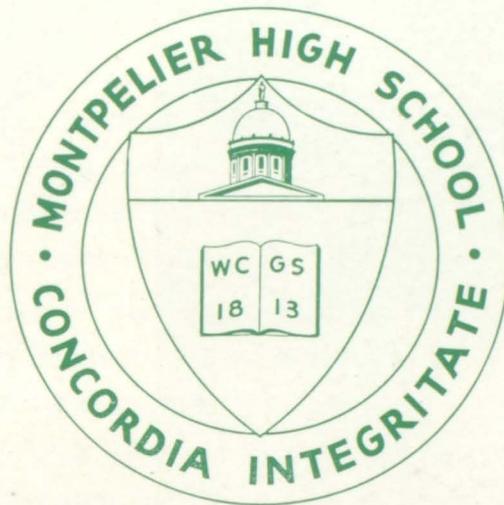






# THE RECORD

1956



Montpelier High School

Montpelier, Vermont

## In Memoriam



Linell Teachout

**T**O the memory of our beloved classmate and friend, we, the Class of 1956, dedicate our yearbook. How suddenly Linell left us but how lasting are our memories of her! Her happy, bouyant personality and cheerful outlook will always be remembered by her host of friends.

## PROLOGUE

The 1956 **Record** has finally spun to reality. Now we may retire to the Rest Resort for Enervated Editors to compare ulcers and reminisce of the red pencils, blue folders and innumerable snapshots required by this yearbook. The editing was a lot of work but a lot more fun, and we would like to think that the traditional objective of a "bigger and better **Record**" has been fulfilled—but that is for you to decide.

We would like to express here our sincere appreciation to Miss Branch who cheerfully guided, prodded and "inspired" us throughout the year, and who skillfully steered us from the usual editorial pitfalls. Without her guidance this yearbook never would have been. Thanks, Miss Branch.

We also wish to give special recognition to our photographers, the Houston Studios, and especially to Mr. Foster, for his generosity in taking the group pictures.

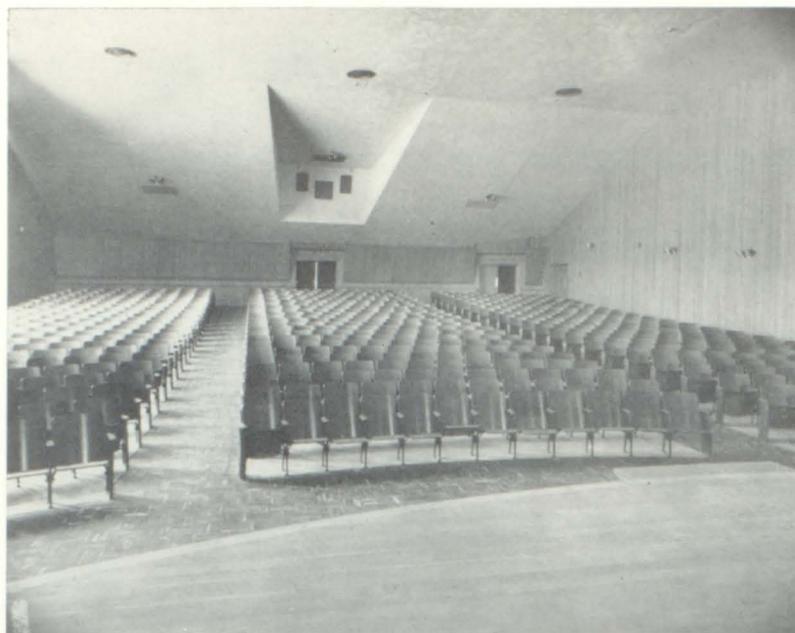
We would also like to thank our advertisers for their magnanimity, our printers, The Leahy Press, and specifically, Mr. Leahy, for his patience and cooperation.

Last, but most definitely not least, we wish to say thank you to our staff for its joint effort and heroic travail towards the publication of the **Record**, and to you, the students and faculty of Montpelier High School, who have made this yearbook possible.

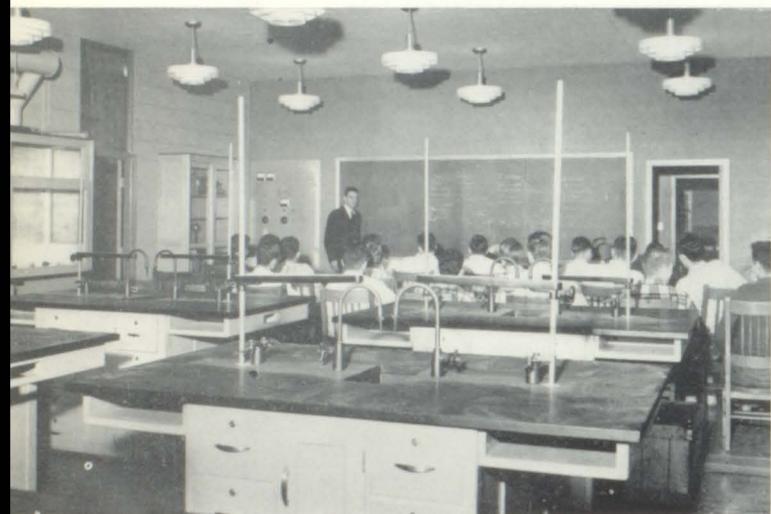
We rest relieved in the knowledge that you finally have your copy of the 1956 **Record** in your hands, so now turn the page and get into the Spirit of it!

— The Editors

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## WITH GRATITUDE

It gives us, the Class of 1956, great pleasure to be the first to graduate from this \$1,000,000 structure. We feel that this fact alone distinguishes our class from the others which have passed through four years of Montpelier High School.

We are still awed at the modern facilities and the beauty of our new school—and so very proud! We fully appreciate the fact that the construction of this building is a milestone in the educational advancement of central Vermont, and are proud to have the opportunity to play a small part in this progress.

Now, at the time of our graduation, we depart with more than a touch of sadness at leaving this magnificent edifice, but always shall retain our initial pride and respect of our new school. We certainly shall strive to do our utmost to prove ourselves worthy of the quiet dignity of Montpelier High.

We, the Senior Class of 1956, join with the faculty and underclassmen of Montpelier High School in expressing our appreciation of our new school and our gratitude to the generosity and foresight displayed by the voters of our city. Thank you, Montpelier, a thousand times over!





*First Row:* Elsa Chapin, Jean Kinney, Ed Gallison, Katie Pond, Jeanine Mathewson, Lucille Frontini, Miss Branch, Jane Page, Sally Pierce, Barb Stone, Dave Curtis  
*Second Row:* Joan Foster, Carolyn Ward, Gail Graham, Eleanor Bugbee, Priscilla Chapman, Betsy Holt, Marilyn Mix, Harriet Slosberg, Cynthia Merrill, Sue Goodwin, Peggy Hibbard, Gail Bigglestone  
*Third Row:* Bonnie Holden, Ann Skeels, Betty Bly, Ann Conkling, Sally Greene, Nancy Desilets, Sue Harrington, Linda Davis, Cynthia Russell, Jerri Wood, Lucille Roop, Pat Martin, Sandra Laird  
*Fourth Row:* Martha Jeffrey, Corinne Kelley, Vickie Lord, Carolyn Ross, Marion Fish, Carol Edson, Rosalyn Baldwin, Nancy Fielder, Susie Nelson, Pat Baumann, Lisa Monte, Gail Richardson, Eve Witham  
*Fifth Row:* Ren Welch, Tim Houghton, Harry Daniels, Dick Perkins, Brent Webster, Russ Ayers, Doug Lindsay, Steve Bliss, Pete Teachout

## RECORD BOARD

Writing, snapping pictures, (rewriting), soliciting advertising, (re-writing), issuing "questionnaires" (rewriting), the Record Board with Miss Branch as faculty advisor and Jane Page and Lucille Frontini as co-editors has heroically met all crises to publish that legendary "Bigger and Better Record"!

Financed mainly by advertisements, the Record Board supplemented its treasury by selling candy at basketball games. Undaunted at the deprivation of the usual Coke sale at games, the board whipped into the coat (and hat and overshoe) checking business and netted a neat profit which is passed on to you in the "Bigger and Better Record."

The **Record** is proud to have the distinction of having sponsored the first dance in our new gym. Socially and financially the affair was a success with music furnished—quite appropriately—by records.

Election of the editors, treasurer, and business managers is held at the final spring meeting, and in the fall the various committee chairmen are appointed, the schedule planned, and the starting gun fired.

With the kind and patient cooperation of our photographer, The Houston Studio; our printers, The Leahy Press; our advertisers, and you, the Montpelier High School faculty and student body, the **Record** has materialized.

## EVOLUTION OF THE SPIRIT

Four long years ago — and yet only yesterday — a quaking Spirit slipped through the door of Montpelier High School to instill Itself in the hearts of the new Freshmen. Our baby Spirit, confused and awed at first, became more organized as Pete, Elinor, Herb and Marilyn were elected to guide the Freshmen through the year.

The Spirit attended the Freshman Reception (although It couldn't dance) and gradually felt more welcome. There was so much to do, and the Spirit pitched in (or slipped in) to everything.

The year whirled by; sports events (yea!), mid-years (boo!), fires in the chem lab (. . .!) Junior Prom (sigh) and Commencement (dream).

Then our Spirit embarked on a pleasure-crammed summer vacation.

In the fall The Spirit, refreshed and raring to go, entered Its Sophomore year with the confidence born of experience. John, Sue, Peg and Tim were elected to control It. Already It was manifesting Itself in numerous ways—in the toots of trumpets, in the teamwork of various organizations—and in Itchy's "educated toe"!

Soon June came, and brought the departure of the Class of '54.

After a fun-packed summer, The Spirit of '56, lustier and more extroverted, returned to inspire us, the Junior class. With Charlie, Patty, Joyce and Harriet at the helm, and Pete, Steve, Dave, Eleanor and Betsy as Junior representatives on the Student Council, The Spirit just **had** to spread—and did! VIP's were everywhere. Pete, Jean and Gail were vice-presidenting the Student Council, Choruses and GAA, respectively, while Sue and Tim were associate-editors of the Solonscope.

The six "iron men"—Herb, John, Steve, Itchy, Pete and Dave formed the nucleus of our basketball team, and Elinor, Joan and Marilyn led the victory cheers.

The year was chock full o' things to do and The Spirit was everywhere. There was homework, class rings to sport (on fingers, 'round necks and through noses), a gala Winter Carnival to attend, (homework), sports events, (**More Homework**), and when the **Little Dog Laughed**, so did everyone else.

Immediately (or so it seemed), it was May—and the long-awaited Junior Prom. The Spirit reached new height as we waltzed to Glen Miller's "Moonlight Serenade." The preparation and de-preparation for that never-to-be-forgotten night had required cooperation and manual labor

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## Gail A. Bigglestone

"Biggie"

Class President (4); GAA (1, 2, 3, 4), Treasurer (2), Vice-President (3), President (4), 50 Point Award (1), 100 Point Award (2), 200 Point Award (2), 300 Point Award (2), 400 Point Award (3), Cup (4); Ski Club (1, 2, 3, 4), Varsity (1, 2, 3, 4), Secretary (3), Treasurer (3); Band (1, 2, 3, 4), All-State Band (3, 4); Masque (2, 3, 4), Pin (4), "The Little Dog Laughed" (3); Pro-Merito (4); Silver "M" (4); Record Board (2, 3, 4); Girls State (3)

Hail to our hero of the "slush-pump" (the trombone, to you peons)! Not only is Gail a whiz on the barrel-staves; she also excels in all sports short of varsity football. She has been the backbone of the GAA and has also taken time to preside at our class meetings.

Of course she's always ready for fun and there's nothing like an open-house at Biggie's . . . *n'est-ce pas?*

## Elizabeth M. Holt

"Betsy"

Class Vice-President (4); GAA (1, 2, 3, 4), 50 Point Award (3); Freshman Chorus (1), Girls' Glee Club (2, 3, 4), Mixed Chorus (3, 4), Pendant (4), All-State Chorus (4), Wardrobe Mistress (4); Masque (3, 4), Secretary (4), Pin (4), "Dear Ruth" (4); Pro-Merito (4) Silver "M" (4); Student Council (1, 2, 3, 4); Solonscope (3, 4); Record Board (4); Junior Prom Refreshment Committee Chairman (3); Senior Privilege Committee Chairman (4)

Capable, co-operative, and conscientious are the three C's which describe Betsy. She's the gal who does the hard jobs—Chorus wardrobe mistress and *Solonscope's* exchange editor—as well as taking on numerous other responsibilities. Whenever we want something done right, we just ask Betsy to do it. The "most" in many ways—friendliness, dependability, and personality—she's everyone's friend and so pleasant to be with.



## Jean P. Kinney

"J. P."

Salutatorian; Class Secretary (4); GAA (1, 2, 3); Freshman Chorus (1), Girls' Glee Club (2, 3, 4), Mixed Chorus (3, 4), Pendant (4), Vice-President of Choruses (3), President of Choruses (4); Masque (1, 2, 3, 4), Pin (3), Treasurer (4), "Wizard of Oz" (3); Pro-Merito (3); Office Staff (2, 3, 4); Silver "M" (3); Solonscope (2, 3); Record Board (4); Style Show (1); All-State Chorus (4)

Jean is a pleasing composite of industry, generosity, and charm. As president of the chorus, secretary of our class, and treasurer of Masque, is she busy? Not much! Speech class, banquets, parties, and All-State are only a few of the memories she'll savor. Don't tell a soul, but Jean can strum a "gee-tar" with cowboy-like proficiency.

After secretarial school our J. P. will enter the business world to answer some harried executive's dreams.

## Lorraine E. Holmes

"Holmesic"

Class Treasurer (4); Librarian (2); Pro-Merito (4); Silver "M" (4); Student Council (1, 2); Solonscope (2, 3, 4), Assistant Business Manager (3), Business Manager (4); Style Show (2)

Looking for someone who's lots of fun? Then look for Lorraine from 'way up East Montpelier way. Even though she's busy with her *Solonscope* responsibilities, she still finds time to collect hard-earned dues from the unsuspecting seniors. Nothing makes her angrier than to have to squeeze that blue Ford into a tight parking space, only to find that she's out of pennies.

You can usually trace her infectious giggle to a desk piled high with homework, a dance, or to her car stuck fast in a snowbank.



## Roger Abbey

"Rog"

Have you seen a flat-top haircut whizzing by behind the wheel of a black Oldsmobile or behind the counters of a local supermarket? That's our boy, Rog. He's quite a man about town it seems, for he's always on the move. We are sure his avocation, party-going, will pay big dividends. Take our word for it, Rog is an asset to anyone's party.



## Jeanne F. Bailey

"Jeanie"

GAA (1); Freshman Chorus (1)

Jeanne may appear to be a serious-minded student in school, but wait 'til that bell rings when she becomes the peppiest member of "the gang." Dark eyes, a modified D.A. haircut, and a flair for clothes all belong to Jeanne. Oh, oh, we mustn't forget to remember that sparkler she sports.

## John R. Baird

"Johnny"

Band (1, 2, 3, 4), All-State Band (4); Boys' Chorus (2, 3, 4), Mixed Chorus (2, 3, 4), Pendant (4); "Fortune Teller" (2)

The BIG bass in both band and chorus, John divides his many practicing hours between voice and sousaphone.

If you think he's quiet, sit in front of him in class and you'll hear intriguing witticisms. Conservative Johnny's brains and intellectual curiosity will undoubtedly make the world a more interesting place. We are continually amazed—and amused—with his insight . . . especially in English class.



## Richard W. Baldwin

"Dick"

Basketball J.V. (1); Ticket Squad (4); Freshman Chorus (1), Boys' Chorus (2, 3, 4); Mixed Chorus (2, 3, 4)

Tall and lanky, Dick is the original "hep-cat." A jazzy fiend from 'way back, he'll set any dance a-stomping. Dick seems to like school life in general and girls in particular. And for the record, we mustn't forget to mention his dexterity with the guitar.

After graduation this mad musician just might trade in his "strings" for "wings."



## Wendell R. Baldwin

Basketball J.V. (2); Baseball J.V. (1, 2), Varsity (3), Letter (3); Pro-Merito (3)

Another of our commuters, Wendell is a man of few words. He has many friends, however, who can tell you he's not so quiet outside of school. Is it true, girls?

Certainly "We excel in what we enjoy" applies to Wendell and baseball.

Although we don't know much about his plans for the future, we do know that on another page of this RECORD you'll find him in his National Guard uniform.

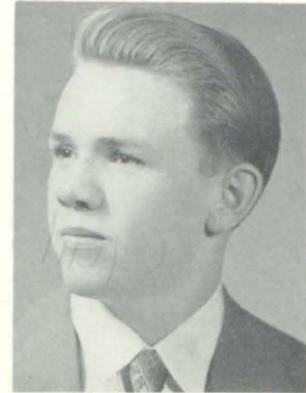
## Thomas P. Banfield

"Tom"

Baseball J.V. (2)

This good-looking philogynist tells us that he likes to hunt, but he didn't specify his favorite game. Is it bear, deer, or heads, Tom? You name it and we'll print it! As a man of fashion, he's a connoisseur of socks—in technicolor!

As a potential birdman for Uncle Sam, Tom is aiming high. We hope he finds both excitement and safe landings.



## Frank W. Barrett, Jr.

"Skip"

Football J.V. (1); Basketball J. V. (1, 2); Solonscope (4); Baseball J.V. (1)

Although Skip was voted our class woman-hater, he's so very nice that the girls refuse to believe it. Our misogynist may seem somewhat unapproachable, but when you get to know him you'll discover a mighty nice chap with plenty of Yankee humor. We often see him cruising in a big Buick with his "Escort."

Frank is a serious shutterbug, for he plans to become a professional photographer. Although he is already doing some commercial work, he has found time to contribute to both the *Solonscope* and the RECORD.

## Daniel E. Battles

"Dan"

Football J.V. (1, 2), Varsity (3, 4), Letter (3); Solonscope (4)

Combine one big smile, two blue eyes, blond hair, and a football. Mix thoroughly and you will have Danny. He doesn't let a commuting distance stand between him and fun because where he is it is, and where it is Danny's sure to be.

Dan is looking toward a career in journalism, and someday the *Solonscope* staff may be able to crow, "We knew him when. . ."



## Douglas B. Booth

"Doug"

On the surface Doug may appear rather quiet, but when you get to know him, you will find that appearances are deceiving. Doug often journeys mountainward in his blue and white Chevy for a day on the sticks. Something of an entrepreneur, he does quite a brisk business selling fish worms! Often, especially in study hall, his sense of humor will not be suppressed; hence, merriment for all. A staunch friend, Doug is a guy worth knowing.



## Mildred P. Brochard

Although Mildred was a transfer in her junior year, she has made more friends than many of us have in four years. A bowl of Italian spaghetti with hot sauce and winter in Wyoming would fulfill some of her dreams.

Mildred has courageously planned to take driving lessons in the near future, so she may spend that winter in Wyoming, after all. Her other plans have bells as background music. The best to you, Mildred!

## Robert H. Brown

"Bob"

Let us assure you that "Robert Brown" is not a convenient alias, but the *vrai nom* of one of our best known East Montpelierites. Living out of town has never discouraged Bob because he always manages to show up for all the Solons' home games. He takes an active part in 4-H work and tackles each new job enthusiastically. Perhaps Bob does seem quiet at times, but he can't fool us!



## Eleanor M. Bugbee

Freshman Chorus (1), Girls' Glee Club (2, 3, 4), Mixed Chorus (3, 4), Pendant (4), All-State Chorus (4); Assistant Wardrobe Mistress (4), Masque (1, 2, 3, 4), Pin (3), Assistant Business Manager (3), Business Manager (4), "Wizard of Oz" (2); Pro-Merito (3); Office Staff (4); Silver "M" (3); Student Council (3, 4); Solonscope (2, 3); Record Board (3, 4)

If Priscilla is near, we don't have to look far to find Eleanor. Listen a minute—hear that giggle? Loyal and likable, who could ask for a better friend. Although she is one of the gals who makes with the marks, Eleanor always manages to have *beaucoup de fun*, too.

The Masque and Choruses can speak for her diligence; her personality speaks for itself!





## Priscilla A. Chapman

“Perk”

Freshman Chorus (1), Girls' Glee Club (2, 3, 4), Mixed Chorus (3, 4), Pendant (4), Assistant Wardrobe Mistress (4), Treasurer (4), All-State Chorus (4); Masque (2, 3, 4), Pin (4); Office Staff (4); Solon-scope (1, 3, 4); Record Board (4)

With her sparkling sense of humor, Priscilla is friendly and fun to be with. A conscientious worker, Priscilla is one of those versatile people who seem to be active in everything. You can always count on her to get extra-curricular work done, so that's why we put her in charge of the magazine drive. That pretty hair is the envy of all her classmates . . . and Oh! Those eyes spell M-I-S-C-H-I-E-F.

## Alice E. Close

“Alee”

Style Show (2, 4); GAA (1, 2, 3); Freshman Chorus (1)

“Can she bake a cherry pie?” She sure can! And to prove it, Alice represented Vermont in the National Cherry Pie Contest at Chicago. Although this gal isn't afraid of work, she does like to go dancing and to have fun in general. We might also mention that she knows a really wonderful guy!



## Lillian E. Clough

“Shortie”

Freshman Chorus (1)

Petite, polite, and friendly—that's Lillian. As one of the more skillful women drivers, Shortie always has a full car. We certainly do appreciate her reliability and willingness to help and know how much fun she is to have around. As the philosophical type, she takes both the good and the bad in her stride and makes the best of them.

## Nancy J. Comi

GAA (1, 2); Cheerleading J.V. (2, 3), Varsity (4); Freshman Chorus (1), Girls' Glee Club (1, 2); Masque (1, 2); Style Show (2)

Here's one of the prettiest girls in the senior class. Joining the varsity cheering squad as a senior, Nancy has not only added to the applause of the cheering squad but has also supported the team with her pep and yells. Nancy's versatility and scintillating personality make her fun to have around.



## Janice J. Croteau

"Jan"

Step back, everybody—here's another woman driver. Janice is fortunate in having quite a few dimples to go with her smiles. Although she's fond of all outdoor sports, both as a spectator and as a participator, she's especially partial to the Red Sox baseball team. To sum it all up—Jan is an obliging and affable person who is at home in any group and often with her many friends cooking up some interesting mischief.



## David W. Curtis

"Dave"

Football J.V. (1), Manager (2, 3, 4); Debating Club (1); Librarian (1, 2); Freshman Chorus (1), Boys' Chorus (2, 3, 4), Mixed Chorus (2, 3, 4), Pendant (4), Assistant Business Manager (3), Business Manager (4), All-State Chorus (4), "Fortune Teller" (2), Assistant Business Manager (3), Business Manager (4); Masque (1, 2, 3, 4), Pin (2), Letter (4), "Nobody Sleeps" (1), "The Lottery" (3), "The Little Dog Laughed" (3), "The Wizard of Oz" (3), "Dear Ruth" (4), "She Stoops to Conquer" (4), "Parting at Innsdorf" (4); Pro-Merito (3); Silver "M" (3); Solonscope (1, 2, 3, 4); Record Board (2, 3, 4), Treasurer (4); Ticket Squad (1, 2)

A veritable man-about-town, Dave has a remarkable facility for combining business (Masque, Record, Chorus, and French Class) with pleasure (beautiful girls). A generous, gregarious guy, Dave is never happy vegetating for long, so it's to boot, to Nash, and away in search of amusement.

## Evalyn J. Curtis

"Ev"

Librarian (1, 2, 3, 4); Freshman Chorus (1); Girls' Glee Club (2); Masque (1, 2); Style Show (2); GAA (2)

We all know this lively, enthusiastic senior, who has a friendly "Hi" for everyone. Evalyn fits nicely into the category of "five foot two, eyes of blue," and wouldn't we girls like to have her long wavy hair! A loyal sports fan, she is always seen at the MHS games surrounded by her many pals.



## Robert G. Curtis

"Bobby"

Freshman Chorus (1), Boys' Chorus (2, 3, 4), Mixed Chorus (3, 4); Pendant (4); Band (1, 2, 3, 4), All-State Band (4)

Short and stocky, Bob rightly comes by the appellation of "The Little Man with the Big Horn." Must be Bob likes music because band and chorus and horn lessons can't leave him time for too much else! Nevertheless, Bob is never in such a hurry that he won't sing out "Hi" and stop to chat a-piece.



**Barbara J. Dailey**

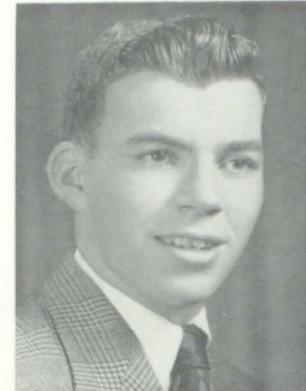
“Barb”

Hey look—this girl totes a sparkler! Barb, you always seem as happy as can be. What’s your secret? We notice that you are quite an able chauffeur and we’re wondering whose car you’re driving to school. We like your ready smile, casual coiffeur, and ability to appreciate a joke. Is it true that after June it will be a wedding gown instead of a cap and gown?

**Clayton E. Dalley**

“Jack”

Jack is a loyal commuter from Berlin and we’re glad he thinks it is worth it. A warm smile, a witticism, and a hearty laugh all indicate his presence. He is one of our favorite sports fans, too; in fact, whatever this fellow does he does so wholeheartedly that we don’t see how he can fail.



**Harry L. Daniels**

Football J.V. (1, 2); Basketball Manager (2); Freshman Chorus (1), Boys’ Glee Club (2, 3, 4), Mixed Chorus (2, 3, 4), Pendant (4), All-State Chorus (4); Band (1, 2, 3, 4); Pro-Merito (3); Silver “M” (4); Record Board (4)

Turn on the radio and let’s hear some music. If Harry is around, it’s sure to be jazz. As a member of the band’s trombone section and of the All-State Chorus, this guy likes to make music as well as listen to it. A jovial character, Harry is never without a “chuckle stimulator,” nor is he ever without friends.

**Alice J. Davis**

Here’s a tall, blonde lass who doesn’t believe in being idle. Alice has many friends, of course. She rides in a black Plymouth... sometimes she drives; sometimes she has a chauffeur. When we asked what her favorite form of exercise was she told us that it was chewing gum. Anyway, she’s a lot of fun to be with and a wonderful girl.



## Harlan L. Douglass

"Harl"

Football Assistant Manager (3); Baseball Manager (3); Librarian (1, 2)

"Hey, got your trig done?" is Harlan's salutation. Our Good Humor Man, Harlan can always be depended upon to brighten any gloomy school morn. An embryonic electrician, he could be wired for sound. An omnipresent grin and a debonair, devil-may-care manner (to coin a cliche) spell H-A-R-L-A-N.



## Jacqueline E. Dunbar

"Jackie"

Style Show (2)

A bright, sunny smile is Jackie's trademark, and she says she would rather be smiling in California, the Sunshine State, than in any other place. If you want to make her happy, just play any song, as long as a "certain guy" is singing it! Always industrious, Jackie plans to work after graduation.

## Robert E. Duquette

"Dukie"

Pro-Merito (4)

Anyone for golf? Bob will be happy to play with you because he names the "sport of Presidents" his favorite pas-time. We can guarantee that you'll have a barrel of fun, too, 'cause no one who's around Bob can stay morose for long. Just by looking into his eyes, you can see the fun being kindled.

After graduation Bob plans to don the Air Force blue and serve Uncle Sam.



## William C. FitzGerald

"Fitz"

Football J.V. (2, 3), Varsity (4), Letter (4); Baseball J.V. (1, 2); Pro-Merito (4)

Tall and brawny with blue eyes and a noteworthy "feet-ball" record is Bill. Also, he is a fisherman who always brings home something, even if it's only a tall tale. In study halls Bill can be seen pushing all other work aside to give priority to math. No one enjoys a joke or a good time more than this guy, and he does his part in contributing to the general jollification.

Bill plans to join the Navy after he graduates. Uncle Sam is a lucky man!



## Joan G. Foster

GAA (1, 2, 3, 4), 50 Point Award (1), 100 Point Award (2), 200 Point Award (4); Cheerleading J.V. (1, 2), Varsity (3, 4), Captain (4); Freshman Chorus (1), Girls' Glee Club (2, 3, 4), Mixed Chorus (3, 4), Pendant (4); Masque (2, 3, 4); Silver "M" (4); Solonscope (3, 4); Record Board (3, 4); Freshman Reception Decorations Committee Chairman (4)

Chip, chip and cheers, giggles and smiles, that's Joan, our own doll who has led the cheering this year. Between looking for that lost item and rounding up the squad to practice yelling, Joan's a pretty busy gal. She's a music lover, a Disneyland admirer, and a recent ski-fiend. Always ready for a good time, Joan can make any event a fabulous one.

## Lucille F. Frontini

"Lucifer"

Ski Club (1, 2); GAA (1, 2, 3, 4), 50 Point Award (2); Masque (2, 3, 4); Pro-Merito (3); Office Staff (2); Silver "M" (4); Solonscope (2, 3, 4); Record Board (3, 4), Editor (4)

How can one person cram so much work and so much fun into twenty-four hours? Lucille seems to be a master of this. Always ready to help someone out, she's also ready for fun, too. Many a mouse has been amazed upon creeping from his hole at midnight to find Lucille still slaving away. Pretty eyes, lovely curly hair, a sense of humor, and a terrific personality combine to make Lucille a swell person to have around.



## Edwin C. Gallison

"Ed"

Football Manager (3, 4); Basketball Manager (3, 4), Assistant Manager (2); Freshman Chorus (1), Boys' Chorus (2, 3, 4), Mixed Chorus (2, 3, 4), Pendant (4), All-State Chorus (4); Pro-Merito (4); Silver "M" (4); Solonscope (3); Record Board (4); Boys State (3); Junior Prom Invitations Committee Chairman (3)

Here's the fellow who keeps the basketball team running smoothly. He has a special talent that's rare around MHS—he can take shorthand! His typing speed is nothing to scoff at either. His humor and impromptu remarks enliven many classes. Though hectic to know and skeptical about women drivers, he's still fun to know.

## Hazel E. Gauthier

With a warm, friendly personality, Hazel has no trouble making friends. A lover of good jokes, as those sparkling eyes reveal, Hazel can out-giggle anyone. She is generous, loyal, and always willing to work. This gal is a whiz at sewing, cooking and dancing. The fine art of letter-writing which she has acquired can only come from long practice.



## Susan A. Goodwin

"Sue"

Ski Club (1, 2, 3, 4), Ski Team Varsity (1, 2, 3, 4); GAA (1, 2, 3, 4), Secretary (2), Business Manager (4), 50 Point Award (1); Class Vice-President (2); Band (1, 2, 3, 4), All-State Band (4); Masque (1, 2, 3, 4), Pin (3), Vice-President (3), "The Bat" (2); Pro-Merito (3); Silver "M" (3); Solonscope (2, 3, 4), Assistant Editor (3), Editor (4); Record Board (4); Junior Prom Music Committee Chairman (3); Girls State (3), Lieutenant Governor (3)

Yahoo! Sue's off to the mountain 'cause it's National Hunk Week. Socializing is one of Sue's specialties, and she definitely has the personality for it.

First she represented MHS at Vermont Girls State, then she was elected Lieutenant Governor of Girls State, and finally she was the Vermont representative at Girls Nation in Washington, D.C.



## Gail E. Graham

Librarian (2); Freshman Chorus (1), Girls' Glee Club (3, 4), Mixed Chorus (4), All-State Chorus (4); Masque (1, 2, 3, 4), Pin (3); Pro-Merito (4); Silver "M" (4); Solonscope (2, 3, 4); Record Board (3, 4)

An extremely responsible person is Gail, who is always working for Masque, Mixed Chorus or *Solonscope*. Even though she comes from Calais, she always manages to join the crowd at sport and social events.

Since a merry heart doeth good like a medicine, Gail will certainly make an excellent nurse.

## Jane B. Hamilton

"Janie"

Ski Club (1, 2, 3), Ski Team (1, 2); GAA (1, 2, 3), 50 Point Award (1), 100 Point Award (2), 200 Point Award (3); Band (1, 2, 3, 4), All-State Band (4); Masque (1, 2, 3); Silver "M" (4); Record Board (2); Style Show (2)

Old '56 thinks Janie is a man-hater, but Janie says that we're all wrong; so who are we to argue? A trombone virtuoso, Janie was an MHS representative to All-State. Also an active member of GAA, she makes snow and skiing synonymous in her dictionary. It's Janie's *joie de vivre* and friendliness that we enjoy most about her.



## Margaret J. Hibbard

"Peggy"

Ski Club (1, 2, 3, 4), Secretary (4), Treasurer (4); Ski Team (1, 2, 4); GAA (1, 2, 3, 4), 50 Point Award (1), 100 Point Award (2), 200 Point Award (3); Band (1, 2, 3, 4), All-State Band (4); Masque (2, 3, 4); Pro-Merito (4); Office Staff (2); Silver "M" (4); Record Board (2, 4), Freshman Reception Music Committee Chairman (4); Class Secretary (2)

Don't panic. Line forms at right! Here comes our calm, cool, and collected Peggy—sometimes called Puggy—who, as usual, has just the right clothes for just the occasion. Head tooter in the clarinet section and an active member of the GAA and Masque, she is also one of those fanatics who gaze pensively at mountains and long for snow.



**Anthony R. Hill**

“Tony”

A preliminary chuckle, a cautious grin, a mischievous laugh—Tony’s here. We seniors all agree that he’s the “Most-fun-in-home-rooms” even though the faculty may not concur with us. A happy-go-lucky, sunny-side-up sort of guy, Tony contributes much to the general jollifications here and there. Friendly, funny, and fairly loquacious, Tony represents Dignity suffused with Merriment.

**Timothy E. Houghton**

“Tim”

Eat, drink, and be merry; tomorrow’s uncertain is “Big Tim’s” avowed philosophy. A scintillating character who’s got what it takes, Tim’s bark is worse than his bite, we can assure you. In school, Tim’s all business. He seeks his pleasure on the ski slope, tennis court, or in merely “hacking around.” Marks, mind and hypotheses are Tim’s assets, and a better conversationalist is hard to find.



**David H. Hudson**

“Rock”

Football J.V. (1, 2), Varsity (3, 4), Letter (3); Basketball J.V. (1, 2), Varsity (3, 4), Letter (3); Baseball J.V. (1), Varsity (2, 4); Track (3); Assembly Committee (3, 4), Chairmanship (4); Freshman Chorus (1), Boys’ Chorus (2), Mixed Chorus (2); Band (1, 2, 3, 4), All-State Band (2, 4); Student Council (1, 2, 3, 4), Secretary-Treasurer (2); Junior Prom Music Committee Chairman (3)

May we present Davey “Crockett” Hudson, the champion lady-charmer with the wink that drops ’em all. What would life have been without this demon to torment us! Although he’s a hot trumpet soloist, Dave also settles down to being a real asset to our Student Council and sees to it that our assemblies run smoothly.

**Janet R. Ippich**

“Jan”

GAA (1, 2, 3, 4); Freshman Chorus (1), Girls’ Glee Club (2); Masque (1, 2, 3, 4); Pro-Merito (4); Style Show (2)

One of the calmer gals in the illustrious class of ’56, Jan is very skillful in the domestic arts of cooking and sewing. Her favorite subject is arithmetic; but that necessarily involves her pet peeve, homework. Dependable and sportsmanlike, Janet is always ready with that friendly smile and helping hand.



## Nancy C. Jones

"Jonesie"

Style Show (4)

Nancy came to us from Rhinebeck, New York, in her junior year where she was active in dramatics, chorus, and basketball. She enjoys especially the tersichorean and culinary pursuits (dancing and cooking, as you must know). Jonesie's jet black hair, pretty blue eyes, and good-looking clothes are the envy of us all. We've heard her mention something about wanting to be an air-line stewardess.



## Merriam K. Knapp

Style Show (2)

Merriam is a gal of few words, but those few words are always well worth listening to. She was one of our first girl "pilots" and has managed to keep her vehicle on the road ever since. Her pleasant voice, efficiency, and slightly mischievous grin (which can broaden into a real Colgate smile) will certainly be appreciated in any office.

## Karen G. Kriplin

"Clementine"

Style Show (4)

With jet black hair and snapping eyes, Clem is a veritable live wire and adds her bit of spice to the spirit of '56. There's nothing in the line of work she won't tackle with boundless energy and still find time for recreation, especially skating.

Karen has her sights set on a secretarial career and also plans to visit the British Isles soon. Bon voyage, Karen!



## Patricia L. Law

"Pat"

Librarian (3); GAA (1); Freshman Chorus (1), Girls' Glee Club (2); Masque (2, 3, 4), "The Bat" (3), "Wizard of Oz" (2); Style Show (2, 4)

Got a headache? Need a nurse? In a few years Pat will be qualified to give you a pill. Rather quiet (???), Pat has a bubbling personality and is our expert on "How to Present a Skit." Right, Pat? Her intuition, sense of humor and a kind word for everyone are three things we'll always remember about Pat.



**Bradley M. Lawrence**

“Brad”

Ski Club (1, 2, 3, 4), Ski Team (1, 2, 3), Letter (2); Junior Prom Program Chairman (3); Projectionist (1, 2, 3); Pro-Merito (4)

Although we won't assert that punctuality is Brad's middle name, we do agree that achievement and Brad are synonymous. Thus far he has distinguished himself in church work by becoming president of the Troy Methodist Conference. Brad is happily argumentative and his unanticipated witticisms have flipped many a dreary situation sunny-side-up.

Whatever the nebulous future may hold for Brad, we're sure he'll be equal to the challenge.

**Katherine I. Lowell**

“Kathy”

Amiable and amicable Kathy is the kind of gal we like to have around. Calm, collected, and congenial, she possesses those rather rare virtues of being a good listener and an interesting conversationalist. Always quiet? Nope! See that ring on her fourth finger? That goes to prove that she always gets things “Don.”



**Jeanine I. Mathewson**

“Jim”

GAA (1, 2, 3, 4); Masque (2, 3, 4), Pin (4), “She Stoops to Conquer” (4); Pro-Merito (3); Office Staff (3, 4); Silver “M” (4); Solonscope (3, 4); Record Board (3, 4), Business Manager (4); Junior Prom Program Committee Chairman (3); Girls State (3)

Jeanine is very active on the *Solonscope*, RECORD Board, and Masque. There isn't a committee organized around school that doesn't want Jeanine either as a member or, better still, a chairman. Although Jeanine may seem to be rather reserved at times, she never fails to join the “gang” whenever there's work to be done or fun to be had. She's a wonderful gal who deserves lots of success.

**Peter C. Maunsell**

“Wedge”

Football J.V. (1, 2), Varsity (4); Basketball J.V. (1, 2); Solonscope (1)

Ah ha! Another football player! And how about those many hours of serious studying? Well, anyhow . . . this lithe, extroverted, devil-may-care guy with the distinctive crew cut and the flashing eyes really gets around. A natural tease, Pete's never without that trusty wisecrack and always adds spice to any party. Our friend, “The Wedge,” aspires to be a multi-millionaire—and before you know it, he probably will be, too.



## Richard M. Maxham

"Dick"

Projectionist (1, 2, 3)

Dick is one of the few radio hams in MHS who has his amateur's license. Although he'd never tell you, he is one of the more talented '56ers. Dick is a virtuoso on the accordion, a whiz in electronics—and, girls, he raises mink coats! He's full of surprises—for example, we never know which car he'll be late to school in.

Affable and ambitious, Dick is one whose career we'll watch with interest and curiosity.



## Peter C. McGibney

"Scotty"

Football J. V. (1, 2), Varsity (2, 3, 4), Letter (2); Basketball J. V. (1, 2), Varsity (2, 3, 4), Letter (2), Captain (3); Class President (1); Pro-Merito (3); Office Staff (3); Silver "M" (3); Student Council (2, 3, 4), Vice-President (3), President (4); Boys State (3)

Pete, voted the best-looking and most popular boy, always has everything under control. As president of student council, he has sparked many of the council's projects promoting school activities as well as school spirit. Pete is recognized as one of Vermont's best football and basketball players—two sports in which his calmness and good sportsmanship have paid off.

We'll always remember his subtle humor, tact, and sincere friendliness. And we'll never forget those jazzy shirts.

## Stephen C. Meletes

"Mouse"

Football J.V. (1, 2), Varsity (2, 3, 4), Letter (2); Basketball J.V. (1, 2), Varsity (2, 3, 4), Letter (2); Baseball Varsity (1, 2, 3, 4), Letter (1); Athletic Association Chairman (3); Student Council (3, 4)

Mouse is the sportscaster's pronunciation Waterloo, but when we hear "Maleetees is in there!" we know the scores are being rolled up. Steve is the sharpy who preferred to spend his senior year with his "buddies" although his family moved away. Could his middle initial stand for the circles he runs around his opponents in sports?

A hard worker with a lot of spirit, Steve has been an active member of the Student Council and served as chairman of the Athletic Association.



## Cynthia Merrill

"Cynie"

Masque (2, 3, 4); Record Board (2, 3, 4); Solonscope (2, 3, 4); Freshman Chorus (1), Girls' Glee Club (2, 3, 4), Mixed Chorus (2, 3, 4); GAA (1, 2, 3, 4); Ski Club (2); Silver "M" (4); Pro-Merito (4)

Cynthia is the gal who loves parties and good times. Whenever someone tells a good joke we like to watch Cynie laugh so that we can kid her about her cute dimples. But all kidding aside, Cynie really can be serious when the occasion calls for dignity. We're sure that her nurse's training will include a few handsome young interns.



## Marilyn A. Mix

“Beasty”

GAA (1, 2, 3, 4), 50 Point Award (1); Class Secretary (1); Freshman Chorus (1), Girls' Glee Club (2, 3, 4), Mixed Chorus (3, 4), All-State Chorus (4); Pro Merito (4); Silver “M” (3); Solonscope (1, 2, 3, 4); Record Board (2, 3, 4); Chairman Junior Prom Decorations Committee (3)

Bing, pop, sparkle! Marilyn's around. Whether she's cheerleading or “just around,” her personality is always evident. The more serious side of her nature displays itself in her liking for mechanical drawing and in playing a mean piano. A sports enthusiast, “Beasty” swims, skis, and spectates. Pretty eyes, a varied wardrobe, and that frequent “No kidding!” are all part of the picture, too.

## Elliot A. Morse

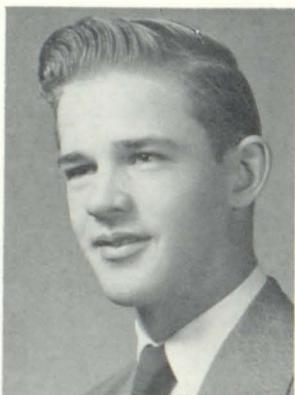
Friendly, quiet, and always ready with a smile—that's our boy, Elliot. His hobbies include—you'd never guess!—woodworking and tinkering on cars and motorcycles. Elliot plans to be a “Farmer Brown” after he graduates in June, but just for the summer. In spite of the fact that this fellow would like to spend his winters in Florida, Alaska holds a certain fascination for him. That middle initial, however, stands for Aiken, so perhaps Washington, D.C., is where we'll be hearing from him.



## Kent C. Morse

Pro-Merito (3)

Otherwise known as Will Rogers II, this happy lad's greatest ambition is to learn to fly—airplanes, of course! For the present, he is often seen in a black and white Ford crammed full of BOYS. Because he's so pleasantly argumentative, we think he would have been an asset to the Debating Team; but they found out about him too late. On our blue prints of the future we see Kent in the Air Force as an aviation cadet. From then on in, he'll be flying high.



## Barbara G. Muzzy

“Barb”

Style Show (2)

Feeling sad, depressed, neurotic? Then listen to Barb play an Irish jig on her accordion and your worries will melt away. Besides being an accomplished musician, she manages to find time to sew, dance, type, and have fun. Barb is never without a touch of gaiety, and her lively interest in people has won her many friends. It appears she has an equally lively interest in an alumnus of '55. Even though averse to letterwriting, she always manages to keep the post office busy.



## Ralph W. Neill

One of our less vociferous seniors, Ralph is, nevertheless, a very friendly chap. Need some help with that mean ol' slide rule? How about that eighth physics problem? Here's your amicable answer man! Ralph's cordial and sincere manner and his thoughtful philosophy mark him as a worthwhile friend. The best of luck and success to you, Ralph!



## David P. Norton

"Dave"

Football J.V. (1) Freshman Chorus (1), Boys' Chorus (1, 2), Mixed Chorus (1, 2), All-State Chorus (2); Band (1)

What Tarzan is to the jungle, Dave is to the swimming pool. He's our super swimmer and diver and probably the envy of every fish. When Jack Frost comes a-knocking, Dave trades his water fins for a gun and still later on for skates and skis. Obliging and congenial, Dave is everybody's pal.

## Joyce H. Norton

Class Secretary (3); Band (1, 2, 3); Style Show (2)

Joyce is the girl who loves dancing and "dis-loves" homework. Her naturally wavy hair and well-stocked wardrobe are the envy of many girls and the admiration of many fellows. Until this year when her subject interfered, she twirled a baton in the majorette corps. Usually seen and heard with Lorraine, she certainly is loads of fun to know.



## Jane O. Page

Librarian (3, 4); Girls' Glee Club (2, 3); Masque (1, 2, 3, 4), Pin (3), "Dear Ruth" (4), "Little Dog Laughed" (3), "The Wizard of Oz" (2); Pro-Merito (4); Office Staff (3, 4); Silver "M" (4); Record Board (2, 3, 4), Editor (4)

To blend loquacity with dignity is a unique achievement which Jane has accomplished neatly and nicely. Rather versatile, Jane has maintained a high academic standing and still has not allowed extra-curricular activities to pass her by. Jane's stagefever has drawn her deeply into Masque work—both as an actress and as a director. How we envy her pretty eyes and good-looking clothes. Diligent, conscientious, and friendly, Jane has added much to the spirit of '56.





**Elinor M. Pierce**

“Ellie”

GAA (1, 2, 3, 4), 50 Point Award (1); Cheerleading J.V. (1), Varsity (2, 3, 4); Class Vice-President (1); Girls Glee Club (2); Masque (1, 2, 4); Pro-Merito (4); Silver “M” (4); Style Show (2); Freshman Reception Invitations Committee Chairman (1)

Here is our choice for the most popular girl in the Class of '56, a three-year varsity cheerleader whose spunk and sparkle helped keep us cheering until we were hoarse. She's also popular with underclassmen for whom she conjures up senior privileges.

**C. Roger Reynolds**

“Rog”

Ski Club (1, 2, 3, 4), Ski Team (1, 2, 3, 4); Freshman Chorus (1), Boys' Chorus (2); Boys' State (3); Junior Prom Refreshment Committee Chairman (3); Track (3, 4)

Big and husky, Rog is one of our more ubiquitous football players. In the mad old summertime he is the pool's veritable “Black Boy!” And, in the winter Rog makes like a jumping jack with those hickories. Clyde's everybody's pal—generous and friendly. And if clothes make the man, this guy's claim to that title is assured. (For the long and the short of it, consult L.K.)



**Edwin E. Reynolds**

“Eddie”

Ski Club (1, 3, 4), Ski Team J.V. (1), Varsity (3, 4), Letter (3); Ticket Squad (1)

Need a ride to The Mountain? Here's a good man to contact because Eddie's sure to say, “Yeah, sure come along with me.” To go along with his skiing ability this lad has such assets as a straightforward personality, a devilish sense of humor, a yen for a good time, and a sincere enjoyment of people. Ed gets so much fun out of living; he's a sure bet for success.

**Gail Richardson**

GAA (1, 2, 3); Pro-Merito (3); Solonscope (2, 3, 4); Record Board (4); Freshman Chorus (1), Girls' Glee Club (2); Style Show (2)

Here's a merry lassie! Just ask anyone within giggling distance if Gail is solemn and serious and you'll hear “No!”. Gail has worked on *Solonscope*, *RECORD* and in GAA and Glee Club. Her friendliness and ready smile have won her many friends here at MHS and we're sure it won't be long before she's some boss' favorite secretary.



## Reginald H. Robinson

"Reggie"

Football J.V. (1, 2), Varsity (3, 4), Letter (3); Boys' Chorus (2, 3, 4), Mixed Chorus (2, 3, 4), All-State Chorus (4), Pendant (4); Freshman Reception Refreshment Committee Chairman (4)

Reg is standard equipment in the chorus and sings a mean bass. We once thought Reg was a rather subdued guy until we got to know him better. Then we found out that he is really a potential life-of-the-party who's just waiting for a push into a good time. And man, is he a cool dancer—both for that smooth music and the rock 'n roll.

Keep your eyes on the Fred Astaire of the Class of '56. Someday you can say that you knew him when. . . .



## Chester E. Rollins

"Chet"

Chet's quite the clown, though you might not guess it at first. Perpetually good-natured, this fellow is indeed a good sport—even when the joke's on him. He's also a dependable and loyal Solon fan, too—the kind we like to cheer with. And when his eyes start twinkling, there's mischief about; so don't go away, stay around for the fun.

## George B. Roop

George not only talks a blue streak—he drives one, too. A free and easy manner plus a sixth sense of humor are his special trademarks. An ardent Campus patron, George can usually be found socializing in that hallowed spot.

As for the future? Who can tell? Or, as the saying goes, "Ask George."



## Alan B. Shute

"Shutsie"

Football J.V. (1), Varsity (2, 3, 4), Letter (2); Basketball Manager (3, 4); Baseball J.V. (2); Track (3, 4); Masque (3, 4), "The Lottery" (3), "Parting at Imsdorf" (4), "She Stoops to Conquer" (4)

Have you heard the one about . . . ? Al will tell you if you haven't.

Wherever there's action—on the football field or at a party—you'll find Al in the thick of it. You must have seen him at the basketball games for that's what he manages so capably. The Masque has used Al's "ham" in several productions. Can he sing? We mean—CAN HE SING! Or haven't you heard about those informal quartets???





David R. Sierra

"Bebe"

Football J.V. (1), Varsity (2, 3, 4), Letter (2), Captain (4); Baseball J.V. (1), Manager (2, 3, 4); Baseball Manager (2); Track (3); Masque (4), "She Stoops to Conquer" (4); Freshman Reception Clean-up Committee Chairman (4)

Half a truck is better than none and Dave's has a smoke-stack, no less. Dave's our class comedian and also the perfect emcee. More important, Dave is one of our rugged football linemen, and opponents cringe when they see him coming. Recently he added dramatics to his list of talents. And speaking of talents, we mustn't forget his ability to keep the girls guessing.

Harriet R. Slosberg

"Hayit"

GAA (2, 3, 4); Class Treasurer (3); Freshman Chorus (1), Girls' Glee Club (2, 3, 4), Mixed Chorus (3, 4), Secretary (4), Pendant (4); Masque (1, 2, 3, 4), "Sunday Costs Five Pesos" (3), Pin (4); Pro-Merito (4); Silver "M" (4); Student Council (4); Solonscope (1, 2, 3, 4); Record Board (1, 2, 3, 4); Co-Chairman of Junior Prom (3); Style Show (4).

Watch those twinkling eyes and flashing black highlights because Harriet's the gal who has a natural gift for making and keeping friends. A person with many responsibilities, she works hard and is always willing to lend a hand. However, it's not all work and no play for Harriet, for where there's a party, there's Harriet and her camera.



Nancy J. Smith

"Nan"

Freshman Chorus (1); Style Show (2)

Nancy's the underclassmen's conception of what a demure, dignified senior should be like. To the seniors she's the gal with the cute smile and bubbling giggle who has often added a bit o' fun to those dreary study halls. Variety is the spice of Nancy's life and also the theme of her wardrobe. Best of luck to you, Nancy, and just keep right on smiling.

Barbara J. Stone

"Bobbi"

Masque (2, 3, 4); Solonscope (4); Record Board (3, 4); Style Show (2, 4)

Barb is our popular *femme fatale* masquerading as a serious senior. Popular with both fellows and gals, she lays claim to a multitude of friends. Always organized, she's a natural for the RECORD's capable organizations chairman. A pixie-like hairdo and a well-groomed look belong to this gal along with a sparkling personality that we certainly do envy.



## Vernal F. St. Pierre

"Cuz"

Verne has spent so much of his time in casts that some of our senior biologists have suggested that he could be classified as belonging to the class Crustacea. We certainly do admire him for having come through each catastrophe with an undaunted spirit. Like the rest of us, he enjoys nearly any form of entertainment—even school. Perhaps that middle initial stands for Fun.

To one of the nicest guys we've ever known we wish the best of everything—including that trip around the world, courtesy of Uncle Sam's Navy.



## Duane K. Tallman

"Pickle"

Pro-Merito (4)

Duane is a veritable Robin Hood, having risen to a position of eminence in archery. Affable and easy to please, Duane likes everything from the proverbial soup to nuts with emphasis on archery and music and de-emphasis on girls(???). To the delight of all editors, the photo bug has hit him, and he has proved to be a most co-operative photographer (even if the subjects were not).

## Charles R. Tetzlaff

"Charlie"

Football Varsity (3, 4), Letter (3); Track (3, 4); Class President (3); Boys State (3)

Big Chuck, who came to MHS from Spaulding during our sophomore year, has skyrocketed to fame as a junior class president, a pass-snagging football end, and a prominent member of various misogynistic cults—among them is the G.O.T. which he served so ably as the vice-president. His election as the most capable boy in the Class of '56 was indeed a fitting climax.

Keep your sights on Charlie . . . he's going places!



## Herbert L. Tobey

"Herb"

Football J.V. (1, 2), Varsity (3, 4), Letter (3); Basketball J.V. (1, 2), Varsity (3, 4), Letter (3); Track (3); Class Treasurer (1); Band (1, 2, 3, 4), All-State Band (4); Masque (1, 2, 3, 4), Pin (2), Letter (4), President (4), "Only an Orphan Girl" (1), "The Wizard of Oz" (2), "The Lottery" (3), "She Stoops to Conquer" (4); Silver "M" (4); Solonscope (1, 2); Chairman Junior Prom Decorations Committee (3)

One of the most versatile members of our senior class is Herb Tobey. He has earned this reputation by being president of the Masque, a trumpeter in the band, and an all-round athlete. As a boy with personality-plus, he's lots of fun to be with, too.

Because he's both clever and conscientious, Herb will certainly make his mark in the world—so, keep your eyes on him!



## Irma F. Wagner

First we saw her—then we didn't! And that's the way it went. But we certainly are glad to have you back with us this year, Irma. If you want to please this gal, all you need to do is start strumming a guitar or saddling up a horse. An energetic equestrienne, Irma likes action. With her twinkling eyes, heaps of friends, and her love of fun, Irma is a worthwhile acquaintance in anyone's book.

## Carolyn L. Ward

Girls' Glee Club (3, 4), Mixed Chorus (3, 4); Masque (1, 2, 3, 4); Office Staff (3); Record Board (4); Freshman Reception Music Committee Chairman (4); Style Show (2, 4)

Our musical miss, Carolyn spends a good deal of time with the Choruses, either "plinking" or vocalizing. Delightfully poised, she seems to take everything in her stride instead of fussing and worrying about it. Her genuineness and charm have won her many friends—even as far as Middlebury!

She looks happily toward the future. What do you see, Carolyn?



## John A. Whiting

Football J.V. (1, 2), Varsity (2, 3, 4), Letter (2), Co-captain (4); Basketball J.V. (1, 2), Varsity (3, 4), Letter (3), Captain (4); Track (3, 4), Letter (3); Class President (2); Masque (1, 2), "Wizard of Oz" (2); Silver "M" (3); Solonscope (2); Boys State (3)

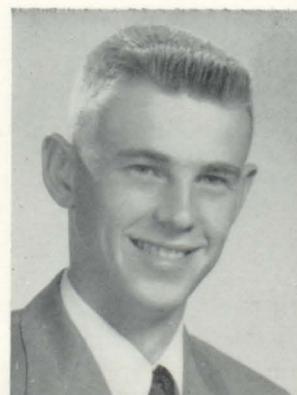
"Don't hit me—please!" is the significant plea uttered by football opponents. "It's hopeless!" sigh the basketball opponents. "He's ours!" is the cheer from his track teammates. He has acquired many honors in the sports field and is our representative at the Third Annual Shrine Football Game. He has won local and state-wide fame because of his activities in Boys State, Youth Fellowship, and All-State Band, as well as for his athletic prowess.

## Douglas W. Witham

"Doug"

Doug is our happy-go-lucky, face-life-with-a-smile classmate. To verify this, he admits that his weakness is girls (Did we hear you mention Jane Russell, Doug?) and that his supreme wish is for a million dollars (Would you settle for nine hundred thousand, Doug?) which he would probably share with us.

Sometimes Doug's sunny exterior is rather misleading because he really is an ambitious hard-working fellow, several miles along the road to success.

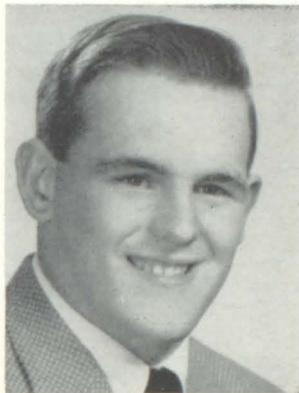


## Eva M. Witham

"Eve"

Valedictorian (4); GAA (1, 2, 3, 4), 50 Point Award (2), 100 Point Award (2); Pro-Merito (3); Freshman Chorus (1), Girls' Glee Club (2, 3, 4), Mixed Chorus (4), Pendant (4); Office Staff (2, 3, 4); Silver "M" (4); Solonscope (4); Record Board (4); Style Show (2)

Poised and charming, Eve is an excellent student and an efficient office-staffer. Variety certainly is the spice of her life, for her many interests range from sports to Davy Crockett. Her creativeness as well as her willingness to do "slave labor" have surely been appreciated by the *Solonscope* and the RECORD. Her friendliness, pleasant disposition and delightful sense of humor have endeared her to all of us.



## Robert E. Yates, Jr.

"Itchy"

Football J. V. (1), Varsity (1, 2, 3, 4), Letter (1); Basketball J.V. (1, 2), Varsity (3, 4), Letter (3); Baseball J.V. (1), Varsity (2, 3, 4), Letter (2); Freshman Chorus (1)

Bob is our hero, the three-letter star who excels in all sports. Especially outstanding in football, Itchy has brought many honors to our doorstep. The proud possessor of one "slightly used" vehicle, he is never alone because there's always Steve. The signal is "Hi fellas," which opens the door to good times and good company with "The Brute."

## William J. Manning

"Bill"

Swish—zoom! It's a bird... it's a plane... it's Bill! My how that boy can drive. And if your car isn't feeling well, Bill can fix it. If he isn't in or under his car, this friendly mechanic is probably pursuing his sundry hobbies—hunting, fishing, and/or girls. Quote: What do you think of that? Unquote!

After graduation Bill may be serving Uncle Sam.

## David A. Newhall

"Boots"

Although David is one of the more quiet members of our class of '56, he always has a way to express his sincere personality. If you want to find him after school hours, you'll have to journey up the road to Middlesex where he lives. His future plans are indefinite, but we wish him all luck and success.

## Robert M. Smith

"Bob"

Football J.V. (2, 3), Varsity (4)

A fugitive from the football squad, Bob's a likeable guy with a carefree disposition. No one enjoys a good time or a joke more than he, and he usually has an ample supply of both. This dreamer's conception of Elysium is simply a place where one can hunt, read, travel, and eat all at once. Of a realistic turn, however, Bob plans to help Uncle Sam out by joining the Marine Corps.

## CLASS PROPHECY

Let's take a peak into the mystic future and see what it holds for the great Class of '56. Will there be rags, riches, obscurity or fame? First we wave our magic wand and now we see . . .

ROGER ABBEY — Owner of the Capital Market

JEANNE BAILEY — Happily married

JOHN BAIRD — Star Soloist for the Metropolitan Opera

RICHARD BALDWIN — Touring the country with his hillbilly band, "Dick's Doodles"

WENDELL BALDWIN — Baseball manager of "Bertie's Bloomer Belles"

TOM BANFIELD — A happy playboy in an Amazon tribe

FRANK BARRETT — Hollywood's "cheesecake" photographer

DAN BATTLES — Editor of the New York *Herald Tribune*

GAIL BIGGLESTONE — Giving Andrea Mead Lawrence a run for her money

DOUGLAS BOOTH — Running a taxi service to The Mountain

MILDRED BROCHARD — On a ranch in Wyoming

ROBERT BROWN — Running "Brown's Barns"

ELEANOR BUGBEE — Sending in her application to Norwich

PRISCILLA CHAPMAN — Still "bobbing" around

ALICE CLOSE — Making cherry pies for the king of France

LILLIAN CLOUGH — A jet pilot

NANCY COMI — Blond bombshell of the Rockettes

JANICE CROTEAU — Planting palm trees and selling coconuts at a profit

DAVID CURTIS — Business manager for the famed Farouk harem

EVALYN CURTIS — Favorite hairdresser for bald men

ROBERT CURTIS — Lost in his horn

BARBARA DAILEY — Famous marriage counselor.

CLAYTON DALLEY — Monopolizing the produce of the United States Mint

HARRY DANIELS — Respected opera critic now writing his "Two Times Four Symphony"

ALICE DAVIS — Growing pony tails

HARLAN DOUGLASS — Televising the inside of Houghton's mind

JACQUELINE DUNBAR — Growing orange blossoms in sunny California

ROBERT DUQUETTE — Discreetly letting the President win at golf

WILLIAM FITZGERALD — Famous fisherman popular with mermaids

JOAN FOSTER — Frustrated vender of potato sacks

LUCILLE FRONTINI — Owner of noted island hotel and catering exclusively to shipwrecked sailors.

EDWIN GALLISON — Auditor of the State of Vermont

HAZEL GAUTHIER — Rowing a certain sailor around the ocean

SUSAN GOODWIN — Eating a lollypop and skipping rope

GAIL GRAHAM — Head nurse at the Tufts infirmary

- JANE HAMILTON — Shorthand champion of the world
- PEG HIBBARD — One of the ten best-dressed women in the United States
- TONY HILL — Still talking
- LORRAINE HOLMES — Earning thousands with her inimitable giggle
- BETSY HOLT — Wardrobe mistress for "The Four Lads"
- TIM HOUGHTON — Custodian of King Farouk's harem
- DAVE HUDSON — Tooting Clarabelle's horn on the Howdy Doody Show
- JANET IPPICH — Beating on the tomtoms down Africa way
- NANCY JONES — Head of public relations department at Norwich
- JEAN KINNEY — Receiving royalties from "Gentlemen Prefer Blondes"
- MERRIAM KNAPP — A somnambulist
- KAREN KRIPLIN—Guard at Pharaoh's tomb
- PAT LAW — Nurse affiliated with Farouk harem
- BRAD LAWRENCE — Strictly an atheist
- KATHERINE LOWELL — A "Don" it myself fan
- WILLIAM MANNING — Manufacturing used cars
- JEANINE MATHEWSON — Receiving \$2.98 per annum as one of the best paid teachers in the country
- PETER MAUNSELL — Keeping the "records" straight at Vassar
- RICHARD MAXHAM — Raising fur coats which are wired for sound
- PETER MCGIBNEY — With a "toni"
- STEVE MELETES — Writing a book on how to grow and raise rats as a hobby
- CYNTHIA MERRILL — Wife of the owner of Cadillac Corporation
- MARILYN MIX — Manufacturing frat pins
- ELLIOTT MORSE — Prognosticating the future
- KENT MORSE — Laying bricks on Wall Street
- BARBARA MUZZY — Playing a mad accordion in "Dick's Doodles"
- RALPH NEILL — Sound effects technician for the French movie, "Grande Silence"
- DAVID NEWHALL — Running a chain of diners
- DAVID NORTON — Lifeguard at Berlin Puddle, a national resort area
- JOYCE NORTON — Quote—Not tellin'—Unquote
- JANE PAGE — Manufacturing burnt cork and cold cream kits
- ELINOR PIERCE — Santa Claus—1976 version!!
- ROGER REYNOLDS — Teaching the moon children how to "Lindy"
- EDWIN REYNOLDS — Planting rice paddies in Japan and wondering why
- GAIL RICHARDSON — The giggler in King Ried's carnival fun house
- REGGIE ROBINSON — Owner, manager et al. of Bouncing Ballerinas
- CHESTER ROLLINS — In good humor
- GEORGE ROOP — Connoisseur famous for his taste in food and wines
- AL SHUTE — Gag man for Ed Sullivan
- DAVE SIERRA — Emcee of television program, "Say That Again"
- HARRIET SLOSBERG — Foresighted originator of Cosmic Cosmetics with the slogan "Beat the Dust!"

NANCY SMITH — Designing clothes for  
Peg Hibbard

ROBERT SMITH — The Trojan Horse

BARBARA SMITH — Singing at Ciro's  
for \$5,000 per night

VERNAL ST. PIERRE — As saintly (?)  
as ever

DUANE TALLMAN — Aiming his  
arrows a la Cupid

CHARLIE TETZLAFF — Testing inspec-  
tor for government lie-detectors

HERB TOBEY — Producer of the Mickey  
Mouse Club

CAROLYN WARD—Lighting Liberace's  
candles

JOHN WHITING — Most eligible bache-  
lor in the country and forced to  
travel incognito

DOUGLAS WITHAM — Making his  
third safari through the Great Desert

EVA WITHAM — Wondering if they  
really *are* cheaper by the dozen

ROBERT YATES — Teaching a course  
at Columbia entitled "Education of  
the Toe"

IRMA WAGNER — Lady architect de-  
signing ant hills





*How 'bout a smile?*



*Off in a cloud of dust.*



*Wanna ride with me?*



*I've made my wish!*



*Happy Birthday Joan!*



*Buddies.*



*Fashioned by Dior.*



*Our hero!*



*Hide n' seek*



*Anyone for fishing?*

*Top Row:* Barb Stone, Peter McGibney, Harriet Slosberg, Jeanine Mathewson

*Second Row:* Joan Foster's 5th birthday, Sue Goodwin and Marilyn Mix

*Bottom Row:* Alice Davis, Bob Yates, Vernal St. Pierre, Joan Foster



*Just home from  
the hairdresser*



*Still Talking!*



*Dark eyes!*



*Winter Wonderland!*



*Now we are three!*



*Steady now.*



*Attention!!*



*Where's Mama?*



*Brotherly Love.*



*Football Player??*

*Top Row: Carolyn Ward, Dave Hudson, Nancy Comi*

*Second Row: Betsy Holt, Jane Page, Priscilla Chapman, Ed Gallison*

*Bottom Row: Hazel Gauthier, Herb Tobey (left), Rog Reynolds*



*Smile pretty!*



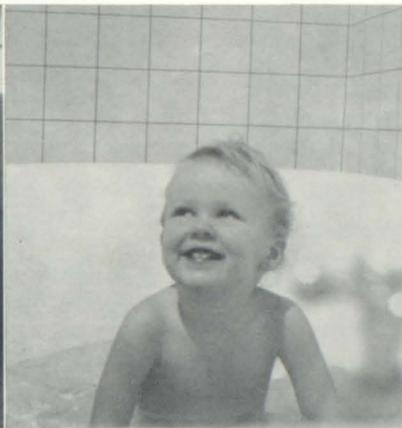
*See my kitty cat?*



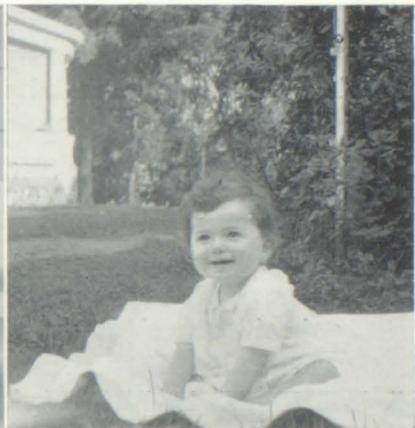
*Rock'n roll.*



*Ready to go.*



*Tub time*



*Cuddles.*



*Who ate my porridge!?!*



*Daddy's little helper*



*Wanna fight?*

*Top Row: Bob Duquette, Gall Graham, Lucille Frontini*

*Second Row: Tim Houghton, Peg Hibbard, Cynthia Merrill*

*Bottom Row: Jean Kinney, Duane Tallman, Dan Battles*

## CLASS WILL

Even in the tragedy of departure, the generous **Spirit of '56** manifests itself and enriches posterity with the following legacies:

- I, ROGER ABBEY, leave to all those who need it my ability to get along with the teachers, so that their years in school will be easier.
- I, JEANNE BAILEY, leave happily and without regret my seat in United States history class to Bernadette Bailey in hopes she will have better luck than I did.
- I, JOHN BAIRD, leave my hot air to Dave Woods, so that he may have enough steam to operate his sousa-phone.
- I, RICHARD BALDWIN, leave to the freshman the privilege of three more years at MHS, hoping that they will enjoy it as much as I have.
- I, WENDELL BALDWIN, leave to my brother and sister the ability to get along with the teachers, so that they can get better marks.
- I, THOMAS BANFIELD, leave to William Parker my knowledge of how to have friends, so that he may be a friend of students in MHS during 1957.
- I, FRANK BARRETT, leave to Bruce Henson my flair for photographing photogenic females for furthering his photographic future.
- I, DANIEL BATTLES, leave . . . I hope!
- I, DOUGLAS BOOTH, leave to any future MHS student the new MHS parking lot in hopes that he will not have as much trouble in finding a parking space as I did.
- I, MILDRED BROCHARD, leave to Montpelier High School my extra box of locker keys, so that underclassmen won't have to sit in the office all day.
- I, ROBERT BROWN, leave to Floyde Fitch my seat in assembly and the right to use the senior privileges.
- I, ELEANOR BUGBEE, bequeath to some lucky junior my seat in the Smilie Memorial Auditorium so that he may be the first person to leave assemblies.
- I, PRISCILLA CHAPMAN, leave to Shelley Johnson the honor and privilege of being the only one sporting the colors of Vermont Academy.
- I, ALICE CLOSE, leave to my sister Luana my curly hair, so that she won't have to set it every night.
- I, LILLIAN CLOUGH, leave to the rest of the Cloughs my white Ford, so that they can be fortunate enough to ride to school.
- I, NANCY COMI, leave ecstatically.
- I, JANICE CROTEAU, leave to Janet Dopp my Business Law book, so that she can make better use of it than I did.
- I, DAVID CURTIS, leave to Montpelier High School my little brother, so that there will be four more years of utter chaos in the halls of MHS.
- I, EVALYN CURTIS, leave to some junior my locker and home room seat in Room 1, so that he or she may enjoy them as much as I have this last year at MHS.

- I, ROBERT CURTIS, leave to Jon Anderson my seat in my music lesson, so that he may become more proficient in his music.
- I, BARBARA DAILEY, leave to the teachers of MHS no more Daileys for a while, so that they will have to sign no more excuse slips.
- I, HARRY DANIELS, leave to MHS my recording of the funeral march, so that the office staff may play it over the P.A. system after exams.
- I, ALICE DAVIS, leave to Jimmy and Betty my ability to study, so that they may make future use of it if they desire to do so.
- I, JACQUELINE DUNBAR, leave my standing room in the halls to my many friends from Jones Brook.
- I, ROBERT DUQUETTE, leave to David Smith my will power, so that he will not play the pinball machine.
- I, WILLIAM FITZGERALD, leave to Harlan Edwards my section of the new school, so that he won't ruin one place too much.
- I, LUCILLE FRONTINI, breathless and late, do bequeath to any imaginative noontime commuter my river barge.
- I, EDWIN GALLISON, leave to Peter Teachout my clip-board and score board, so that he may have as many confusing moments with them as I have had.
- I, SUSAN GOODWIN, leave all my books to my "little" brother, so that he may use them to keep himself earth-bound.
- I, GAIL GRAHAM, leave my Calorie Counter to Jerri Ann Wood who will probably use it more faithfully than I have.
- I, ANTHONY HILL, leave to my sister Meme my sense of humor, so that she may be the class joker, too.
- I, LORRAINE HOLMES, leave to some underclassman my chauffeur's license, so that no one will have to walk the long mile to the Campus.
- I, BETSY HOLT, leave to Nancy Fielder my job as Chorus Wardrobe Mistress in hopes that she won't have to cope with as much as I have had to.
- I, TIMOTHY HOUGHTON, leave to Tom Amidon my always neatly combed hair, so that he may hypnotize the teachers as I have done.
- I, DAVID HUDSON, leave to my sister Maureen my ability to make friends, so that she may have as many friends and as good a time in high school as I have had.
- I, JANET IPPICH, leave to Edward Cormier my ability to get along with the teachers, so that he will not have to spend so much time after school.
- I, MIRIAM KNAPP, leave to Beatrice Tracy my parking space, so that she may have a place to park her car.
- I, KAREN KRIPLIN, leave to my sister Kathleen my teachers, my knowledge and my accoutrements, so that she may have more time for television and dates.
- I, PAT LAW, leave to my sister Diane all the fun I've had at MHS.
- I, BRAD LAWRENCE, leave to posterity the golden memory of the misogynistic (and hypocritical) G.O.T.
- I, KATHERINE LOWELL, leave to anyone my homeroom seat, so that whoever sits there may have as much fun as I did.

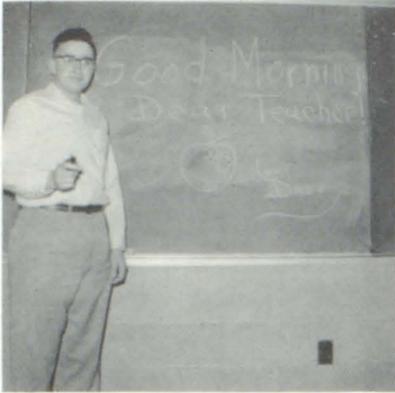
- I, JEANINE MATHEWSON, leave to my brother, "Owen," a Toni.
- I, RICHARD MAXHAM, leave to any short-legged freshman my dandy long legs, so that he will always make his classes on time in the New Building.
- I, PETER MAUNSELL, leave to Pablo Gomez my new name of "Wedge," so that Coach Brown won't be without it in football.
- I, PETER MCGIBNEY, leave to MHS two more McGibneys in hopes that they will enjoy their four years as much as I have enjoyed mine.
- I, CYNTHIA MERRILL, leave to Lucille Roop all the fun I've had at parties, so that she may enjoy herself as much as I have.
- I, MARILYN MIX, leave to anyone who wants it my voice, so that they can yell as hard and as loudly as I did at the games.
- I, BARBARA MUZZY, leave to my kid sister, Mildred, all of my school books, especially history, so that she will use them to better advantage than I did.
- I, RALPH NEILL, leave to the underclassmen my good behavior, so that the teachers can have more vacations.
- I, DAVID NEWHALL, leave to Roger Newhall my homeroom seat in Room 7, so that he will watch the notices on the bulletin board.
- I, DAVID NORTON, leave to Bill Parker my ability to sleep in seventh period study hall, so that he may be as well rested as I was.
- I, JOYCE NORTON, leave to some lucky junior, my front row seat in English, so that he may make better use of it than I have.
- I, JANE PAGE, leave to Miss Christie Murray a refrigerated file for storing her Cokes.
- I, ELINOR PIERCE, leave to Jean O'Brien my big blue blinkers, so that she may see the St. Michael's basketball games better.
- I, EDWIN REYNOLDS, leave to Buster Adams my ability to have a good time at MHS and never get a red card.
- I, ROGER REYNOLDS, leave to Lynda Kittle my *American Observers*, so that she can get more out of them than I did.
- I, GAIL RICHARDSON, leave to Meme Hill my warmest outdoor clothing, so that she won't freeze coming to school next winter.
- I, REGINALD ROBINSON, leave to any unlucky person my locker key in hopes that he will have less trouble keeping track of it than I did.
- I, GEORGE ROOP, leave to the delight and astonishment of the faculty.
- I, ALAN SHUTE, leave to MHS my effervescent supply of corn in case anyone should ever become hungry for humor.
- I, DAVID SIERRA, leave to Gordon Wilkinson my complete volumes of jokes and anecdotes, so that he can get a better response to his "jokes."
- I, HARRIET SLOSBERG, leave to my sister Roberta my many good times throughout high school, so that she may have as great a time as I have had.

- I, NANCY SMITH, leave to MHS all other Smiths. Good luck, MHS.
- I, ROBERT SMITH. leave my water pistol to Mr. Towne.
- I, BARBARA STONE, leave to every clown at MHS my serious looks, so that they may use them at any necessary occasion.
- I, VERNAL ST. PIERRE, leave to Ben Lamb my seat in English, so that he may get as good marks as I have.
- I, DUANE TALLMAN, leave to Calvin Potter my bows and arrows and decoys, so that he may have as much fun with them as I did.
- I, CHARLIE TETZLAFF, leave to Tommy Amidon my office in the honorable G.O.T., so that he may be morally and spiritually uplifted.
- I, HERB TOBEY. leave to Carol Edson my ability to write letters to her sister, so that she will have something to do in her spare time in study halls.
- I, CAROLYN WARD, leave to Ann Conkling and Robert Nims the pianos, so that they may have the opportunities to goof that I have had.

- I, JOHN WHITING, leave to any underclassman who wants it my supreme ability in foreign languages, so that he or she may become Premier of France or Emperor of Rome.
- I, DOUGLAS WITHAM, leave to Betty Davis my good behavior at all times, so that she will not get into any trouble.
- I, EVA WITHAM, leave to Miss Murray a half interest in bracelets, so that she may always have something to look for.
- I, ROBERT "ITCHY" YATES, leave to Pablo Gomez my automobile, "Bessey," so that he may have as much fun hacking around in it as I have had.
- I, IRMA WAGNER, leave to Barbara Ryan the fun of waiting in the halls in the early morning and noon hour.
- WE, LUCILLE FRONTINI and JANE PAGE, leave our blessings and Miss Branch to Sally Pierce and the *Record*. Good luck and God speed, Sally.



# SENIOR ELECTIONS



*Class Apple Polisher  
Dave Curtis*



*Done the Most for MHS  
Sue Goodwin and Dave Curtis*



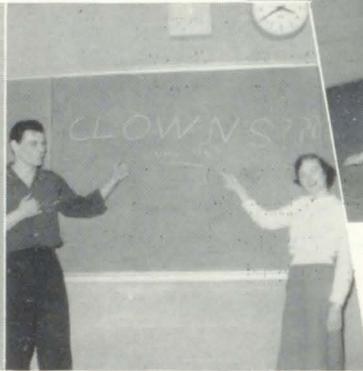
*Busiest - Lucille Frontini  
and Dave Curtis*



*Most-Likely-To-Succeed  
Tim Houghton  
and Sue Goodwin*



*Most Talkative  
Jane Page and Tony Hill*



*Class Clowns  
Bebe Sierra and Barb Stone*



*Cutest Couple  
John Whiting  
and Sue Goodwin*



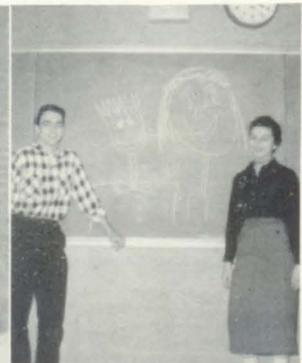
*Most Dependable  
Dave Curtis and Betsy Holt*



*Most Capable -  
Charlie Tetzlaff  
and Lucille Frontini*



*Friendliest  
Bety Holt and  
Dave Norton*



*Best Looking  
Peter McGibney  
and Nancy Comi*

## SENIOR ELECTIONS



*Most Athletic Gail Bigglestone  
and Ichy Yates*

*Most Talented Biggle-  
stone & Herb Tobey*

*Most personality  
Betsy Holt & John Whiting*

*Best All-Around  
Harriet Slosberg and  
John Whiting*



*Life-of-the-party Al Skute and  
Marilyn Mix*

*Best dancers  
Nancy Comi & Reggie  
Robinson*

*Most popular - Elinor Pierce  
and Peter McGibney*



*Quietest  
Janet Ippich and  
Ralph Weill*

*Most dignified ??  
John Whiting  
and Jane Page*

*Class Flirt and Lady-  
-Killer - Cynthia Merrill  
and Dave Hudson*

*Most Studious  
John Baird and  
Jean Kinney*



*Seated:* Jeanine Mathewson, Gail Bigglestone, Susan Goodwin

*Standing:* Charles Tetzlaff, John Baird, Roger Reynolds, Edwin Gallison, John Whiting, Peter McGibney

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## GIRLS AND BOYS STATE

Clothes packed, spirits high and a week of fun in the offing. Thus it was as six boys and three girls set out Sunday, June 19, 1955, for Green Mountain Boys and Girls State at Norwich and V.J.C., respectively.

John, Roger, Ed, Pete, Charlie, and John will tell you they've never experienced such a memorable week of both work and enjoyment; and if you question Gail, Jeanine, and Sue, you're very apt to receive the same reaction.

Green Mountain Girls and Boys State, sponsored by the American Legion and the American Legion Auxiliary, undertakes to teach its representatives about the functions of our state and local government by living in towns, counties, and political parties and by holding rallies, nominating candidates for the different offices, and finally by electing those who are to be Girls and Boys State officials.

Lieutenant Governor Susan Goodwin took top honors as Vermont Representative to Girls Nation at Washington, D.C.

## SILVER M

The highest honor a student of MHS may receive is the Silver M, which is awarded on the basis of a high scholastic record, high character, and participation in extra-curricular activities.

There are two assemblies in which the Silver M is awarded — one in midwinter and the other in the spring. The former is based on three and one half years' work and the latter, on four years'. To qualify for the spring award a student must have 14 scholastic points along with 8 points in extra-curricular activities.

We would like to thank Eleanor Bugbee for her work on the Silver M committee, and our heartiest congratulations go to the following seniors who received their Silver M for three and one-half years:

Gail Bigglestone	Susan Goodwin	Elizabeth Holt	Cynthia Merrill
Eleanor Bugbee	Jane Hamilton	Timothy Houghton	Marilyn Mix
David Curtis	Margaret Hibbard	Jean Kinney	Jane Page
Joan Foster	Lorraine Holmes	Peter McGibney	Harriet Slosberg
Edwin Gallison			Herbert Tobey

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## PRO-MERITO

The Pro-Merito award is one of the highest honors an MHS student may receive. The Pro-Merito Honor Society recognizes those students who have a high academic rating and who are of outstanding character and integrity.

This award is also given out in midwinter and late spring. The qualifications are a scholastic average of eighty-five percent for six semesters and character traits of the highest degree.

Those who have received their Pro-Merito award may be justly proud of their achievement and we wish to sincerely congratulate the members of the Class of '56 who have received their Pro-Merito award:

John Baird	Lucille Frontini	Timothy Houghton	Elliott Morse
Wendell Baldwin	Edwin Gallison	Janet Ippich	Kent Morse
Gail Bigglestone	Susan Goodwin	Jean Kinney	Jane Page
Eleanor Bugbee	Gail Graham	Bradley Lawrence	Elinor Pierce
David Curtis	Margaret Hibbard	Jeanine Mathewson	Gail Richardson
Harry Daniels	Lorraine Holmes	Cynthia Merrill	Harriet Slosberg
Robert Duquette	Elizabeth Holt	Peter McGibney	Duane Tallman
William Fitzgerald			Eva Witham

## IDEAL GIRL AND BOY

### The Spirit Incarnate

We like to think that our ideal feminine spirit has:

Eyes .....	like Elinor Pierce's
Hair .....	like Eleanor Bugbee's
Dancing Ability .....	like Nancy Comi's
Acting Ability .....	like Jane Page's
Smile .....	like Jeanine Mathewson's
Giggle .....	like Jane Hamilton's
Figure .....	like Joan Foster's
Personality .....	like Betsy Holt's
Courtesy .....	like Eva Witham's
Sense of Humor .....	like Priscilla Chapman's
Clothes .....	like Peg Hibbard's
Complexion .....	like Nancy Smith's
Nose .....	like Barb Stone's
Journalistic Ability .....	like Lucille Frontini's
Friendliness .....	like Hazel Gauthier's
Voice .....	like Cynthia Merrill's
Poise .....	like Sue Goodwin's
Athletic Ability .....	like Gail Bigglestone's

And that our Masculine spirit perhaps has:

Personality .....	like Herb Tobey's
Eyes .....	like Dan Battles'
Brains .....	like Ed Gallison's
Nose .....	like Brad Lawrence's
Amicability .....	like Dave Norton's
Sense of Humor .....	like Harlan Douglass
Height .....	like Bob Brown's
Hair .....	like Dave Curtis'
Grin .....	like Charles Tetzlaff's
Dancing Ability .....	like Reggie Robinson's
Physique .....	like John Whiting's
Voice .....	like John Baird's
Athletic Ability .....	like Bob Yates'
Clothes .....	like Tim Houghton's
Courtesy .....	like Steve Meletes'
Looks .....	like Pete McGibney's
Journalistic Ability .....	like Harry Daniels'
Photographic Ability .....	like Frank Barrett's
Flirtability .....	like Dave Hudson's

SPIRITUAL SNAPS



*Too Young!*



*Need we say more!*



*Note the picture on the wall.....*



*Hey - Look !!*



*Aint it grand!*



*Open wide!*



*Happy Birthday, Jean!*



*Grubby, wasn't it?*



*Watch that waistline!*

## DAWN OF A LANGUAGE

There are many strange words in every language. Etymologists are continually puzzling how certain words were arrived at to describe objects. Through devious channels thousands of words mold themselves into a language.

To explain this phenomenon I am going to illustrate how a new language was born—Martian.

The class of 1956, incorporating the greatest personages in the world's history, was selected en masse to be the first earthlings to settle on Mars. From these illustrious roots a new language came into being. Some of the new words are easily recognizable, whereas others will require more thought to identify. Here are some entrees from the 2006 edition of the Martian Dictionary that remain virtually unchanged.

abbey—church	law—legal practice
battles—fight	mix—to stir
booth—atomic communicator housing	neill—to genuflect
brown—a dark color	page—a division of a book
close—near	pierce—to puncture
foster—to guard	shute—to fire a gun
knapp—a short sleep	stone—a geological formation

Many words in a new language are combinations of new and old words. Here is another excerpt from the M.D. illustrating some of these combines.

baldwin—2nd place in an athletic contest	baird—a nudist
banfield—a forbidden pasture	dunbar—large metal bar
bugbee—a frustrated insect	goodwin—1st place in athletic contest
clough—a cough	maunsell—to drive a hard bargain
douglass—colored glass	muzziness—dizziness
barrett—ornament worn in hair	graham—gravel-coated cookie
duquette—social righteousness (Jane Page has driven E. Post out of business with her new book “Duquette”)	hill—bump on a log
frontini—a backward person	holt—abbreviation of “holster”
robinson—a bird watcher	manning—search for a husband
tallman—woman short in stature	rollins—pertaining to bowling
smith—to inhale audibly (sniff)	whiting—turning pale
	yates!—exclamation of surprise
	tobey—or not to-bey

Then there are those words which are entirely new. The base of most of these new words is usually the name of some powerful person whose name has become immortalized through everyday speech. Usually these words describe prominent characteristics of that person. Observe some of these new words contained in our M.D.

bailey—synonym for sincerity  
bigglestone—wobbly foundation  
comi—terpsichorean  
curtis—omnipresent  
dailey—continually  
daniels—(adj.) anything extremely flashy  
davis—prone to quietness  
fitzgerald—mathematical ability  
gallison—(verb) to tease  
gauthier—pertaining to the sea; nautical  
hamilton—speedwriting  
hibbard—a clothes horse  
holmes—a financial house  
ippich—quietness  
jones—flirtatious

kinney—efficient  
kriplin—spirited  
lowell—ambitious  
mathewson—cheerful  
maxham—electrician  
mcgibney—president  
meletes—favorite word in spelling bees  
morse—motorcycles  
newhall—speed  
norton—friendliness  
reynolds—anything both long and short  
richardson—giggle  
st. pierre—"crutch"-tacean  
tetzlaff—science fiction addict  
ward—a piano mæstro

The geographical features of Mars are limited but what terrain there is was named. The mountains are known as Sierras, while rivers that flow south are Hudsons and those that go west, young ma- . . . opps! are Lawrences.

It is said that the Martians are very happy with their new language—no vocabulary tests!

—E. "Tim" Ologist



## Evolution of the Spirit

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(and even assembly lines!!) but the ultimate result was well worth the effort.

When June and Graduation came, The Spirit quietly said goodbye to the Class of '55, and sadly watched Its friends march out to the strains of "Pomp and Circumstance."

Then it was September again, and The Glorious Spirit of '56 entered high school for the fourth and last time, with the buoyancy and dignity born of experience. With Gail, Betsy, Lorraine and Jean as the Senior "standard bearers," there was no stopping The Spirit. The Student Council presidency was in Pete's able hands, Jean was president of the Choral groups and Herb was the Masque's biggest wig. Sue kept the Solonscope wheels a-turning and Gail was busy with the GAA while Jane and Lucille steered ye olde **Record Board** toward the proverbial "bigger and better **Record**." Joan, Elinor, Marilyn and Nancy led the football cheers for Herb, John, Rog, Bill, Steve, Charlie, Al, Dave, Dan, Reggie and the Peters. And when John, Pete, Steve, Herb, Itchy and Dave won the Vermont Northern League Tournament, The Spirit nearly busted up with all that pride!!! (Consult Sports section, s'il vous plait!—Ed.)

The Winter Carnival provided delectation for ski fiends and Eskimos alike, with Queen Elinor and King Pete McG. ruling over the festivities most regally.

The stars had fallen on the Class of '56 to be sure, for December had brought with it a brand new Montpelier High School—marvelous to speak of and wonderful to behold!!! Here The Spirit found new life, new animation to carry on the traditions of MHS.

Through the year The Spirit radiated, unvanquished by the necessary evils of homework, college boards and static electricity. At times The Spirit's sense of drama took hold and manifested itself in such presentations as **Dear Ruth** and **She Stoops to Conquer**.

But once again it was June, and the Seniors attended the Junior Prom. The dance was a dream, and provided the Spirit with delightful "memories to savor."

The Commencement commenced and The Spirit, now in full bloom, burst forth in all Its glory to bid farewell to MHS and four happy, fruitful years. We, the Seniors, the versatile Spirit, are sad at the prospect of departing, but secure in the knowledge that our glorious Spirit shall always endure and go forth seeking new summits to scale, but never forgetting Its delightful birth.

## FOR THE SPIRIT

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It is hoped that the patients will adhere strictly to the following prescriptions and that these remedies will prove beneficial to their "Spiritual" well-being.

TIM HOUGHTON—A snow-covered mountain with a tennis court on top

LILLIAN CLOUGH—A bottle of peroxide

DAVE HUDSON—Guided tour through No Man's Land

TONY HILL—Laryngitis

DAVE CURTIS—Something to do

HAZEL GAUTHIER—Residence in a seaport

PRISCILLA CHAPMAN—A "Bobbie"

HARRY DANIELS—A conservative shirt

DAVE NORTON—A "dis-engaging" grin

PEG HIBBARD—A new wardrobe

BOB YATES—"Itching" powder

STEVE MELETES—Mobile elevator

BOB BROWN—Shrinking lotion

MISS MURRAY—Vacation in Chaos—with pay

PETE MAUNSELL—A new pink dress

HARLAN DOUGLASS—A jumping jack

DOUG BOOTH—"Worm" pills!!

BRAD LAWRENCE—A warm night and a new brake! (Ahem!)

GAIL RICHARDSON—A straight face

GAIL BIGGLESTONE—An armchair

JEANINE MATHEWSON—Pills for her 'fitz'

EVA WITHAM—A diamond mine

FRANK BARRETT—A camera that talks to itself



## SENIOR CLASS OFFICERS

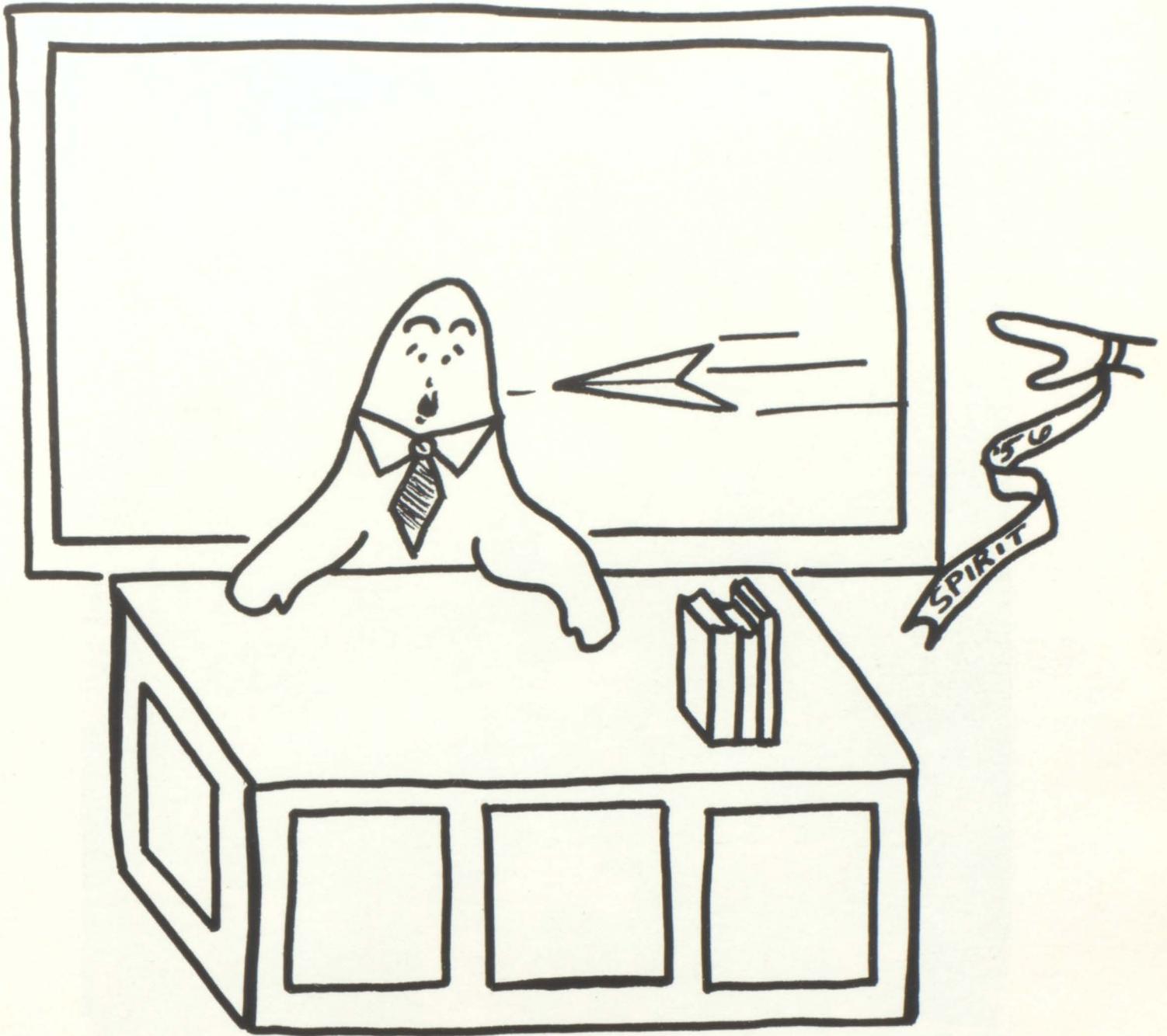


Gail Bigglestone, *president*; Lorraine Holmes, *treasurer*; Mr. Belding, *chairman of advisors*; Betsy Holt, *vice-president*;  
Jean Kinney, *secretary*

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## COMMENCEMENT WEEK

Senior Picnic .....	June 9
Senior Vespers .....	June 10
Class Day .....	June 13
Graduation .....	June 15



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## THE FACULTY

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PHILIP H. MATHEWSON  
SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

A graduate of Middlebury College, an ex-faculty member at Lyndon State Teachers' College and at Alma Junior High School, ex-principal of Stowe High School, and Superintendent of Schools here in Montpelier comprise the wide range of experience which Mr. Mathewson has had.

We also attribute to our superintendent all the characteristics that are necessary for filling that position. He is very patient, understanding, and capable.

We, the Senior Class, feel that we have grown up with him, having known him first as our principal at the Union School.

ROBERT H. CHASTNEY  
PRINCIPAL OF MONTPELIER HIGH SCHOOL

To Dr. Chastney, perhaps more than anyone else, the Senior Class owes a tremendous vote of thanks. He's helped us make college plans, written recommendations, and helped us to find jobs. Because of his many years of experience, Dr. Chastney can offer very sound advice which we find well worth taking.

Returning alumni are always greeted with a hearty handshake and a sincere "How's everything going?" We really hate to leave, Dr. Chastney, and you can count on our coming back next year to visit. Thanks for everything!

GLENN AIKEN  
SCIENCE

If any of us have received a final grade of A or B in chemistry or physics, we are

very proud of it because we know that we have earned and deserved it. It's a case of the survival of the fittest, right? Whenever we couldn't understand a problem or tell the difference between CO and CO<sub>2</sub>, we would find Mr. Aiken more than willing to assist us. When one is a senior, he realizes that a student learns by asking questions. This is why we are grateful to you, Mr. Aiken.

ROBERT F. BELDING  
MATHEMATICS

We wonder if many of the seniors have realized just how much we owe to Mr. Belding. If he weren't here, who would order name cards, announcements, and more name cards; who would see to measurements for caps and gowns; and who would still have time to teach several math classes! All those sayings about red hair and temperament just don't hold true for Mr. Belding. He never seems to get really angry, and he does have a terrific sense of humor. Thanks a lot for your understanding help this year, Mr. Belding.

STANLEY K. BOND  
HISTORY

Tell us, have you ever seen this man without a smile on his face or a joke up his sleeve? Just submit your name and the date of this unfortunate observation to the 1956 RECORD Board and you will receive a free copy of *A History of This Country*. Speaking seriously for a moment, we all admire Mr. Bond for his joviality and kindness. What would history be like without his wonderful sense of humor!

ELIZABETH M. BRANCH

ENGLISH

Click . . . Click . . . DING! If you were, by any chance, at school during the spring vacation, this is what you would have heard emanating from Room 22, headquarters for Miss Branch and the Record Board. Without her the editors feel that they would now be at the bottom of the Winooski River. "Don't believe a word of it," says Miss Branch. Besides being an agile typist, Miss Branch also possesses a wonderful personality, a keen sense of humor, and comprehensive knowledge of the English language.

KATHLEEN I. BRETTELL

FRENCH AND ENGLISH

*Parlez-vous Francais?* Our "lady of the languages" has been a help to many of us on the *Solonscope*, also. Without her expert guidance our excellent paper might not be all it now is. Anyone who has ever worked on the *Solonscope* staff can realize how much we, the Seniors, appreciate her journalistic sense. Those of us who've been in her English class this past year appreciate our excellent college preparation. Those of us who've taken French realize what a fine language teacher Miss Brettell is. Not only is the language thoroughly covered, it is also made interesting. The Class of '56 says, "*Merci, mademoiselle!*"

GEORGE D. BROWN

COACH AND DRIVER TRAINING INSTRUCTOR

Many residents of Montpelier and surrounding towns owe their lives to Coach Brown. Thanks to him, there are more safe and sane drivers on the road. Of course this is only a part of his job; his coaching responsibilities are certainly

enough to keep anyone busy. We are proud of the way our boys have done this year and in the past, and we know we owe a lot to Coach. The boys all say he's a "great guy" to work with, and we're sure that's true. We'll be watching for favorable news next year, Coach. Thanks a lot for all you've done for us.

GRAY R. COANE

MATHEMATICS AND  
MECHANICAL DRAWING

All respect and admire this versatile man. To us Mr. Coane is a man of great character who understands and tries to assist the students. At no time does anyone hesitate to go to him for extra help in a subject because one feels relaxed and at home when discussing problems with him. Mr. Coane has spent many hours coaching on the basketball court and football field with his junior varsity boys. Who knows? Perhaps if it weren't for Mr. Coane and the other coaches, we would have a class full of juvenile delinquents.

MILLICENT L. DIXON

COMMERCIAL

Checks, receipts, bills, money, treasurers' books! All these things come under Miss Dixon's watchful eye. Thanks to her the MHS funds balance at the end of the year. And of course she's the logical one to take care of this matter because she teaches bookkeeping and record keeping as well as shorthand and typing. Many a successful secretary owes her start in her career to Miss Dixon's careful training. The office practice students find that they are more than adequately prepared to take their places in the business world. We do appreciate all you've done for us, Miss Dixon!

JOYCE E. EMERY

SOCIAL STUDIES

Miss Emery is one of our social studies teachers, but this is not the only reason we praise her. At times we wonder how she can withstand our ignoble (and sometimes immobile) minds and persistent questions. Somehow, she always remains patient and calm. In Miss Emery's classes a student soon learns to respect her wishes and act accordingly. One can't help but learn the subject matter with her as teacher. We Seniors will always remember you, Miss Emery, for these reasons.

HARLAN R. FARNSWORTH

SCIENCE

All the Ski Club members will vouch for us when we say that Mr. Farnsworth is the right man for job of Ski Club sponsor. Both in class and on the slopes, this pedagogue is rated among the top ones on our list. We shall never forget those Ski Carnival week ends with the king and queen and that thrilling competition on the barrel staves. Who was the official responsible for those meets? Why Mr. Farnsworth of course. Believe you us, we think mighty highly of you!

MILDRED L. HALLGREN, R. N.

SCHOOL NURSE

Got any aches or pains? I'm sure all of us at one time or another have gone crawling to Miss Hallgren's office and have found her there waiting for us with a smile (and a remedy) to bring us back from the verge of death. We have wondered how this nurse can possibly manage to take such a personal interest in all the students in Montpelier's public schools. This interest includes not only our cuts and bruises but also our personalities.

ALFRED W. HURLEY

DRAMATICS AND SPEECH

Here's an Oscar for our thespian instructor, Mr. Hurley. This year certainly has been a successful one in dramatics. Mr. Hurley is one of the busiest people in the building with his dramatics coaching and his speech classes here and in the elementary grades. Many of the Seniors who have been in plays or worked back stage know how much fun can go along with hard work. Mr. Hurley is fun to work for and with. Thanks for being such a good sport, Mr. Hurley, and seeing us through the rough waters.

LOUISE E. HUTCHINSON

LATIN AND ENGLISH

"*Tempus Fugit!*" is a favorite Latin expression of Miss Hutchinson, and certainly we can all agree with her. But who would have thought of saying that in the middle of the winter? It has often been said that in order to achieve a liberal education one must have a good Latin background. Even those of us who have taken only one year of Latin will agree with this theory wholeheartedly because Latin with Miss Hutchinson has improved our English vocabulary and has familiarized us with some of the great classic literature. And of course the Roman Banquet is a liberal education in itself! 'Twas a struggle but well worth it.

VIOLET E. KETTELLE

DIRECTOR OF GUIDANCE

What would we ever have done without Miss Kettelle's guidance! We who are either going on to school or commencing our careers will never be able to thank Miss Kettelle enough for her assistance. We shall never know the amount of work and intuitive understanding of people which this job requires. A guidance

teacher must be all things to all students. She must be liked by the students, have a thorough knowledge of their possibilities and desires, and have at her fingertips a wide knowledge of colleges and occupational fields. Our Miss Kettelle is helping us to realize our potentialities and showing us what we can do with them.

PATRICIA A. KOLTONSKI

ENGLISH

Here's a big bouquet of roses to Miss Koltonski for her work on our Class Day program! All the Seniors really appreciate her kind and gracious help. Ordinarily Miss K. has had the library to keep her more busy than ever, but since we moved she hasn't been able to do too much in that direction. In past years Masque members have found her backstage on production night applying the make-up with a skillful touch. Thanks a lot, Miss Koltonski, for helping us to meet our public so successfully.

VERNE L. McDONALD

COMMERCIAL

Tap, tap, tap, tap, tap, tap! Hear those typewriters going at rapid paces? Those machines belong to Mr. McDonald's typing students. After his careful instruction, these students go forth to help out on the *Solonscope* or RECORD as typists or to make stacks of money typing up other people's essays for them! Mr. McDonald keeps busy working with the junior varsity baseball team. This sounds as though Mr. Mac is quite an all-round guy. And that's just what he is! We'll miss you, Mr. McDonald!

CHRISTIE G. MURRAY

SECRETARY TO MR. CHASTNEY

In our opinion Miss Murray is one of the most indispensable persons in this

building. Without her, things could wind up in a confused and crazy chaos. Despite her varied duties, Miss Murray still manages to greet everyone with a cheerful smile. Early in the morning or late in the afternoon, Miss Murray is always on her job ready to help anyone out. We, the Seniors, certainly owe her a tremendous vote of thanks. Thanks a lot, Miss Murray; we really think you're swell!

JOANNE C. MURRAY

COMMERCIAL

This newcomer to our staff is responsible not only for introducing freshmen commercial students to business but also for re-organizing our Debate Club. With Miss Murray guiding it, this organization has put in long hours after school organizing and presenting debates. Unfortunately (from the Senior viewpoint only) this club is composed mainly of underclassmen because most of us Seniors were too busy with other activities and sports to join this new and enthusiastic group. We do envy you debators who have had Miss Murray to start you off on what we are sure will be a most successful career. We'll be watching the papers for news of you and Miss Murray.

BURTON B. MORRISON

COACH AND  
PHYSICAL TRAINING INSTRUCTOR

We always enjoy Coach Morrison's sense of humor and good repartee with the other coaches when the day for the assemblies at which athletic awards are given rolls around. We hear from the fellows that he is a "regular guy" who is well-liked and admired by all who participate in sports. (Of course, we Senior girls couldn't get all this information first hand.) And speaking of sports, baseball is Coach Morrison's specialty. In our estimation, Coach, you're the right man for the job—and you certainly have a big one.

DORIS I. NEWTON

MUSIC

Those of us who haven't been in the choruses will never forget the excellent quality of the concerts given by these groups under the direction of Miss Newton. We are always amazed that anyone could coax such musical sounds from our classmates until we realize, of course, that no one but her could do the seemingly impossible. We who don't sing will always respect Miss Newton's musicianship, and we who have been in chorus will always be grateful for the sound training we have received. The alumni who come back each year from singing in larger choruses tell us how lucky we are. Of course we don't like to brag, BUT we think the music room should be decorated with framed critiques which our choruses receive each year at Music Festival. Thanks for everything, Miss Newton!

KATHLEEN RUST

GIRLS' PHYSICAL TRAINING INSTRUCTOR

We shall never know how a new teacher can manage to undertake classes in the middle of a school year and survive to tell about it. Only our Miss Rust could accomplish this feat. And she has! The gym classes have given us girls a new look. Thanks to Miss Rust we have banished excess fat, acquired good posture, and learned the fundamentals of many sports. Right, girls? Now that the G.A.A. is on its feet and in the field again, the underclassmen are already planning next year's skiing and mountain trips. Have fun, Miss Rust; we know the girls will.

MARGUERITE S. SMALL

ENGLISH

Who could help but like Mrs. Small. She is a very enjoyable and benevolent person, both in and out of school. We Seniors all know how ready and willing she always

is to lend a helping hand. She is the faculty advisor to our governing body, the Student Council; and all the members of this organization agree that she's just the right one for this job. She always seems able to bring enthusiasm and wise counsel to these meetings and often helps the council members to see more clearly all the aspects of a situation. Diplomacy certainly is her forte, but we're glad she chose teaching instead of the diplomatic corps.

DOROTHY C. TOBEY

HOMEMAKING

Do you need something done in a hurry? Mrs. Tobey's the one to see. Never mind what it is; just see Mrs. Tobey. How can we forget the strong smell of coffee issuing from her domain on Monday afternoons or the mountains of sandwiches she's made for the basketball teams? The boys realize that it isn't only the home ec girls who call on her for help. This year for the first time, Mrs. Tobey and the girls have had good modern equipment to work with. Thanks for everything, Mrs. Tobey. You're tops in our book!

DONALD S. TOWLE

INDUSTRIAL ARTS

Since we have been in the new school we seem to hear less shop noise coming forth from Mr. Towle's domain. Nevertheless we're certain that the work is progressing because we frequently see samples of the good-looking furniture the fellows turn out. Whatever the crisis, Mr. Towle is equal to coping with it and he never seems to let it ruffle his calm exterior. Oh yes, he's also an excellent skier and we often see him at The Mountain with his twin sons coming down right behind him. Though we won't be around the halls of MHS next year, Mr. Towle, we'll be looking for you whenever there's snow at Stowe.

WILLIAM H. TOWNE  
HISTORY AND ECONOMICS

Have you any questions about current events, the United Nations, or ancient history? See the occupant of Room 7, Mr. Towne. If you don't find him in, just follow the next group of boys that you see sprinting by; he's probably 'way out in front of the track team! We certainly do appreciate the time and effort he has expended in organizing and coaching our up and coming track team. He seems to find time to do that and teach history and economics, too. The Seniors on the class picnic committee wish to contribute the extra exclamation point to our "Thanks a million, Mr. Towne!!"

ELIZABETH B. UHLHORN  
ART

Exceedingly able and artistic, Mrs. Uhlhorn has been kept busy cultivating the sparks of artistic talent in the pupils of Montpelier's three public schools. She must find it very upsetting when a decorations committee, trailing crepe paper, and stuck up with glue, dashes over to Union

School the afternoon before a dance and gasps, "Please help us!" However she calmly straightens everything out and shows us just what to do. She has also helped us with designs for stage productions and Roman banquets. Many thanks, Mrs. Uhlhorn!

WILLIAM L. WHITE  
BIOLOGY

This genial faculty member is a newcomer this year. Never at a loss for an appropriate quotation, he has kept the biology students on their toes scholastically and in a good humor as well. Although very few of us seniors have been in his classes, many have become acquainted with him in his study halls.

Mr. White always seems to have the solution to all problems from developing the scientific method of thought to getting just the right dramatic gesture. Whether he will return to the theatre as a profession or whether he will continue teaching sciences is anyone's guess at this point, or else he just isn't telling. We do, however, wish you the best of everything, Mr. White.





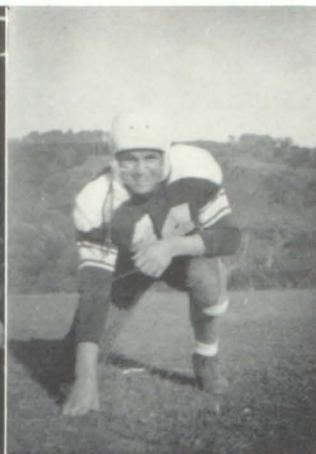
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Politikin' at Girl's State?



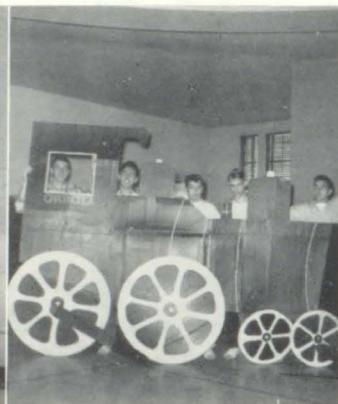
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Itchy-4<sup>th</sup> Team All American



Tournament Bound!



Choo! Choo!



B. C.  
(Before Checkroom)



By the Beautiful Sea



Goodbye!

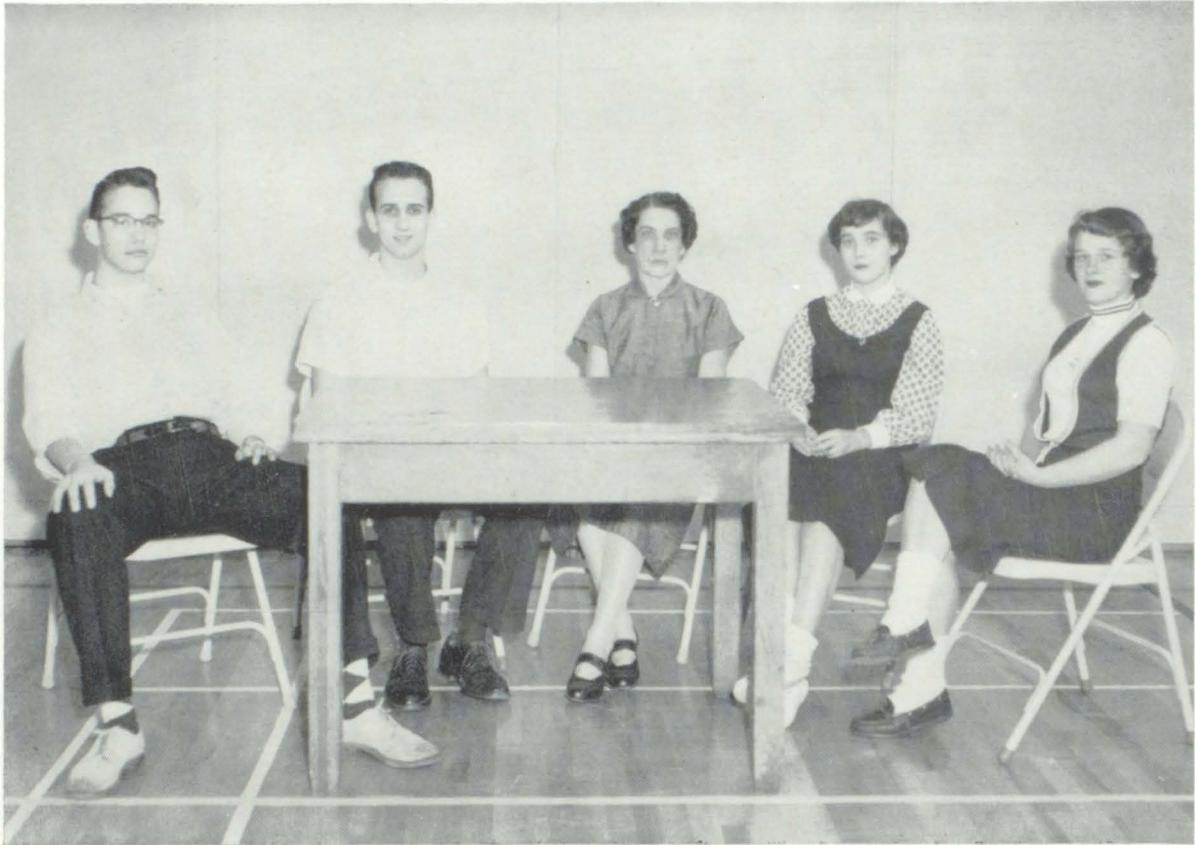


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Nancy Blaisdell, *secretary*; Lynda Kittle, *vice-president*

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R. Holmes, H. Baldwin, N. Fielder, P. Baumann  
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L. Monte, J. Nelson, J. Welch, S. Leonard  
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M. Tyrrell, J. LaPan, B. Sweetser, R. O'Brien  
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*Fifth Row:* J. Frost, B. Griffin, R. Graham, R. Adams, E. Ashford, S. D'Arthenay, T. Anderson, B. Baumann, E. Cormier, F. Clark, R. Kramer, D. Blanchard, P. Edgerly



*First Row:* D. Leno, G. Robertson, S. Tarshis, D. Smith, C. Silloway, B. Whitehead, H. Sears, D. Magoon, S. Trombly, B. Poland, M. Slayton, J. Maynard, S. Welch, B. Wheeler  
*Second Row:* P. Paul, M. Manning, L. Mereness, I. Martin, N. Williams, G. Nelson, E. Perry, A. Ricker, P. Page, C. Mix, S. Leonard, E. Scammell, M. Robertson, P. Thomson  
*Third Row:* R. Pape, M. Rosselli, F. LaVanway, D. Pedrozo, R. Mack, R. Stewart, D. Slack, R. Thurston, R. Nims, F. Raynor, R. Wilkinson, A. LaBounty, H. Roop  
*Fourth Row:* D. Morrill, D. Pierce, R. Young, S. White, D. Martin, M. Ryan, J. Nuisl, A. Slayton, M. Martin, T. Norman, J. Utton, D. Morgan, E. Roberts

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# Activities



*First Row:* Dave Hudson, Lisa Monte, Katie Pond, Mrs. Small, Peter McGibney, Eleanor Bugbee, Bill Adams  
*Second Row:* Sally Pierce, Ann Conkling, Lyn Dorn, Linda Davis, Betsy Holt, Harriet Slosberg, Steve Meletes  
*Third Row:* Barton Jeffrey, Earl Roberts, Robert Nims, Brent Webster, Steve Goodwin, Carlyle Pierce

## STUDENT COUNCIL

MRS. SMALL, the faculty advisor, and president Peter McGibney have ably guided our busy Student Council through another important year.

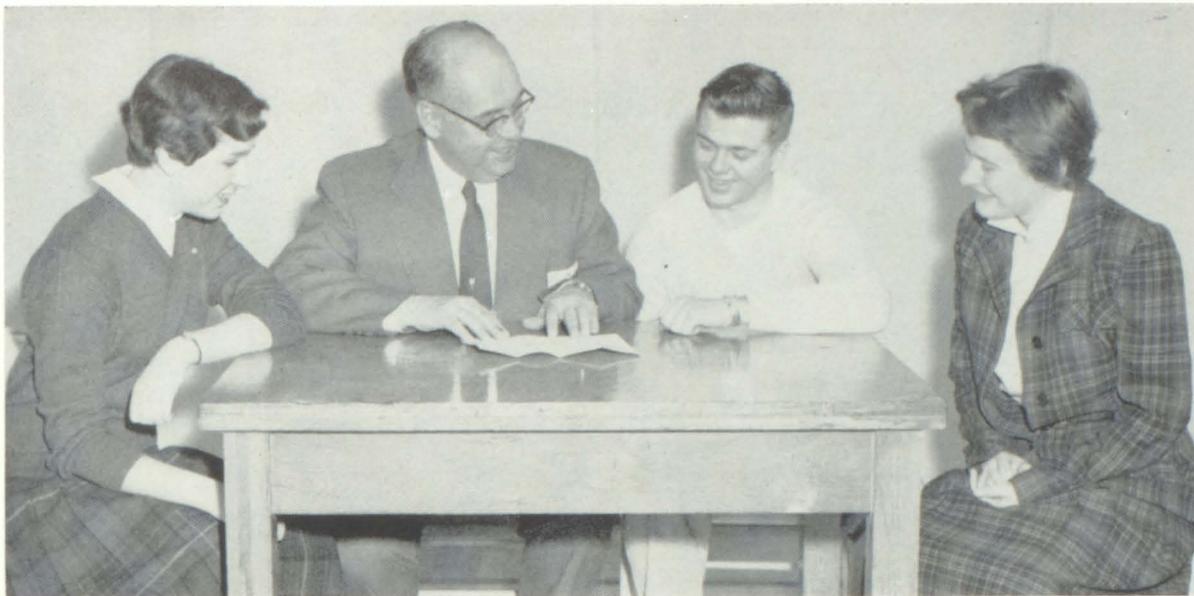
At the beginning of this eventful year, the Council sponsored a successful Blondie and Dagwood dance and conducted their annual Argus Santa Drive in which the freshman class received the distinction of having contributed most generously. The members became the proud wearers of Student Council pins, revised the point system, sent delegates to conventions, and joined the Vermont and New England Associations for Student Councils. Through the initiative of this organization, the Debate Club was reorganized with Miss Jo Ann Murray as faculty advisor. Money collected from the Curtis Magazine Drive was turned over to the depleted treasury of the Athletic Association. A unique opportunity for community entertainment presented itself this year when the Council sponsored the show, "Spring Magic Time," featuring Charles Ross Kam, president of the International Brotherhood of Magicians.

When our dream school became a reality, this administrative body cooperated with Dr. Chastney in organizing the march to the New High School, directed traffic in the halls, and proved its usefulness in numerous ways. The Council members also assisted at the Dedication Ceremonies and at the Open House.

When MHS won the Northern League Basketball Championship, two buses were chartered to transport rosters to the state finals at Middlebury.

The Student Council is composed of representatives from each class who are of high character and able to make decisions beneficial to the school and community. Supporting and carrying out many worthwhile projects, this group has done a noteworthy job this year.

Officers for this year were Peter McGibney, president; Katie Pond, vice-president; Luisa Monte, secretary-treasurer; David Hudson, Assembly Committee Chairman; Bill Adams, Athletic Committee Chairman; Eleanor Bugbee, Silver "M" Assistant.



*Left to Right: Ann Conkling, sophomore; Dr. Chastney, advisor; David Hudson, chairman; Sally Pierce, junior*

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## ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE

TO provide us with assemblies that are not only entertaining but also educational and constructive is not a small task to undertake; but the Assembly Committee has accomplished this most successfully.

The committee is composed of one Student Council representative from each class, although this year there was no freshman member. This group works under the guidance of Dr. Chastney.

In addition to planning the programs this committee also chooses a senior girl to preside at the assembly, a senior boy to be the color bearer and two underclassmen to act as colorguards. The impressive ceremony with which we open and termi-

nate each assembly never fails to bring forth expressed admiration from visitors.

Among the outstanding assemblies presented this year were the Safety Program with Lt. Carl S. Pike, the Crusade for Freedom speech with Captain Arroll, the Vermont Junior College Glee Club, and programs presented by MHS music and dramatic groups. Certainly the impressive Smilie Memorial Auditorium with its excellent acoustics and stage facilities has contributed greatly to everyone's comfort and enjoyment.

The 1955-1956 Assembly Committee has successfully fulfilled its objective of providing worthwhile and interesting programs.



Seated: Jeanine Mathewson, Miss Brettell, Sue Goodwin, David Curtis, Lucille Frontini  
 First Row: Gail Graham, Jean O'Brien, Lorraine Holmes, Katie Pond, Linda Davis, Betsy Holt, Martha Jeffrey, Marilyn Mix, Sally Pierce  
 Second Row: Luisa Monte, Linda Mereness, Joan Foster, Cynthia Mix, Isabel Gomez, Nancy Desilets, Conchita Gomez, Susan Harrington, Cynthia Russell, Jerri Wood, Lucille Roop  
 Third Row: Eva Witham, Nancy Goodale, Marcia Smith, Priscilla Chapman, Nancy Blaisdell, Muriel Hill, Gail Richardson, Marlene Bryant, Pat Martin  
 Fourth Row: Steve Goodwin, Peter Teachout, Bruce Henson, Dick Perkins, Tim Houghton, Cynthia Merrill, Harriet Slosberg, Barb Stone, Sandra Laird

## SOLONSCOPE

A MEETING is called, assignments are given out and a deadline is set; thus the wheels begin to grind out another *Solonscope*.

Under the supervision of Miss Brettell, faculty advisor, and Sue Goodwin, editor-in-chief, the staff met all deadlines to publish the ten issues of the MHS newspaper on schedule. Extracting interviews from "reluctant" scholars, sneaking up on camera-shy (?) students and mercilessly pounding typewriters, the 1955-1956 staff has come through a hectic year. Current news, merry features, student opinion polls, sports columns and worthwhile editorials were incorporated in each issue. Especially outstanding was the Christmas issue which featured Montpelier's big Christmas present—the new high school. Another "special" was the jolly April

Fool issue which evoked smiles from even the most serious of us.

Last November, the *Solonscope* and RECORD sent representatives to a state journalism conference at Lyndon Teachers College where common problems of school papers and yearbooks were discussed and new ideas presented.

The 1955-1956 Senior Solonscope Staff was composed of the following:

Editor-in-Chief .....	Sue Goodwin
Assistant Editors .....	Katie Pond
	Linda Davis
News Editor .....	Jeanine Mathewson
Feature Editor .....	Lucille Frontini
Sports Editor .....	David Curtis
Exchange Editor .....	Betsy Holt
Business Manager .....	Lorraine Holmes
Circulation Manager .....	Gail Graham



*Left to Right:* Jane Page, Arlene Martin, Faye Coffin, Miss Koltonski, Evalyn Curtis, Rolalyn Baldwin, Elsie Roberts

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## LIBRARIANS

**A**LTHOUGH the Librarians haven't been able to do very much this year since we moved, they did more than enough work during the moving to make up for their present inactivity. All the books had to be packed, a task which meant long hours of travail for the Librarians and anyone whom they could recruit to help. Miss Koltonski worked

diligently along with the girls, and Jane Page served as her assistant.

Many of us haven't had a chance to do more than look into this well-lighted, spacious room with its long windows and tall bookshelves. Next year, however, the librarians will continue their round of shelving, cataloging, and accessioning books as well as helping MHS students put their fingers on the facts.



*Left to Right* Carlyle Pierce, Bob Nims, Bruce Richardson, Patti Paul, Lynda Jones, Miss Murray, Sally Pierce, Don Adams, Arlene Martin, Polly Page, Francis Raynor, Judy Harris

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## DEBATE CLUB

**T**HE Debate Club was re-organized last fall and a great deal of interest was shown. Membership was open to all students. The purpose of the club is to give students an opportunity to discuss problems of importance, to back up statements with facts, and to detect flaws in the arguments of the opposing side.

The biggest accomplishment this year has been getting organized and preparing the teams to participate in the Vermont Interscholastic Debate Tournament sponsored by the St. Lawrence Debate Team at UVM.

Miss Murray, the faculty coach for the team, certainly deserves mention and commendation for the splendid job she has done in re-establishing the club.

The national debate topic was:  
Resolved:

That the federal government will give aid to those qualified students who are financially unable to attend college. On the affirmative side were Polly Page, Arlene Martin, Sue Harrington, Bruce Richardson, and Donald Adams. The negative debators were Carlyle Pierce, Lynda Jones, Linda Mereness, and Robert Nims.

We hope that with the experience gained this year, the Debate Club can start early next fall and present strong competition in the spring tournaments.

Officers for this year were Carlyle Pierce, president; Linda Mereness, secretary; Bob Nims, business manager.



*Left to Right:* Judy Nelson, Elinor Pierce, Nancy Comi, Joan Foster, Sally Bernardini, Marilyn Mix, Nancy Blaisdell

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## CHEERLEADERS

"'56, THAT'S the Spirit!" was the rallying cry of our pretty pepsters as they led the student body in deafening roars, thus urging our basketball team onward to win the Northern State Championship.

With Joan as captain and Marilyn, Elinor, Judy, Sally, and the two Nancy's composing the squad, these gals have done a wonderful job keeping us'ns yellin'.

This year many new and vigorous cheers, such as the "Solons' Song" have been presented and several eye-catching formations and jumps have been executed.

In their trim green jumpers and white blouses our cheerleaders cut attractive figures, and we believe that our varsity squad is equal to any other in the state.

The J.V. cheerleaders looked "ginger" this year in their new corduroy skirts and crisp white blouses. Victory was indeed their cry as the MHS Jayvee basketball team romped through an utterly, completely, and totally victorious season!

The clamor-inspiring J.V. group included Lyn Dorn, Lee Bowman, Nan Sue Brown, Susie Nelson, Lucille Roop, and Nancy Williams.



*First Row:* C. Ward, J. Mathewson, J. Kinney, B. Holt, B. Webster, Mr. Hurley, H. Tobey, E. Bugbee, M. Hill, G. Bigglestone, P. Hibbard, B. Stone, C. Merrill, H. Slosberg, S. Goodwin  
*Second Row:* L. Mereness, J. Foster, J. Conkling, A. Ricker, S. Kinney, C. Forgue, B. Babcock, E. Perry, A. Skeels, S. Greene, M. Smith, L. Roop, L. Kittle, M. Bryant, M. Jeffrey  
*Third Row:* E. Coty, C. Russell, B. Tracy, A. Conkling, E. Roberts, R. Newcity, P. Baumann, A. Johnston, S. Caslani, L. Bowman, I. Bordas, J. Ippich, B. Holden, J. Page, L. Frontini  
*Fourth Row:* M. Mix, J. Barquin, L. Ainsworth, G. Richardson, L. Dorn, I. Gomez, P. Page, P. Paul, S. Tarshis, J. Harris, C. Freeman, S. Laird, C. Gomez, C. Kelley  
*Fifth Row:* S. Pierce, E. Chapin, S. Harrington, J. Welch, A. Martin, P. Law, R. Baldwin, C. Verge, J. Wood, R. Cleveland, B. Bly, C. Edson, L. Davis, N. Goodale  
*Sixth Row:* R. Nims, B. Dwinell, D. FitzPatrick, P. Teachout, D. Bigglestone, G. Benedict, B. Richardson, D. Adams, S. Lawson, D. Curtis  
*Seventh Row:* N. Blaisdell, E. Pierce, W. Adams, W. Ricker, D. Sierra

## THE MASQUE

WHEN a new student finds that the Masque is one of the more opulent school organizations, he usually asks, "Where does this organization get so much money?"

The Masque answers this with, "We raise our money by sponsoring school plays which are presented under the direction of Mr. Alfred Hurley, the Masque advisor, and with the cooperation of all the members."

It is not until late in the year when he is on a committee for a play that this newcomer understands the amount of time and energy which go into a production, not only by the actors but also by the various committees backstage.

The Smilie Memorial Auditorium has indeed facilitated and improved Masque productions. This dramatic club has finally been able to perform with the finest of acoustics and lighting.

The fall play, a comedy entitled "Dear Ruth," was a big success with standing-room-only both nights. The cast for this production included Jane Page, Betsy Holt, Sandra Laird, David Curtis, Sally Greene, Brent Webster, Sidney Lawson, Martha Jeffrey, Bill Adams, and Bill Ricker.

"The Parting at Imsdorf" was entered in the one-act play contest but this tragedy failed to reach the "play-offs." David Curtis, Brent Webster, Sally

Greene, Alan Shute, and Bob Blanchard composed the cast. However, the Masque was host to the Vermont one-act play finals on March 31, which were won by Burlington High School with "One of Us" and Waterbury High School with two scenes from "Arsenic and Old Lace."

The spring production was "She Stoops to Conquer," the well-known and much loved play by Oliver Goldsmith. The large cast was composed of Bonnie Holden, Ruth Cleveland, Ann Conkling, Jean Conkling, Ann Skeels, Herb Tobey, Lyn Dorn, Gordie Wilkinson, Sally Pierce, David Curtis, Polly Page, Alan Shute, Brent Webster.

During the year, workshop plays were presented to enable more students to acquire stage experience.

A bus was chartered for the members

to journey to Burlington to see "Picnic" performed by the dramatic club of the University of Vermont. In April the cast of "She Stoops to Conquer" traveled to Dartmouth to see that production staged.

At a final assembly many members received twenty, forty, and even sixty point awards for their participation in the various activities during the year.

A successful year was terminated by the annual banquet at the Masonic Temple when the next year's officers were installed.

The officers for 1955-1956 were:

President .....	Herbert Tobey
Vice-president .....	Brent Webster
Secretary .....	Betsy Holt
Treasurer .....	Jean Kinney
Business Manager .....	Eleanor Bugbee
Assistant Business Manager ..	Muriel Hill





*Front Row:* Nancy Goodale, Virginia Nelson, Alice Ricker, Ercel Perry, Maureen Hudson, Miss Newton, Barbara Babcock, Sandra Caslani, Lorraine Ainsworth, Jean Conkling, Susan Kinney, Chr'stine Forgue, Lee Bowman  
*Second Row:* Marjorie Slayton, Irene Martin, Ann Johnston, Carolyn Silloway, Judy Maynard, Nancy Williams, Pauline Page, Conchita Gomez, Beverly Wheeler, Ivis Bordas, Robert Nims  
*Third Row:* Sheila Cutler, Linda Clark, Paula Thomson, Kathie Fitch, Beverly Poland, Martha Robertson, Deanna Besett, Elaine Scammell, Lois Aubertin, Judy Harris, Linda Mereness, Sue Welch  
*Fourth Row:* Carole Freeman, Deborah Knox, Ann Campbell, John Nuissl, Linda Jones, Patricia Paul, Isabel Gomez

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## FRESHMAN CHORUS

EVERY Monday and Tuesday during the first and second periods the voices of the Freshman Chorus may be heard coming from the music room. Because of the large number of schedule conflicts, two divisions of this chorus are necessary.

The Freshman Chorus under the leadership of Miss Newton made its first appearance in the Thanksgiving assembly and it also sang in the Montpelier Public Schools Concert in the spring. Although the Freshman Chorus is not often featured, much time and effort have been

spent in practicing and learning the correct chorus techniques. For this they deserve commendation. We all rest assured that those freshmen coming up in the ranks will next year supplement the singing groups composed of sophomores, juniors and seniors.

At the beginning of the year the Freshman Chorus elected the following freshmen as officers: Maureen Hudson, president; Barbara Babcock, vice-president; and Sandra Caslani, secretary. Robert Nims was chosen as accompanist.



*First Row:* Harry Daniels, Reggie Robinson, Bill Ricker, Ed Gallison, David Curtis, Robert Curtis, John Baird, Brent Webster, Miss Newton  
*Second Row:* Gerald Benedict, Bill Daniels, Sidney Lawson, Jim Griffin, Gordon Wilkinson, Dick Perkins, Don Adams, George Baker, Richard Gidney

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## BOYS' CHORUS

**I**F ever your seismograph indicates that the deep rumblings emanating from the music room during the fourth period are the harbingers of an earthquake, just relax. " 'Tain't no earthquake, pardner." 'Tis only the Boys' Chorus! !

With Miss Newton directing, this exclusively male group is composed of seventeen sophomores, juniors, and seniors. Carolyn Ward and Ann Conkling supply the feminine touches within the realm of this chorus.

Combining a taste for good music and

a talent for singing, these boys have sung creditably such songs as "We Be Soldiers Three," "Aura Lee" and "There's A Fire Down Below."

This year the Boys' Chorus has made several appearances, including the St. Johnsbury Exchange Concerts, the Montpelier Public Schools Concert and programs for school assemblies.

Although this group is not large, what it lacks in the quantity of members is surely surpassed by the quality of its performance.



*First Row:* Betsy Holt, Eleanor Bugbee, Priscilla Chapman, Jean Kinney, Miss Newton, Carolyn Ward, Cynthia Merrill, Marilyn Mix, Joan Foster, Gail Graham  
*Second Row:* Harriet Slosberg, Elsa Chapin, Ann Conkling, Carlita Stone, Barbara Sweetser, Dorla Eldred, Judy Welch, Pat Martin, Patty Baumann, Eva Witham  
*Third Row:* Carol Edson, Nancy Fielder, Martha Jeffrey, Muriel Hill, Judy Corskie, Marilyn Nelson, Carolyn Ross, Priscilla Maxham

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## GIRLS' GLEE CLUB

THE feminine counterpart of the Boys' Chorus is the Girls' Glee Club, which is composed entirely of sophomore, junior, and senior girls.

This group convenes each Monday and Thursday in the music room. Under the direction of Miss Newton these choraleers have included in their repertoire such songs as "I Know Where I'm Going" and the very beautiful "Star Dust."

This year the Girls' Glee Club appeared in the annual concert with the Montpelier

Schools Band and also sang in the joint concert with St. Johnsbury, the auditions of the Vermont State Music Festival, and the Christmas assembly in the Smilie Memorial Auditorium.

Their accompanists are Carolyn Ward and Ann Conkling.

Although the Girls' Glee Club will lose many members by graduation, its high quality of tone and the great amount of enthusiasm shown by the girls are sure to be carried on by future choruses.



*First Row:* Carolyn Ward, Ann Conkling, Eleanor Bugbee, Priscilla Chapman, Brent Webster, Miss Newton, Jean Kinney, Harriet Slosberg, Elsa Chapin, Betsy Holt, Marilyn Mix  
*Second Row:* Eva Witham, Kay Lowell, Carol Edson, Gail Graham, Judy Corskie, Judy Nelson, Nancy Fielder, Pat Martin  
*Third Row:* David Curtis, Bill Ricker, Joan Foster, Cynthia Merrill, Sally Pierce, Martha Jeffrey, Priscilla Maxham, Carlita Stone  
*Fourth Row:* Harry Daniels, Reggie Robinson, Edwin Gallison, Jim Griffin, Bob Curtis, John Baird, Richard Gidney  
*Fifth Row:* Gerald Benedict, Bill Daniels, Gordon Wilkinson, Dick Perkins, George Baker

## MIXED CHORUS

WITH a special, spacious music room in which to rehearse plus talent coupled with enthusiasm, it is no wonder that this year our Mixed Chorus has done so well. This select group is composed of both boys and girls from the sophomore, junior and senior classes. These students are given the opportunity to belong to a musical organization which strives to produce good choral effects.

This year the Mixed Chorus has appeared at the Winooski Valley Music Festival, the dedication ceremony for our new school, the Montpelier Schools Concert, and the combined concert with St. Johnsbury Academy. The last performance of the 1955-1956 Mixed Chorus was at the Commencement Exercises.

It is only by patient practice that the Chorus has attained its harmony and artistic approach to music. When we hear

this group sing such arrangements as "All Creatures of Our God and King" or "They Call It America," perhaps we fail to realize the tremendous amount of work that has been put into perfecting their music.

This year's delegates to All-State were Gail Graham, Eleanor Bugbee, and Priscilla Chapman, sopranos; Jean Kinney and Betsy Holt, altos; Edwin Gallison and Harry Daniels, tenors; Reggie Robinson and Dave Curtis, baritones.

Officers for the year were Jean Kinney, president; Brent Webster, vice-president; Harriet Slosberg, secretary; Priscilla Chapman, treasurer; Dave Curtis, business manager; Elsa Chapin, assistant business manager; Bill Ricker and Elsa Chapin, librarians; Betsy Holt, wardrobe mistress; Nancy Fielder, Eleanor Bugbee, and Priscilla Chapman, assistants.



*Left to Right:* Sally Greene, Ruth Cleveland, Elizabeth Belanger, Sidney Lawson, Nancy Belanger, Lynda Jones, Lynda Kittle

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## DRUM MAJORETTES

**T**WISTING and twirling their silver batons, our majorettes have strutted through a very successful year.

Appearing at all the football and basketball games, as well as at rallies, dedications, parades, band concerts, and music festivals, these girls have done us proud. We have never ceased to be pleased by the various maneuvers performed by the squad and every performance brought forth much applause.

To augment their fund for new dress uniforms the twirlers gave baton lessons throughout the year to Montpelier youngsters.

The six attractive majorettes seen

leading our Band during the year were Sally Greene, Captain; Lynda Kittle, Nancy Belanger, Elizabeth Belanger, Ruth Cleveland, and Lynda Jones. The drum Major of the Band was Sidney Lawson.

The J.V. twirlers certainly deserve recognition, also, for they gave fine demonstrations at the basketball games this year. We're sure that when this squad comes of "varsity age" that it will leave nothing to be desired in baton manipulation. Composing the J.V. group were Maureen Hudson, Jean Conkling, Irene Martin, Connie Pratt, Joan Barquin, and Carolyn Silloway.



*First Row:* P. Hibbard, A. Martin, S. Goodwin, B. Holden, N. Desilets, E. Stone, P. Teachout  
*Second Row:* L. Monte, M. Skeels, B. Richardson, E. Perry, C. Mix, A. Wilcox, D. Pedrozo, B. Towle, S. Pierce,  
 S. Dyke, K. Pond, H. Tobey, D. Hudson, P. Edgerly, C. Heaton, D. Mathewson  
*Third Row:* L. Kittle, E. Belanger, R. Cleveland, S. Lawson, J. Baird, W. Foster, S. Laird, J. Hamilton, H. Daniels,  
 B. Bly, J. Whiting, G. Bigglestone, D. Wood, R. Curtis, S. Greene, N. Belanger, L. Jones, Mr. Mix  
*Last Row:* S. Goodwin, D. FitzPatrick, D. Edson, E. Adams, B. Adams, B. Daniels, B. Henson

## BAND

HOW many times have we been delightfully awakened from our studies by the swelling strains of a lusty march as the Band tooted by!

We have good reason to be proud of our instrumental organization for under the very competent direction of Mr. Clifton Mix our Band may well be called one of the best in Vermont.

Along with its regular performances at football and basketball games, the Band has had a very busy year. Its agenda included a joint concert with the Choruses and the Junior Band and the Orchestra, assembly programs, and the annual spring concert. The Band also participated in the Winooski Valley Music Festival, the Vermont State Music Festival, and in a joint concert with Lebanon High School from New Hampshire. For the first time our musicians made a long-

playing recording which they sold at the Spring Concert.

Within this organization is a "real jazzy" German Band—sometimes introduced as the "Hungry Six."

The featured soloists this year were Robert Curtis, baritone; John Baird, sousaphonist; Katie Pond, Dave Hudson, and Herb Tobey, a trumpet trio.

Those members selected for the All-State Band were Dave Hudson and Herb Tobey, trumpet; Sue Goodwin, flute; Peggy Hibbard, clarinet; John Baird, sousaphone; Bob Curtis, baritone; John Whiting, Gail Bigglestone, and Jane Hamilton, trombone.

The representative committee of the Band is composed of Katie Pond, Herb Tobey, David Hudson, Sue Goodwin, John Whiting, Sidney Lawson, Sally Greene, and Bonnie Holden.

... AND AGAIN



*We won !!!*



*Cornered!*



*Tennis Anyone?*



*Here comes the bride!*



*Ski bums!*



*'Spinning' the Record*



*Wonder if they glow in the dark...*



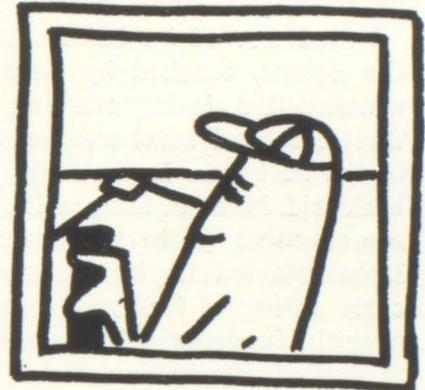
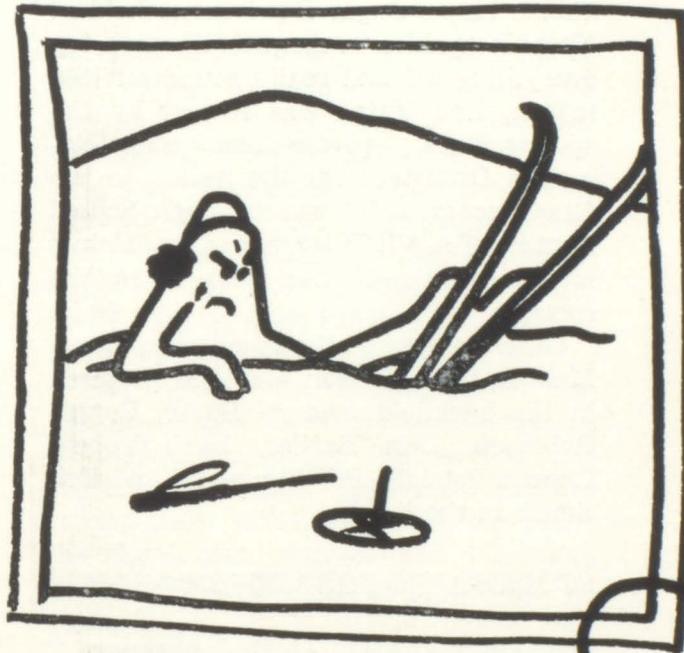
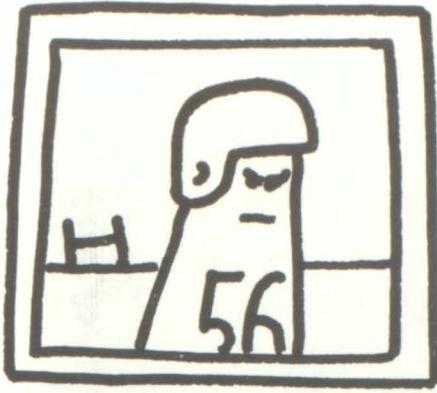
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*The Big Three!*

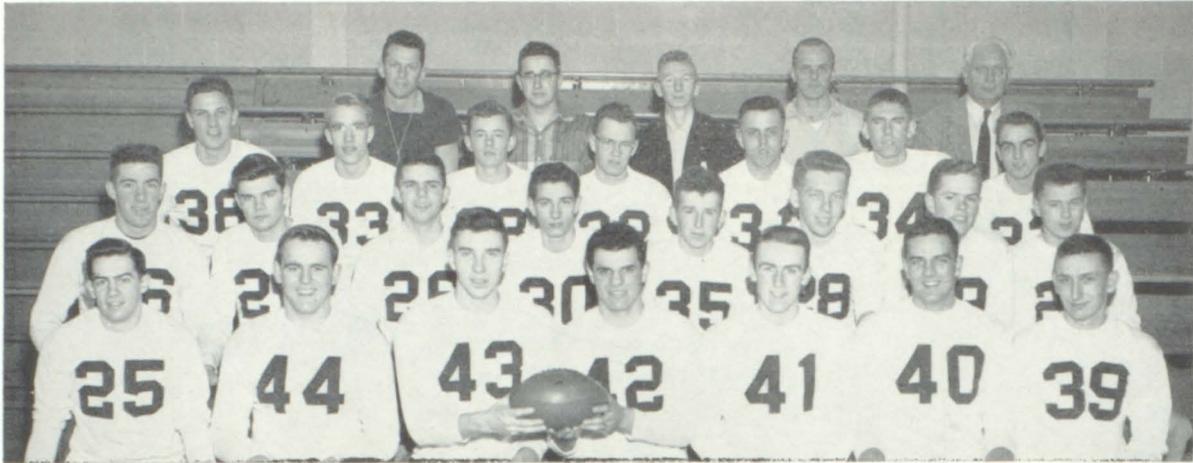


*It was work but  
O what fun!*



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# Sports



*First Row:* S. Meletes, B. Yates, J. Whiting, D. Sierra, A. Shute, R. Reynolds, R. Smith  
*Second Row:* R. Robinson, D. Portelance, D. Blanchard, C. Bailey, W. Fitzgerald, D. Battles, S. Bryan, P. M.unsell  
*Third Row:* P. Gomez, H. Tobey, J. Washburn, D. Day, D. Fleury, C. Tetzlaff, P. McGibney  
*Last Row:* Coach Brown, D. Curtis, and E. Gallison, managers; Coach Morrison, Coach Coane

## VARSITY FOOTBALL

**T**HIS year the MHS Football Team had one of its better seasons with the Solons, coached by George Brown, winning five, losing one and tying one. The team had what was considered one of the best lines in the state, and a fine backfield. Much of the credit for this fine season must go to the coaches. Coach Brown started shaping the team up in the early spring of last year when he went over the fundamentals of the game. Then in August, the Solons started scrimmaging, and worked hard until the end of the season. Coach Morrison worked with the line, and Coach Coane helped out considerably, also.

Following the pattern set up in the last few years, the Solons walloped their smaller rivals, but had a rough time with the larger schools. The squad played a tremendous game against Burlington, but lost a heartbreaker in the last half, 20-14. In the last game of the year, the team battled to a 6-6 stalemate with Spaulding in several inches of mud and snow.

Several of the boys on the team received various honors this year. Bob Yates, John Whiting, Dave Sierra, Peter McGibney, Dave Hudson and Roger

Reynolds made the All-State teams. Also, Whiting and Yates were picked to represent Montpelier High in the All-Star Shrine Maple Sugar Bowl Game held in New Hampshire in August. Then to top everything off and really round out the season, Bob Yates was named by the sportswriters, sportscasters and telecasters from all over the nation to the fourth team, All-American High School Football Team!!! This means that "Itchy" is among the 44 best players in the country.

Other seniors on the team were: Steve Meletes, Dave Hudson, and Pete Maunsell in the backfield, and Al Shute, Reggie Robinson, Dan Battles, Herb Tobey, Charlie Tetzlaff, Bill Fitzgerald and Bob Smith in the line.

### SCOREBOARD FOR 1955-1956 SEASON

MHS 18 .....	St. Johnsbury	7
MHS 34 .....	Newport	13
MHS 14 .....	Burlington	20
MHS 34 .....	Hartford	7
MHS 21 .....	BFA	7
MHS 49 .....	Lyndon	7
MHS 6 .....	Spaulding	6



*First Row:* Bob Yates, Steve Meletes, Dave Hudson, Herb Tobey, Pete McGibney, John Whiting  
*Second Row:* Bart Jeffrey, Cliff Heaton, John Washburn, Mike Spinelli, Pab Gomez, Gordie Wilkinson, Ed Gallison, manager  
*Third Row:* Dave Sierra, manager; Coach Brown, Coach Coane—Absent: Al Shute, manager

## VARSIITY BASKETBALL

THIS past winter the MHS Solons, coached by George Brown, enjoyed one of their finest basketball seasons, winning eighteen games and losing five. They won seven out of nine pre-season games and continued to win eight out of ten Northern League games. The highlights of the League season were the 50-39 victory over Burlington, and the Spaulding shellacking, 58-46.

The Solons met Burlington in the Northern Class "A" Tourney at the Barre Municipal Auditorium and settled the score by defeating Burlington for the second time, 49-34. The following night the Brownmen snatched the Northern title away from Mt. Saint Joseph of Rutland.

March 9, Brown's Buggy rolled to the Vermont State Finals at Middlebury to meet Springfield. There, in a thrill-packed ball game, Springfield eeked out a 44-43 victory.

To polish off the Northern Tourney victory, John Whiting, Pete McGibney

and Steve Meletes were placed on the All-Tourney team.

As the grand finale of the 1955-1956 basketball season, through the generosity of the Montpelier merchants, the team, managers, coaches and chaperons were sent to Boston to attend the New England Tournament.

The Solons were led by the six "iron men" seniors: Bob "Itchy" Yates, John Whiting, Steve Meletes, Pete McGibney, Herb Tobey and Dave Hudson. Five juniors—Mike Spinelli, Gordie Wilkinson, John Washburn, Pab Gomez, Bart Jeffrey, and one sophomore, Cliff Heaton, rounded out the squad.

The managers—Ed Gallison, Bebe Sierra and Al Shute—certainly merit a lusty cheer for having performed their jobs efficiently.

Coach Brown and our boys certainly made us proud this year, and we believe that the 1956 MHS Basketball Squad was one of the greatest.



First Row: Bob Elderkin, John Peck, Bill Huttenlock, Steve Meletes, Bob Yates, Dave Hudson, Cliff Bailey, Dick Fleury, Wayne Emerson, Donald Bigglestone  
 Second Row: Dave Woods, Ricky Graham, Andy Tomasi, Brownie Towle, Pete Benedini, Dick Perkins, Mike Spinelli, Cliff Heaton, John Washburn, Coach Morrison

## BASEBALL

ALTHOUGH sandwiched between Basketball season and Graduation, our baseball team does a fine job in holding its own. This year, due to the usual spring floods, the Solons got off to a slow start, but are picking up speed as the season progresses.

Coached by Burt Morrison, the team practices faithfully and the omens are indeed favorable. Since the RECORD goes to press before the close of the Baseball season, we un-clairvoyants are logically unable to "record" all the results. However, the game schedule is ample and

should provide MHS with some fine ball games. *Bonne chance*, Solons!

### BASEBALL SCHEDULE

MHS 1 .....	Spaulding 4
MHS 3 .....	Winooski 5
MHS 7 .....	Cathedral 5
MHS 0 .....	Winooski 4
MHS 4 .....	BFA 3
MHS 2 .....	Burlington 11
MHS 5 .....	Cathedral 4
MHS 5 .....	BFA 7
MHS 3 .....	Burlington 8



*First Row:* S. Meletes, P. Gomez, J. Whiting, S. Bryan, D. Hayward, D. Bliss, D. Hoare  
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 W. Daniels, W. Duprey, Mr. Towne  
*Third Row:* T. Anderson, G. Baker, R. Reynolds, B. Yates, T. Amidon, C. Tetzlaff

## TRACK

ALTHOUGH in 1955 the Solons had an informal season, 1956 marked the first time in many moons that Montpelier High School has had a track team. However, this year the MHS cindermen operated with a full schedule and competed in all events.

The squad was coached by Mr. Towne, assisted by Supt. Mathewson and Mr. Porter. Managers were Doug Lindsay, Ronnie Wilkinson and Gary DeCoteau.

In spite of the fact that the team began early with workouts in the gym, "dewy weather" and spring vacation hindered the desired flying start. As the cinder track at the Recreation Field was unfit for use at the commencement of the season, the team had to practice at the high school and the lack of a proper track was a big disadvantage.

At the time the RECORD went to press, the team hadn't attended any meets. Most of the squad's strength was expected to be in the field events. Charlie Tetzlaff, Dan Mathewson and Dave Hudson were the high jumpers. These three with Steve

Meletes competed in the broad jump.

The team was expected to be very strong in the shot put with Bob Yates, John Whiting and Al Shute heaving the 12 pound sphere. This triumvirate plus Rog Reynolds was to compete in the discus throw. Solon representatives in the javelin throw were Steve Meletes, Whiting, Shute and Stuart Bryan. Dan Mathewson and Tom Amidon were expected to carry the load in the pole vault which was a new event for the Solons.

In the running events, Whiting, Meletes and Rick Adams were to run the 100 yd. dash and Whiting and Pab Gomez, the 220. In the longer runs, Gomez and Adams would enter the 220, while Bryan and Amidon would run both the 880 and the mile. Running the hurdles, another new event, would be Mathewson, Tetzlaff and Dwight Hayward.

The amount of interest and enthusiasm shown by our road runners has been encouraging, and it is hoped and expected that Track will develop into a popular and lasting sport at MHS.



*First Row:* B. Ricker, D. Blanchard, D. Mathewson, S. Dyke, E. Reynolds, B. Adams, D. Bigglestone, S. Adams, J. Anderson  
*Second Row:* Miss Rust, S. Goodwin, K. Pond, G. Bigglestone, N. Goodale, B. Holden, S. Laird, P. Hibbard, M. Rosselli, Mr. Farnsworth  
*Third Row:* S. Pierce, R. Slayton, C. Billado, R. Reynolds, B. Lawrence

## SKI CLUB

THE Ski Club, under the guidance of Mr. Farnsworth and in the fourth year of existence, has been very successful in creating interest, stimulating competitive spirit, and providing a delightful week end at Carnival time. Its biggest undertaking was the second annual Winter Carnival, March 9 and 10, which involved sixty girls and boys from other schools who competed in the ski events. They attended a gala ski hop (appropriately decorated with a "Danse Olympique" theme) which was climaxed with the crowning of King Peter McGibney and Queen Elinor Pierce. The ski races were held Friday and Saturday, with the jumping at Sabin pasture drawing a large crowd.

The Boys' Team placed second in the Middlebury and Burlington meets and third in the Woodstock meet. At the

District meet at Lyndon, Tom Amidon won first place in the Giant Slalom and second place in the Downhill Slalom.

The Girls' Team won the Burlington meet. Individual honors went to Sue Goodwin who placed first in the Slalom and third in the Downhill, to Gail Bigglestone who placed first in the Downhill and second in the Slalom, and to Sandy Laird who placed second in the Downhill.

At the Montpelier Winter Carnival the Girls' Team placed second with individual honors going to Gail Bigglestone, who placed first in the Downhill and first in the Slalom. Because the Boys' Team didn't finish in Cross Country they were out of the competition leaving Burlington, Spaulding, Lyndon, and Woodstock to place first, second, third, and fourth, respectively.



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*Fifth Row:* S. Tarshis, C. Pratt, R. Newcity, J. Harris, E. Perry, J. Nelson, I. Bordas, J. Welch, L. Dorn, L. Bowman, P. Martin  
*Sixth Row:* S. Johnson, L. Ainsworth, C. Freeman, N. Goodale, B. Holden, S. Adams, A. Conkling, S. Laird, J. Wood, P. Baumann

## GIRLS' ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

THE GAA (sometimes confused with the PTA—Promotion of “Turrible” Amazons) strives to promote good sportsmanship and better team play among the girls at MHS. At the beginning of the school year all the new members are duly initiated into the mysteries of the association. This initiation has a dreaded tradition that only those who live survive!

Under the excellent direction of Miss Rust, who arrived at the beginning of the second semester, a basketball tournament was organized among the classes. Although the three lower classes displayed super-skill and unflinching accuracy in shooting, the rugged seniors, toughened by three years of experience, dribbled on to a glorious victory.

The ski fiends of the GAA and the

Girls' Ski Team attended the Burlington Meet at the Underhill Ski Bowl where our feminine representatives schussed off with the honors.

At the completion of each year special awards are given according to the number of points accumulated for participation in various sports.

Part of the girls' enthusiasm could be attributed to greatly improved gym facilities—the level floor, personal lockers, equipment, a spacious, well-lighted gym, tennis and badminton courts—of our new school.

This year's officers were Gail Bigglestone, president; Katie Pond, vice-president; Meri Skeels, secretary; Sally Pierce, treasurer; Sue Goodwin, business manager.

## JUNIOR VARSITY SPORTS

### JUNIOR VARSITY FOOTBALL

THE J.V. Football Team had a completely successful season this year—utterly undefeated!! As always, Coach Coane did a fine job developing the boys for future years on the Varsity. This year, due to the large number of men out for J.V. football, a freshman team was added. The freshmen battled to a 0-0 tie with the Lyndon frosh, and it looks as though MHS will be having more good players in a few years.

The J.V.'s started out by slamming St. Johnsbury 25-0 and then beating Lyndon 32-6. The season was highlighted by a victory over the Spaulding "Ripple" with the gratifying score of 19-6.

The J.V.'s were well staffed with Andy Tomasi, Dick White, Gene Kennedy, Tom Amidon, Bill Daniels, Dwight Hayward and Steve Bliss in the line, and Doug Lindsay, Cliff Heaton, Wayne Emerson and Wendell Fisher in the backfield.

### JUNIOR VARSITY BASKETBALL

To say that our Junior Varsity Basketball Team had a successful season is to say the very least; for the Solons vanquished all challengers, save Burlington, who defeated us by a measly two points. Coach Coane did a worthy job with the Jayvees, and we have no qualms as to the future of MHS basketball teams.

Gordie Wilkinson, Johnny Washburn, Mike Spinelli, Bart Jeffrey, Steve Good-

win, and Dick White were repeat letter winners along with Doug Lindsay, Steve Bliss, and Brownie Towle. Freshmen who won their letter were Rick Adams, Spike D'Arthenay and Earl Roberts. Managers were Pete Teachout and Russ Ayers.

The freshmen squad members plus others from their class won the freshman tournament sponsored by the St. Johnsbury Rotary Club.

### JUNIOR VARSITY BASEBALL

Once again, when the *calendar* thought it spring, a multitude of boys—nearly twenty-five—reported for J.V. baseball. Practices for the first two weeks were limited to the gym because of extreme chilliness and damp grounds. However, while the boys were confined indoors, Coach MacDonald was able to pick out likely candidates for infield positions and to scrutinize prospective pitchers. Finally, when Mr. Sun put in an appearance, full-scale practices were begun to get the

squad into shape and to determine who would represent Montpelier High School in its opening game against the Spaulding "Purple Ripple."

The starting lineup for the opening game was as follows: Slayton, C; Griffin, P; LaBounty, SS; Roberts, 2B; Kramer, LF; Adams, 3B; Fisher, CF; Clark, RF; Baumann, 1B.

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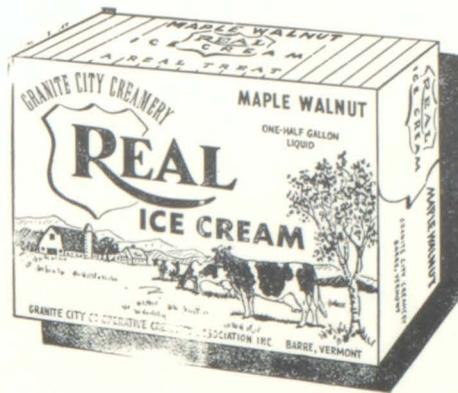
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