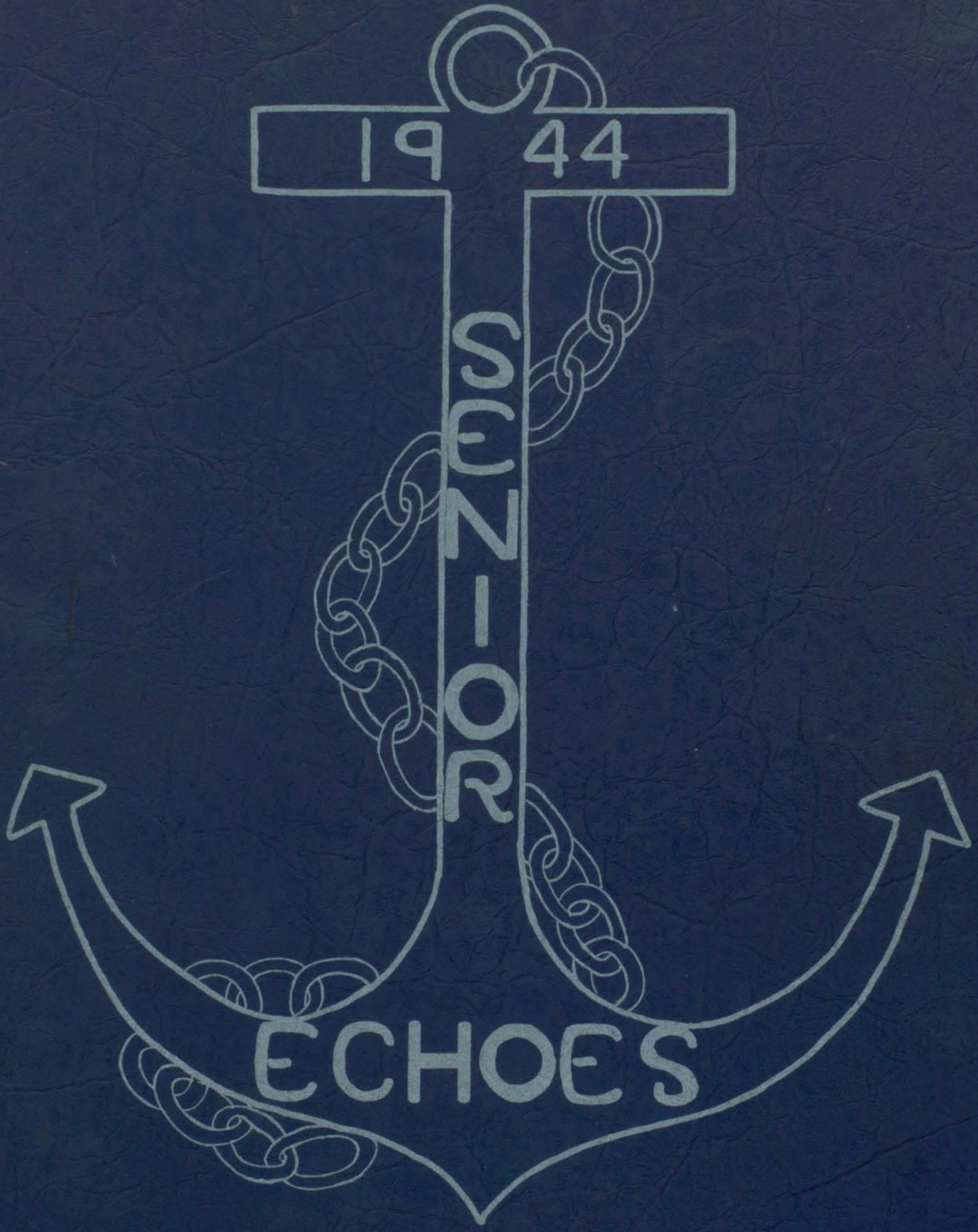


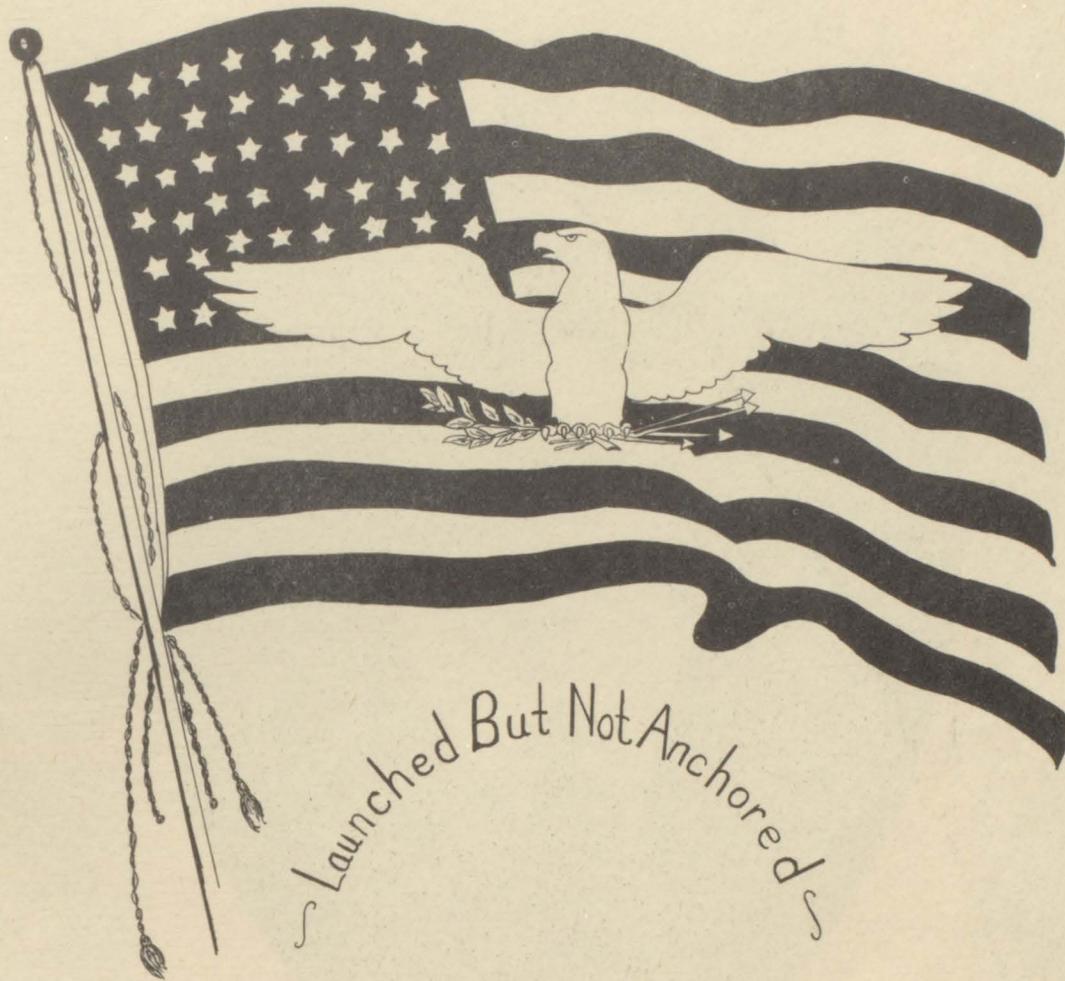
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We, the Class of '44, dedicate this Annual

-- to --

**LIEUT. (j.g.) PAUL E. JOHNSON**

whose talents and personality enabled him  
to pilot us so successfully through our Junior  
"Voyage."

# SERVICE FLAG



Jon Young



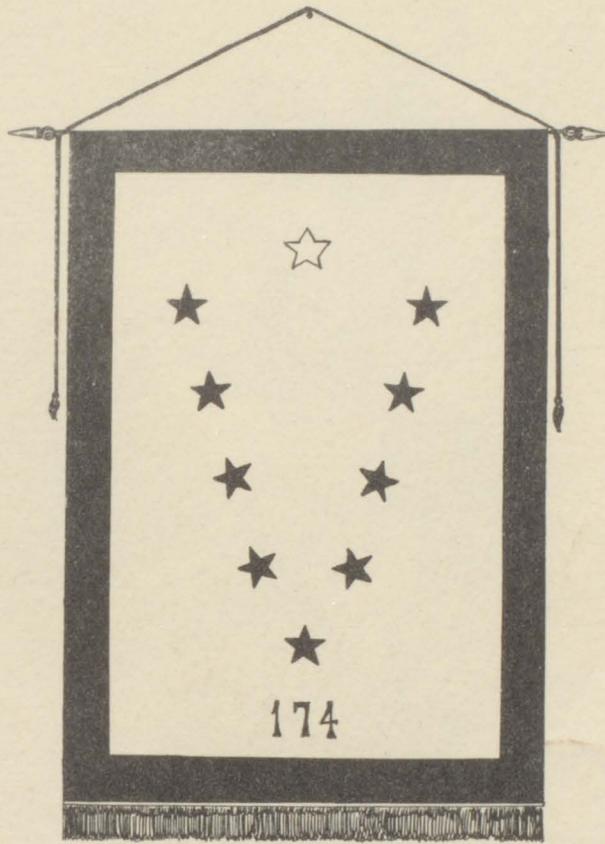
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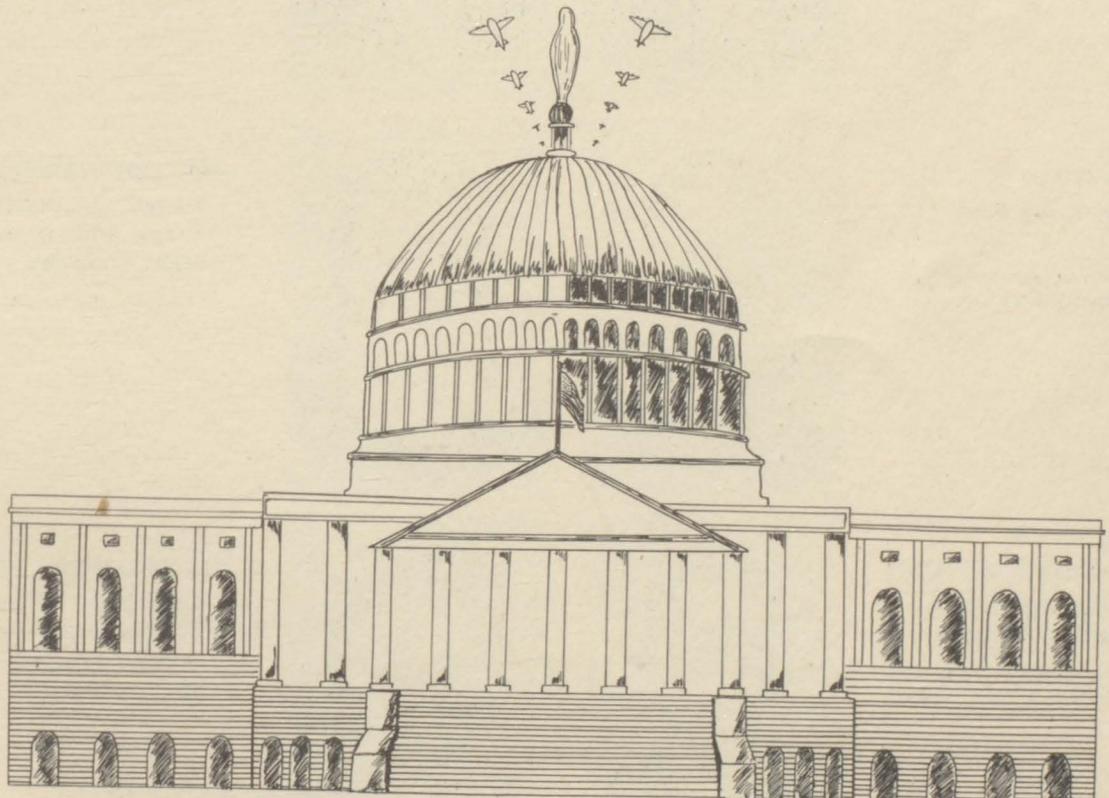
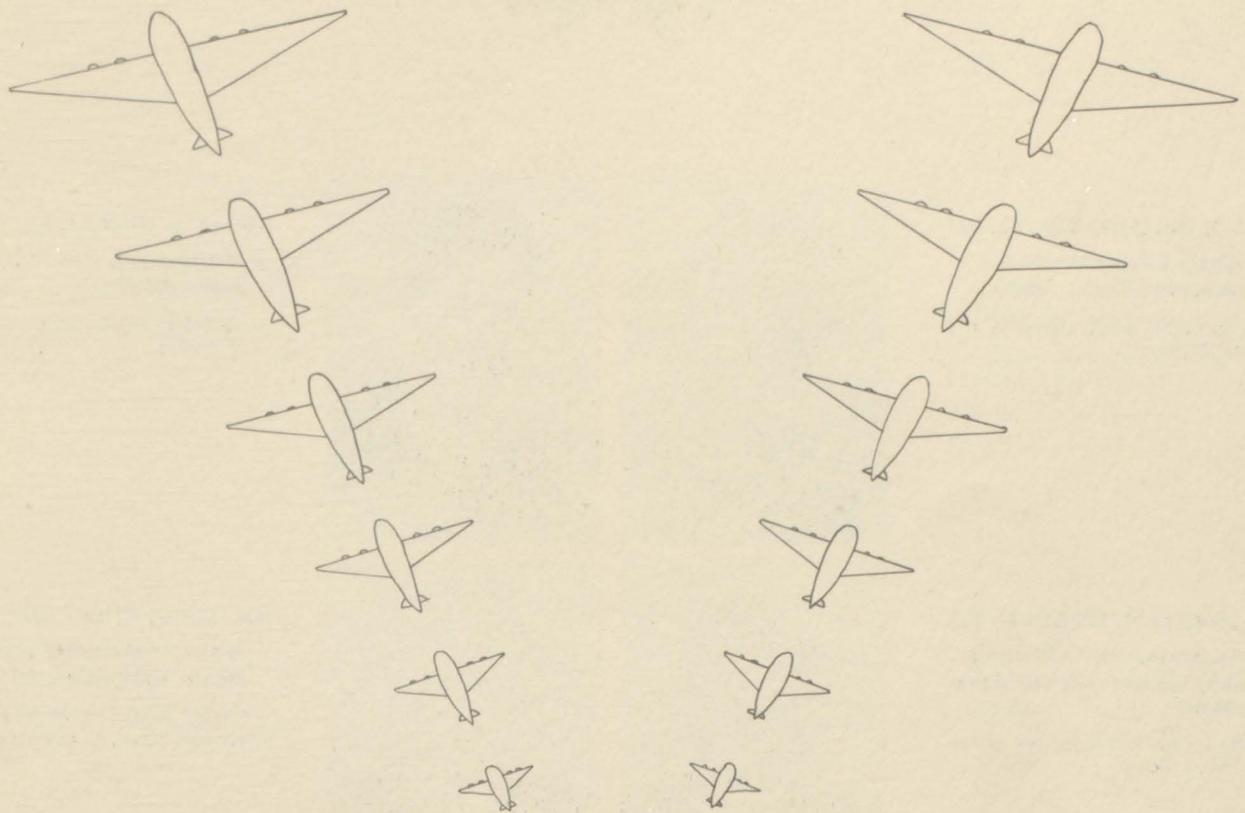


Bob Williamson '44



**MR. W. L. BERKHOF, A.B., M.A.**  
**Superintendent**

"Well, we'll give you a yellow slip this time,  
but don't let it happen again."



FACULTY

# 1944

**MR. C. R. DUSTIN, B.S., M.A.**

**Principal, Advanced  
Mathematics, Social Science**

"Now, right back there is the  
waste basket."



**MR. D. J. DICK, A.B.**

**Mathematics, Chemistry,  
Senior Adviser.**

"All-I-I right, now, let's have  
it quiet!"



**MRS. AYESHA R. LAIDLAW, B.S.**

**Home Economics, Community  
Health, Annual Adviser, Senior  
Counselor**

"Oh, today I should get a let-  
ter from Bob!"



**MR. ALVIN C. BRAZEE**

**Junior High Mathematics,  
Eighth Grade Adviser**

"Why sure, I'll be glad to take  
today's Chapel exercises."



**MR. C. H. CAMBURN**

**Instrumental Music, Band  
Director**

"Do all of you boys want to get  
assembly excuse slips?"



**MRS. LOIS SERVICE, A.B.**

**Foreign Languages, English,  
Annual Adviser, Journalism,  
Junior Counselor.**

"Out in the country . . ."



**MR. GEO. E. PARSONS, B.S. M.S.**

**Biology, Agriculture, Guidance  
Director, Freshman Counselor**

"When are you guys going to  
hand in your lab. reports, any-  
way?"



**MR. ADEN MEAD, A.B.**

**Social Science, Track,  
Declamation, Junior Adviser**

"Say now, what are all you boys  
doing down here?"



# 1944

**MISS JANE ELLIOTT, A.B.**

Speech, Junior High English,  
Seventh Grade Adviser

"Now, I don't HAVE to coach  
this play."



**MR. FRED RAIZK, B.S.**

Industrial Arts, Director of  
Athletics, Football, Basketball,  
Baseball, Freshman Counselor

"Okay now, boys, five times  
around the gym."

**MRS. HAZEL F. DICKENSON, A.B.**

U. S. History, English,  
Sophomore Counselor

"You children babble on like a  
brook-brook-brook, trickle-tric-  
kle-trickle!"



**MISS RITA FENDER, B.S.**

Girls' Physical Training,  
Geography, Health, Freshman  
Adviser.

"If you're still sore from last  
gym period, girls, we'll have a  
little limbering up today."

**MRS. DOROTHY McCOLL, B.S.**

Chorus, A Cappella Choir,  
Girls' Glee Club

"Now, THINK what you're  
singing!"



**MR. D. E. CRISP, B.S.**

Commercial, Sophomore  
Adviser

"Everybody ready? Hands in  
'home position' and type."

**MRS. HELEN SAGER**

Secretary

"What can I do for you?"



**MRS. EDDIE HANNA**

Librarian, Attendance

"Now, don't put anything in the  
annual about me."

## T. H. S. ALUMNI IN THE ARMED FORCES:

Dear school friends:

Realizing that many of you scattered T. H. S. graduates will receive a 1944 SENIOR ECHOES, we, the Annual Staff, have decided to report to the alumni on the state of our school.

In publishing our Annual this year, we have had two aims. FIRST, of course, we wanted a record of our high school activities which, in years to come, would bring us many happy memories. SECOND, we have had you in mind and have included items which we felt might have a special interest for you. For instance, we have included some pictures of boys who have graduated since the time that we were freshmen, and who are now in the Service. Sorry we could not get pictures of each one, but we know you will enjoy these as much as we have who collected them.

Our curriculum remains essentially the same as in pre-war years, but now emphasis has been placed on science, industrial arts, and physical fitness. Among the new courses being taught is one in aeronautics for the boys, and, for the girls, a course in Community Health which includes actual practice in the Tecumseh Hospital. The girls look very "chic" in their red and white striped pinafores.

Each Wednesday we have defense stamp sales. We are constantly working to improve our record, and we have reached ninety per cent participation on several days. During the first half of the year the total school sales amounted to \$5,483.35.

The Girl Scouts conduct waste fat drives, the money from the sales going to the Red Cross. The school has participated in several salvage drives and has shown a willingness to help whenever called upon. During the harvest season, some boys and girls assisted the farmers in harvesting their crops. In addition to their school work, many students hold part-time war jobs.

We should like to call your attention to our sports record for this year. In both football and basketball Coach Raizk and his boys have made records that you can boast about. Although baseball was dropped last year, we have a schedule for this spring.

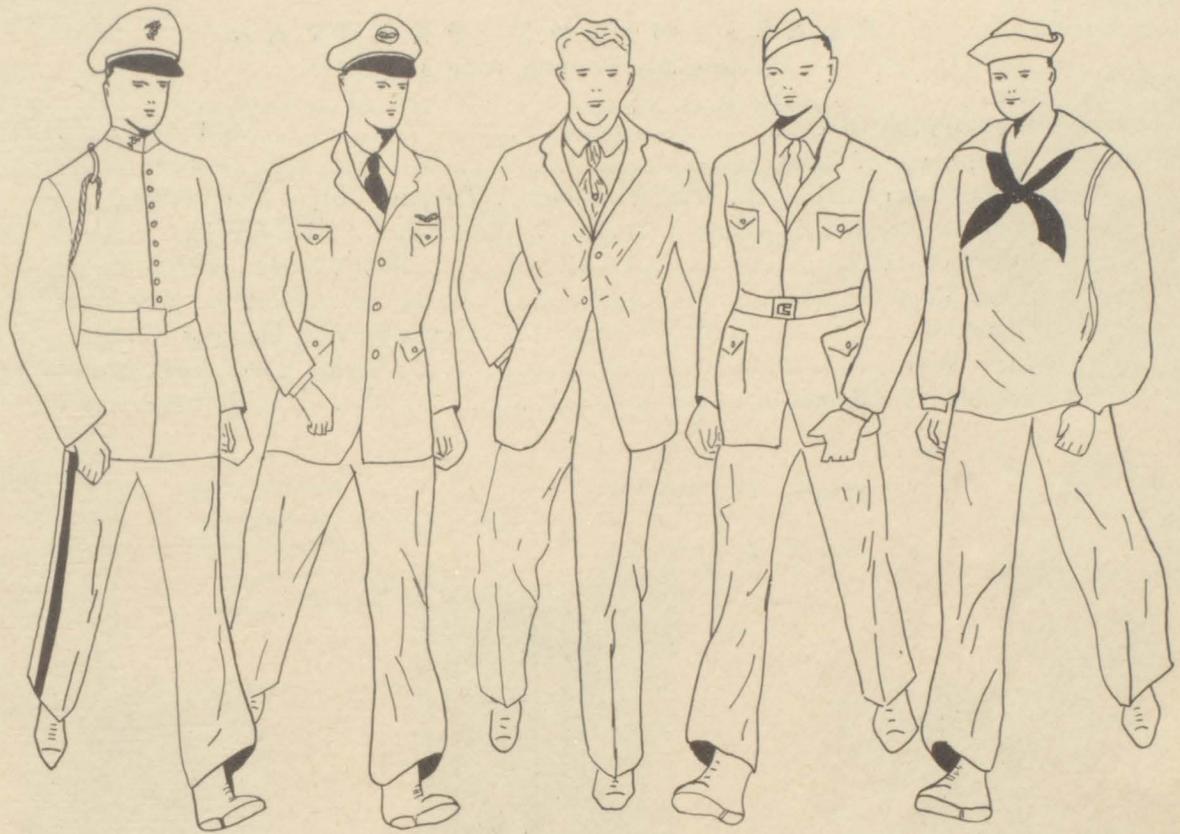
The Junior and Senior plays were given as scheduled to full houses. They are a popular form of entertainment. The music department is working on a spring Musicale.

Noon lunches were served to bigger crowds than usual. Bar-B-Ques are still the popular Menu hit.

Many of the boys who have been home on furlough have visited school, and we have been more than glad to see them. A few have given talks in some of our classes about their experiences. We hope that each of you will pay us a visit, and we will surely try to make you welcome. We are really proud of you and your many achievements. Tecumseh High School graduates have made a wonderful record in this fight for democracy. Several of our classmates have joined or will soon join the Armed Forces. To you and to them we are wishing a speedy victorious peace and a safe return home.

Sincerely yours,

**THE ANNUAL STAFF**



# SENIORS

**CLASS MOTTO**  
 "Launched, But Not Anchored"

**CLASS COLORS**  
 Navy Blue and White

**CLASS FLOWER**  
 Gardenia

**CLASS NIGHT PROGRAM**  
 (Wednesday Evening, May 31, 1944)

Presentation of Cane .....	Bill Aebersold
Acceptance of Cane.....	Robert Wood
Class History.....	Nancy Tingley, Dalton Van Valkenburg
Poem.....	Patricia Nyland
Prophecy.....	Floris Howe, Archie Porter
Class Song.....	Florence Spreeman
Giftatory.....	Joyce Service, Douglas Murdoch
Class Will.....	Vivian Clark, Jack Brown
President's Address.....	Bill Aebersold



**STUART COSTIGAN**  
 "Stu"

"Big man, big heart,  
 forget about the feet."  
 Vice Pres. 2-3, Annual  
 Staff, R.O.C.K. 4, Basket-  
 ball 1-2-3-4, Baseball 1.



**WILLIAM AEBERSOLD**  
 "Aby"

"Tell you what I'm going  
 to do."  
 President 4, Vice President  
 1-3, Sec'y-Treas. 2, Junior  
 Play, Annual Staff, R.O.C.  
 K. 4, Football 1-2-3-4.



**DALTON A. VAN  
 VALKENBURG, "Van"**

"The word 'impossible' is  
 not in my dictionary."  
 Senior Play, Operetta 3,  
 Annual Staff, Student  
 Council 1-2-3-4, Pres. Stu-  
 dent Council 4, Asst. Edi-  
 tor of Splash 3, Co-editor  
 of Splash 4, Journalism 2-  
 3-4, R.O.C.K. 4, Honor Roll,  
 Band 1-4, Student Sec'y 3-  
 4, Football 2-3-4, Baseball  
 1-3.



**DEAN SHERWOOD AMMER**  
 "Doc"  
 "Our college man . . ."  
 Adrian College 4, President 2,  
 Junior Play, Student Council  
 3, Football 1, Track 1.

**VIVIAN M. CLARK**  
 "Gig"  
 "A maiden never bold in  
 spirit."  
 Senior Play, Band 1-2.



**DOROTHY M. BOWEN**  
 "Dot"  
 "Well liked by all who know  
 her."  
 Valedictorian, Annual Staff,  
 Journalism 1-2, Band 1-2-3-4.

**MARY JANE COVELL**  
 "Blondie"  
 "Here I am, boys!"  
 Glee Club 1-2.



**MAX BRANDT**  
 "Just give me a listener, and  
 I'll do the talking."  
 Operetta 2-3-4, Journalism 1-  
 2, R.O.C.K. 4, Band 1-2-3-4,  
 Baseball 1-2-3-4, Basketball  
 3-4.

**VIRGINIA ANN COLLINS**  
 "Ginny"  
 "Her paintbrush, diligence, and  
 pleasant disposition will carry  
 her to success."  
 Annual Staff.



**JACK C. BROWN**  
 "An innocent face, but you  
 never can tell!"  
 Junior and Senior Plays, R.O.  
 C.K. 4, Football 1-2-3-4 (Co-  
 Capt. 3-4), Basketball 1-2-3-4,  
 Track 2-3-4.

**LEE P. COFFEY**  
 "Leak"  
 "God bless the man who in-  
 vented sleep."  
 Operetta 2, Band 1-2-3-4, Bas-  
 ketball 3, Baseball 3-4, Track  
 1-2-3-4.



**MARY LOU CARLSON**  
 "Well now, in Wisconsin . . ."  
 Salutatorian, Pres. 1, Sec'y-  
 Treas. 3, Junior Play, Operetta  
 1, Editor-in-Chief Annual, As-  
 sistant Editor of Splash 3, Co-  
 editor of Splash 4, Journalism  
 1-2-3-4, Debate 1-2, D. A. R.  
 Award.

**DOROTHY JEAN DAZEY**  
 "Daisy Mae"  
 "Why exist if you can't be  
 happy?"



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**KEITH DES ERMIA**  
"Diz"  
"Well now, Ned and I . . ."  
Macon 1-2, Annual Staff.

**NED HARRINGTON**  
"Mont"  
"There's mischief in the man."  
Senior Play, Band 1-2-3-4,  
Football Mgr. 1-2, Basketball  
Mgr. 1-2, Baseball Mgr. 1-2,  
Football 3.



**RICHARD R. EGGLESTON**  
"Egg"  
"Great oaks from little acorns  
grow."  
Operetta 1, Band 1-2-3, Bas-  
ketball 1-2, Tennis 1.

**CLAIRE E. HARWOOD**  
"An ambitious mind has she."  
Onsted 1-2-3, Band 4.



**SALLYE BELLE FAULCONER**  
"Daisy"  
"Are you going to K. C.?"  
Detroit 1-2, Student Sec'y 4.

**ISABEL M. HAMILTON**  
"Isie"  
"I chatter, chatter as I go."  
Junior Play, Operetta 1-2-3-4,  
Cheerleaders 1-2-3-4, Glee  
Club 1-2-3-4, Chorus 1-2-3-4.



**RICHARD L. GALLAWAY**  
"Tall people are always looked  
up to."  
F.F.A. 2-3-4, Baseball 1-4.

**JOHN B. HEWLETT**  
"Sometimes quiet, sometimes  
shy, but the rest of the time—  
oh my!"  
Treas. 4, Annual Staff, F.F.A.  
2-3-4.



**ISABEL E. GILLIN**  
"Issy"  
"Quiet and shy is she."  
Montague 1-2.

**CARSON HOUSE**  
"Well, say now!"  
New Hudson 1-2-3, Football 4,  
Baseball 4.



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**FLORIS E. HOWE**

"Shlora"

"Better late than never"

Journalism 1-2, Band 1-2-3-4,  
Student Sec'y 4, Senior Play.

**JOAN LOUISE LOTT**

"As merry as the day is long"

Journalism 1, Glee Club 1,  
Band 1-2-3.



**FRANKLIN HUMBLE**

"Vic"

"Now, down in Indiana . . ."

Annual Staff, Football Mgr. 1,  
Basketball Mgr. 1, Track Mgr.  
1-2, Baseball 4.

**DOUGLAS G. MURDOCH**

"Doug"

"If there is a bigger bluffer,  
I'd like to see him."

Illinois 1, Detroit 2, Pres. 3,  
Junior and Senior Plays, Stu-  
dent Council Vice-Pres. 4, R.  
O.C.K. (Pres.) 4, Honor Roll,  
Football 3-4, Basketball 3-4  
(Captain) 4.



**DOLORES RAE ISAACSON**

"Women are made to be loved,  
not understood."

Senior Play, Annual Staff,  
Journalism 2-3-4.

**DARRELL MURPHY**

"Who said hurry?"



**CLIFFORD H. JACKSON**

"Cliff"

"He likes them short, he likes  
them tall; you know and I  
know he likes them all."

Operetta 3, F.F.A. 2-3-4, R.O.  
C.K. 4, Football 1-2-3-4 (Co-  
Capt. 4), Baseball 1-2-3-4,  
Basketball 2-4.

**MERRILL J. MURPHY**

"Jim"

"A man of silence is a man of  
sense."

Baseball 1-2-4.



**DORIS IRENE KRUGER**

"Red"

"As fond of dates as an Arab."

Operetta 2-4, Glee Club 4,  
Chorus 1-2.

**JEAN DOROTHY MUNGER**

"Judy"

"Her disposition is amiable and  
generous."

Ridgeway 1.



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**PATRICIA M. NYLAND**

"Pat"

"As blushing as a rose."

Student Council 4, Journalism  
3-4, Honor Roll.

**ELIZABETH REASONER**

"Liz"

"We've never heard her speak,  
but then maybe she's never had  
anything to say."



**SEAMAN M. PACKARD**

"Men of few words are the best  
men."

F.F.A. 2-3-4, Football 1-2,  
Baseball 1-2-3-4.

**PERRY HAYDEN  
SATTERTHWAITE**

"A sincere lad, we wish him  
well."

Senior Play, Student Council  
1-2, Honor Roll.



**CALVIN C. PAWSON**

"Cal"

"I wonder if anyone knows I'm  
here."

F.F.A. 2-3-4.

**JOYCE B. SERVICE**

"If you can't find anything to  
laugh about, just giggle."

Sec'y 4, Junior Play, Annual  
Staff.



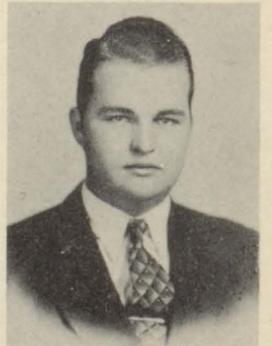
**ARCHIE W. PORTER**

"I work too hard!"

Senior Play, Operetta 2-3-4,  
Annual Staff, Journalism 2-3,  
Chorus 4.

**LEON C. SHAFFER**

"My father's hair would turn  
quite gray, to see me drive my  
Chevrolet."



**JACK R. PUFFER**

"Puff"

"Much study has made him  
very lean?"

Operetta 2-3, Band 1-2-3-4.

**WILLIAM G. SISSON**

"Bill"

"An all-around good fellow."

R.O.C.K. 4, Football 1-2-3-4,  
Basketball 1-2-4, Baseball 3.



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**GLENN A. SOCKS**  
"You don't have to be Einstein  
to have lots of fun."  
Band 1-2, Baseball 4.



**DOROTHY J. VAN GIESON**  
"Dottie"  
"She's our gal!"  
Senior Play, Operetta 1-2-3,  
Glee Club 1-2-4, Chorus 3-4.



**JAMES L. SPOONER**  
"Jim"  
"Every man has his devilish  
moments."  
Annual Staff, Operetta 1-2,  
Chorus 1-2, Band 1-2-3, Foot-  
ball 1-2.



**ALBERTA JEAN WILLIAMS**  
"Al"  
"She's not merely good, but  
good for something."  
Junior Play, Operetta 1-2-4,  
Journalism 3, Chorus 1-2-4.



**FLORENCE RUTH SPREEMAN**  
"Lefty"  
"It's safer to hear and take  
advice than it is to give it."  
Britton 1-2, Honor Roll.



**MARILYN J. WILSON**  
"I don't know."  
Senior Play, Student Sec'y 3-4.



**DORMAN G. TITLEY**  
"He even blushes when you  
don't look at him."  
Baseball 2-4.



**K. LOWELL WISE**  
"He never worked for many a  
day, but many a bluff worked  
he."  
F.F.A. 2-3-4, Chorus 4, Band  
1-2-3-4, Football 4, Basket-  
ball 3.



**NANCY LEE TINGLEY**  
"Fun may win a friend for a  
moment; sincerity wins a friend  
for life."  
Junior and Senior Plays, An-  
nual Staff, Asst. Editor of  
Splash 3, Co-editor of Splash  
4, Band 1-2, Journalism 2-3-4.



**WENDELL C. WOODS**  
"Woody"  
"In at eight and up at five,  
On the farm is where I thrive."  
F.F.A. 2-3-4, Operetta 1-2-4,  
Chorus 1-2-4.

# V A L E D I C T O R Y

By DOROTHY BOWEN

## **Friends, Parents, Teachers, and Classmates:**

Tonight we have attained our first real victory. For twelve long years we have looked forward to this night with increasing enthusiasm. We have lost many classmates while winning our first foothold in life, but we have gained others to help take their place. Now that we have reached this stage in our course, shall we sit back, fold our hands, and say that the fight is over? Picture to yourself what would happen to our country if the soldiers, sailors, or marines stopped after they had won a beachhead or fortification and announced that their job was over.

Our men in the armed service have worked hard in winning the ground which they now control. They will continue in their fight, as all good Americans have always done. That is why we are counting on them to win this war. Likewise, we members of the Class of 1944 have worked hard to arrive at this, our graduation night. But we, like the soldiers, must continue in the good fight, for our country has a right to expect us to do so. As good American citizens we will repay the time and care that has been spent upon us.

During our first eight years we received our basic training; the last four years we have been striving to reach our first real goal, with graduation as a climax. During this last stage we have been taught vocational studies, science, mathematics, liberal arts, and government, all with the idea of fitting us for life. Many new demands have been placed on our schools, which in turn have placed new responsibilities on the pupils. The pupils have accepted this challenging demand as a chance to safeguard their right to an educational program which will fit them for intelligent citizenship.

We Seniors, as well as the other classes, have been trying to do our part for the war while we are still carrying on our daily studies. Our biggest project in that line has been our war stamp sales, which have been carried on every week during our guidance period by our student council representatives. Another project was the scrap drive which the school had charge of last year. Many students gave up their time to help in the drive. Many of the boys have taken the course in aeronautics to give them a preview of air corps training. The mathematics classes have been larger this year also, because the boys realized their need for such training in military service. A few, though, have not finished their schooling, but are already in service, on the battlefields, on ships, or in training camps. Many with us tonight will leave in a few days for service, in northern climes, to European fronts, to tropic heat, we know not where. We are all very aware of that fact, and our hearts go with them. The girls are also doing their part. A course in community health has been set up to aid them in practical nursing. Many girls, whether they have taken this course or not, are entering hospitals for nurses' training. The other girls are going on to college to further their education or into the varied fields of business.

Valedictory means saying farewell. Hundreds of thousands of high school pupils have stood as we stand tonight, saying farewell to teachers, classmates, and friends. It is a time-worn but honored occasion, old yet ever new. The war has brought a new aspect to this ceremony, which we as prospective citizens cannot ignore. What the future holds for us is a closed book, but we are eager to meet whatever the turning page may bring to our eyes. We say farewell, knowing that behind us lies your love and confidence, while ahead of us will be planning, working, and fighting for a peaceful world in which to live.

## SALUTATORY

By MARY LOU CARLSON

We, the Class of 1944, are glad to welcome you, our parents, teachers, and friends, to our graduation ceremonies tonight. Through your concern, your guidance, and your inspiration, we are now ready for graduation. Our thoughts are close also to those who, in normal times, would be with us tonight.

As stated in our motto, we are "launched but not anchored." It is you who have launched us, who have sent us down the ways with a spirit of confidence, ready to meet and understand new circumstances. That we might never be anchored to narrow prejudices, you have tried to create in us a broadmindedness.

Now, we realize how much the companionship of our classmates and the support of our counselors has meant to us. We are proud of our boys who are in, or are soon to be in, the armed forces. May the thought of their school days and the sincere regard of their school friends be a comfort to them. Today's graduate does not consider enlistment a reckless plunge into fascinating adventure, nor does he anticipate a quick, easy job. He has been exposed to the reality of war through the increasing number of photographs and personal accounts direct from combat areas. He knows he will gain new skills and a new appreciation of his fellow men. However, he has had little chance to choose which branch would best satisfy him. He has had more opportunity to know of the dangers and discomforts of war service, and he has had more time to contemplate them. He understands the situation; he is ready and determined to take his place.

Our class motto, "launched, but not anchored," has a special significance for the boys. At times they will feel weighted down by the heavy anchor of discouragement. When tired and lonely, it is too easy to develop a hopeless attitude about life. Though they temporarily put aside their own futures for the future of their country, we hope that they will realize that they need not be at a "standstill." The only way to lanch new hope, and to gain new vigor, is to **MAKE PLANS FOR THE FUTURE. A MAN WHO BELIEVES IN THE FUTURE CANNOT BE ANCHORED TO THE PRESENT!**

On the home-front, and on the battle-front, may we all share in making our **BLUEPRINTS TODAY** for what we would **BUILD TOMORROW.**

For the training you have given us in the past, and for the encouragement you have shown us tonight, we express our gratitude. We only hope that some day **WE** can do as much for the youth that follow **US.**

## PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS

By WILLIAM AEBERSOLD

Classmates: We, the seniors of Tecumseh High School, are rapidly coming to the end of what will be the last formal education which many of us will receive. In a few days our association as an active class unit will cease. When that time comes, we shall leave behind the studies and traditions of Tecumseh High School. Most of us will feel a touch of sadness when that day arrives.

On the other hand, we have much to be thankful for. Although our nation is at war, and some of us are of military age, most of the boys have been allowed to finish high school. With the aid of our community and school, we have been taught the value of co-operation and good sportsmanship. I believe that we have shown this in our attainments in sports and other activities in which as a class we have participated.

I wish to take this opportunity, in behalf of the class, to thank you parents, friends, and teachers for your help and understanding these past years. I also want to thank my classmates for doing such a good job of everything we have worked on. I consider it a great honor to have been senior president of this class. And now, at the conclusion of our four years of high school, let me wish you good-bye and good luck.

## CLASS HISTORY

Nancy Tingley and Dalton Van Valkenburg

On September 6, 1940, a record group of eighty-three alert and willing freshmen boarded our invasion craft, the "Class of '44" and set out to capture our supreme goal of High School Success. We did well in electing Mary Lou Carlson our highest officer, with Bill Aebersold as her assistant, and Patsy Hickey to keep our records and ration our resources. Mr. Parsons was elected to be our navigator and to guide us over the reefs, while Dalton Van Valkenburg was chosen to represent our landing barge on the leading escort vessel.

On our voyage through the Freshman Sea, we had several entertaining parties to sway our minds from the tense excitement of our journey. In the autumn we landed at the friendly isle of Aebersold's woods and stretched our legs a while in the open air, then downed a good lunch of wieners and pop. Later in the year, with ice skates, we boarded the carrier Macon and skated to our heart's content. Then we all gathered in the engine room and had a scavenger hunt. During the first length of our trip, we did much to increase our supplies; of these undertakings, the selling of Christmas trees was the most successful.

The next fall found us adrift on the high seas once again with new officers installed, but fewer men. When we boarded our craft, seventy of the original eight-three were at roll call, the others staying behind to keep up the home front, while still others were transferred to other ships of our convoy. Dean Ammer accepted our call for leadership, and "Stu" Costigan became the second-up, with Bill Aebersold as our quartermaster, and Dalton Van Valkenburg staying on the escorter with Perry Satterwaite joining him. The head of our commercial department, Mr. Hart, was elected to direct us through the coming dangers of over-confidence and carelessness and to keep our minds on our final objective. Our determination to reach that objective was quickened as we regretfully watched one of our commanding officers, Mr. Young, depart towards the far horizon of Army service.

We turned our aft deck, the Sand Lake section of our LST, into a roller skating rink and invited our fellow commandos to join us in a rally for fun on roller skates, at the same time putting a little more in our supply compartment. We sold pencils and also manned two concessions at the school carnival.

The next year we advanced by leaps and bounds toward our objective. We again had a few less to man the "Class of '44," but we came out on top nevertheless. Sixty-three hard working, industrious seamen walked up the gang plank, but before it had been pulled aboard, our elected president, John Snyder, and class pals, Bob Williamson, Bob Purkey, and Bill Brown, volunteered for special duty in the armed forces of the United States, and we had to part. With our president's leaving, we advanced Doug Murdoch to the post of head skipper, with Bill Aebersold his apprentice, Mary Lou Carlson our private secretary and book-keeper, and put Dean Ammer and Dalton

Van Valkenburg on the escort ship "S. C. of T. H. S." to speak our words. Mr. Johnson was elected business manager and led us throughout the voyage to the fullest advantage. We sponsored a drive to elect Dean Ammer to the presidency of the Student Council, but were unsuccessful in getting a firm grip on that beachhead. We turned the hold of our ship into a dance floor to hold two very successful dances during our Junior stretch—the "Gridiron Dance" for our conquering heroes of football and the "Harvest Hop" in place of the famous J-Hop. Later we spent much time in planning for the Junior-Senior Reception, which was a great success and held a full evening's entertainment.

Along in the springtime of '43, the men of the "Class of '44" staged a most successful mystery-comedy entitled "The Green Light." Suspense was maintained throughout, and it was considered a real victory. We suffered three distinct casualties on this part of our trip when faculty members Mr. Johnson, Mr. Hart, and Miss Van Dommelen left to help Uncle Sam in advanced fields. We were left rudderless by the loss of our class adviser, Mr. Johnson, but we knew that it was Uncle Sam's gain, so we were satisfied and worked just that much harder.

Then came the most successful adventure of our high school career—our Senior stretch. There were now fifty-two of us when we met to elect our Senior officers. We advanced Bill Aebersold to the captain's post, chose "Stu" Costigan to be his aide, Joyce Service as our boat's secretary, and John Hewlett to check our supplies. The Seniors' candidate for Captain of the escort "S. C. of T. H. S." was Dalton Van Valkenburg, and he was elected to that rank. Doug Murdoch and Patsy Nyland were then elected to go with him to represent our ship. Mr. Dick, the young and popular new mathematics teacher, was chosen to be our navigator, and it was later seen that a better step had never been taken.

Our first activity was the presentation of the comedy "Girl Shy," which proved to be one of the most successful plays in the history of T. H. S. Then, when Bob Hoekstra, who had played a very fine brand of football, was transferred to the carrier to become an aviation cadet, we sent him off with our best wishes. We sold subscriptions to magazines early in the fall and collected a little cash for our treasury. At Christmas time, we decorated our ship for the Christmas Party, which was a big success.

Not long before we plunged ashore for the final drive, we all boarded the Juniors' ship and were entertained at the annual Junior-Senior Reception. On Sunday, May 28, we went to Baccalaureate. Class night and Commencement will finish our task, with a fiesta at Mackinac Island and the "Soo" to celebrate its completion. Our goal, towards which we have been striving for twelve years, will finally be achieved, although we are really sorry to see the end of our voyage come so quickly.

## C L A S S P O E M

by Patricia Nyland

When we came here a freshmen crew,  
A ship of life to build,  
Each had a different course in view  
And dreams to be fulfilled.

We worked and played and studied plans  
With teachers sage and wise;  
With eager minds and willing hands  
Gained knowledge to be prized.

The time has come when we must sail.  
Our crew is tried and true.  
We are ready now to face the gale,  
Life's tasks which we must do.

Our ship is launched, with all her crew.  
Brave seamen we must be;  
A sailor's job we must learn to do,  
Lest our ship be wrecked at sea.

## C L A S S S O N G

By Florence Spreeman

As seniors we're leaving this school;  
Where we learned again that old rule (keep off the grass!)  
But seriously, we say  
As comes the great day,  
"We're both sad and gay these last days in May,  
For we're starting out on our own;  
Soon we may be far from home,  
But we always will shout it,  
No one e'er will doubt it,  
That we're from Tecumseh High."

"We're launched but not anchored," we say.  
While sailing along down life's bay.  
"That's our motto," we cry,  
As, holding it high.  
We're embarked on the river of life, passing by,  
With the knowledge we've gained for a sail.  
The crest of each wave we will scale.  
Always we will use it,  
We never will lose it,  
That motto we so proudly say.



Joan L.



Jean B.'s birthday party



Claire



Don + Mary Lou



Virginia C.



Dorothy D.



Louise + Dorothy



Floris



Which is "Isie"



Look 'Wise'



Marilyn W.



Mary Jane C.



Martha + John H.



Max B.



Alberta



Cliff



Jim S.



Joyce



Second Grade



Perry



Dot Van.



GiG



Archie



Frank H.



Nancy's 6th birthday



Alberta Dorothy Mrs. Osburn Don D.  
Wendell Bill A.

## FRIENDS OF THE CLASS OF 1944,

### Greetings!

Congratulations on the successful passing of an important milestone along your journey—congratulations not for the amount of knowledge which you have been able to absorb, but for the growth in character that is yours for having shown tenacity of purpose in the goal to be attained in preference to an alternative whose fruits might have been immediately tasted; congratulations in having been able to take full advantage of the educational opportunities extended by our great nation to all who are to assume the responsibilities of citizens of these United States.

You are to be congratulated! But it behooves you to consider your great good fortune in living in a country wherein such opportunities exist. And, also, it behooves you to consider your good fortune in being able to complete this undertaking, while many others, perhaps a year or two older, have had to interrupt their careers in order to answer the call of their country. They, too, are to be congratulated with you!

Has it ever occurred to you to consider the question, "Why am I being educated by the society of which I am a part?" Do you believe, as I do, that only in very rare cases is anything obtained without a compensation of some kind being expected, even though in many cases the compensation is only some form of appreciation? The education that society first obliged you to start, and later permitted you to complete, at public expense, was an investment in you. The expected return is the assumption by you of the responsibilities as well as the rights of a citizen. In normal peace times these rights have been taken as a matter of course, and the responsibilities in most cases have not been forced upon us. However, we are now at war, and in time of war it becomes necessary to make obligatory the assumption of responsibilities in order to preserve those rights which we cherish.

Soon after graduation many of you will be called upon, or will volunteer, to serve in the armed forces. I know that you are fine young people—you are of the best that our country has. I know that the investments in you are good ones. I know that not one of you will hesitate in discharging these responsibilities to the best of his or her ability. We must first win this war before we can expect to enjoy those rights of a freeman which we have been taught to cherish since childhood, and which have been torn from the hands of so much of mankind by the oppressors.

This is the thought, then, my friends, that I wish to leave with you: In peace-time or in time of war, never expect to receive anything without having to make repayment in some form or other. Therefore, if a gift is offered to you, look behind the gift to see what payment is expected. Our happiness and the continuation of our way of life can never be based upon receiving something for nothing. Rather, we must plan to give, many times to the extreme gift, without compensation. A bit of philosophy I have always liked may be expressed in this way: "Never give less than your best, and in so doing, give without thought of the immediate compensation to be obtained. Usually, the compensation will take care of itself."

Good luck, my friends, and may God be with you.

Sincerely yours,

PAUL E. JOHNSON,

Lieutenant (j.g.) U.S.N.R.



CLASSES



## JUNIORS

**TOP ROW**—Nancy Every, Dorothy Schumm, Juanita Furgason, Margaret Hand, Joyce Miller, Phyllis Kelley, Alice Schumm, Helen Horak, Mary Jane Hayden, Winona Waldron, Ruth Schneider, Jocelynn Anderson, Joyce Zeigler.

**SECOND ROW**—Jim Osburn, Beverly Jahn, Bonnie Alexander, Lavonne Perin, Alva Lerch, Ella Pearson, Priscilla Sisson, Catherine Gray, Barbara Kerby, Lois Francis, Theyone Eggleston, Carolyn Baker, Barbara Bater, Ardis Drewyor, Betty Jewell.

**THIRD ROW**—Leroy Covell, Lyle Harper, Donald Purkey, Wayne Dunbar, Malcolm Duncan, Jack Tonneberger, Lillard Brown, Lenore Larsen, Charles Bancroft, Dean Hamilton, Roger Coole, Lester Frost, Robert Wilson, Mr. Mead.

**SITTING**—Robert Meads, Harold Meade, Charles Aebersold, Maureen McLain, Vanyce King, Marilynn Weseloh, Robert Wood, Varel Woodcox, Ellen Mohr, Dale Titley, Silas Kring.

## CLASS OFFICERS

PRESIDENT..... Robert Wood  
 VICE-PRESIDENT..... Ruth Schneider  
 SECRETARY..... Phyllis Kelley  
 TREASURER..... Lenore Larsen  
 STUDENT COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES..... Winona Waldron, Silas Kring  
 ADVISER..... Mr. Mead





## SOPHOMORES

**TOP ROW**—Milburn Harper, Ronald Goodacre, Lawrence Russell, Ted Sisson, Earl Baldwin, John Murdoch, Bob Baker, Abraham Hunt, Frederick Aebersold, Richard Pearson, Raynor Spreeman, Howard Richardson.

**SECOND ROW**—Daryle McClure, Fred Ward, Dermont Poley, John Price, Kenneth Maves, Bob Randall, Lee Clark, Edward Poskarbiewicz, Leon Lewis, John McVay, George Holmes, Donald Everhart.

**THIRD ROW**—Billie McKenzie, Hazel King, Joan Church, Donna Jean Malady, Janet Gallaway, Marjorie Wickwire, Mrs. Dickinson, Lenore Mohr, Mary Ann Horak, Emma Rae Witt, Marilyn Baaske, Dorothy Higgins, Mr. Crisp.

**SITTING**—Betty Swain, Nadine Covell, Erma Swain, Barbara Humble, Marda Gene Duncan, Martha Jane Kempf, Elizabeth Escolme, Elsie McKenzie, Edna Reed, Ruth Freshcorn.

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 VICE-PRESIDENT..... Lee Clark  
 SECRETARY-TREASURER..... Lenore Mohr  
 STUDENT COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES.....Janet Gallaway, Dermont Poley  
 ADVISER ..... Mr. Crisp





## FRESHMEN

**TOP ROW**—George Baibak, LaMar Cheever, Jerry Murphy, Gilbert Ives, Ralph Peotter, Jerry Coffey, Jack Barnes, Don Aebersold, Lawrence Church, Dwaine Loudon, Henry Sneyd, William Stuart, Marvin Barber, Douglas Fairbanks.

**SECOND ROW**—Elizabeth Stites, Lois Wilson, Mary Lou Ruhl, Joyce Upell, Gordon Pearson, Jesse Gray, Jim Sisson, Tom Judd, Kenneth Hunter, John Reed, Wilfred Waldron, Bobby Joe George, Donald Beaubien.

**THIRD ROW**—Mr. Raizk, Thelma Jarrett, Dorothy Jean Brandt, Juanita Kerentoff, Louise Wilson, Colleen Davidson, Franklin Beerbower, Darwin Creger, Ben Hammack, Bill Hayden, Robert Dinse, Jeannine Clark, Norma Kenrick, David House, Ned Ruesink.

**FOURTH ROW**—Esther Frost, Gloria Underwood, Gwendolyn Watson, Phoebe Covell, Peggy Garno, Louise Bowen, Martha Hewlett, Jean Wilson, Jane Hoekstra, Jeanette Goodacre, Dorothy Cook, Evelyn Murphy, Jean Leonard.

**SITTING**—Norma Shandley, Dolores McKenzie, Deloris LaGore, Loretta Young, Elizabeth Gallaway, Geraldine Daniels, Phyllis Kahle, Shirley Baker, Evelyn Tilton, Mary Solarski, Luella Joseph, Nelma Heilman, Marie Phillips, Dorothy Strachn.

## CLASS OFFICERS

PRESIDENT..... Ben Hammack  
 VICE-PRESIDENT..... Bill Hayden  
 SECRETARY-TREASURER ..... Peggy Garno  
 STUDENT COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES.....La Mar Cheever, Shirley Baker  
 ADVISER ..... Miss Fender





## E I G H T H   G R A D E

**TOP ROW**—Irving Shaw, Harold Anderson, David Vanderpool, Norbert O'Hara, Tom Corkery, Keith Swain, Richard Lent, Robert Moore, Richard Purkey, Bill Brown, Clycle Smith, Charles Manley, Jack Carlson, Robert Irwin.

**MIDDLE ROW**—Mr. Brazee, Blaine Harwood, George Seitz, Donald Maves, Jay Tressler, Marilyn Van Winkle, Irene Hammel, Marlou Gilman, Patricia Wilson, Mary Wilson, Janet Frost, Nina Marsh, Donald Baker, Dale Peotter, Conrad Fosbender.

**SITTING**—Rhonda Hunter, Jeanne Swick, Marilyn Malady, Mary Erhart, Maxine Covell, Mary Loudon, Monna Woodcox, Gertrude Shervino, Lillie Jean Dewey, Ardyth Cole, Irene Yenor.

### C L A S S   O F F I C E R S

PRESIDENT ..... Harold Anderson  
 VICE-PRESIDENT..... Tom Corkery  
 SECRETARY..... Irene Hammel  
 TREASURER..... Richard Purkey  
 STUDENT COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES.....Patsy Wilson, Jack Carlson  
 ADVISER..... Mr. Brazee





## SEVENTH GRADE

**TOP ROW**—Billy Freshcorn, Duaine Murphy, Gene Tuckey, John Cameron, Melvin Murphy, Richard Hoag, Dean Peotter, Gordon Comfort, Franklin Rumler, Harold Holmes.

**SECOND ROW**—Robert Lawson, Robert Rentschler, Roberta Holmes, Betty Miller, Patty Vollmer, Irene Wilson, Martha Jane Hanna, Lois Purkey, Barbara Schoeck, Jeanet Ehinger, Martha Ann Hayden.

**THIRD ROW**—Shirlie Moore, Mary Brown, Jacolyn Gillespie, Roy Baker, John Underwood, Jack Whelan, Millard Snyder, Billy Martin, Myrna Beevers, Patty Hammack, Louise Poley, Miss Elliott.

**SITTING**—Eula Meads, Dorothy Swift, Alice Duncan, Betty Jo Spillman, Arlene Loveless, Fay McKenzie, Lewis Greenman, John Collins, Donald Hunt, Bill Bickham, Eldon Service.

### CLASS OFFICERS.

PRESIDENT..... Martha Jane Hanna  
 VICE-PRESIDENT..... John Underwood  
 SECRETARY-TREASURER..... Patty Hammack  
 STUDENT COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES.....Barbara Schoeck, Jack Whelan  
 ADVISER..... Miss Elliott





"Earl"



"Back From The Pit"



"Ming-Toy"



"TIPTON"



Where's "ISIE?"



"Annual Censor"



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"Vic"



Joan



He "Sweeps"





Monkey Business



"Coach"



"Creger"



Gloria



Jeannine + Louise



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"Freshmen"



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Don Purkey E.



Bob Wood R.G.



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Jim Osburn Q.B.



Bill Aebersold L.T.



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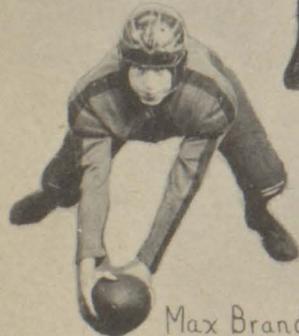
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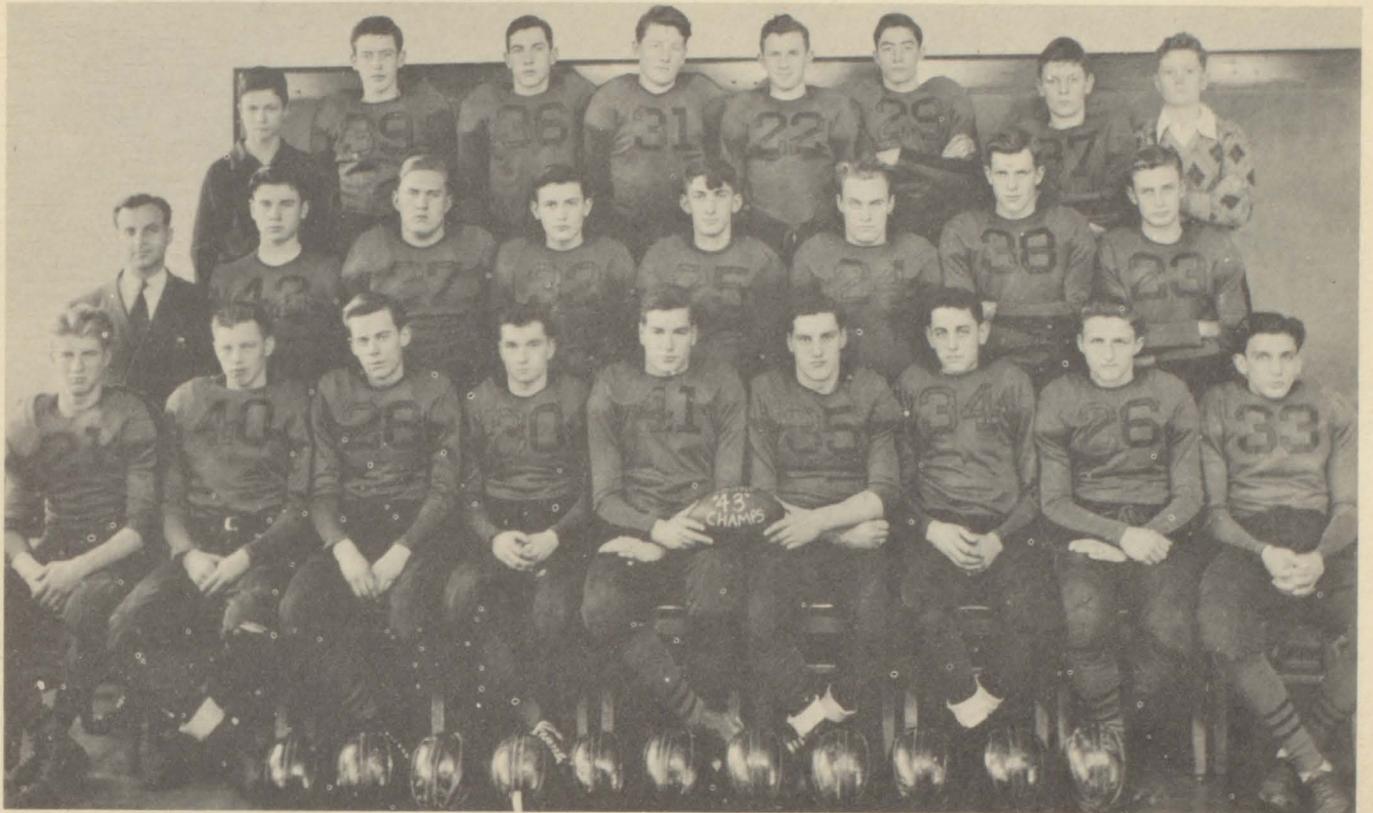
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**TOP ROW**—Jim Sisson, Lillard Brown, Ted Sisson, Lawrence Russell, Bill Hayden, Silas Kring, Tom Judd, Gordon Pearson.  
**MIDDLE ROW**—Coach Raizk, Bob Dinse, Darwin Creger, Ben Hammack, Dalton Van Valkenburg, Bob Wood, Marvin Barber, Dean Hamilton.  
**SITTING**—Bill Aebersold, Max Brandt, Doug Murdoch, Jim Osburn, Jack Brown, Cliff Jackson, Don Purkey, Bill Sisson, Bob Baker.

## FOOTBALL

Certainly one of the highlights of the 1943 school year was the successful football season. The Tecumseh gridders proved victorious in five starts out of seven and tied the remaining two. This splendid record gave the Tecumseh eleven the title of Lenawee County Athletic Association Champions, this being the third consecutive year that this honor has brought glory to good old Tecumseh High.

The record is very impressive, and a lion's share of the credit goes to Coach Raizk, who, with but five regulars left from last year, built an entire team, composed mostly of inexperienced boys, around these five. The regulars left from the 1942 team were as follows:

**JACKSON**—a hard-driving fullback with plenty of "what it takes."

**BROWN**—a big tackle who let very few, if any, opponents go through his position.

**OSBURN**—a quick-witted fast-thinking quarterback with good running ability.

**SISSON** — a wiry guard who was very aggressive.

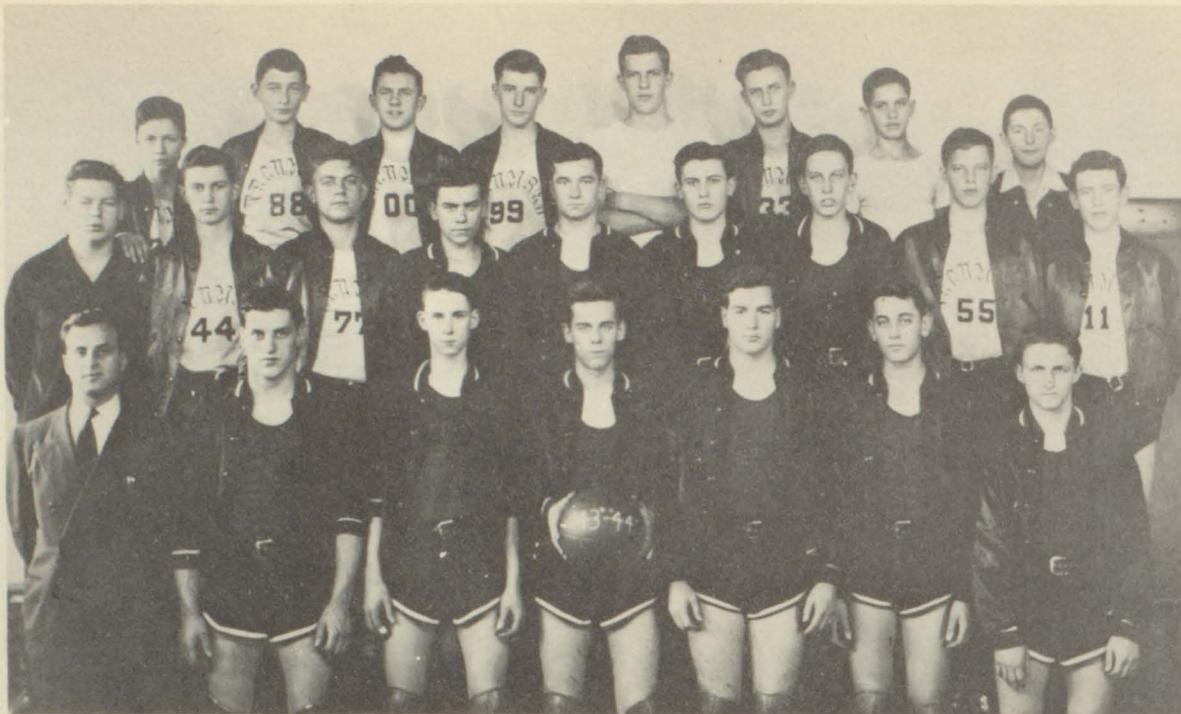
**MURDOCH** — an end who could really snag the passes.

The other members of the '43 team are:  
 Bob Hoekstra .....Halfback  
 Bob Baker .....Halfback  
 Dalton Van Valkenburg.....End  
 Bill Aebersold .....Tackle  
 Carson House .....Tackle  
 Bob Wood .....Guard  
 Max Brandt .....Center  
 Lillard Brown .....Halfback

It makes us even more proud of these boys to realize that four of them were elected on the All-County team, with Bob Hoekstra chosen on the second team. The team work of the boys and the fine guidance of Coach Raizk produced an efficient and successful team.

### SEASON'S SCORES

0	TECUMSEH	Milan	0
13	TECUMSEH	Hudson	0
6	TECUMSEH	Mich. Center	6
16	TECUMSEH	Clinton	0
21	TECUMSEH	Manchester	0
33	TECUMSEH	Morenci	0
12	TECUMSEH	Blissfield	8
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101	Total Points		14



**TOP ROW**—Jim Sisson, LaMar Cheever, Bill Hayden, Earl Baldwin, Marvin Barber, Dean Hamilton, Lee Clark, Don Maves.  
**MIDDLE ROW**—Bill Brown, Bob Randall, Dermont Poley, John Murdoch, Jim Osburn, Ben Hammack, Charles Bancroft, Max Brandt, Lillard Brown.  
**BOTTOM ROW**—Coach Raizk, Cliff Jackson, Stu Costigan, Doug Murdoch, Jack Brown, Don Purkey, Bill Sisson.

## BASKETBALL

True to the tradition of Tecumseh High, the '43-'44 basketball squad produced another successful championship team under the capable leadership of Coach Raizk.

The squad was made up of three veterans from the previous year, namely, Captain Doug Murdoch, "Stu" Costigan, and Jack Brown, who with Bill Sisson and Jim Osburn, completed the first team. Captain Doug Murdoch, playing his second year, led the team in scoring, also taking third place in the county scoring, and was picked unanimously on the All-County first team. He was a good shot and an expert at handling the ball under the basket.

"Stu" Costigan, playing his third year, was undoubtedly the best guard in Lenawee County, being picked for that position on the All-County team. He was a master of trickery and deceptive ball-handling, besides being an expert shot.

Jack Brown as center played a very steady and cool game throughout the season. He had exceptional ability as a pivot man and in getting the ball on the rebound.

Bill Sisson, filling the other guard position, played a fine defensive game in breaking up the plays and moving the ball down the floor.

Jim Osburn, who played a forward position, contributed greatly to the team play. The only Junior on the first team, he shows great possibilities for the forthcoming year.

The balance of the squad was made up of the following: John Murdoch, Max Brandt, Charlie Bancroft, Cliff Jackson, Bob Ran-

dall, and Don Purkey, most of whom are Juniors and Sophomores and will be heard from next year.

In winning the county championship, we lost only two games—Blissfield and Morenci—the former by only two points on the Blissfield floor, and the latter in a game when two of our better players were unable to play.

The high spots of the year were the winning of the L.C.A.A. championship and the State District Championship at Dundee.

The squad seemed well on its way toward the State Class "C" championship, until they lost a very exciting and disheartening game to St. Cecelia by two points in an overtime game in the Regional meet at Ypsilanti.

Another group that will be heard from next year is the reserves. The reserve boys had an excellent record, losing only one game through the season, which gave them the record of 13 victories as against one defeat. The reserve squad was made up of Lillard Brown, Ben Hammack, Dermont Poley, Lee Clark, Jim Sisson, Earl Baldwin, Marvin Barber, Bob Baker, Bill Hayden, and Dean Hamilton.

Coach Raizk, coaching his fifth year and winning his fourth consecutive District Championship and his third County Championship, can well be proud of his coaching record and his '43-'44 team. His mastery of floor-playing and his ability to diagnose opponents' team play have made for him an enviable reputation in high school coaching.



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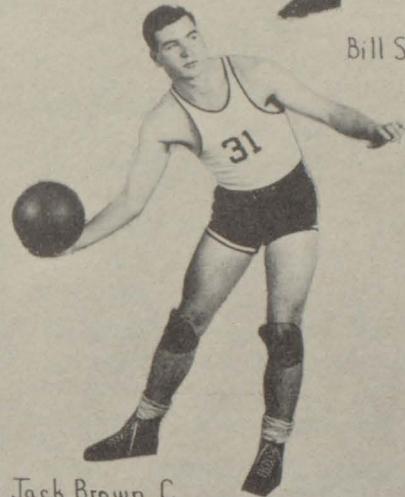
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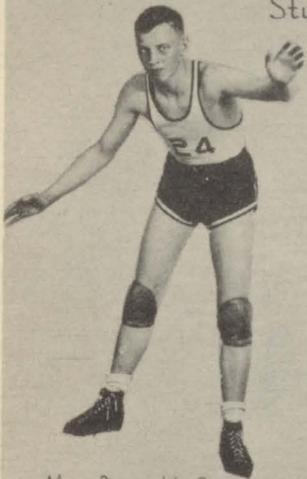
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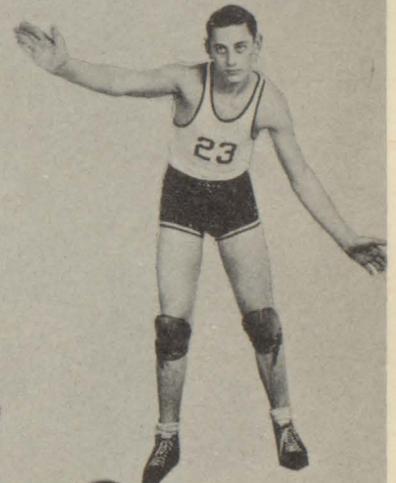
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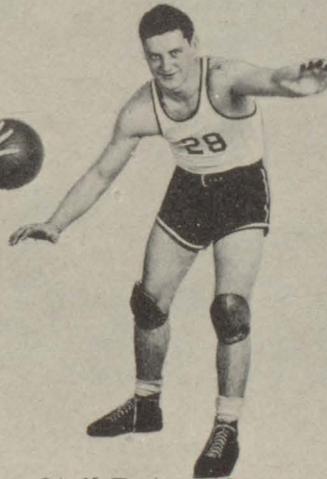
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### VARSITY BASKETBALL SCORES

27	TECUMSEH	Hudson	21	40	TECUMSEH	Clinton	36
22	TECUMSEH	Morenci	33	41	TECUMSEH	Blissfield	18
29	TECUMSEH	Clinton	19	63	TECUMSEH	Addison	18
27	TECUMSEH	Adrian	21	35	TECUMSEH	Manchester	21
28	TECUMSEH	Blissfield	31				
33	TECUMSEH	Manchester	24				
29	TECUMSEH	Addison	14				
28	TECUMSEH	Hudson	17	30	TECUMSEH	Milan	29
37	TECUMSEH	Morenci	17	31	TECUMSEH	Dundee	26
25	TECUMSEH	Dundee	28	30	TECUMSEH	St. Cecelia	32

### TOURNAMENT SCORES

### 1944 BASEBALL SCHEDULE

April 21	Adrian	.....	There
April 28	Blissfield	.....	Here
May 5	Addison	.....	There
May 12	Manchester	.....	Here
May 19	Hudson	.....	Here
May 23	Clinton	.....	Here
May 26	Morenci	.....	There

### CHEERLEADERS



STANDING—Barbara Humble, Miss Fender, Martha Kempf.

SITTING—Lenore Larsen, Isabel Hamilton, Marda Gene Duncan, Ruth Schneider.

CAPTAIN..... Ruth Schneider  
 SECRETARY ..... Barbara Humble

# CALENDAR OF SCHOOL EVENTS

## September

- 8—School starts. Here we go again. More knowledge and fun.
- 17—The first football game, and it was Milan 0, Tecumseh 0. Not so bad; not so good.
- 21—More knowledge and less fun.
- 24—Out for the Adrian Fair. Plenty to see.
- 24—Hudson 0, Tecumseh 13. Well, that's better!

## October

- 1—Michigan Center 6, Tecumseh 6. Oh, oh . . . we slipped again!
- 6—Fire Drill. Walk—do not run—to the nearest exit.
- 8—Clinton 0, Tecumseh 16. Back in the groove again.
- 22—Manchester 0, Tecumseh 21. Well, well! Better yet.
- 28—Boy, oh boy! Morenci 0, Tecumseh 33.

## November

- 4—Fire Drill again. Well, anyway, it's good exercise.
- 5—What's the matter? Blissfield 8, Tecumseh 12. But we are still winning.
- 12—Gridiron Dance. Nice time enjoyed by all.
- 18-19—Senior Play, "Girl Shy." The best yet.
- 24—Football banquet, and everyone ate at least two chickens apiece.
- 24—Senior Class Party. Too much ice-cream?
- 25-26—Thanksgiving. Boy, did we need the rest!

## December

- 3—Our basketball season begins. Hudson 21, Tecumseh 27. Swell start.
- 10—Morenci 21, Tecumseh 22. Oops, we slipped again.
- 17—Clinton 19, Tecumseh 29. Well, that's more like it.
- 20—Christmas Program. Lots of holiday spirit.
- 22—Adrian 21, Tecumseh 27. Still going strong.
- 23—Christmas Dance and good-bye until next year.

## January

- 3—It's the new year, but school is still the same.
- 7—What a way to start the new year! Blissfield 31, Tecumseh 28.
- 11—Manchester 24, Tecumseh 33. Not bad.
- 14—Addison 14, Tecumseh 29. Now, if we can just keep this up!

- 18—Exams. My, but we all feel smart!
- 21—Hudson 17, Tecumseh 28. Looks like a good year.
- 24—Second semester begins. Now we don't feel so smart.
- 28—Morenci 17, Tecumseh 37. On to victory!

## February

- 1—Dundee 28, Tecumseh 25. Ouch!
- 3—Band Concert. Congratulations, Mr. Camburn.
- 8—Clinton 36, Tecumseh 40. A VERY exciting game! Nice going, boys!
- 11—Blissfield 18, Tecumseh 41. Not so exciting, but revenge is sweet.
- 23—Eighth grade assembly program. It was pretty good. We'll have to work to beat it.
- 25—Addison 18, Tecumseh 63. Wow, what a score!

## March

- 2—Tecumseh triumphs over Milan 30-29 in the District Tournament at Dundee . . . yea, team!
- 4—Our boys beat Dundee, 31-26. On to Ypsi!
- 6—Sponge week. Now the girls will know what it is like.
- 9—We played a tense game at Ypsi, but St. Cecelia beat us, 32-30.
- 10—Student Council Assembly Program. Wow, did those teachers look funny!
- 30-31—Junior Play. It was very good . . . not QUITE as good as the Senior Play, of course.

## April

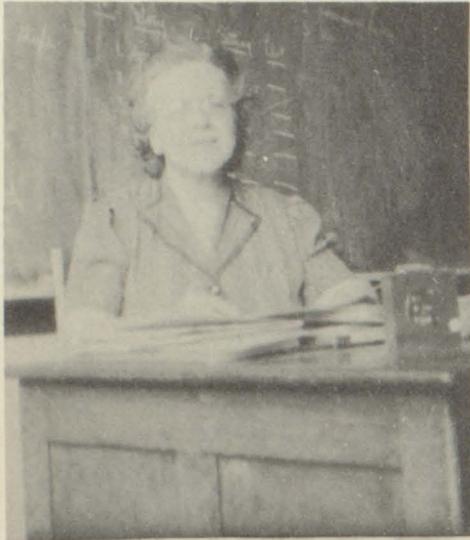
- 6—Ah, Spring fever! Spring vacation.
- 20—The Seniors are beginning to worry about leaving school.

## May

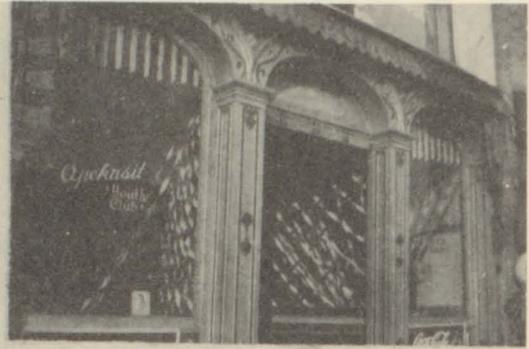
- 12—Good-bye, and thank you, Juniors! We enjoyed your reception.
- 19—Our last May Party at T.H.S. — ah, sweet memories!
- 28—Baccalaureate Service. Time is sure going fast!
- 29-31—Semester exams.
- 31—Class Day. The Seniors, somewhat sadly, rule the roost.

## June

- 1—Commencement.
- 2—Alumni Banquet.
- 3-6—Senior Trip. We wish that all of us were here. We miss the boys of the service.



"What is so RARE  
AS A DAY IN JUNE?"  
(2 Days.)



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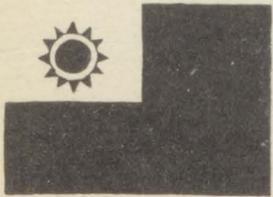
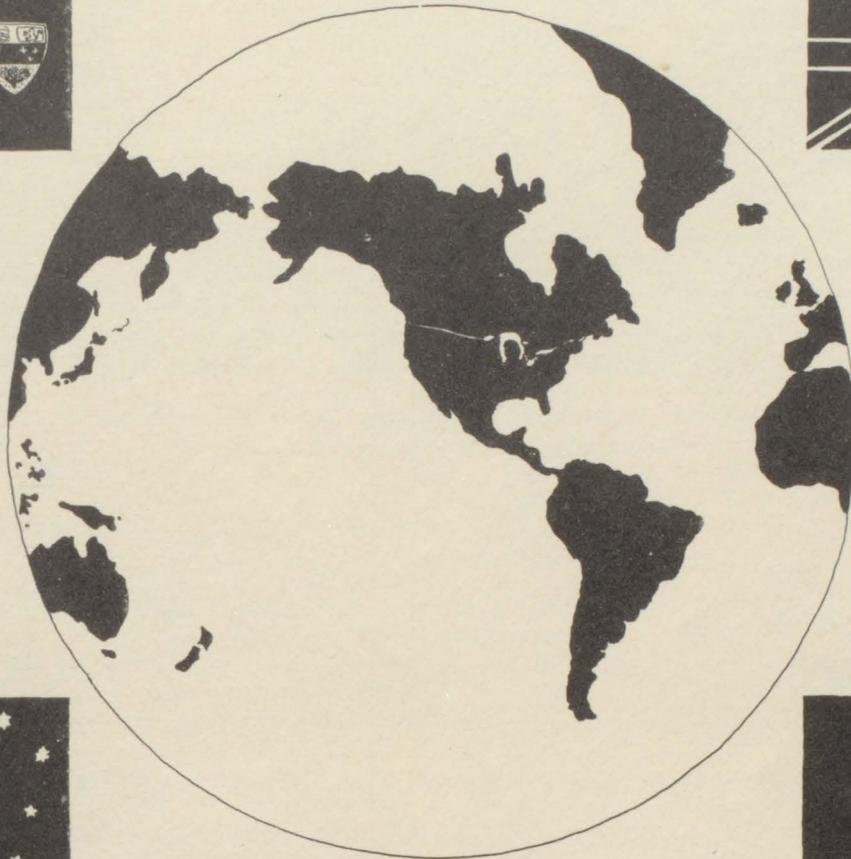
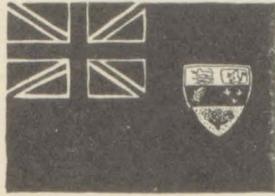
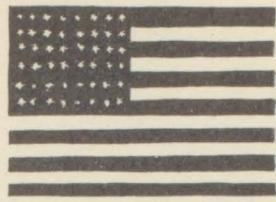


"Soda-Jerker"



Claire





# ACTIVITIES



STANDING—Rev. Alvin Brazee, Rev. Edward Escolme, Rev. John Scarlett.  
SITTING—Rev. James Murdoch, Rev. Blair Bashore.

## CH A P E L

For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him, should not perish, but have everlasting life.—John 3:16.

No wonder that Paul wrote to his beloved Christian friends in Corinth, "For ye know the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, that, though He was rich, yet for your sakes He became poor, that ye through His poverty might be rich."—Corinthians 8:9.

Paul wrote, "For ye know." But we do not know as they did, for they faced great dangers and often sacrificed their lives for their Christian faith. "The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ" means unmerited love and favor of God in Christ. Is it so, as H. G. Wells once wrote, "The Galilean is too great for our small hearts"?

A botanist once put a microscope into the hands of a Scotch shepherd and asked him to study the heather bell which grew all about. Soon tears were coursing down the rough cheeks of the old shepherd, and he cried, as he returned the glass, "I wish I had not looked." "Why?" inquired the botanist. Said the shepherd, "I never knew there was such beauty there. These old shoes have tramped over so many of them." Have you experienced the beauty and love of "the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ"?

Paul said, "That, though He was rich, yet for your sakes He became poor." This means rich in the glory, the blessedness, the unbroken fellowship with His Father in heaven; and He became poor "that we through His poverty might be rich." Born in a lowly stable, living a life of toil and hardship in a mean village of ill repute, going about doing good, ever enduring the insult and ignominy heaped upon Him by His enemies, Christ experienced desertion and betrayal by His friends and finally death from those who should have best understood Him. Why? "That ye might be rich—rich in love and favor of God, rich in hope of life eternal. For it is the Christian's privilege to say, "I know whom I have believed and am persuaded that He is able to keep that which I have committed against that day." Yes, even while living in the midst of a holocaust of destruction in which nothing seems to be sacred, yet we may face each day that God gives us with quiet determination and confidence.

**"O Master, let me walk with Thee  
In lowly paths of service free;  
Tell me thy secret, help me bear  
The strain of toil, the fret of care."**

Parsonage, Iron Creek.



**STANDING**—Si Kring, LaMar Cheever, Douglas Murdoch, Mr. Mead, Dermont Poley, Jack Whelan, Bill Bickham.  
**SITTING**—Patsy Nyland, Patsy Wilson, Jack Carlson, Dalton Van Valkenburg, Shirley Baker, Winona Waldron, Janet Gallaway.

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 VICE-PRESIDENT..... Douglas Murdoch  
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**MIDDLE ROW**—Martha Jane Kempf, Thelma Jarrett, Isabel Hamilton, Mary Jane Hayden, Margaret Hand, Alice Schumm.

**BOTTOM ROW**—Elizabeth Escolme, Joyce Zeigler, Catherine Gray, Mrs. McColl, Marilyn Weseloh, Alva Lerch, Phyllis Kelley.





**TOP ROW**—Thelma Jarrett, Jeannine Clark, Geraldine Daniels, Louise Wilson, Joyce Zeigler, Isabel Hamilton, Norma Kenrick, Nadine Covell, Barbara Humble, Jean Leonard, Phyllis Kahle, Margaret Hand.

**SECOND ROW**—Varel Woodcox, Elizabeth Gallaway, Dorothy J. Van Gieson, Hazel King, Marilyn Weseloh, Lowell Wise, Lillard Brown, Robert Wood, Martha Jane Kempf, Gwendolyn Watson, Phoebe Covell, Nancy Every, Joan Church.

**THIRD ROW**—Mary Jane Hayden, Catherine Gray, Winona Waldron, Martha Hewlett, Edna Reed, Jack Tonneberger, Wendell Woods, Darwin Creger, Dean Hamilton, Priscilla Sisson, Ella Pearson, Alberta Williams, Alice Schumm.

**SITTING**—Elizabeth Escolme, Lenore Mohr, Lawrence Church, Kenneth Maves, John Price, Mrs. McColl, Archie Porter, Lewis Greenman, Wilfred Waldron, Alva Lerch, Betty Jewell, Phyllis Kelley.

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 VICE-PRESIDENT ..... Joyce Zeigler  
 SECRETARY..... Priscilla Sisson





## JUNIOR PLAY

Under the direction of Miss Elliott, Miss Moulding, and with Mr. Johnson as adviser, the Class of '44 presented a three-act mystery-comedy, called "The Green Light." The cast was as follows:

AUNT MATTIE.....	Isabel Hamilton
DR. SPAULDING.....	Jack Brown
JEROME FORRESTER.....	Douglas Murdoch
MARY MARSTON.....	Mary Lou Carlson
KITTY COREY.....	Joyce Service
DONALD RHODES.....	Bill Aebersold
TRINKA.....	Alberta Williams
AESOP.....	Dean Ammer
MADAME ZENDA.....	Nancy Tingley
PHANTOM SPINSTER .....	?????

Floris Howe and Patsy Hickey were prompters, and Frank Humble was the stage manager. Other members of the class offered their services as ushers and make-up assistants.



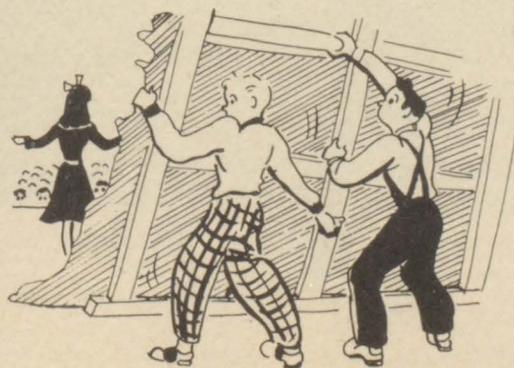


## SENIOR PLAY

As Seniors the Class of '44 presented a successful three-act comedy entitled "Girl Shy," under the direction of Miss Elliott and with Mr. Dick as adviser. The cast was as follows:

TOM ARSDALE.....	Jack Brown
OKE STIMSON.....	Douglas Murdoch
CAROLINE.....	Dolores Isaacson
ANTHONY ARSDALE.....	Perry Satterthwaite
SYLVIA WEBSTER.....	Marilyn Wilson
DEAN MARLOW.....	Dalton Van Valkenburg
PEACHES CARTER.....	Floris Howe
ASMA.....	Dorothy Van Gieson
BIRDIE LA VERNE.....	Vivian Clark
BARBARA SANFORD.....	Nancy Tingley
ALFRED TENNYSON MURGATROYD.....	Archie Porter
CHUCK MAYO.....	Ned Harrington

Acting as prompters were Dorothy Bowen and Patsy Nyland, and Franklin Humble was again an efficient stage manager.





**TOP ROW**—Ron Goodacre, Daryle McClure, Ned Harrington, Lee Coffey, Jack Puffer, Ned Ruesink, Charles Bater, Milburn Harper, Donald Everhart.  
**SECOND ROW**—Maureen McLain, Dorothy Schumm, Duaine Louden, Jeanette Goodacre, Louise Bowen, George Seitz, Marilyn Lindsley, Dorothy Bowen, Charles Goodacre.  
**THIRD ROW**—Ruth Goodacre, Lenore Larsen, Robert Irwin, Robert Meads, Donald Maves, Floris Howe, Dorothy Brandt, Bill Hayden, Gloria Underwood, Lois Francis, Alice Schumm, Mary Jane Hayden.  
**SITTING**—Conrad Fosbender, Richard Lent, David Green, Robert Wood, Stanley Swain, Mr. Camburn, Robert Randall, Darwin McClure, Dorothy Cook, Claire Harwood, Carolyn Baker, Ellen Mohr.

**B A N D**

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**SITTING**—Jocelynn Anderson, Bonnie Alexander, Elizabeth Escolme, Mary Lou Carlson, Mrs. Service, Nancy Tingley, Ruth Schneider, Dolores Isaacson, Joan Church.

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Marda Gene Duncan

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### COMMUNITY HEALTH CLASS

**STANDING**—Patricia Nyland, Alberta Williams, Doris Kruger, Mrs. Laidlaw, Ellen Mohr, Joan Lott.

**SITTING**—Claire Harwood, Mary Jane Covell, Jocelynn Anderson, Floris Howe, Florence Spreeman, Dorothy Daxey, Jean Munger.

**MRS. LAIDLAW**—Teacher; **MRS. O'RILEY**—Nurse Consultant; **MISS SPAULDING**—Hospital Superintendent.

## GRIDIRON DANCE

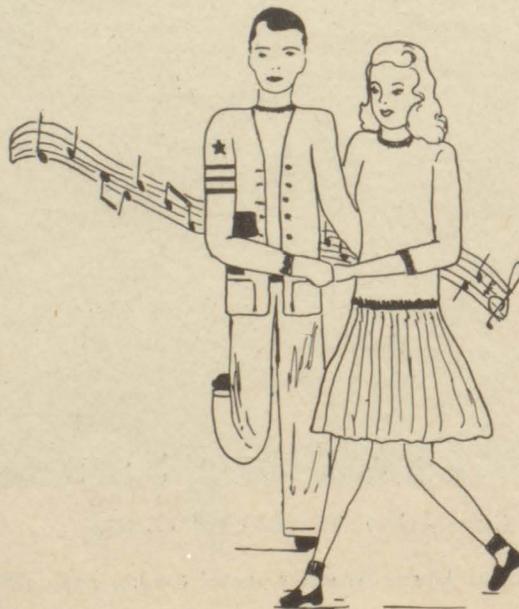
The annual Gridiron Dance was sponsored by the Class of '44 on November 12, 1942. The gym was appropriately decorated to represent a football field, with green and white as a ceiling, goal posts at either end, and along the walls were cardboard men, each representing one of our football players. The music was furnished by an orchestra from Ypsilanti.

## FOOTBALL BANQUET

On November 22, 1943, the Athletic Club Mothers sponsored a football banquet for the squad of 1943, champions of the Lenawee County League. "Si" Kring, Sr., acted as toastmaster, and M. W. Wilson was the speaker. Letters were awarded to the squad by Coach Raizk, and Mrs. McColl then led the assembly in singing.

## CHRISTMAS PARTY

December 23, 1943, marked our annual Christmas party, with the music furnished by Nick Jabe of Toledo. A large tree lighted with colored bulbs stood in the center of the floor. Pine boughs were placed around the edge of the balcony, and old-fashioned figures decorated the walls.



## JUNIOR-SENIOR RECEPTION

Using a patriotic motif, the Juniors entertained the Seniors in the annual Junior-Senior reception on May 21, 1943. The gym was decorated with murals of army and navy pictures, and bomb shelters were found at either end of the room. Tables arranged in V-shape had been placed at each end of the gym, with others in the center. The program was as follows:

INTRODUCTION OF TOASTMASTER.....	Jack Brown
TOASTMASTER.....	Bill Aebersold
WELCOME.....	Douglas Murdoch
RESPONSE.....	Malcolm Bagshaw
PIANO SOLO.....	Jack Puffer
SENIOR CLASS ADVISER.....	Mr. Aden Mead
TOAST TO THE BOYS IN SERVICE.....	Mary Jane Smith
JUNIOR CLASS ADVISER.....	Mr. Paul Johnson
BENEDICTION.....	Mr. Alvin Brazee

Mrs. Hazel Dickenson substituted for Mr. Johnson, who was called early in the week for service in the Navy.

Dancing was enjoyed later, with music furnished by Kenneth Edwards and his orchestra.



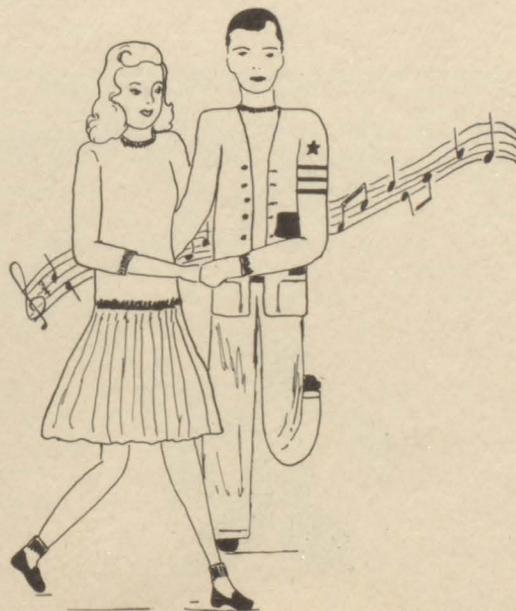
## MAY PARTY

With the same decorations that were used for the Junior-Senior Reception, the annual May Party was held on May 28, 1943. The music was furnished by Kenneth Edwards and his orchestra.



## SENIOR TRIP

We Seniors are eagerly awaiting June third, when we start on the long four-day cruise to Mackinac Island and pass through the "Soo" Locks. There will be many interesting sights on which to cast our eyes, with dancing and entertainment to make the hours go much too quickly. We shall arrive back in Detroit on June sixth, the trip being a fitting conclusion to our high school days.





### FUTURE FARMERS OF AMERICA

**STANDING**—Mr. Parsons, Calvin Pawson, Wendell Woods, Darwin Creger, Charles Aebersold, Richard Gallaway, Marvin Barber, Gilbert Ives, Harold Meade, George Holmes, Lester Frost, Ted Sisson.

**MIDDLE ROW**—John Hewlett, Don Purkey, Clifford Jackson, Dean Hamilton, Daryle McClure, Edward Poskarbiewicz, Robert Meads, Lowell Wise, Seaman Packard.

**SITTING**—Lawrence Church, Ronald Goodacre, Bill Stuart, Wesley Hunt, Donald Aebersold, Roger Cooley.

PRESIDENT..... Clifford Jackson  
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 SECRETARY..... Donald Purkey  
 TREASURER..... Lowell Wise  
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(Royal Order of Christian Knights)

**TOP ROW**—Kenneth Hunter, Bob Dinse, Bill Hayden, Ben Hammack, Stuart Costigan, Max Brandt, Bill Aebersold, Jim Osburn, Silas Kring, Robert Wood, Darwin Creger.  
**MIDDLE ROW**—Jerry Murphy, LaMar Cheever, Dalton Van Valkenburg, Lee Clark, Dermont Poley, Robert Randall, Lillard Brown, John Murdoch, George Holmes, Bill Brown, Theodore Sisson.  
**SITTING**—Coach Raizk, Earl Baldwin, Bob Baker, Marvin Barber, Jack Brown, Jim Sisson, Charles Bancroft, Tommy Judd, Lawrence Russell, Mr. Hayden.

PRESIDENT..... Douglas Murdoch  
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### TECUMSEH TEACHERS' CLUB

One very active organization connected with the Tecumseh High School is the Teachers' Club, which meets monthly for dinner, amusing or instructive programs, and a general good time. This club has been in existence for several years. Mr. Alvin Brazee is president for 1943 and 1944. During the present year the members have enjoyed a Rodeo and Old-Fashioned Chicken Supper at the Brazee Ranch near Iron Creek Mill Pond, a Thanksgiving Dinner when Paul Bunyan stories were in order, and a Christmas Dinner at the Grange Hall with square dances as the order of the evening.

Other programs have included a Nite-Club Night, a program sponsored by the gentlemen for the benefit of the Females of the Species, and a True Confessions Night. Unsuspected talents and unusual abilities have been uncovered and developed by this organization, so that its members feel that it is very worth while.

# Service Above Self



Latham Dewey  
"43"



Gale Taylor  
"43"



Bob Don Malcolm



Sam John Robert  
Hamilton



Bob Malcolm Karl



Malcolm Bagshaw  
"43"



Bob Jewell "41"



Jack Osburn  
"43"



Jim Smith "42"



Glen Hagadorn "43"



Don Heesen "43"



Don Brazee "43"



George Underwood "43"



Don Carlson "42"



George Murdock "43"



Bob Mohr "42"



Bill Clark "44"



Leland Kerby "43"



Russell Collins "43"



K. Schneider "43"



R. Hamilton "41"



Bill  
Leonardson  
"41"



E. Oliver "41"



B. Laidlaw "43"



R. Hammel "42"



M. Green "43"



I. Gurtzweiler "43"



"ERNE" "41"



B. Wilson "42"



J. Curtiss "42"



C. Spillman "41"



H. DesErnia "41"



K. Will "42"





"Sunny Weather"



"Posing"



Rough-Necks "1"



"Potato Chips"



"Smiles"



South Door



Rough-Necks "2"



Rough-Necks "3"



"Hash-Slingers"

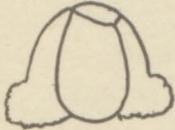


John, Leon,  
James, Robert



"Dish-Wipers"

# GUESS WHO!



I ALL GOT A  
CONVERTIBLE TOO!



OH! KATHLEEN!



OH! "STUIE"!



NOW CHEMISTRY CLASS!



SWEATER BOY  
WHO IS HE?



NOW LILLARD!



HOT TRUMPETER!



**STANDING**—Archie Porter, Virginia Collins, Dorothy Bowen, John Hewlett, Mrs. Laidlaw, Stuart Costigan, Jim Spooner, Dolores Isaacson.  
**SITTING**—Keith Des Ermia, Mrs. Service, Mary Lou Carlson, Franklin Humble, Joyce Service, Nancy Tingley, Dalton Van Valkenburg, William Aebersold.

## ANNUAL STAFF

Mrs. Laidlaw, Mrs. Service, Mr. Dick, and the seniors' executive committee met together early in November and chose a staff for this issue of the "Senior Echoes." Under Mrs. Laidlaw's guidance, the staff proceeded to compile the pictures and write-ups desired. The tedious work of editing and proof-reading then descended upon Mrs. Service. Her fine work should be doubly appreciated, for little time was allowed her. Hurried activity electrified the air at "headquarters" in Mrs. Laidlaw's room, until, with much relief, the "dummy copy" was sent to the printers.



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# "ORIGIN OF THE SPECIES"



(Tell you whatum I'll Doom) Dickie Bird — Found in chemistry room — quacks continually — large webbed feet, weak tea and honey as a diet, has strange cry, "Shut your trap! Shut your trap!"



(Are-you-chewing gum-ibus) Honey Bear, lives on honey and sweet things, has mild disposition, likes people and children, growls at times in a playful way.



(Excellentum Cookum). Spice Plant, lives in kitchens, great aid in cooking, likes to be near a "son," used in making the Annual.



(Correctum Speechibus) Janey Bird, lives with her mother until able to take care of herself, sings a great deal.



(Getinthereum et Fight-um) Tumble Weed, continually tumbling, tries to teach others to tumble with little success, important in the mele called scrimmage.



(Singum Loudibus) — Meadow Lark, sings continually with great deal of motion and flurry, leads other birds in melodious harmony.



(Knowium Anumalibus). Burdock, graceful plant that is edible when young and green, later develops a sticking habit, sticks to farmers and farm animals, when sticky dislikes water.



(Learnium Historia) — Small calf, has large brown eyes, wavy brown hair, weak at first, but soon develops volume and strength.



(Readibus Muchum) — Book Worm, digests many good books, contains much knowledge, has seen through many great works.



(Studium Frenchibus) — Foreign Bird, can talk many languages, is very fond of old English, quotes a great deal, prefers ranch life.



(Addium Correctum) — Mocking Bird, likes figures, multiplies rapidly, tells many stories he has heard, fond of children.



(Faster, Girlsum) — Raven, strong and pretty, fond of making "chickens" run and do many strange things.



(Typeibus Fastero) — Scribble Bird, makes strange scratches on black-boards, makes marks on typing papers, rings bells.



(Justum Fewum Wordibus) — Paper Duck, has many little ducklings, watches over them all of the time, tries to keep them all in step.

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