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## The Senior Class

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## These are The Big Wheels Who



We can always count on Mr. Baily's help when all else fails. That friendly warm smile is just another indication that he is working hard to help us. The students of Swissvale are really blessed with a Superintendent who is interested in them as individuals instead of just as a group.

Carl S. Baily

A cheery smile and a soft hello-that's the reception you get from the office secretaries. This, along with their ever-present willingness to help, adds sunshine to the atmosphere at S. H. S.


Estelle Gray
Helen Hyvarinen
Helen S. Tietz

## Direct Our Cycle of activities

One thing seniors always tell the incoming sophomores is "You'll like Mr. Douglas-he understands everyone." No truer words were ever spoken, for his is the ability to keep everything running smoothly and on an even keel. We firmly believe that no other school could have a principal with as much humor, kindness, and friendliness as ours.

L. M. Douglas

Our Board of School Directors spent many an evening working out the problems that always arise during the school year and deciding on solutions that would work out best for the students of the borough. They are, seated, Robert W. Yearsley, vice-president; Dr. Roy M. Smith, president; W. C. Reader, secretary. Standing, John R. Smith, solicitor; Henry Baumgartner, Howard Barnett, Melvin E. Wach, W. C. Smitley.


## Although Our Futures Looked Dim . . .



IDA DIA
Spanish, Latin
CHARLES F. BUZARD Football Coach, Math

HILDA SCHIMMEL Languages, Bus. Arith.

JUNE M. ROLLER
American History

JOSEPH H. DENNISON Basketball Coach, Math

RUTH M. SUTTER
Typing
CHESTER M. JELBART
Chemistry

Bookkeeping<br>CAROL GALAT<br>Bookkeping

## CARRIE E. HAMILTON

Chorus, Orchestra

EDITH C. MacleOD
History
ARNOLD H. KOEPKA Physical Education

ESTELLE L. THOMAS
Art

MARIE M. FRAZER
Problems of Democracy

HELEN ROBBINS
American Literature

Home Economics
MARGARET E. EISAMAN
Sophomore English

EDGAR J. HILL
Band, Choir
MARGARET I. JONES Counsellor, English

LORETTA RICHARDSON
Physical Education

EMILY NASH BAlLY English Literature
A. H. RODGERS Counsellor, Biology

MIMI LAWRENCE
Home Economics

RAE TENANT World History, French

SALLY BEECHER
Dramatics, Speech

GUY JACKSON Mechanical Drawing

ELIZABETH M. JACOBS
Publications, Biology


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Jhis Is Our Class-- Of Which We are Proud.


CONCEITA ADRAGNA Dramatics 3, 4; Y-Teen 3, 4; Speech 4; Bowling League 3; Art 2, Twirlers Club 2. Connie is a friendly dark-haired girl with a radiant smile. Her outside activities are taken up with swimming and dancing. Success as a potential secretary is her goal.

MARION BALL Marion will always be remembered for her intriguing hair styles. When she's a top model we'll say we knew her when. If you can't find her at a skating rink, look in any swimming pool.

MARTHA M. BENCHO A Cappella Choir 4; Dramatics 4; Swissvalian 4. Marcy, who came to us from Rankin in her senior year, was promptly recognized for her sweet soprano voice. Her talent and personality should contribute greatly towards making her a successful singer.

SARAH ADA BRUSH Co-editor Swissvalian 4; Student Council 2, 3, 4; Valistic 2, 3; Cheerleader 2, 3, 4; Y-Teen 3, 4; Dramatics 3, 4; Junior Class Play; Prom Attendant. The halls of SHS will echo their loneliness when "Sally" graduates. With her will go her ever present smile, cheerfulness, and dependability. A big question in this cheerleader's life is whether to study dramatics or journalism.

SHIRLEY IDA CARR Valistic 3, 4; $Y$-Teen 3, 4; Camera Club 3; Bowling League 2; Art 2; Drama 3, 4. Full of fun and frolic, Shirl's bright smile is a reflection of her cheery disposition. Her flair for decorating should make her quite a capable interior decorator. "What's the score?" is a favorite expression of this Swiss Miss.

JACK M. CLARK Mechanical Drawing 3, 4; Bowling League 4. If you ever want a nickname, Jack is the one who will give it to you. Hunting and fishing are the hobbies that interest him. We hope to see Jack reach his goal of a millionaire.

## Among Our Class Leaders Are...

ROBERT DAVID ANDERSON Foofball 4. We're glad to have Andy back with us from Edgewood; he's right at home on a football field and we'd be lost without him. His sparkling smile could always brighten the halls of SHS. Andy hopes to become an electrical engineer.

RETTA E. AUSTIN Nice compliments were made for wonderful people and Retta deserves the highest name of alla true friend. She spends every minute making life sweet for someone else and we think she'll make a top receptionist.

ETHEL ANN BAYUS A Cappella Choir 3, 4; Orchestra 3, 4; Bowling League 3, 4; Y-Teen 3, 4; Swissvalian 4; Chorus 4; Dramatics 4. "Et" came to SHS from Braddock at the beginning of her junior year and since then has made many friends. She's an energetic lass who, besides playing the piano, finds time to help out with many school activities.

JOHN BODIE Mechanical Drawing 3. "Tex" is that happy-go-lucky fellow with a smile for everyone. His pastimes are centered on football and women. To retire at the age of twenty seems to be his main ambition.

GERALDINE IRENE CARNAHAN . Dramatics 2, 3; Art 2, 3, 4. One of our nicest imports from Regent Square. Collecting everything from $a$ to $z$ is her hobby. Neatness, style, and personality are all rolled up into one little Senior-Gerry.

JANICE CHAMBERS Y-Teen 3, 4; Prom Queen Attendant; Junior Play; Class Officer 3; Dramatics 4; Swissvalian 4. Jan is a helpful girl with loads of pep and personality. Once you've met her you'll never forget her. Another of our future "angels of mercy", she ranks tops on our list.

JOHN JOSEPH CONLEY Valistic salesman 4; Yearbook salesman 4. If there's a lot of noise and plenty of fun, you're sure to find "Red" in the middle of it. His ambition is to be a mechanic, and with all his friends he's sure to succeed.

RONALD DALE BAKER Public Speaking 3, 4; Swissvalian Business Manager 4; Dramatics 3, 4. Buffalo's loss is our gain. This "Silver Tongued Orator" is one of those lucky people with a gift of gab. He has high hopes of entering the professional field of dentistry.

EVELYN MARIE BEGG Chorus 2; Y-Teen 3, 4; Swissvalian 4. "Evvie" is a friendly lass who enjoys movies and dancing. Her ambition is to be a secretary, and, with her ability and neatness we can count on her to make an efficient one.

NICHOLAS BONACCI Football 3, 4; Varsity Club 3, 4; Band 2. "Mimy" is one of our most popular lads. It's college for him and also football. We know that with his natural ability he will succeed in both. "Mimy" agrees that everyone should "play it cool."

MARIE FRANCES CARR A Cappella Choir 2, 3, 4; Band 2, 3, 4; Orchestra 2, 3, 4; Swissvalian 4. That tiny girl with the biggest instruments-bells and bass fid-dle-is "Ree". She is always on the go, in and out of school, and gets along with everyone. Marie plans to make music her career.

ELEANOR V. CLARK Dramatics 3, 4; Chorus 2; Bowling League 3. One of our most attractive senior girls, "Snooky" is noted for her fascinating bracelets. Collecting spun glass articles and dancing top her list as favorites. "Snooky" plans to make acting her career.

PAUL CONLOGUE One of the brothers. Paul hasn't yet decided what to do with his future-so we'll just have to wait and be surprised. When it comes to a favorite pastime or sport, you'll always find baseball heading the list.

## "Hezzy" Was Our Friend and President

ROBERT P. CONLOGUE Chorus 2; Football 3, 4. Bob is one of our athletically inclined Swiss Misters, who loves a good game of football or baseball. Although he enjoys electrical work as a hobby, he is still undecided concerning his future.

MAE DIANA "Maisie" has a hobby that really pays-collecting pennies. Everything about her is sweet, and she's well worth knowing. Can't you just picture her as an interviewer??

DONNA M. DOUGLAS $Y$-Teen 3, 4; Band 2, 3, 4; A Cappella Choir 2, 3, 4; Student Council 3, 4; Prom Queen Attendant 3. Donna is one of our sweetest and friendliest seniors. She's an active girl and a leader in all activities. In the future, going to the dentist will be less painful, for Donna plans to become a dentist's nurse.

NORMA JEAN CRAIG Dramatics $2 ;$ YTeen 3; Chorus 2, 3; Twirler's Club 2. Here is a fun-loving girl who just adores watching football. To work in an office is her prime ambition. In the future we'll always remember "Craigie's" expression, "Oh, my!"

JOHN F. DIDOMENICO "Do Do's" gay laughter and mischievous ideas will be missed in the halls of SHS. For his favorite pastime, he picks swimming as tops. Mechanics interest "Do Do" for a future job.

DELORES M. DOWGIRD Chorus 2; Art 3, 4. To be a capable designer is Dee's aim. Always alert and full of ideas, Delores should go far in this field. Her charming smile is one of the things we liked best about her.

GLADYS R. ELISH Bowling League 2, 3, 4; Y-Teen 3, 4; Art 2; Dramatics 3. The sweet miss flashing the beautiful diamond is "Gladdy". Learning to drive occupies almost all of her spare time. In the future she will trade her school books for the job of housewife.

CHRISTINE A. CRESTO Bowling League 4; Y-Teen 4; Dramatics 3, 4; Camera Club 2, 3, 4; Swissvalion 4; Valistic 4; Chorus 2; Latin Club 2. "Chris" will long be re'membered for her beautiful black hair and personality plus. She is interested in anything that pertains to sewing, as indeed she should be, for her ambition is to be a seamstress.

JANE ANNE DOCHERTY "Doc" is another sweet Irishman with a lovely smile and voice to boot. Her easy-going disposition is always present, come rain or shine, and we know that she'll succeed on any road of life.

JAMES CARL ELES Band 2, 3, 4. "Bones", who spends most of his leisure moments at $\mathrm{J} \& \mathrm{M}^{\prime} \mathrm{s}$, is following in his father's footsteps and selling cars for Oldsmobile. He is another senior who believes in "playing it cool."

RONALD A. ESPER When we are remin. iscing years from now, Ronnie's name will be remembered first, for his was the ability to keep everyone in the crowd happy. SHS's favorite comedian is college bound.

JOANNE MARIE FORD Dramatics 3; Chorus 2; Twirlers Club 2, 3, 4; Majorette 3, 4. We'tl always remember Jo's fancy steppin' with the band. This fun loving gal was always an asset on the field. Skating is her hobby, but stenography takes first place in her future plans.

YVONNE B. EVANS Swissvalian 4; Cheerleader 2, 3, 4; Art 2, 3, 4; Camera Club 2, 3; Y-Teen 3, 4; Dramatics 2; Class Officer 3, 4; Prom Queen Attendant, Yvonne's sweet disposition and friendly smile are known to all. Besides cheerleading, her special inferests include dancing and football games. She hopes to use her art ability in the field of advertising.

BEATRICE FORGIONE Cheerleader 2, 3 , 4; Chorus 2, 3; Class Officer 2; Dramatics 3; Yearbook 4; Junior Prom Queen. To gain just half of Beaty's personality is everyone's desire. Her most outstanding feature is that lovely black hair, and is it any wonder that she wants to be a

RONALD A. FAUST Basketball 2, 3, 4; Volleyball 2, 3, 4; Football 3, 4; Varsity Club 3, 4; Student Council 4; A Cappella Choir 2, 3, 4; Art 2. "Bambi" is one of our busiest and most sports-minded Swiss Misters. Indispensable on the football field, he was one of the Gold Flash's fighting eleven in his senior year. Ronnie plans to go to college and become an architect.

SAM J. FRANCIS Art 2, 3, 4; Band 2, 3, 4; Valistic 2; Student Council 4; A Cappella Choir 3, 4. Sam was one of the reasons that girls tried to look their best in class. He has a keen knowledge of music and would like nothing better than to play in a big name band.

## "Beaty" Was Our Prom queen.

ROSEMARY DENARDO Chorus 2; Dramatics 2, 3, 4; Speech 4; Bowling League 2; Swissvalian 4. Anyone in need of a private secretary? Well, look up Rosemary. Dancing is tops with her; maybe that's why she's often seen at the Barn. Her cheery hello's and bright smiles will long be remembered.

MARY MARGARET DONOVAN Bowling League 2, 3, 4; Y-Teen 3, 4; Chorus 2, 3. Mary, with her friendly and cheerful disposition makes friends wherever she goes. Music and books are her main interests. She is sure to brighten any office, for she wants to be either an accountant or a bookkeeper.

JANET ELDER Chorus 2, 3, 4; Y-Teen 3, 4. "Jan" is an all around likeable miss. You can always depend on her for an enjoyable time. Will we ever forget that giggle? Her plans for the future include a course in Domestic Science.

ROBERT H. EPPS Class President 2, 3, 4; Student Council 2, 3, 4; Football 2, 3, 4; Varsity Club 2, 3, 4; Basketball 3. "Hez$z y^{\prime \prime}$, our pride and joy, is a likeable lad with a big grin and " Hi " for everyone. Bob has been one of SHS's outstanding athletes, but still finds time to maintain an honor rating.

SANDRA FISHER Speech 2; Dramatics 3, 4; Chorus 2, 3, 4; Valistic 2. "Irish" should be Sandy's nickname, because with that black hair and Irish smile it suits her better than any other. She wants to be a secretary, but why let that vocal talent go undeveloped?

WARREN B. FRUECHTEL Latin Club 2; Speech 4. Warren is one fellow who is both conscientious and dependable. For hobbies he has picked reading and stamp collecting. To be a soldier is Warren's ambition, and with his brains he will become a general.


Sally and Gearge Edited Our Yearbook,


JEAN ELIZABETH GALBRAITH $Y$-Teen 4 Swissvalian 4; Dramatics 2, 3, 4; Speech 4; Twirlers Club 4; Camera Club 2. Jean's witty remarks always put her in on the fun. That twinkle in her eye never ceased to exist through her entire high school career. To become a good housewife will suit her fine.

DOROTHY GOUBEAUD Art 2, 3, 4; Dramatics 3, 4, One of our more petite Swiss Misses, Dot's soft mellow voice is one of her best qualities. Keep smiling, for she may be drawing your portrait someday. A bookkeeper's job would suit her fine, too.

BEATRICE ROSEMARIE GULENTZ Chorus 2, 3; Junior Class Play. "Goo", as she is known to her many friends, is a likeable girl with a friendly attitude. Her sparkling personality and easy manner will aid her in her chosen field of school feaching.

MARGARET MARY HARRINGTON Camera Club 2, 3; Art 2, 3; Latin Club 2. Tall, blonde, and good looking describes Peggy well. Her pleasing smile and helpful nature are two of her many assets. Those lovely clothes she makes for herself tell what she does with some of her spare time.

ROBERT HOOD Baseball 2 ; Mechanical Drawing 2. "Rapid" is one of SHS's ardent baseball fans. Fellows, here's a bit of advice he gives you: "Never trust a woman." In future years he wants to enter the field of electrical engineering.

PATRICIA LOU JONES Chorus 2; Y-Teen 3, 4; Twirlers Club 2; Swissvalian 4. Pat is another of our blond, willowy gals. She loves dancing, skating, and as a hobby collects snapshots. Pat is certain to make some boss happy as his stenographer.

## and "Luke" Made Jhings Look Brighter.

MARY ELIZABETH GILCHRIST Chorus 2 , 3, 4; Twirler's Club 2, 3; Y-Teen 3, 4; Dramatics 4. Betty is a lass who has a cheerful smile for everyone. Words such as kind, friendly, and thoughtful are well used to describe her. These qualities should help to make her life work of teaching a success.

JOHN IVAN GOITON Latin Club 2 ; Speech 4; Chorus 3. Ivan, another of our more dependable fellows, is an ardent baseball fan. Here's where his speech will come in handy, for he plans to "strangle a microphone," in other words, become a radio announcer.

KATHLEEN GREELEY Twirlers Club 2, 3, 4; Majorette 3, 4; Dramatics 3, 4. "Sissy" was one of our cute strutters who improved the band during football season. She loves to dance at the barn or Savors every Friday. On the serious side, Sis wants to be a secretary after graduation.

MICHAEL M. GREELEY Student Council 4. Mike is not interested in any field as yet, but we're sure he'll come up with something original-that's Mike. With his interest in sports and his fair-mindedness, we think he'd make a swell referee. Think it over, Mike.

VINCENT GOLIA Our tallest senior left us during his Sophomore year but found he couldn't stay away for long. Vince wants to have an easy life, just hunting and fishing. That's the way it should be for nice people.

GRACE R. HAMILTON Art 2; Latin Club 2. Grace, who is referred to as the "Brains of the Outfit," has the largest collection of stamps at SHS. She plans on going to college to further her education.

DOROTHY BERNICE HAUSER A Cappella Choir 2, 3, 4; Art 2, 3, 4; Valistic 2, 3; Student Council 2; Dramatics 4; Art Editor, Swissvalian 4; Y-Teen 3, 4; Latin Club 2; Junior Class Play. Dot is one of our petite Swiss Misses and quite an artist also. She usually has a hand in most everything around school. She hopes to attend Carnegie Tech to study art, and with her natural talent she can't miss.

GEORGE D. HAMMOND Band 3, 4; Bowl. ing league 4. We could never hear enough of George's marvelous piano playing, and he never tired of accommodating us. He expects to use this talent later as a music teacher. Along with his music, he enjoys fishing and photography.

ROBERT HARDER Mechanical Drawing 4; Stage Crew 3. Bob is one of our more intellectual students. Conscientious and capable are adjectives which fit him to a "T." We are sure he will succeed in later life with his plans to be an electrical engineer.

FRANK B. HUNTER Basketball 2, 3, 4; Baseball 2, 3, 4; Varsity Club 4; Refreshment Stand 3. From Frank's record you can see he is quite an athlete. He won't need too much practice after playing for SHS to become a professional ball player. Meanwhile, he's concentrating on college.

NORBERTA LEE HENNINGS Chorus $2 ; \mathrm{Y}$ Teen 3, 4; Dramatics 3, 4; Swissvalian 4. Bertie is one of our likeable seniors who is happiest when she can spend her spare time swimming. "Holy cow!" is her inevitable reply to almost any situation. To be a stenographer is Bertie's ambition.

CHARLES GRIFFITH Football Manager 3, 4; Varsity Club 4. A football or basketball game wouldn't have been complete without "Griff's " presence. His ambition is to be a cabinet maker, and, if his friends are his only customers, he's sure of a success.

MARGARET KIRBY Peggy is another of our enthusiastic coin collectors. Her pleasing voice is a definite asset towards being a competent telephone operator. "How about that" is Peg's own favorite saying.

JOSEPH R. KLEMMER Class Officer 4; Student Council 3; Dramatics 2, 3; Football 2, 3, 4; Basketball 2; Baseball 2, 3, 4; Varsity Club 2, 3, 4. Here's a popular fellow who is easy to get along with. Who is it? Why Joe, of course. When it comes to football, Joe really ranks as one of the best. After graduation, Joe is college bound.

RICHARD L. KOBER Always getting into mischief, Richie's favorite expression is "Let's go get 'em." Fishing, football, and dancing take up most of this lad's spare time. Richie's plans for the future center around engineering.

NICK ANTHONY LAMBERTI Mechanical Drawing 3, 4. With Nick, a smile comes naturally. This will be a benefit no matter which trade he chooses to enter. His "Never let a day go by" slogan will long be remembered at SHS. When he goes hunting, the rabbits all run for cover!

RUSSELL LONG Valistic 3; Art Editor 4; Mechanical Drawing 2, 4; Art 2. "Rusty" never kept still for a minute through his high school days. If he wasn't helping someone he was active in some sport. To work with electricity is his definite desire.

GENE C. MARIANI Football 4; Basketball 2, 3, 4; Varsity Club 4; Dramatics 2, 3; Band 2, 3. Geno, as he is known to his pals, ranks basketball first on his sports list. We have never seen him anything but happy. In the future, Geno wants to be a carpenter.

JOANNE McDANIEL Dramatics 3 ; Chorus 2; Camera Club 2, 3; Speech 4. "Mickey", a well-known girl around school, will be remembered for her cheerfulness. Her favorite pastimes include dancing and reading. To be an A-1 accountant and then a wife is her aim in life.

DONNA M. KOONTZ Chorus 2; Y-Teen 3, 4; Majorette 3, 4; Dramatics 2; Twirlers Club 3, 4; Valistic 2; Swissvalion 4. "Dee's" ready wit and sparkling smile will always help her get along with people. One of our snappy majorettes, she is always bubbling over with vitality. From the description, you can see that she will make a wonderful receptionist.

HARRY LANDER Football 2, 3, 4; Var sity Club 4; Baseball 2, 3, 4; Volley Ball 2, 3, 4. Here's one of our more sports minded lads. "Goose" is always ready to help anyone and his twinkling eyes tell you there's never a dull moment when he's around. In the future he plans to become a commercial artist.

GILBERT F. LUCAS Baseball 2; Mechanical Drawing 2, 3, 4; Football 2, 3; Swissvalian 4. Look out; here comes that boy again. Full of mischief, Luke's always got a finger in something. A great sports fan, he always takes an active part. We raise our eyebrows at this last statement -Luke wants to become a school teacher.

BETTY ANN MARSH A Cappella Choir 2, 3, 4; Art 2, 3, 4; Camera Club 2; Y-Teen 2, 3; Dramatics 3, 4; Swissvalian 4; Bowling league 4. Busy as a bee is Betsy! Musically inclined, she was one of the choir's hard-working altos. Her main interests center about advertising and commercial art.

ROBERT G. McFARLAND Baseball Manager 2, 3, 4; Basketball 2, 3, 4; Salesman 3. Bob's a cheerful guy with a devilish grin. His favorite pastime includes nothing but sports, sports, and more sports. An executive's position would please him very much. Here's Bob's slant on an old saying-"Play it chilly".

JAMES L. KLINGENSMITH Jim could spend hours tinkering with a car. This makes his ambition of becoming a mechanic stand out. His motto is "Do it now"; of course, he practices what he preaches!

FRED H. KOST Basketball 2, 3, 4; Baseball 3; Volleyball 2. "Fritz" was well known around school for his gay laughter. Playing a good game of baseball or basketball is his idea of a swell time. He has one ambition-to finish school.

VIRGINIA LaVERDE "Jeanne," who seems quiet till you know her better, likes to dance and read. Her main ambition is to graduate from the University of Michigan, and then find a job where she'll be near lots of people.

JOHN NEILSON LUDWIG Band 2, 3, 4; Orchestra 2, 3. "Jackson" is a Harry James in disguise. He hopes to follow in the King of Trumpet's footsteps. He pursues the "bop" styles even as to clothes. Remember those pegged trousers?

JAMES BLAKE MARSHALL Camera Club 2, 3; Orchestra 2, 3, 4; Stage Crew 2, 3, 4; Valistic 2, 3, 4; Color Guard 4; Swissvalian 4. Easy going and always accommodat. ing, Jim could easily be labeled "everybody's right-hand man." He can be rec ognized for his inevitable question, "May I go to Room 6?" Jim aspires to be a chemist.

ISABEL McILROY A Cappella Choir 2, 3, 4; Twirlers Club 2; Dramatics 2; Art 2; Jr. Class Play. If you hear sparkling laughter, it's "Ish." This fun loving gal never wants to grow old, and we can't say that we blame her one bit. Her plans as to the future are uncertain.

## Lois and Gibby Were Jerrif' With Grades.

v. ROBERT Klitz Camera Club 2, 3, 4; Valistic 2, 4; Swissvalian 4; Stage Crew 3; Bowling League 4. We have a future zoologist in our midst. Yes, Bob who is a very busy lad around school, plans to make zoology his career. His interest in animals is giving him a head start.

WILLIAM S. KRAVES Here is a friend to everyone! His sunny disposition and humorous remarks make him well liked around school. If you ever need a machinist in the future, be sure to look up Bill.

MARION F. LEES Dramatics 2, 3, 4; Chorus 2. "Mimi's" a fun loving lass who is well known around SHS for her vim and vigor. Her aim in life is to be a physical education instructor; this explains why she took all those extra gym classes.

ALEXANDER L. MADYDA Art 2. Alex, who is full of surprises anyway, comes up with an unusual hobby-baking. Baseball takes up a lot of his spare time, but in spite of baseball and baking he plans to be a mechanic.

RUTH JOYCE MATHIS Band 2, 3, 4; A Cappella Choir 2, 3, 4; Y-Teen 4; Valistic 2, 3, 4; Bowling League 2, 3, 4. Small, sweet, and oh so neat, that's our Ruthie. Bubbling over with the joy of living, she is everybody's friend. What a lovely air hostess she'll make!

JOHN JAMES MCKEE Jim is an avid reader of sports books and has quite a collection. Since he likes to eat and work at the same time, his ambition is a suitable one-to be employed by the Grennan Bakery! Basketball is this lad's favorite sport.


Dot and Bob Rated as Singers.

robert J. Mclaughlin Baseball Manager 2, 3, 4; Camera Club 2, 3; Junior Play; Refreshment Stand, "Doak" is well liked around school, not only for his keen sense of humor but for his neat appearance. A cheery fellow with lofty ambitions, "Doak" plans to become a commercial pilot.

ROBERT GLENN MILLER Band 2, 3, 4; Valistic 3, 4. The big tease-we'll miss Bob's infectious smile and friendly disposition which helped to brighten SHS and Room 6. We consider him the executive type, but he is uncertain about his plans after graduation.

MARILYN JEAN MORRIS Y-Teen 3, 4; Mechanical Drawing 2, 3. Anyone can see where "Pinky" got her nickname. Her beautiful wardrobe is the envy of all the girls. She aspires to be a model, and, with her neat appearance and that "red" hair, she'll become an outstanding one.

AL PASCARELLA At first glance Al gives the impression of being quiet, but there's always fun when he's around. He rates football and swimming as favorites. In the future Al would like to be an architect.

GERALDINE A. REARDON Chorus 4; Y. Teen 3, 4; Dramatics 3; Swissvalian 4. Gerry is a cute little gal who likes swimming and dancing. Never has trouble making friends and keeping them. Whoever she nurses will find her cheerful, thoughtful, and humorous.

SHIRLEE E. ROWLAND Chorus 2; Latin Club 2; Y-Teen 3, 4; Swissvalion 4. Fun loving and happy-go-lucky, Shirl always has an eye for mischief. Her smile and sense of humor are welcome in any group. Shirl plans to climb high-as an air hostess.

## Ronnie as Orator and Dramatist.

CHARLES JEROME MCMINN A Cappella Choir 2. Chuck's seeming quietness doesn't fool us a bill With his pleasing smile and that nice personality, he proves to be an asset to SHS. We are sure success will be his.

ROBERT E. McNULTY Football 2; Basketball 2; Baseball 2; Junior Play; State Chorus 2, 3, 4; A Cappella Choir 2, 3, 4; Arf 2, 3, 4. Quite a popular lad around SHS, Bob is noted for his fine voice. He also has a natural wit that makes him great fun at any gathering. In the future, Bob plans to become an architect.

THOMAS R. MOORE Art 2; Mechanical Drawing 2, 3. Here's a mischievous lad, with a personality to match. "Boomer" could always make us laugh, even on the darkest days. All in all we'd say he's quite a nice fellow to have around. His main ambition is to graduate with 32 credits.

JO ANNE MURRAY Chorus 2, 3; Camera Club 2, 3; Cheerleader 2, 3, 4; $Y$-Teen 3, 4: Swissvalian 4. Full of vim and vigor, Jo was one of our energetic cheerleaders. During the rest of the year, she applied energy to study in preparation for nursing, as surgical work is her vocation.

PAT MITLO Band 2, 3, 4; District Band 3; District Orchestra 2. Pat is a drummer of whom Swissvale High can be proud. His ambition is to arrange music and orchestrations. With his musical ability and entertaining personality Pat is a sure hit.

WILLIAM D. NEFF Football 2, 3, 4; Baseball 2,3,4. Willie is small but don't let that fool you. On the football field he's right in there with the best. College is his ambition and with his friendly manner he can't help but succeed.

MARIE C. PELLA Art 2, 3, 4. Efficiency is one of "Mer's" foremost traits. Her hobby is cooking and she would like very much to be a dietitian. A hobby and an ambition combined always makes a happy life.

JOANNE RUTH RENNER Valistic 2, 3, 4; Art 2, 3; Camera Club 3; Student Council 3; Prom Attendant 3; Bowling League 3; Y-Teen 3, 4. We loaned Jo to Ohio, but she came back for graduation. This Swiss Miss has many pastimes, mainly skefching. Her plans for the future center on marriage.

DAVID PENNINGTON Student Council 2, 3; Football 2, 3; Basketball 2; Baseball 2. "Kansas" has his future all worked out. First, he'll become president of some huge trailer corporation, then, he'll break into pro basketball. How ambitious can you get!

DOROTHY M. RITMANICH Art 2, 3, 4; Y-Teen 3, 4; Valistic 3, 4; Bowling League 4; Swissvalian 4. Dot combines listening to the radio and drawing as her favorite pastimes. After graduation she wants to enter some line of secretarial work, and with her grades we can understand why.

JOSEPH P. MIELE Art 2, 3, 4; Dramatics 3, 4. Joe, which sounds more familiar to us, fakes an interest in his school work. He wants to go to college to study interior decorating. After he makes oodles of money, Joe plans to travel.

LOUIS V. MOORHEAD Foootball 2, 3, 4; Basketball 2, 3, 4; Baseball 2, 3, 4; Varsity Club 2, 3, 4; Volleyball 3, 4; A Cappella Choir 2, 3, 4. Lou is one of our handsome red-haired fellows-a favorite with everyone. He really rates high in his sports. Lou's future life includes college and a "lot of football."

THOMAS DAVIS NEWINGHAM Latin Club 2; A Cappella Choir 2, 3; Color Guard 3, 4; Stage Crew 3, 4; Bowling League 4; Camera Club 4. A handy man in and about school, Tom was always busy working-usually back stage. Tropical fish and boat models take up his leiure moments. This keen, good-natured fellow plans to be a research chemist.

ROBERT A. PROTHEROE "Put-Put" spends most of his time at football and baseball games. Bob's hobbies are taking pictures and collecting snapshots, and his favorite pastime is eating his mom's cooking.

JOAN MICHELLE ROCCO Not many girls possess a personality like Jo's. She is kind to everyone, and as a result has many friends. To work in a newspaper office sounds ideal to her.

DANIEL CHARLES SADLER Hi-Y 2; Stage Crew 3, 4; Camera Club 3, 4; Dramatics 4. Dan, sometimes known as "Abe", can almost always be found cheerfully working on "sets" or with a camera. His favorite pastime is hunting, and for his vocation he has selected the job of electrician.

LOUIS E. SCHULTZ Camera Club 3; Speech 4. This pleasant, good natured lad enjoys driving and sleeping in his spare moments (not at the same time, though!). Lou's personality should be a great asset to him in building up a successful practice as a chiropodist.

CHARLES T. SCHUMACHER Stage Crew 2,3. Hunting and fishing come naturally to Chuck, for he is quite an outdoorsman. After graduation he plans to make a mint -doing what, he hasn't yet decided. He claims that's a minor detail.

## Dot Led The Senior Class Play

MARGARET THERESA SHANAHAN Twirlers Club 2; Y-Teen 3, 4. There seems to be no end to this dark-haired lass's pep. Her vivacious talk could be heard any time in the halls of SHS. She'll make some man a fine typist.

DEBORAH ANN SMITH A winsome and attractive girl is our "Debby". There seems to be no end to this Swiss Miss's pep and vitality. For the future, "Debby" has her eye set on the job of air hostess.

ETHEL V. STEVENS Dramatics 2, 3, 4; Y-Teen 4; Valistic 3, 4; Chorus 2, 3; Swissvalian 4; Twirlers Club 2; Camera Club 2. "Stevie" is a friendly lass with a sunny disposition. Combined with her pep and vitality is her willingness to help anyone, anytime. Her's is a simple ambition, to settle down and raise a nice family.

DOROTHY E. THOMAS Swissvalian 4; Band 2, 3, 4; A Cappella Choir 2, 3, 4; Y-Teen 3, 4. Life is certainly beautiful when Dottie steps into view. What would we ever have done without her lovely voice and helpful nature? Dottie plans to be an air hostess, and everyone who knows her is certain she'll make a "model type."

RICHARD SHEPHERD Art 2. Dick keeps himself quite busy ushering at the show; this is combined with his hobby of keeping records on pro football and basketball games. Someday he hopes to become an accountant.

EILEEN M. SMITH Valistic 3, 4; Chorus 2; Art 2, 3, 4. What! Another secretary? We'll add her to our long list! "Ei" can usually be found in Room 6 busily typing on that smooth new gray Royal. Friendliness is one of her main qualities.

FRED STOCK Fred is known to all the teachers for his famous motto-"Better late than never." His easy-to-get-alongwith personality is one of the main reasons why he is so well-liked.

WILLIAM TKACH Chorus 2; A Cappella Choir 3, 4. We have a photographer in our midst. Yes, Bill would like to carry his hobby of photography into a career. So if ever you want your photo taken, Mr. Tkach will be ready and waiting.

CHARLOTTE M. VALLO $Y$-Teen 4; Twirlers Club 2. Lovely as a dream is this Swiss Miss whose ambition is to travel. She's a busy gal in all phases of school activities and a clever dancer as well. We predict a happy future for "Char."

JEROME WETMORE Football 2, 3, 4; Volleyball 2, 3, 4. "Mouse" is one of our friendliest senior fellows. While his hobby is eating, sports (especially football) really rate high in Jerry's estimation. To find a good job after graduation is all he asks.

JOHN R. VAUPEL Salesman 3, 4; Varsity Club 3, 4; Baseball 2, 3, 4; Basketball Manager 2, 3, 4; A Cappella Choir 2, 3, 4. "Vaup" is a fun-loving, popular fellow whose main interest is sports. Whether it be baseball, football, basketball, or hockey, there you'll find Johnny. Whatever he does in later life, we know he will be successful.

ROBERT WHITE Bob is a cheerful guy and nice to have around. He is very interested in sports and collects sports pennants for a hobby. Another of his favorite pastimes is listening to classical music.

BETTY SHIELDS Dramatics 2, 3; Chorus 2; Y-Teen 4. A strawberry blond with green eyes and personality plus-what more could one ask for? She claims her only love is football, but we'll leave that for the wolves to decide. Meanwhile she wants to travel.

DOLORES K. SPIERTO A Cappella Choir 2, 3, 4; Swissvalian 4; Y-Teen 3, 4; Art $2,3,4$. A beautiful smile and attractive clothes are characteristic of "Dee". If you want to find her, she can usually be found watching any sports game. "Dee's" ambition in life is to become a fashion illustrator.

ELINORE E. STONE A Cappella Choir 2, 3, 4; Y-Teen 3, 4; Band 2, 3; Latin Club 2; Valistic 3, 4; Camera Club 4; Swissvalian 4. "Always on the go" seems to be "Ellie's" motto. While interested in everything, she plans to major in journalism at Pitt. If you happen to hear, "Do I worry?"-that's Ellie.

MARGIE TREPAK Twirlers Club 2, 3, 4; Majorette 3, 4; Art 2, 3; Y-Teen 3, 4. One of our high struttin' majorettes, Margie's sweet smile and winning personality will always make friends for her. We were sorry to see her leave us in her senior year. But our loss is Turtle Creek's gain.

LOIS ALBERTA VIERHELIER Y-Teen 3, 4; Bowling League 3, 4; A Cappella Choir 2, 3, 4; Swissvilian 4; Latin Club 2; Chorus 2. SHS's favorite redhead, "Vee" always has a smile and a friendly greeting for everyone. Our choir pianist, it's no surprise she plans to go on with her music and become a teacher. We know she'll meet with success in whatever she undertakes.

WILLIAM W. WHITEHEAD Mechanical Drawing 2, 3, 4. "Ain't that so?" Bill must be somewhere around when you hear that. His favorite pastimes are popular ones with SHS students-eating and sleeping. Bill is an expert in doing both.

DOROTHY LOUISE WILLIAMS Chorus 2, 3; Dramatics 3; Swissvalian 4. A lovely face and figure are combined in one girl. Yes, it's our Dot. She likes to spend her leisure time dancing. After graduation, it's back to typing and shorthand, for Dot plans to be a secretary.

GEORGE LARIMER WILLSON Art 2, 3, 4; Chorus 2; Latin Club 2; Valistic 2, 3; Speech 4; Co-edifor Swissvalian 4; Junior Class Play. Got any old stamps? Just bring 'em to George. He collects them. "Intelligent and dependable", fits George to a "T." One of our ambitious senior boys, he plans to become an instructor in history or math.

JOHN J. SOLTIS Basketball 2, 3, 4; Baseball 2, 3, 4; Volleyball 3; Mechanical Drawing 2, 3; Varsity Club 4. Another of our more sports minded lads, John also enjoys hunting in his spare time. He plans to follow up his interest in sports by becoming a major league baseball pitcher.

WILLIAM FRANKLIN STARN Basketball Manager 2, 3, 4; Speech 3; Dramatics 2, 3. Bill, who likes any sport, especially hockey, was top manager for our basketball team. His ambition is to be a Certified Public Accountant, and we are sure he'll make a success of this, as he has with everything.

MARY ANN TEOLIS Chorus 2, 3, 4; Bowling League 3, 4; Y-Teen 3, 4; Swissvalian 4. An ardent fan of SHS's ball games, Mary Ann could always be identified by "Gee Whiz!" Her calm and pleasant disposition should be very advantageous towards becoming a nurse.

NANCY LOUISE VACCARO Bowling League 2, 3; 4; Art 2, 3, 4; Swissvalian 4; Twirlers Club 2, 3; Y-Teen 3, 4; Draatics 2, 3. Nice to know, easy to get along with, and willing to help-that's our Nancy. Her main ambition is to travel around the country in her own car. More speed to you, Nancy.

BETTY ANN WACH Betty loves to cuddle up with a good book. If you ever need any book reporis just ask "Miss Information" herself and if she can't tell you about it, no one can. She never lets you down.

THOMAS WILDAUER Tommy is one of those persons who gets along with everyone. He loves to tease-it just comes naturally. This optimistic lad says he plans to "make like a hermit and sleep 'til graduation!"


## The Class of '50 Fondly Recollects -.-

The cycle for the Class of '50 is almost over-a cycle that took four years to complete. So now it's time to recall all the little things that have happened so that we may always hold these memories dear to us and sometimes laugh and sometimes shed a tear in remembering our "High School Days."

The cycle begins with a lot of "freshies" who, like all ninth graders, thought that they were the best thing that ever happened to Dickson. Being so young, some were naturally wild. You couldn't hold down ones like George Janosik and Jim Klingensmith. Not to be outdone, some of the girls who enjoyed ninth grade, and had conduct marks to prove it, were Norma Craig, Shirlee Hoffman, and "Ish" Mcllroy.

By the time our Freshie Party rolled around, we felt a little older. Bob McNulty was the Master of Ceremonies and provided us with neat entertainment, such as Jean Galbraith's songs and Audrey Durso's piano playing. Ones like Jack Clark and Bill Neff just sat in a corner and refused to dance-thus ended the Freshie Party. When Spring came, girls like Lois Vierheller, Betty Gilchrist, and Gerry Carnahan proudly came to the stage and accepted their Amateur Athletic Certificates.

Next came the big year, "Zombies in the High School." How clever some of our fellows were, especially Joe Miele and Sam Francis, who tried to sell elevator passes to the Seniors. And who took over as Cheerleaders? Sally, Jo, Beaty, and "Stinky"-all Sophomores. Everyone (our class) noticed the change in the Valistic when our artist, Russel Long, our writer, Ellie Stone, and even our Exchange Editor, Ethel Stevens, took over. The Honor Roll boasted of many Sophomores, such as George Willson, Delores Dowgird, and Christine Cresto. We also had a Sports Honor Roll for kids like Harry Lander, Johnny Soltis, and Fred Kost.


DAVID LANEY Band 2, 3, 4; Art 2, 3, 4. "Turk" is one of O'Connor's regular visitors. Don't mention opera when he's around, for he'd rather talk about such things as auto parts and engines. This gives a hint as to his ambition-to be a diesel engineer.


Class officers Janie Cohill, secretary; Bob Epps, president; Yvonne Evans, treasurer; and Joe Klemmer, vice-president discuss plans for the Kid Party-or could it be the banquet?

The Junior year started with the Class Play. Janice Chambers, "Scotty" McLaughlin, and Dot Hauser were a few in the cast; and Janie Cohill's drawings did much to get business, not to mention Joanne McDaniel as a ticket salesman. The "Goo's Gang" got started in our Junior year, too. Some of the members were Peggy Kirby, Sandy Fisher, and, of course, "Little Goo." A lot of good dancers began showing up everyone at the "Barn"-all Juniors, of course, such as Jim Kennedy, Rich Kober, and "Luke". Our Prom came along and Donna Koontz, Peggy Shanahan, and Betty Shields were all ready to go.

The Senior year is filled with too many things to mention, but let's recall a few memories. George Hammond, Ronald Baker, and Dot Goubeaud shone in assembly, and Bobby Epps was outstanding throughout Pittsburgh in football. Nancy Vaccaro and Ethel Bayus proved to be intelligent history students. Dot Williams led our Senior Class Play, and Donna Douglas was chosen our May Queen. The Kid Party, the Senior Banquet, Senior Day and Commencement-all of them came and had gone before we knew it. Yes, the cycle is over. We will always remember our class, but now we must look forward to a new cycle-the one called life.
-Sally Brush



## What Can We Say About The Iuniors?

The sunny smiles on treasurer Tom DeCesare's, secretary Pat Robinson's, and president Chucky Huggins' faces indicate completion of their plans for the Junior Prom. We never did find out what happened to vicepresident Ned Hockstein.


First Row: Louise Alexander, Billy Allen, James Amodeo, Dorothy Ayres, Orrie Barbarino, Norma Belcher, Joan Bennett, Betty Berry, Bernard Biss, Robert Booth.

Second Row: Norman Bowen, Ronald Brandt, Larry Brobst, Charles Buntack, Richard Burkman, Pat Burns, Cecelia Byers, Victoria Capasso, Harold Carlson, Donald Cassidy.

Third Row: Edith Chambers, John Chambers, Pat Connell, Fred Costanza, Donna Craig, Mary Cravotta, Jean Cummings, Eileen Davis, Doris Day, Mary DeLuc'a.

Fourth Row: Lena DiChiera, Carl Dickson, George Dreistadt, Lois Duch, Nancy Dunn, Sandra Etheridge, George Falcsik, George Farren, Jean Fiumara, Jean Gamble.

Fifth Row: Salvatore Geswaldo, William Gladden, Wayne Griffith, Marcia Grove, George Hartman, John Hayes, Virginia Hazlin, Paul Herald, Harry Hockstein, Elsie Horcholic.

Sixth Row: Ronald Horst, Greta Hosie, Eleanor Hołovcin, Charles Huggins, Walter Hugo, Barbara Humphreys, William Isles, Raymond Jones, June Kazimer, Kenneth Kost.

Seventh Row: Rocco Lamberti, Emil Lesko, Barbara Locke, Guy Lombardo, Lois Loskamp, Donna Lougeay, Carol Lucas, Roger Ludwig, Pat MeGowan.

Eighth Row: Joanne McKeag, Betty Mallinger, Jane Malloy, Joanna Mancen, Jenny Mangretta, Doris Martz, Jeanne Moffatt, Pat Molyneaux, Arthur Moore, Martha Moore.

Ninth Row: Katherine McGuire, Nick Napoleon, Betty Nash, Dave Nelson, June Nyberg, Rita O'Neil, Mary Palangio, Barbara Palmer, John Paris, Ann Parshall.

Tenth Row: Bernadette Pawlowski, Clifford Phillippi, Jane Pickering, Robert Prettyman, Joan Protheroe, Louis Pushnik, Kendall Rankin, Barbara Remster, Doris Reynolds, Thomas Ritchey.

Eleventh Row: Mary Robinson, Pat Robinson, Barbara Ross, Elaine Ross, Marvin Roth, Thomas Satryan, Robert Schonbachler, Edward Seman, Jean Sharp, Shirley Shephard.

Twelfth Row: Richard Shogan, Edward Sita, Mary Slattery, Eileen Smith, William Snell, Doris Sokal, Eleanor Spierto, Mike Starosky, Caryl Stingel, Philip Stone.

Thirteenth Row: John Striebich, Betty Temple, Jean Teolis, Carol Thomas, Ruth Thompson, Genevieve Tomasic, Margaret Toth, Joe Valentino, Tommieree Vawters, Herman Vieth.

Fourteenth Row: Marilyn Wallace, Marion Weis, Richard White, Fred Wiehagan, Richard Williams,
Fifteenth Row: Sidney Wilson, William Wilson, Pat Wirth, Barbara Zinman, Margaret Zolcak.

Lower right: A group of juniors pose for Gilbert Camberg: Janie Lynch, Shirley Jackson, Harriett Gilkey, seated. Standing: John Gigliotti and Jay Johnson.

A scene from the Junior Play: Jeanie Moffatt, Vicki Capasso, Rita O'Neil.

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## . . . Jhey Speak For Jhemselves!

THE CLASS OF '51

Do you remember the first day of school??? No longer a zombie; no longer a fool,
We walk through the halls with our heads held high,
That is, till a senior comes hustling by.
Then we kinda hide, and as from behind a locker we peer,
Our only remark is, "Oh, well, next year-."
But let's forget about next year and think of today,
And of what each JUNIOR has achieved in his own special way:-

At the first of the year class officers were elected;
Chucky, Ned, Pat, and Tom are the ones we selected.

As we look through the class, some new faces appear,
Mary R., Jim, and Jeanne are additions this year.

By this time football season is in full swing,
Juniors Shogan and Ritchey are quite the thing.

And we can't forget Ralphie, a fine, happy lad,
The best manager and waterboy we ever had.

Then we smile with pride and say, "Aren't they sweet?"
As we watch Joanne and Sidney march down the street.

With Louise, Herm, and Phil following close by,
They add something special to the Band of Swissvale High.

We're proud of our songsters, Dot, Terry, and June,
While Bill Wilson and Mike S. should be famed artists soon.

News editor of the Valistic is our own Rita O'Neil,
Ann, Jane, Marvin, Ed, and Jeannie help her a great deal.

November is here with the Junior Class Play;
Ronnie and Skinny are the stars of the play.
John, Jean, and Pat M. are a few more of the cast;
All together they worked 'til the show came at last.

Christmas holidays over, back to school with a smile (???)
Bill Allan's plaid shirts could be seen for a mile!
"We want a basket," is heard throughout the gym;
Sa Chucky obliges by dropping one in.
Our cheerleader Betty is so full of pep,
While our dancers Nancy and Barb can really step.

And speaking of sports, Miss JUNIOR, not to be outdone,
Really shines on the gym floor, "Burkie" for one.

And the JUNIOR is graced with person-ality-
There's Pat Wirth and "Smitty" and Orrie B.
June, Sally, and "Mull" are so sweet and petite;
For laughs, Jane Malloy just can't be beat!
Springtime is here, and the JUNIORS so lazy-
Even Ben, "Luke," and Mary are too tired to act crazy.

At last the big night, and each JUNIOR'S all set;
Our own Junior Prom we shall never forget.
June 9?? Already?? It's so hard to believe!
This year's been so swell, we 'most hate to leave.

But one thing we're sure, each JUNIOR will agree
That our JUNIOR year will be a favorite memory!
-Pat Robinson

## An Honor Worth Working For

The list of honor students at Swissvale High School always includes the names of many students who have also been most outstanding in extra-curricular activities. The following members of the Class of 1950 have maintained an average of $90 \%$ or better for their four years in high school:

| Ronald Baker | Virginia LaVerde |
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| Ethel Bayus | Tom Newingham |
| Lillian Biss | Shirley Rowland |
| Christine Cresto | Elinore Stone |
| Delores Dowgird | Nancy Vaccaro |
| Gladys Elish | Lois Vierheller |
| Warren Fruechtel | Grace Hamilton |
| Robert Harder | Gorge Willson |
| Dorothy Hauser |  |

Juniors who have appeared on the first four honor rolls of the year include those who have maintained an average of $90 \%$, with no grade below $85 \%$, They are:

Louise Alexander
Dorothy Pyres
Jean Cummings
George Dreistadt
Nancy Dunn
Barbara Humphreys
Kenneth Kos
Joanne McKeag

## Betty Nash

Rita O'Neil
Ann Parshall
Jane Pickering
Pat Robinson
Philip Stone
Barbara Zinman

Sophomores who have "made" the honor roll the first four periods of this year are:

| Robert Berringer | Mary Margaret Pons |
| :--- | :--- |
| Shirley Fischer | Marigrace Satryan |
| Loretta McCoy | Connie Zinobile |
| Lois Morrow |  |



Our AM and PM gossip sheets did more than just notify teachers of students' absences. It told the kids about all the important events coming up and sometimes let them in on a free day from school.

Pictured here are Miss Hyvarinen, who typed the sheets, and two of her messengers-Donna Kane and Sue Cohill. Second semester "newshens" were, besides Donna, Bernie Collins and "Weezie" Lindberg.

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## Our Jombies Really Jook Over Jil ...

Vice-president Danny Brown and treasurer Connie Anderson discuss plans for the Soph Hop with president Dick Laslow and secretary Shirley Fischer.


First Row: Connie Anderson, Dorothy Begg, Shirley Bell, Carol Benedum, Robert Berringer, Shirley Blair, Patsy Boory, George Broadfoot, Danny Brown, Eleanor Buntack.

Second Row: James Byers, John Caimano, Ruth Caldwell, Paul Capezzuto, Joan Caputo, Sue Cohill, Bernadette Collins, James Condrin, Mariellen Connell, Mary Conti,

Third Row: Thomasine Daniel, Bob Davies, Harriet Davis, Joe Deley, Joe Deller, Vince Deluca, Tommy Dickson, Frances Donnelly, Harry Elder, Lillie Epps.

Fourth Row: Frank Errera, Joanne Errera, George Fischer, Shirley Fischer, Fred Fish, Ruth Frank, Richard Fraser, Paul Frederick, Jeanne Fulton, Frances Galbraith.
fifth Row: Jean Gerkin, David Gernhardt, Howard Getz, Edna Goubeaud, Emmett Greeley, Gloria Greeley, Ronald Guyer, William Hainsey, Malcolm Hamilton, Emelie Harencame.

Sixth Row: George Harencame, Nadene Harper, Maria Harris, Dorothy Hennings, Jane Hermanson, Richard Hess, Jimmy Hickey, Jo Ann Hill, Francis Hockstein, Mary Alice Hughes.

Seventh Row: Ellen Jones, Anthony Kalup, Emil Karas, Norma Kenyon, Marlee Kerr, Thomas Keyes, Barbara Koehler, Bob Kraves, Victor Kukel, Edward Kulha.

Eighth Row: Audrey Lanx, Richard Laslow, George Lehman, Louise Lindberg, Alan Litman, James Locke, Peggy Loebach, Muriel Loew, Frances Lowry, Gail Lynch.

Ninth Row: Loretta McCoy, Carol McDaniel, Leo McEliece, William McLaughlin, Tom McMullen, Pat Maloney, Peggy Mareno, Judy Mariani, Ralph Marino, James Matsey.

Tenth Row: William Melnick, Charles Miller, Donald Miller, Lois Morrow, Sylvia Mount, Betty Muskovac, Gerald Newman, Ruth Nicoll, Bernadette Nied, Algert Niderstros.

Eleventh Row: Betty Nowak, William Ocel, Virginia O'Connor, Pat O'Donnell, Thomas Oravetz, Janet Panaia, William Pass, Carolyn Patton, Katherine Pollard, Mary Ponsi.

Twelfth Row: Shirley Porter, Edna Ramsey, Marjorie Riedl, Barbara Roberts, Ronnie Robertshaw, Marigrace Satryan, Adrienne Scharbo, Maryann Schonbachler, John Scott, Robert Seng.

Thirteenth Row: Anna Serene, Charles Shanahan, Charles Sharpless, Anthony Siciliano, Francis Sita, Joanne Slusser, Carl Smith, Laura Steele, Shirlee Stevens.

Fourteenth Row: Kenna Stock, Don Sullivan, Paul Tancraitor, Eva Tenekedes, Delores Thompson.
Fifteenth Row: Joan Tilley, Marlene Townsend, John Tunell, Daniel Veith, Annelfa Venfurella.
Sixteenth Row: Beverly Wakefield, Norma Williams, Don Willson, Connie Zinoble, Pat Mack.
Lower right: Sophomore members of A Cappella Choir; J. Errera, K. Stock, M. Satryan, B. Collins, V. O'Connor, A. Lanz, M. Ponsi. Second row: S. Mount, L. Morrow, B. Muskovac, B. Koehler, S. Bell. Third row: H. Elder, D. Gernhardt, C. Purcell, T. Oravetz, F. Errera, J. Newman, F. Sita, R. Berringer,

## Jil The Seniors Calmed Them Down!

## THE CLASS OF '52

As the years go by, we of the Class of ' 52 will always remember our first year in high school. 1950 holds many memories for us, the Sophomore Class.

## DO YOU REMEMBER??

How we "zombies" just couldn't remember which were the UP stairs and which were the DOWN? And how HELPFUL the seniors were?

How we elected our sophomore class officers-Dick Laslow, president; Danny Brown, vice-president; Shirley Fischer, secretary; and Connie Anderson, treasurer? And how they all posed for their yearbook picture?

How much fun we had at our class party, although Mr. Douglas just WOULDN'T dance and set an example for those bashful (???) boys?

How glad we were that Peggy Mareno, Shirley Blair, Edna Goubeaud, and Gail Lynch were picked as cheerleaders?

How the talent of the sophomores was "discovered" in assembly programs. Remember those dancing "Dixie-belles," "Ginger" (belle) O'Connor and Bernie (belle) Collins? And that boogie-woogie Mary Ponsi did in assembly? And of course that villain, Paul Frederick, in "He Ain't Done Right by Nell?"

How Charley "The Gap" Purcell just couldn't seem to find his two front teeth?

How Miss Tennant had us positively dying of curiosity with her "blot on the escutcheon?"

How "Pinky" Sullivan was on the first team in football, and only a SOPHOMORE, at that?

How proud we were when Lois Morrow and Danny Veith were chosen for All-State Band?

How George Fischer added a few gray hairs to Mr. Buzard when he just couldn't see what was the matter with HIS solution to that geometry problem?

How Judy Mariani was right at home on the trampoline in gym class?

How neat (???) "Puddy" Hennings' locker always was??

How Harry Elder LOVED to heckle the girls?

What a busy little beaver George Bozurich was during study periods (Busy-well-. Little?-well-.)

Our cheerful little office workers, who brought us the daily news sheet-Donna Kane, Sue Cohill, Louise Lindberg, and Bernadette Collins?

Tommy Dickson's new Ford? (Well, new to him, anyway.)

How neat Thomasine Daniel, Peggy Loebach, and Harriet Davis always looked?

How we loved to sit in assembly while the seniors were dismissed, thinking how, in just two more years, WE, TOO, would be seniors?

In Loving Memory of Sillert Camberg .-.


GILBERT S. CAMBERG
May 27, 1932 - January 30, 1950

It seems so strange that one so young
Was taken from our side,
When youth's exuberance blossomed forth,
And all his life's work left undone, untasted, and untried.
But it is not for us to say,
What shall or shall not be,
For there's a higher power above,
To watch eternally.
A greater task awaited him,
One greater than in life,
To walk beside Him day by day;
To live in Paradise.
-Dorothy Thomas Class of 1950


## Activities



## Leaders of Jomorrow--Student Council



First row: Betty Temple, Eileen Smith, Sally Brush, Donna Douglas, Ronald Faust, Chucky Huggins, Ronald Brandt.

Second row: Charles Shanahan, John Gigliotti, Joe Deley, Tom Dickson, Mike Greeley, William Hainsey, Algert Niderstras, Dave Gernhardt.

Not in the picture: Bob Epps, George Falcsik.

OFFICERS
President
Vice-President
Treasurer
Secretary

Student Council, under the direction of their adviser, Mr. Douglas, has had another successful year. Their chief project this year was aiding the Lions Club in the sale of tickets for the Minstrel sponsored by the local club.

In addition to working toward the success of the Minstrel, Council held a number of dances in the gym and answered the long, long, plea of the girls for a mirror in the girl's dressing room.
"Where's our candy machine?" was a question not even Student Council
could answer. That popular machine never did come out of hiding; its whereabouts is a mystery still.

The assembly committee, consisting of Sally Brush, Donna Douglas, Sam Francis, and George Falcsik, with Mrs. Belcher as chairman, wasted no time in bringing student talent to the stage every Wednesday. We had more villains, ballet dancers, and hillbillies in school than we ever realized!

The social committee, whose councilsponsored dances were so popular, was made up of Eileen Smith and Mike Greeley.

## Members of the "fourth estate" (journalists to you!)



Seated from left to right: Dorothy Thomas, Dorothy Hauser, Ethel Bayus, Lois Vierheller, Sarah Brush, and Elinore Stone. Standing: Robert Miller, Christine Cresto, George Willson, and Ronald Baker.

OFFICERS

George Willson Lois Vierheller Bob Miller

President
Vice-president
Secretary-treasurer

The Jane Grey Swisshelm chapter of Quill and Scroll is an honorary society for outstanding journalists of Swissvale High. Any Senior who has contributed much toward the yearbook, newspaper, or handbook, and who ranks in the upper third of the class, is eligible for membership.

This year the Seniors were initiated at the home of Ellie Stone. At this meeting
they voted for officers, and each member received a certificate and a gold pin.

The group had hopefully planned to attend the Phillies-Pirate baseball game, but Mr. Douglas said they could go to an evening game just as well-so, an evening game it was! A hayride and picnic were two other dates planned to end the season just right.

## With Words and Pictures -- - Aren't Jhey Nifty?



Here we see Dot Hauser, Sally Brush, George Willson, and Ronnie Baker confidently facing the future as editors and publishers of the 1950 Swissvalian.

At the end of our junior year, the Class of 1950 chose Sally Brush and George Willson as co-editors of the Swissvalian. Although the work was long and hard and often frustrating, it was also a lot of fun, and once again the people's choice proved capable. Working along with the staff and advising them with tireless effort was Miss "Jay."

Ronald Baker, who was selected business manager, had the job of keeping the yearbook "out of the hole." All over Swissvale you could hear, "Would you care to place an ad or be a patron?" asked by Nancy Vaccaro, Mary Ann Teolis, Betty Gilchrist, Norberta Hennings, and Elinore Stone.

The art staff, with Dorothy Hauser as editor, undertook the difficult task of illustration, but we know you will agree it is one of the best. The staff, consisting of Don Johnson, Betty Ann Marsh, Yvonne Evans,
and "Dee" Spierto, spent many hours making the 1950 Swissvalian an outstanding book.

Many times after school you could have gone into Room 6 and found Sally Brush, Dorothy Thomas, and Lois Vierheller wearily editing senior writeups. The work seemed endless, but still many a laugh was had over the "running heads" and "ghosties."

We mustn't forget our typists, Ethel Bayus and Chris Cresto. Without them, the material would never have been ready for the printer and our advertisers would never have been billed!

The 1950 Swissvalian has been a lot of fun, a lot of work, and, we hope, will give a lot of pleasure to its readers. The staff has tried its best to make this Swissvalian something to be cherished forever by the Class of 1950.

We Present Your Yearbook -- 1950!


UPPER PHOTO First Row: G. Reardon, D. Spierto, B. Gilchrist, N. Hennings, M. Bencho
Second Row: E. Stevens, J. Galbraith, B. Marsh, M. Carr, E. Bayus, C. Cresto, Y. Evans
Third Row: G. Camberg, I. Goiton, R. DeNardo, M. Teolis, N. Vaccaro, J. Marshall, D. Johnson, R. Klitz
LOWER PHOTO First Row: J. Murray, J. Chambers, S. Rowland, L. Vierheller, D. Thomas, E. Stone Second Row: P. Jones, D. Ritmanich, E. Begg, L. Biss, G. Lucas, D. Williams, B. Forgione, D. Koontz, C. Adragna

## Jhey Worked Hard For ...

At first, all you could hear in Room 6 was, "Miss J., is this stencil lined up straight?" "How does this headline sound?" "What will I write an editorial about?" Of course these wails of our new editors didn't last long, and after a few weeks of practice they emerged as proud and independent parents of the Valistic.

Of course they didn't know it, but their troubles were just beginning!

TROUBLE I First of all, there were all those new writers to break in, to familiarize with Room 6, and to lay down the law to. Will the editors ever forget those Tuesday morning 25 minute periods, when all the green writers gathered together to learn the do's and don'ts of journalism.

TROUBLE II Keeping everyone who had no specific task in Room 6 out while final preparations were being made on a special issue. Rita O'Neil and Jeanne Moffatt often had their hands full editing copy, though they found it a big help when their writers remembered that a deadline is a deadline.

TROUBLE III Keeping "Silanviss" a secret. That word which appeared beside the Valistic banner head for so many issues had everyone going around in circles-but finally it appeared, the Silver Anniversary Issue. Most of the plans had been made by Gilbert Camberg, but the staff did their best to bring out an issue he would have liked.

TROUBLE IV Keeping secret such BIG news as class officers, Prom Queen, Merit Parade, and scholarship winners. Of course no one expected the editors to tell, but it was fun trying…..

Although the entire school, and the Valistic especially, suffered a great loss in the death of Gilbert Camberg late in January, "Ellie" Stone, appointed the new edi-tor-in-chief, and the rest of the staff worked extra hard to "carry on."


Just one big happy family of editors: Bob Miller, sports; Jim Marshall, business manager; Rita O'Neil, news; Gilbert Camberg, editor-in-chief; Elinore Stone, features; Russell Long, art.

## . . . Jhat 3:30 Deadline!



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LOWER PHOTO: First row: Walter Hugo, Donna Kane, Shirley Fischer, Carol McDaniel, Doris Martz, Mary Delucia, Loretta McCoy, Joan Homisak, Jean Gamble, Jerry Newman. Second row: Ken Kost, Laura Steele, Lois Morrow, Marigrace Satryan, Nadine Harper. Third row: Don Willson, Marvin Roth, Fred Fish, Jean Hazlin, Tom Oravetz, Joan Errera, Dorothy Begg, Teresa Greco, Ed Seman. This group was the first semester tryout reporters, artists, and business staff.

## Music Knows No Barrier



First row: J. Mathis, J. Carter, D. Thomas, J. Kazimer, J. McKeag, D. Hauser, E. Bayus, Second row: E. Davis, M. Bencho, L. Biss, M. Ball, D. Spierto, J. Malloy, D. Ayres, Third row: V. DeLuca, R. Lamberti, R. Laslow, Fourth row: R. McNulty, A. Niderstras, G. Camberg, D. Miller, D. Nelson, L. McEliece,


Frank lovino, who was our accommodating janitor and friend for twelve years, passed away early in December, leaving many friends in SHS who mourned his death.

Only four years ago our A Cappella Choir was organized by Mr. Hill. This was a new experiment for S.H.S. and everyone held his breath and awaited developments. Today the choir boasts a membership of over 60 students with more clamoring for admittance.

Do you remember the swell programs put on by the choir and the caroling through the halls at Christmas? And how could we ever forget our distinguished member, Bob McNulty? Bob has a fine tenor voice and we are mighty proud

## Of Race or Creed


B. Marsh, M. Carr, D. Mariz, R. Thompson, I. Mcllroy, L. Duch, E. Smith.
A. Durso, D. Douglas, E. Stone, B. Temple, R. O'Neil.
D. Sullivan, J. Johnson, G. Dreistadt, L. Vierheller, A. Parshall.
J. Vaupel, D. Johnson, F. Stock, L. Moorhead, R. Faust, S. Francis.
of him, for he has attended district and state chorus three years in succession. That's quite an achievement. Accompanying him this year are Elinoer Stone, Betty Marsh, Dorothy Thomas, and John Vaupel.

We can't, of course, name everyone as we would like to; but we can commend them for their beautiful work and for their willingness to cooperate with Mr. Hill. It is because of Mr. Hill and his hard work and capable leadership that the choir is what it is today.


Here are the boys who spent their Saturdays for the cause of bigger and better sets and who were always Johnny-on-thespot for anything having to do with stage mechanics.

On ladder, left: M. Starosky, R. Klitz; right, T. DeCesare, T. Newingham. Standing: G. Frantz, W. Hugo, O. Barbarino, J. Marshall, J. Tunnell, K. Kost, D. Nelson.

## The Golden Jones of S. .. S.



UPPER PHOTO: First row: E. Ross, J. Mangretta, D. Day, S. Jackson, G. Broadfoot, C. Sharpless, J. Locke. Second row: N. Belcher, J. Mancen, L. Loskamp, B. Gilchrist, G. Lehman, E. Greeley, G. Lombardo. Third row: S. Fisher, J. Lynch, F. Hockstein, B. Isles.
At piano: Ethel Bayus.

LOWER PHOTO: First row: M. Biller, M. Weis, S. Locke, T. Vawters, B. Pawlowski, M. Palangio, L. Epps. Second row: E. Horcholic, J. Elder, G. Reardon, J. Docherty, C. Thomas, P. Burns, J. Potheroe.

The combined choruses, under the direction of Miss Hamilton, always give a good account of themselves. This was especially true during the Christmas pro-
gram presented last December. Although the choruses do not appear often in public, their singing is well received and the musical training the members obtain is valuable.

## Jheir Motto Was---Art For Art's Sake!



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## Enthusiasm Sets The Pace



Majorettes: Margie Trepak, Joanne Ford, "Sissy" Greeley, Joanne McKeag, Sidney Wilson, Donna Koontz.
First row: R. Whitney, D. Thomas, H. Elder, D. Ravella, L. Lindberg, E. Wollerton, M. Laney, R. Mathis, M. Carr, W. Kettles, V. O'Connor, B. Pulsinelli, J. Preston.
Second row: J. Tilley, B. Madara, V. Wood, C. Anderson, J. Carter, L. Alexander, R. Berringer, J. Shontz, H. Jamison, C. McMullen, D. Veith, P. Mitlo, C. Revak.

Third row: T. Siciliano, C. Purcell, D. Laney, J. Eles, J. Pickering, D. Cassidy, D. Douglas, T. Martin, D. Maust, D. Fike, L. Morrow, R. Seder, D. Davis, J. McCollam.

Fourth row: R. Williams, T. Newingham, G. Hammond, P. Stone, M. Roth, W. Gladden, G. Fischer, S. Francis, T. Satryan, R. Miller, H. Veith, A. Parshall, R. Klitz, J. Marshall.
"There's something about a home town band"-and how true that is about the SHS band! Much of the color and excitement of the football games was due to our band, as peppy and accomplished a group as you can find.

This year they put on some really spectacular displays at half time. Remember their "Man on the Flying Trapeze" and "Powder Your Face with Sunshine?" Mr. Hill always had a different drill for each game.

Leave it to the Class of ' 50 to try something different-a drum major, this year. And of course those pretty majorettes, who set off the band to perfection.

Thanks to the Lions Club, who put on a super minstrel for the benefit of the band, Mr. Hill was able to buy new instruments. The band also sponsored the magazine drive in the high school; proceeds from their efforts added to the fund which saw a tympani and an oboe purchased.

## "We Got Vigor, We Got Vim!"

Weak ankles or sore joints meant nothing to our cheerleaders. Rain or shine, they were present at every game, cheering our boys on to victory (or otherwise). Pictured here are the team's "little sisters," Sally Brush, Jo Murray, Yvonne Evans, and Beaty Forgione.


## Jhey Said It With Music

Sweet harmonies float from Room 1 when the string ensemble plays. Ethel Bayus is at the piano, with, left to right, Nancy Newman, Mary Lou Kramer, Corrine

Anderson, Ronald Mould, James Marshall, Jean Foster, Elaine Perschke, and Marie Carr.


## The Y Jeen Provided Social <br> Life



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The Swissvale branch of the Y-Teen, an organization for junior and senior girls, has been busier than ever this year. Among their activities were skating and swimming parties, a fashion show at Edgewood High,
and the traditional candle light service. Donna Douglas was president, Elinore Stone, vice-president, Pat Robinson, secretry, and Carol Lucas, treasurer. The club is sponsored by Miss Jones, Girls' Counsellor.

## Our Hligh School Clicked!!

No one knows or understands the students of Swissvale High better than Mrs. Carr, our Attendance Officer.

She was always helpful and understood our really good excuses, but oh! how we dreaded to see her when we were playing "hooky." It seemed as though no matter where we were, Mrs. Carr was there, too!


Mrs. Ida Carr

Darkroom artists who spent many an hour learning the technique of taking and developing photos made up one of the most active clubs in school. Here we see, first row: Carol Benedum, Ethel Ekis, Joan Tilley, Shirley Bell, Dot Begg, Sylvia Mount, Carolyn Patton, Betty Nowak, and Elinore Stone. Second row: Patsy Boory, Marigrace Satryan, Bernadette Nied, Laura Steele, Jean Gamble, Joan Caputo, Joanne Slusser, Chris Cresto. Third row: Carol McDaniel, Dan Sadler, Dick Laslow, Bob Klitz, John Chambers, Tom Newingham, Gilbert Camberg.


We goined The Crowd: "Jhe More The Merrier"


SHS Thespians of the junior class provided a hilarious night of entertainment November 18 with their production of "The More the Merrier."

The "gang," a group of teen-age friends in the play, were caught in a thoughtful mood in the top picture as they were planning a huge party. Upon the unexpected arrival of a visitor, utter confusion resulted, as can be seen in the center photo. The bottom snap shows the entire cast as they took the curtain call. From left to right they are: Eleanor Hotovcin, Pat Robinson, Mary Pat Slattery, Jeanne Moffatt, Dave Nelson, George Dreistadt, Margaret Toth, Ronnie Brandt, John Striebich, Vicki Capasso, Rita O'Neil, Chucky Huggins, Pat McGowan, Ann Parshall, and Johnnie Chambers.

## We Found "A Lucky Penny" in Our Midst!



In the top picture you find the curtain call of the cast of "A Lucky Penny": Joe Klemmer, Fred Stock, Lois Vierheller, Martha Bencho, Bea Gulentz, Betty Gilchrist, Sam Francis, Bob McNulty, Dot Williams, Ronnie Baker, Debby Smith, Bob McLaughlin, Janice Chambers, and Dorothy Thomas. Unfortunately, Marilyn Morris was cut off the film, but she is found in the center picture.

## Lovely, the way they looked that night ...



Seated from left to right: Eleanor Spierto, June Nyberg (in foreground), Joanne McKeag, and Jeanne Moffatt. Standing: Pat McGowan, Mary Delucia, Virginia Hazlin, Beatrice Forgione, last year's queen, Pat Robinson, Pat Wirth, and Sally Brown.

Friday evening, May 5, the longawaited event of the year came to passthe annual Junior Prom. Here all upper and under classmen, attired in semi-formal dress, mingled to dance, talk, and have a really fine time.

As the evening drew to a close, the main event approached, the crowning of
the Prom Queen. This always proves to be a beautiful event, and this year was no exception. Each attendant ascended the stage, followed by the Maid of Honor, June Nyberg. Then the picture was complete, as last year's queen, Beatrice Forgione, placed a flowered crown upon the new queen's head saying, "I crown thee, Joanne McKeag, Prom Queen of 1950."

## Sweethearts of Swissuale High!



Seated from left to right: Shirlee Hoffman, Beatrice Forgione, Donna Koontz, Margaret Shanahan, Donna Douglas, the Queen; Yvonne Evans, Jane Cohill, Janice Chambers, and Sarah Brush. Standing is Dorothy Williams.

The crowning of the May Queen has proved so popular throughout Swissvale that it takes the Dickson Field to accommodate all who wish to see it. So, for the second time in the history of the crowning, it took place outside.

Six huge maypoles were placed on the field and about sixty girls from the high school participated in the colorful maypole
dance. The high school band provided music throughout the evening and announced the approach of the May Queen and her court, the climax of the occasion.

When the Queen was seated on the throne, Dorothy Williams placed a rhinestone crown upon her head, naming Donna Douglas Queen of the May.


## Sports



Charlie Said Jhey Couldn't Do It ---.


First row: R. Faust, J. Barbarino, R. Anderson, L. Moorhead, J. Klemmer, R. Epp: Second row: J. Wetmore, S. Geswaldo, R. Davies, H. Hockstein, C. Shanahan Third row: Mr. Buzard, Coach; F. Errera, J. Scott, F. Costanza, C. Phillippi, N. Napoleon, G. Bozurict Fourth row: C. Griffith, T. Key,

So you think you have a football team! What's that? The best ever! It takes a lot to make the best; runners, passers, kickers, and fellows with plenty of spirit. There's only one team that had it all-the '49-'50 Gold Flashes. They had a great team, not each man playing for himself, but everyone working together. Because of this cooperation, our season found us victors in nine out of ten games.

It seems like yesterday that we got ready for our plunge against Rankin. Coach Buzard looked clear through us and
said, "Tonight we're separating the men from the boys." We all were men, with a 27-6 victory. (Joe Klemmer ran 75 yards for the first T. D. of the season.) The next week found thirty-eight little boys at Wilkinsburg, but our team came through for " the first time since 1944. Score? 20-14.

German Township-what ???* \#/!**! Their 19-0 victory was our only setback. We certainly missed "Bambi" Faust, who was out because of a dislocated hip (compliments of the Wilkinsburg clash.) Trinity fell aside by a score of 20-13. When Johnny

H. Lander, W. Neff, T. Ritchey, G. Mariani, D. Sullivan, N. Bonacci
G. Folcsik, J. Johnson, R. Conlogue, P. Herald, H. Carlson, R. Shogan
D. Brown, F. Hockstein, R. Prettyman, R. Robertshaw, L. McEliece, T. Dickson, Mr. Koepka, Ass't.
R. Marino, C. McFarland

Barbarino stole that touchdown, we knew we were on our way. "Pinky" Sullivan was shocked to find Homestead so rough, but with our ace passer, "Goose" Lander, carrying out General Moorhead's signals, we just had to come out on top of a 19-13 score. Ford City tried to stop us, but with Bill Neff's and Bob Anderson's teamwork, how could we help but beat them 26-13?

Brentwood was crushed by a steamroller score of 45-19. In this game, Jay Johnson, Bob Davies, and George Falcsik "shined"-and not with black eyes, either.
"Mimi" and Geno steered us to a 19-12 win over Glassport. They really opened up those lines! In wind and snow Shaler fell 33-12, and on the following week our Captain, Bobby Epps, led us to a 19-6 victory over Braddock. "Hezzy" was also chosen "Most Valuable Player" by his teammates and received the Finlon trophy for the second straight year.

As we said before, we had a good team, and as long as football goes on in life there will be Epps, Klemmers, and Landers to toss that pigskin-but to us there will never be a team like the 1949-50 Gold Flashes.

## Jhree Guesses Who Jhese Are!!



The four in the top row: John Barbarino, "Barber," developed in his new end position as games went on. His speed made Swissvale a constant threat . . . Lou Moorhead, "Red," saved many a game with his quick thinking. He was an excellent blocker and helped direct the team to a successful season . . Joe Klemmer's spirif to win never ceased. His broken field running and fine ball handling did much to bring Swissvale out on top . . . Ronald Faust, "Bambi," was noted for his offensive prowess, but the blossoming of his defensive power turned the tide of many a game.

In the middle row we find: Harry Lander, "Goose," was an able runner, but his value to the team was in his passing. He could also kick when we were in a tight spot ... Bill Neff was a quick starter and often the first man down the field on a kickoff. Willie was just as fast on the punts . . . Jerry Wetmore, "Mouse,"
proved a great asset to the Buzardmen. He was usually good for a few needed yards in clutch service . . . Bob Epps-well, we just can't say enough about "Hezzy!" He had lots of courage and plenty of drive. On offense, Bobby really went to town!

Last but not least: Bob Anderson, a welcome gift from Edgewood High, bolstered the middle of the line. "Andy" played only offense, but his stellar blocking was exceptional . . . Nick Bonacci, "Mimi," was a good offensive player, but he preferred the rough and tumbles of defense. He was a tower of strength, with plenty of spirit . . Gene Mariani, a stalwart guard, was always in the right place at the right time. His teammates could always count on "Geno" to open the line

Robert Conlogue would have developed into security for the center of our line, but an early season injury hampered Bob's playing.

Our sports stars of field and court


VARSITY CLUB members were SHS's lettermen, outstanding in football, basketball, baseball, and volleyball. They are, left to right, Coach Dennison, John Soltis, Bill Neff, Bob Epps, Nick Napoleon, Chuck Huggins, Coach Buzard. Secand row: John Vaupel, Lou Moorhead, Joe Klemmer, Harry Lander, Ronald Faust, Frank Hunter, and Nick Bonacci.


Although the baseball season had barely started when we went to press, we pinned our hopes for again taking the section on: first row: W. Hugo, J. Vaupel, B. Neff, J. Delay, R. Lamberti, B. McNulty, J. Striebich. Second row: C. McMinn, A. Niederstros, J. Klemmer, L. Brobst, F. Most, F. Hunter, H. Lander, C. Huggins. Third row: R. McFarland, P. Frederick, H. Carlson, G. Lehman, J. Scott, C. Bernath, G. Falcsik, R, Brandt, N. Napoleon, D. Brown.

## They were always "on the ball"...



First row: Irving, Hunter, Epps, J. Barbarino, Kost, Soltis, Faust, Mariani, Lander, Moorhead, McFarland, Huggins. Second row: Lehman, Brown, Bernath, Brobst, Shanahan, Striebich, O. Barbarino, Brandt, Sullivan, Purcell, Deley. Third row: Mr. Dennison, coach; Gigliotti, Vaupel, Starn, Lamberti, Mr. Koepka, asst, coach.

As you hurry along, the sounds of a milling crowd attract your attention. Where is it coming from? You decide to string along and find out.

The Dickson gym is crowded as you push your way in. You look around hopefully to find a seat, but there are none-for this is the Swissvale-Rankin baskeiball game, the last of the season, and school spirit is running high. A cheer bursts out as the players come on the floor. Last minute instructions are given the boys, and the game gets under way.

All through the first half, the players are neck and neck. Soltis and Kost's duo surprises the Rabbits, and Lander's extraordinary baskets worry them. By half time, excitement is at a high pitch. Swissvale leads by one point.

As the third quarter progresses, you almost choke on your candy bar when one of Geno's long shots connects and Huggins follows it up with one of his own. Lady Luck is with Swissvale as Irving's height enables him to be right under the hoop for those tip-ins. Hunter and Brobst are fast in grabbing the ball and Rankin can't let up for a minute.

In the closing seconds, Rankin leads by two points, but the spark of victory refuses to die out-and Swissvale comes out victorious by a score of 47-44, with "Bambi" Faust high scorer of the game.

SHS rooters beam happily as they scramble to leave the gym and to rush home to tell Dad (who probably won't believe them, anyway!)

## SCORES 1949-1950

| Swissvale | 45 | Arnold | 39 |
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| Swissvale | 33 | Glasspert | 39 |
| Swissvale | 33 | Munhall | 42 |
| Swissvale | 36 | Jeanette | 59 |
| Swissvale | 37 | Homestead | 59 |
| Swissvale | 52 | E. McKeesport | 34 |
| Swissvale | 42 | Glassport | 38 |
| *Swissvale | . 56 | Penn | 53 |
| *Swissvale | 36 | Scott | 44 |
| *Swissvale | 54 | Braddock | 57 |
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| *Swissvale | 44 | Turtle Creek | 63 |
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| *Swissvale | 47 | Rankin | 44 |

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## and ever alert to Coach Dennison's call.



IOU (Red) MOORHEAD-Senior-one of our senior squadsmen who was always there to give a dependable job as guard. Red's height proved a great asset on the floor.

JOHN (Junior) SOLTIS-Senior-a first string sharpshooter who has been on the team for three years. Junior was always in there fighting for the Blue and Gold.

GENE (Geno) MARIANI-Senior-one of our "up and at 'em' guards. Geno was constantly on the go and proved a major threat to the opposition.

ROBERT (Froggy) McFARLAND-Senior-When the going got tough, Froggy was in there helping out. A dependable and capable player.

HARRY (Goose) Lander-Senior-Although this was Goose's first year at Varsity ball, he played like a vetevan. Both forward and center positions were handled well by this athlete.

CHARLES (Chucks) HUGGINS-Junior-a sure-handed sharpshooter who was always "on the ball." Mr. Dennison will be mighty glad to have Chuck back again!

RONALD (Bambi) FAUST-Senior-a veteran ball player, a slick ball handler, and a set-shot artist. Bambi was a mainstay of the team.

FRANK HUNTER-Senior-Frank was a real Johnny-on-the-spot. When the situation got rough, Frank invariably got in there to steady things.

FRED KOST-Senior-Fred, although short as basketball players go, made up for his lack of height by his keen shooting and clever ball handling. He and Soltis made a deadly pair.

BOB IRVING-Freshman-Bob was only a freshman this year, but his good ball playing indicated that he will be a real standout in the years to come.

## Merrily Jhey Rolled Along!



There were plenty of strikes this year-the Bowling League saw to that. Captained by Mary Donovan and Nancy Vaccaro, the 6:30 group saw plenty of action. Tom Newinghame and Lois Vierheller, co-captains of the 7:30 group, also had reason to be proud of their fellow bowlers.
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LOWER PHOTO First Row: Vickie Capasso, Marcia Grove, Jane Malloy. Second Row: Betty Nowak, Joan Caputo, Mary Ann Teolis, Nancy Vaccaro, Gladys Elish, Kenna Stock, Mary Alice Hughes, Loretta McCoy. Third Row: Barbara Ross, Francis Lowry, Dorothy Begg, Joan Protheroe, John Tunell, June Kazimer, Genevieve Tomasic, Pat Maloney, Dot Ritmanich.

## Jhey Jwirled and Cheered Jheir Jime Away



Kneeling: Joanne McKeag, Sidney Wilson, Donna Koontz, Margie Trepak, Kathleen Greeley, Joanne Ford. Standing, First Row: June Nyberg, Annamarie Serene, Maryann Schonbachler, Gloria Greeley, Bernadette Collins, Peggy Mareno, Patsy Boory, Joan Walendziewicz.
Third Row: Connie Zinobile, Barbara Roberts, Peggy Loebach, Norma Jean Kenyon, Sylvia Mount, Donna Jean Kane.


Jennie Mangretta, Mary Cravotta, Donna Lougeay, Shirley Shephard, Betty Temple, Gail Lynch, Pat McGowan, Lena DiChiera, Margaret Toth.

## Move over, Homestead --. Hail the victors!



First row: Bill Neff, Frank Hunter, Chuck Huggins, Captain Harry Lander, Ronald Faust, Fred Kost, John Striebich. Second row: Bill Starn, Lou Moorhead, Bob Irving, Charles Bernath, Ronald Brandt, Jerry Wetmore.

Although volleyball is quite new in our school, it didn't take long for us to tuck a championship under our belt.
"Practice" was the keyword in Mr. Dennison's book of rules, and he made sure there was plenty of it. "Goose" Lander, who was chosen captain for this year, liked the expression "Lotta hustle," and that's exactly what his teammates did.

The team's only worry was Homestead, who had been ruling in volleyball for the past eight years and who always succeeded
in downing Swissvale High in the playoffs. However, the tables were turned this year and new champs ruled the section. These thirteen boys, along with coaches Dennison, Koepka, and Buzard, are well deserving of the handsome trophy they received. Along with this, a gold pin was presented to each player.
,At Penn State, where the playoffs for State Championship were held, Swissvale suffered defeat at the hands of Swarthmore by a 15-13 score in the semi-finals.

## Summary of the years events, as recorded in the

## DAILY REPORT

Here are some of the items you might have found on our daily report sheets:

Sept. 7-First day of school-15 students absent already.

Sept. 13- "Dr. Barnett will be in his office for teacher exams." Do they take tests, too?

Sept. 23-Connie Anderson reached the top in sales in the magazine campain.

Sept. 26-Senior boys' pictures taken tonight. (And it rained all over their new suits.)

Oct. 26-Eight girls representing Y-Teens went swimming at the $Y$ in town. How cute Jean Gamble looked in that woolen bathing suit!

Nov. 3-Lecture classes begin in Oakland for Problems students. How angry Pat Jones was when she came to school and found she needn't have reported!

Nov. 4-Missing gym clothes reported found in the 5 and 10. Could they be the pair lost by Bernie Collins?

Nov. 9-Open House - George Bozurich wished he would have studied.

Nov. 23-Cheerleaders' Skating Party. Boy, was Tom Wildauer sore!

Dec. 16 -Christmas vacation. Bob Keough wants to know one thing, "Where's the snow?"

Jan. 28 -First semester ends. John McKee promises to turn over a new leaf.

Feb. 22-Seniors to report to the office to be measured for their caps and gowns. It won't be long now!

Feb. 24-Please do not park cars between Deniston and the high school. Sam Francis, this means you.

Mar. 15-Dark room instruction tonight at 3:35 ? ? ? ? ?

Apr. 1-We are happy to announce that three popular students are attending our school-Doris Day, Guy Lombardo, and Joan Bennett.

Apr. 13-Kid Party tonight-Peggy Shanahan will get a chance to act her age.

Apr. 21-Forty-six students absent. Pirates first home game.

May 3-Will the following people please bring their absence excuses. Detention room if you don't! M. Morris, J. Rocco, J. McDaniel, F. Stock, J. Barbarino, R. DeNardo

May 25-Senior Banquet tonight at the Barn. We hope Alex Madyda won't spill gravy on his new tie.

May 29-All seniors report no later than 7:30 tonight to prepare for graduation at 8:00. Please do not chew gum in the procession.

HERE'S OUR WILL, ALL NEAT AND TRIM; WE LEAVE THIS TO HER AND THAT TO HIM

The shyness of Grace Hamilton we leave to Bernie Nied.
The majorettes leave their boots and batons to Joanne and Sydney.
Debby Smith's "Kill All Odor" perfume we leave to future chemists, such as Walter Hugo and Tom Satryan.
A little bit of Vincent Golia's tallness to Francis Sita.
The volleyball team leaves the championship for Chucky Huggins to maintain.
"Froggy" McFarland leaves the Dickson Field hot dog stand to Ronnie Brandt, and a hot water bottle for Helen Hy's "cold" ticket booth.
The cheerleaders leave their technique to Betty, Gail, Shirley, Edna, and Peggy. Ruth and Marie's friendship we leave to Rita and Jeanne.

Rod Elliott's snow shovel to Roger Ludwig for those long trudges from the Square. Joe Klemmer's love-making technique is left to Buddy Fraser and Kendall Rankin.

Bill Starn's co-ownership in the sports of SHS to Ralph Marino. (Water bucket included)
Red Conley's hair we leave to Mr. Baily.
Dee Spierto's lovely soprano voice to Barbara Zinn to do with it what she will. Jean Carter reluctantly leaves her flute to Fred Wiehagan so that he and Ann Parshall may play a few duets.
Fred Stock leaves his Golden Rule "Always be on time" to Tom McMullen? ? ? ? ? Frank Hunter leaves his fine batting average to Burky.

Bill Kraves' water gun is left to Malcolm Hamilton.
Jim Marshall leaves Room 6 to "Little Willie" Willson and Bill Ocel for continued basketball, baseball, and hockey practice.

Bob Klitz leaves his "office" in Room 6 to whoever wants it, and Ellie leaves the rolltop desk to next year's Valistic editor.
And last of all we leave The Class of 50 's good record to the underclassmen. (Use it wisely).

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