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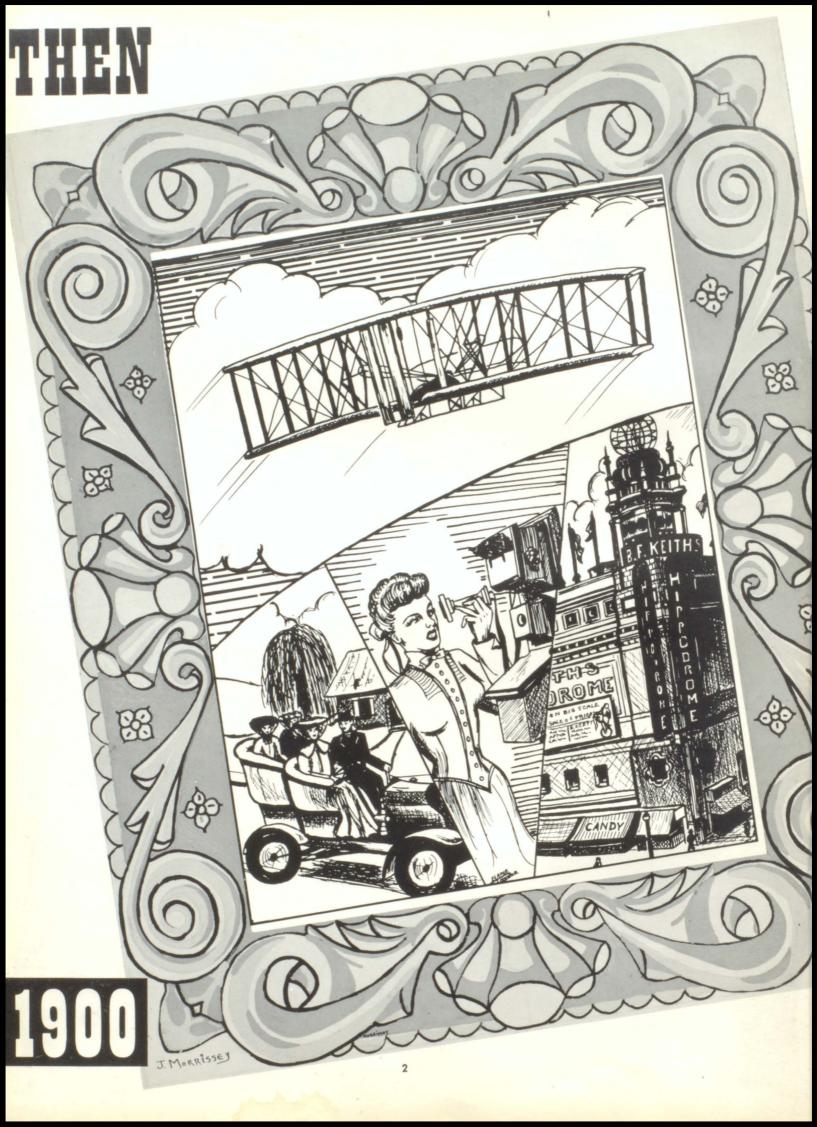


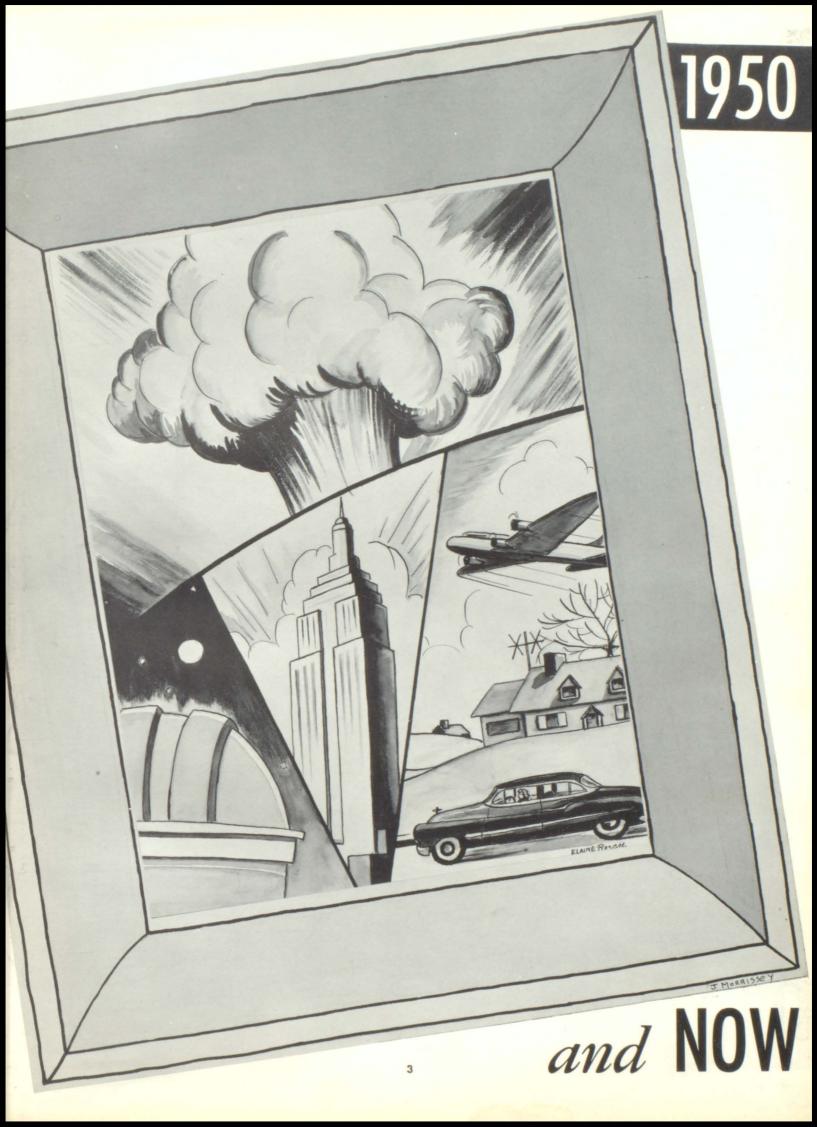
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Class of 1950

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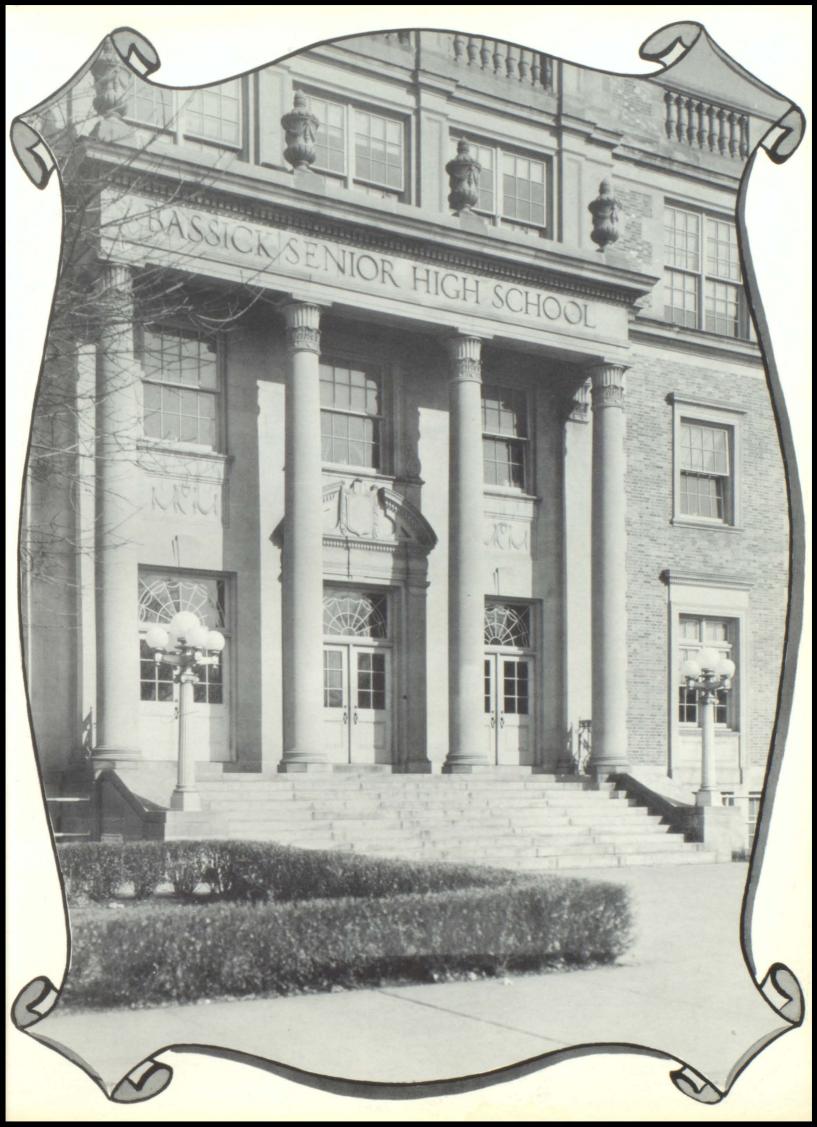
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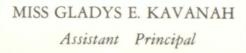


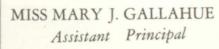
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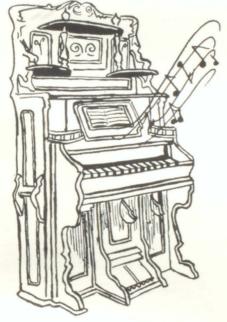
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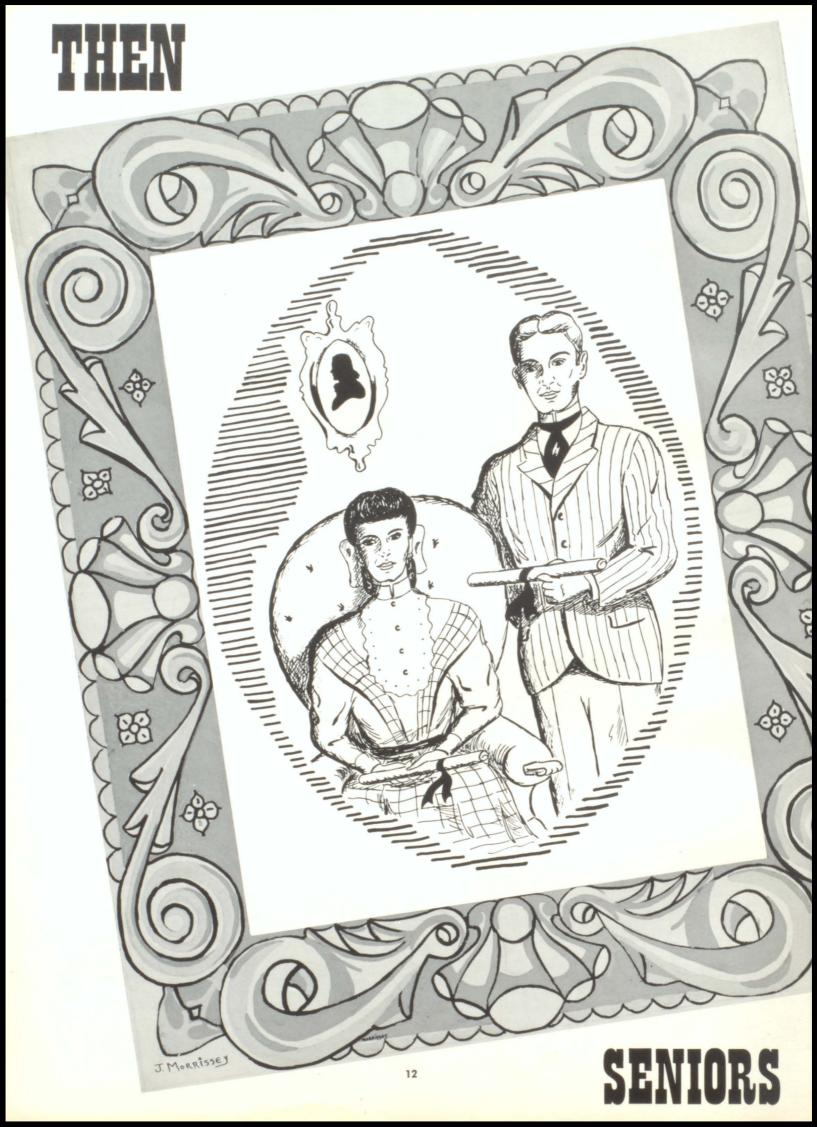
O Lord, in all Thy heav'nly wisdom, In all Thy lofty grace and beauty, Give to us, Thy rev'rent servants, A sense of honor, truth, and duty. Deeply instill within our spirits A growing love of man as brother. Teach us to enjoy life simply, In lasting peace with one another.

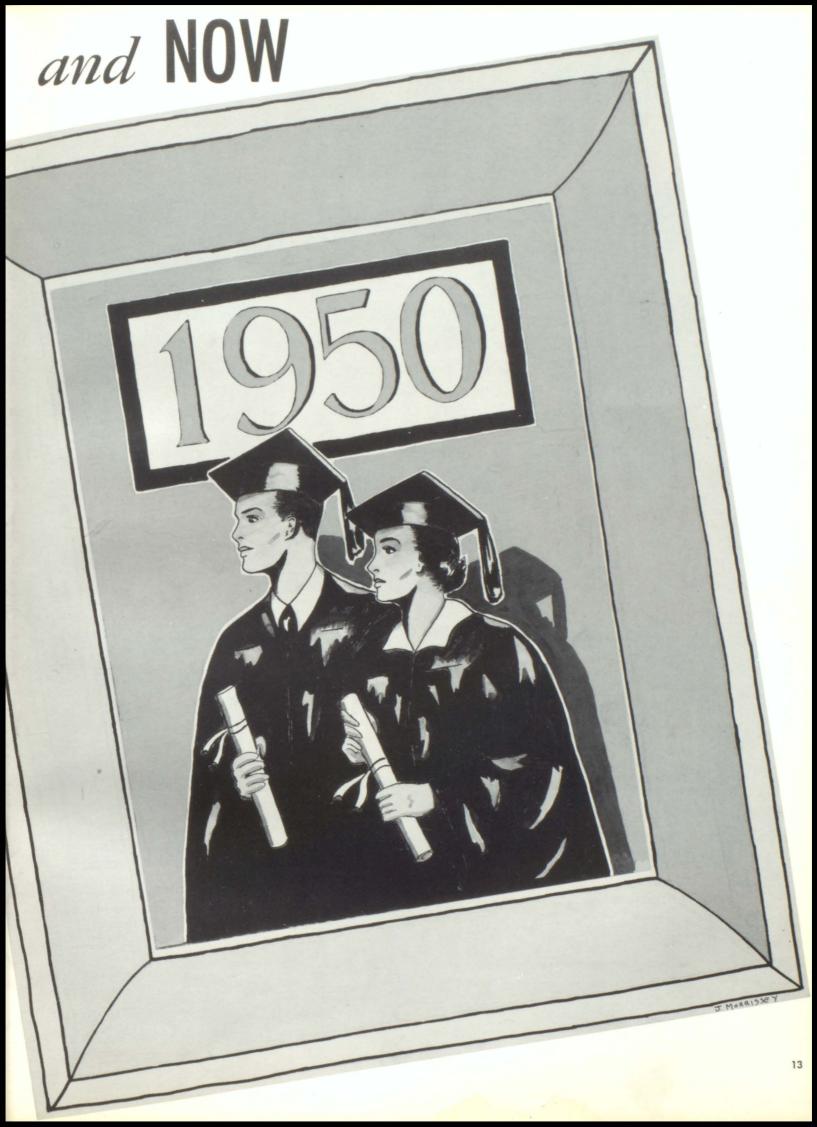
O God, from Thy celestial dwelling Look down upon our lowly station. Guide us, in our earthly journey, Past pits of sin and sweet temptation. Grant us the will to leave behind us Some good, some plan that we began. Through our part in life's adventure, Make us worthy of the name of man. Amen.

> ---Words by ROBERT ENGELMAN ---Music by Adrienne Lessler









# **CLASS REUNION PACT**

We, the Class of 1950, regretfully leave Bassick and our many esteemed classmates. Knowing that in the future we shall desire to renew our high school friendships, we do announce our sincere intention to assemble in a 1955 reunion.

The reunion committee, which shall consist of the class officers and the author of this pact, assumes the responsibility of publicly disclosing the date and plans for this reunion.

We, the undersigned, agree to fulfill the terms of this pact:

Author: Adrienne Lessler Officers: Peter Del Valle Corinne Haines Rudolph Sabados Joan Gabany Frank Esposito Barbara Burlant

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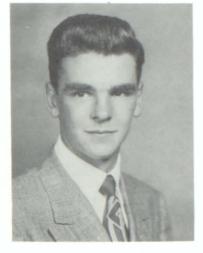
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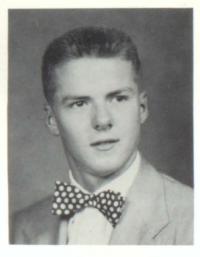
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Bassick Band

BARBARA JANE ANDERSON "Bobbie"

"What's the use of worryin'? It never was worth while."

Red Cross Delegate Cheer Leader Bowling

ELEANORE JEAN ANGYAL

"Speaking of Angyals." Girls' Chorus

#### ELEANOR ELIZABETH APRILE "Ellie"

"April's sparkling laughter." L. A. W.

ADELA ARBAS

"Cheerful, bright, and pleasant to know."

"Dolly"

D. A. R. Spanish Club L. A. W. All Girls' Day



















#### ELSA ESTHER ARIAS "El"

"Dark Eyes."

Christmas Assembly Green and White Revue Treasurer Make-up Squad Chorus Red Cross Delegate

SHIRLEY JEAN BACHMAN "Shirl" "Divinely tall and most divinely fair." G. A. L. A. L. A. W.

JOSEPH BALLESTER · "Joe"

"For he's a jolly good fellow!"

Aviation Club Spanish Club Athletic Delegate

#### BRUCE POWELL BALTER "Burt"

"He has a good head on his shoulders, But it's a different one every night."

Varsity Football Interclass Basketball H. R. Athletic Delegate

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"Im early; it's only 8:44."

Debating Team Boys' Chorus Spanish Club Chess Club

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"Artistic temperament is given to only a few."

L. A. W.

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"He played his way into our hearts." Captain Chess Club Stage Crew Green and White Revue H. R. Vice-President

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"Not all good things come in small packages."

L. A. W.

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NORMAN BERNSTEIN "Bernie"

"All great men die young, And I don't feel so well myself." Interclass Basketball













CATHERINE MARY BEST "Kitty" "Good-better-Best!" L. A. W.

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"O, those mischievous eyes!" Treasurer O. B. S. Ushers' Guild A Cappella Choir H. R. Secretary Spring Concert Barnum Festival Chorus L. A. W. H. R. Vice-President Voice Staff Jr. Mothers' Tea

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"Give the girls a break!"

Interclass Basketball H. R. Athletic Delegate



#### HELEN BOURAS "Helen"

"Twinkle, twinkle, little star."

Aviation Club Dramatic Club H. R. Secretary L. A. W. Scholarship-Leadership National Honor Society Make-up Squad H. R. Vice-President President O. B. S. Ushers' Guild

WILLIAM JAMES BOWE "Senator" "A bick with a back."

H. R. Delegate Stage Crew

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"He gets around."

Tennis Team Band President German Club

#### NANCY ANN BRIGGS 'Nance''

"Cute and sweet, Nice to meet.'

Junior Classical League Spanish Club G. A. L. A. Dramatic Club Senior Play Interclass Soccer Interclass Basketball Interclass Volleyball

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# G. A. L. A.

French Club National Honor Society Junior Classical League Scholarship-Leadership Chorus Dramatic Club Debating Club Ushers' Guild Yearbook Staff H. R. Vice-President

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"One Love."

H. R. Secretary Make-up Squad All Girls' Day Red Cross Delegate

#### MARY-ELLEN BRUNO "Merri-ellen"

"Twinkle Toes."

Girls' Chorus H. R. Vice-President Junior Classical League G. A. L. A. Green and White Revue Le Cercle Francais Library Squad Yearbook Literary Staff Red Cross Delegate Senior Play Barnum Festival

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JOAN ESTELLE BUCKLEY "Buck"

"As merry as Christmas."

L. A. W. Dramatic Club Chorus Student Council H. R. President

#### RHODA BURGER

"Rho"

"I can dream, can't I?"



#### JAMES NEVILLE CANTY "Jim"

"Easy come, easy go."

Boys' Chorus H. R. Treasurer Aeronautics Club Newtonians

HENRY LOUIS CAREY "Carey"

"As good natured a soul as e'er walked on shoe leather."

Aviation Club

ROBERT WALTER CARNES

"He came a stranger and left a friend."

Bassick Student League

#### CORNELIUS FRANCIS CARROLL "Cwz"

"Tell all the boys at Heaphy's Pharmacy That I will soon be there."

Varsity Football Safety Council Athletic Delegate Interclass Basketball

#### WILLIAM GAYLORD CARROTHERS "Bill"

"Prince Charming."

H. R. Treasurer Tennis Team Chess Club Junior Classical League















#### BARBARA ANNE BURLANT "Barb"

"Snappy clothes, full of pep Yes, that girl is really hep."

Senior Co-Director of Social Activities Yearbook Staff H. R. Vice-President Jr. Delegate Spanish Club Aeronautics Club Jr. Mothers' Tea Sr. Mothers' Tea Interclass Basketball

#### RUAMY JEAN BURR "Amy"

"She gives her thoughts no tongue."

Girls' Chorus

# CHAUNCEY L. BUSH "Skip"

"Every day is ladies' day with me."

Stage Crew Choir

EUGENE ELIAS BUSKO

"Generally quiet, but-"

Interclass Basketball Student Council H. R. President

Journalism Club

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#### DANIEL C. CARTER "Dan"

"If personality were wealth, He'd be a millionaire."

H. R. Vice-President H. R. President Student Council Band Orchestra

CURTIS HENRY CAULKINS "Curt" "A good skate."

Bowling Team

STEPHEN TURNER CHUCHKA "Chook"

"A king on the court."

Red Cross Delegate Interclass Basketball

#### JOEN JUDITH CIGLAR "Speed"

"She has both feet planted firmly on the accelerator."

Vice-President Junior Classical League Spanish Club Ushers' Guild Junior Mothers' Tea National Honor Society Yearbook Staff Dramatic Club

RONALD JOSEPH CIOPPA "Sip"

"Sip hath zip." Athletic Delegate















#### JOHN RICHARD COLLA "Coke" "Everyone likes sparkling coke!" Interclass Basketball

Journalism Club Voice Sports Editor

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"A good line is the shortest distance between two dates."

Girls' Choir Make-up Squad All Girls' Day H. R. Red Cross Delegate Dramatic Club

LOIS GRACE CRAFT "Lo" "Blondes prefer gentlemen." L. A. W.

#### CATHERINE ADELAIDE CROWLEY "Cathy"

"Give me sports."

G. A. L. A. Treasurer L. A. W. Sophomore Soccer Champs Junior Soccer Champs Junior Volleyball Champs Sophomore Softball Champs Junior Basketball Champs Junior Softball Champs

MARGARET MARY CROWLEY "Marge" "That G. A. L.'s got everything!"

G. A. L. A. L. A. W. Junior Mothers' Tea

#### DOROTHY ANN CSUKA

"More words than Webster." Secretary Make-up Squad

STEPHEN PETER CSVIHINKA "Pete"

"Nay, not so!" Bassick Student League

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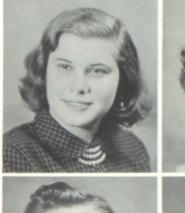
ROBERT DARUKA "Duke"

"Thought is often bolder than speech."

Boys' Chorus

Senior Play

#### GEORGE WILLIS DAVIS "Kiddo" "Life is short, but thou art long." H. R. Treasurer Interclass Basketball











#### "Always pleasant, Always pleasing." Red Cross Delegate Spanish Club Chorus

#### RONALD ROBERT DAVIS "Ron" "His limbs were cast in manly mould, For hardy sports or contest bold."

NANCY RUTH DAVIS

Varsity Football J. V. Basketball Interclass Basketball

#### ROBERT JAMES DELOYA "Bob"

"Leave us go root for dem Dodgers."

Bassick Student League

#### PETER DEL VALLE "Chico"

"Mr. President."

National Honor Society Interclass Basketball Jr. Class President Sr. Class President

#### HELEN CECILE DENTON "Dee" "The most dee-lightful girl we know."

G. A. L. A. Dramatic Club H. R. Secretary Interclass Basketball



#### THEODORE DEUTSCH "Ted"

"A fellow of infinite jest."

Athletic Delegate Senior Delegate Interclass Basketball

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"As merry as the day is long."

Chorus Choir Dramatic Club French Club Senior Play Spring Concert Green and White Revue Christmas Play

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"I saw Vaughn Monroe!"

Safety Council Make-up Squad Girls' Chorus Secretary Safety Council H. R. Treasurer Junior Mothers' Tea A Cappella Choir Spring Concert

#### SHARRON ELLIOTT DOERNER "Steve"

"Never a worry, never a care."

Aviation Club H. R. Vice-President A Cappella Choir

#### IRENE MARGARET DOMBY

"It is a trait of women to be talkative."

Library Squad L. A. W.















#### ELENA DOMINGUEZ "Elena"

"Here's one. Where's the other?"

National Honor Society O. B. S. Ushers' Guild Yearbook Staff L. A. W. Spanish Club Make-up Squad

#### ELVIRA DOMINGUEZ "Elvira"

"Here I am."

L. A. W. Make-up Squad Spanish Club O. B. S. National Honor Society Ushers' Guild All Girls' Day

BEVERLY MARJORIE DOYLE "Bev"

Sparkle Plenty."

Band L. A. W.

#### JACQUELINE M. DU BAC "Jackie"

"All the things you are."

President Library Squad Scholarship-Leadership Chorus Choir National Honor Society Voice Literary Staff Ushers' Guild F. T. A. H. R. Vice-President

## BARBARA MARION DURICA

"Care is a worry I don't own."

L. A. W. Make-up Squad Dramatic Club Red Cross Delegate Basketball

#### FREDERICK PERSIANI EATON "Fred"

"Our favorite racquetteer."

Tennis Team Interclass Basketball Athletic Delegate

JOAN MARIE ECKERT "Jo"

"Kitten on the keys."

Red Cross Delegate L. A. W. Year Book Staff Dramatic Club Safety Council

#### SALLY ANN EGAN "Sal"

"Our gal Sal."

L. A. W. Dramatic Club Safety Council D. A. R. Junior Mothers' Tea Soccer Team

#### JOAN IRIS EK

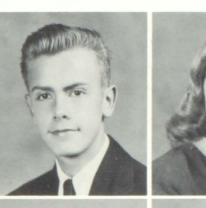
"She does her part with a willing heart."

"Joanne"

L. A. W. H. R. Secretary Voice Business Staff

#### EVELYN ALINE EKLUND

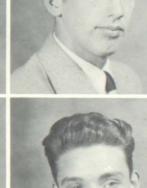
"Blonde, petite, and ob, so sweet!"













#### DORIS ANNE EMANUELSON "Dodo"

"And still the wonder grew That one small head could carry all it knew."

Editor-in-Chief Yearbook Sr. Head Ushers' Guild Vice-President National Honor Society President Jr. Classical League Vice-President Sr. Debating Club H. R. Secretary G. A. L. A. Scholarship-Leadership

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#### Versatility at its best."

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JOHN RAYMOND FAHY "Jack" "Out of this world!" Bassick Student League

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#### GEORGE FATSE "George"

"Our ambassador to the Court of St. James."

H. R. Basketball Spanish Club

SOPHIE FATSI

"Soph" "Little Miss Mischief"

O. B. S. L. A. W. Dramatic Club Spanish Club Yearbook Staff All Girls' Day

FRANK PAUL FAZEKAS "Fuzzy"

"All in fun."

Football Team Athletic Delegate

FRED FEKETE

"Fred"

"His wavy hair and pleasant smile, He carries with him all the while."

Aeronautics Club

#### GLORIA SUZANNE FERRERA "Glo"

"Gracious manners and quiet airs Are aids in meeting life's great cares."

Safety Club Delegate Chorus















#### JOAN ELLEN FISHER "Joannie"

"Have more than thou showest; Speak less than thou knowest."

Le Cercle Francais Journalism Club Dramatic Club Junior Classical League Chorus Christmas Pageant Advanced Algebra Club

#### CATHERINE JANE FITZGERALD

"Irish"

"Dot"

"Fun is my best subject."

Dramatic Club L. A. W. French Club

#### DOROTHY FRANCES FOURCHETTE

"Our Dot has lots of Dash."

L. A. W. Chorus Spring Concert Dramatic Club

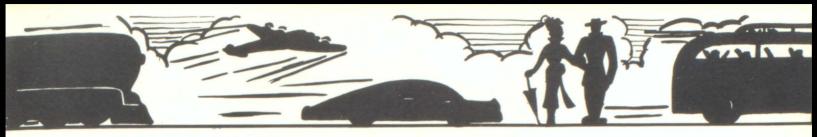
# AUDREE ELVIRDA FOX

"As likable as she is lookable." Ushers' Guild Vice-President and Program Chairman of O. B. S. Junior Mothers' Tea A Cappella Choir Scholarship-Leadership H. R. Red Cross Delegate H. R. President Student Council D. A. R. Certificate L. A. W. G. A. L. A. ŝ,

#### MARGARET MAE FRANCIS

"Peg" "Peg of our hearts."

L. A. W. A Cappella Choir Chorus Dramatic Club



HENRY GEORGE FRANKEL "Hank" "A true friend, a regular fellow." Aeronautics Club Interclass Basketball

PETER GRIFFITH FREDERICK "Pete" "Hamlet! O, no!!!"

Bassick Student League

DONALD FREESE "Don"

"Governor of the 49th State."

Orchestra Band Choir Red Cross Delegate Sr. Class Delegate French Club German Club Tennis Team Voice Business Staff Interclass Basketball Chess Club Stamp Club Senior Play Newtonians

HELEN DORIS FRENCH

"Short, but sweet!"

Bassick Student League

#### ARTHUR DAVID FRIEDMAN "Dutch"

"There are only two sides to every argument, the wrong side — and Art's."

Spanish Club Bassick Band Jr. Class Delegate H. R. President Sr. Class Delegate Senior Play A Cappella Choir Sr. History Debating Club Debating Club Yearbook Literary Staff Student Council

















#### MARSHALL PAUL FUSFELD "Herb"

"What should a man do but be merry?"

Boys' Chorus Athletic Delegate German Club Editor of German Newspaper Newtonians

#### JOAN SUSAN GABANY "Peanut"

"Every inch is packed with dynamite."

Chorus Choir O. B. S. Junior Class Secretary L. A. W. National Honor Society Ushers' Guild Senior Class Secretary Scholarship-Leadership

ANDREW DIMITRI GACHI "Andrew" "Take me out to the ball game." Bassick Student League

# MARY ETHEL GALLOS

"Full many a flower is born to blush unseen."

H. R. Secretary Girls' Chorus Make-up Squad L. A. W.

#### MARGARET MAY GALVIN "Marge"

"Snap, vim, and pep—she will always keep in step."

Dramatic Club Make-up Squad L. A. W. Sr. Delegate G. A. L. A. Cheerleader Chorus Jr. Mothers' Tea

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#### MARY ANN GALVIN "Mar"

"A blue-eyed girl with a charming smile!"

Dramatic Club Journalism Club

JOSEPHINE LULA GATHINGS "Jo"

"That's what we like about the South."

G. A. L. A. L. A. W. Scholarship-Leadership Yearbook Staff H. R. Secretary H. R. Vice-President Senior Play Dramatic Club Junior Mothers' Tea

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"To be friendly is to be happy."

G. A. L. A. L. A. W. Junior Delegate Junior Mothers' Tea All Girls' Day

















#### DOLORES JEAN GERGELY "Red"

"Where there's a spark, there's fire." Yearbook Staff H. R. Treasurer Spanish Club Chorus Ushers' Guild O. B. S. L. A. W. Junior Mothers' Tea All Girls' Day Dramatic Club Senior Play Interclass Sports

#### LEWIS JOHN GIORDANO "Louie"

"A likable lad." Bassick Student League

#### GERTRUDE GLUNTS "Gert"

"Quite quiet."

Spanish Club Girls' Chorus Dramatic Club

#### BEVERLY JUNE GRAHAM "Bev"

"'My face is my fortune, sir,'"

L. A. W. Safety Council H. R. Secretary Junior Mothers' Tea Girls' Chorus D. A. R. B-Yites

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# BEVERLY ANN GRANT

"Smiling on everyone, spreading fun."

G. A. L. A. Chorus Safety Council

NANCY JOYCE GRONBERG "Nance"

"She goes as she pleases, And she pleases as she goes."

Chorus H. R. Treasurer Junior Class Delegate Yearbook Staff

#### WILLIAM JOSEPH HAGGERTY

"I believe they talked of me, because they laughed continually."

"Bill"

Junior Delegate H.R. Treasurer

#### RICHARD ALLEN HAIGHT "Dick"

"Muscle man."

Stage Crew Cheering Squad

#### CORINNE MARY HAINES "Corky"

"Efficiency clothed in a charming cloak."

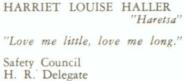
National Honor Society French Club Junior Head Usher Secretary Dramatic Club Scholarship-Leadership H. R. Vice-President Co-Director Social Activities Junior Class Vice-President Senior Class











MILDRED EVELYN HALL

Because they LESSEN

LESSONS,

everyday."

L. A. W.

"That's why they're called

"Millie"

#### LAVINIA GRACE HALLER "Gin" "Sweets to the sweet!"

Bassick Student League

# ARLINE RUTHE HAMILTON "Arlene"

"He's just my Bill."

H. R. Secretary Le Cercle Francais Red Cross Delegate

#### THOMAS ALVIN HAWLEY

"Tom"

"The cheerful live longest."

J. V. Football Varsity Football Interclass Basketball

GHT 'Dick"







## PATRICIA ANNE HOGAN

"Always gay, never sad, Sometimes naughty, never bad."

Chorus Interclass Basketball French Club Senior Mothers' Tea Interclass Soccer Interclass Volleyball

MARILYN RUTH HOLMES "Lyn"

"And she was fair as a rose in May!"

Chorus Choir L. A. W. Dramatic Club Secretary Student Council H. R. President Junior Delegate Spring Concert Scholarship-Leadership H. R. Vice-President

LOUIS JOSEPH HUSTEK "Lou" "The strong, silent type." Football Team

JACK ROBERT JACOBSON "Jack" "Gentleman Jack — the

lady's man."

H. R. Vice-President

#### KENNETH ANDREW JANELLO "Ken"

"He sparkles on the diamond."

H. R. President Athletic Delegate Captain Baseball Team Treasurer Student Council Junior Classical League















#### CHRISTY VAN JANELU "Chris"

"Why teachers get grey!"

Interclass Basketball Varsity Basketball Baseball

#### SAM CHARLES JEVARJIAN "Jeb Jeb"

"You've got to be a football bero."

Varsity Football Chess Club Interclass Basketball Baseball Tennis Athletic Delegate Office Squad H. R. Vice-President

ROBERT KAECHELE "Bob" "Work fascinates me — I can sit and look at it all day." Choir

# GERARD ALFRED KAY

"His friends are many; His foes are none."

Baseball Team German Club Interclass Basketball

#### MAGARET MARIE KENNEDY "Peggy"

"She has what attracts."

H. R. President Journalism Club Student Council French Club Scholarship-Leadership Interclass Basketball Voice Literary Staff G. A. L. A. Dramatic Club Debating Club All Girls' Day Interclass Soccer



#### WILLIAM JOSEPH KILEY "Bill"

"To worry little, to study less Is my idea of happiness."

Varsity Football Football Manager

ERNEST LADISLOUS KIRALY "Ernie"

"Why worry? Take life easy."

H. R. Treasurer Choir Stage Crew

#### RICHARD ERNEST KISH "Dick"

"In many sports, Dick does excel; On many a girl he casts his spell."

Cheering Squad J.V. Basketball H. R. President Student Council Boys' Chorus Asst. Baseball Mgr. Scholarship-Leadership A Cappella Choir Yearbook Staff National Athletic Scholarship Society Varsity Football Jr. Class Social Director

MARY MARGARET KLANSKY "Mary"

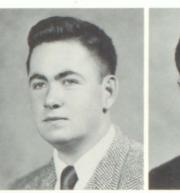
"Modesty is the best jewel."

Ushers' Guild Dramatic Club

LEONARD KLEIN "Len"

"Friendship to many and good will to all."

Band Orchestra German Club



















#### LOUISE PEACE KLEIN "Lou"

"Peppy, lively, full of fun, A friend and pal to everyone."

H. R. President President Student Council Tennis Team Yearbook Art Staff Voice Art Staff Scenic Artists Debating Club Senior Play Scholarship-Leadership

#### JOSEPH KLEINHANDLER "Frenchy"

"Je m'en fiche." .

President French Club Chess Club Spanish Club Sr. Debating Club

#### MARGARET LOUISE KNIGHT "Mickey"

"Mickey, pretty Mickey."

H. R. Vice-President H. R. President Student Council L. A. W. Scholarship-Leadership

WILLIAM ANTON KUHN "Bill" "A good sport of the best sort." Interclass Basketball

#### DOROTHY ANN KULHAWIK "Dot"

"Vim, vigor, and vitality."

L. A. W. Dramatic Club Office Assistant



#### LUELLA ANN LADD "Lue"

"Dark Eyes."

Library Squad Social Director Library Squad

GERTRUDE MARIE LaFERRIERE "Trudy"

"Ain't she sweet?"

A Cappella Choir L. A. W. Girls' Chorus Jr. Mothers' Tea Spring Concert Dramatic Club State Choral Festival Barnum Festival Le Cercle Francais

#### JAMES CARLISLE LAFFERTY "Laferdie"

"He bides his light under a bushel."

Aeronautics Club Interclass Basketball Tennis Team H. R. Vice-President Newtonïans

# THOMAS EDWARD LAPKE "Lap"

"O Captain, my Captain!"

Varsity Football Interclass Basketball



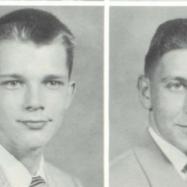
"She's the kind of girl we like to know."

















## ARLINE IRIS LEICHTMAN

"The pen is mightier than the sword."

Senior Play Debating Team Le Cercle Francais Jr. Classical League Voice Literary Staff Chorus Journalism Club Advanced Algebra Club Dramatic Club Ushers' Guild Jr. Mothers' Tea Christmas Pageant Committee

### ADRIENNE NORMA LESSLER

"There's music in her fingertips." H. R. Secretary Jr. Mothers' Tea Jr. Delegate Sr. Delegate Scholarship-Leadership Band Orchestra Spanish Club Dramatic Club Chorus

#### MORTON LEVINSON "Mort"

"Happy-go-lucky is his trend— All in all, a very good friend."

Safety Council Interclass Basketball

ALICE ANN LIGGINS "Midge" "I bear a nightingale singing." A Cappella Choir

JEAN FRANCES LINANE "Jean" "An atomic blonde."

L. A. W. Girls' Chorus Dramatic Club H. R. Treasurer

#### FRANKLIN ROBERT LINK "Link"

"School is O.K., but vacation is super!"

Bassick Student League

RICHARD LOPEZ "Ricb" "A friend to all who know him." Bassick Student League

JEANNE LOSIER "Jo" "Jeannie with the light brown hair."

Bassick Student League

CONSTANCE IRENE LOVELL "Connie"

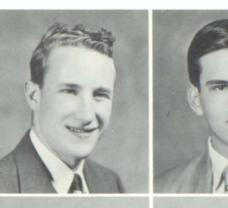
"Gentle, modest, and sweet."

Secretary French Club F. T. A. Chorus

ROSEMARIE PRISCILLA LUCAS "Rosie"

"A dignified young lady."

H. R. Treasurer L. A. W. Treasurer Girls' Chorus A Cappella Choir









"Mac"

"Up above the world so high, Like a diamond in the sky."

J. V. Basketball Interclass Basketball

#### GRACE ESTHER MACHALOWSKI

"Mac"

"Charm, beauty—Grace!" D. A. R. Award

#### EDITH BARBARA MAGDEFRAU

"Bob"

"Sometimes quiet, sometimes gay; but we like Edie either way!"

L. A. W. D. A. R.

#### ETHEL LILLIAN MAGILNICK "Eth"

"She entertains a cheerful disposition."

Chorus Library Squad L. A. W. Choir Dramatic Club

#### DONALD WILLIAM MAGYAR "Don"

"Dapper Don." H. R. Athletic Delegate







#### ANNA MARIE MAIER "Ann"

"A sweet brunette!"

L. A. W. Senior Delegate D. A. R.

ARMAND ROY MAILLOUX "Shine"

"He flies through the air with the greatest of ease."

Stage Crew

#### MAXINE ELLIOTT MAIN "Max"

"As Main goes, so goes the nation."

President G. A. L. A. H. R. Vice-President Chorus Safety Council Delegate Spanish Club



"Très chic."

L. A. W. Chorus

#### DANIEL MANNHEIM "Dan"

"To know him is to like him."

Senior Delegate Junior Classical League German Club German Newspaper Staff Newtonians Chess Club



















ARLENE VIRGINIA MASSEY "Ar" "Placid as the calm blue sea." L. A. W. Safety Council

JOHN CHARLES MARLIN

Baseball

Interclass Basketball Athletic Delegate A Cappella Choir

MARILYN MASNIK

Spring Play Dramatic Club Spanish Club Debating Club

"The loveliness of you."

"Every inch an athlete."

"Tex"

"Lyn"

ROBERT STEPHEN MAYER "Bob"

"Top-notch pilot."

Aviation Club Flying Club Newtonian Club German Club Chemistry Research Club

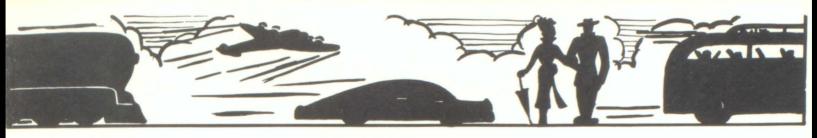
#### RONALD EDWARD McCARTHY

"Cash"

"I was a boy scout—till I started girl scouting."

Bassick Student League





#### "Mac" JOSEPH McKEEVER

"His manner is carefree; His spirit is gay."

H. R. President H. R. Vice-President Interclass Basketball

JOAN DOLORES MEEHAN "Boch"

"It's not whether we win or lose, It's how we play the game." Bassick Student League

PAUL MEROPOULOS "Greek" "My wants are few." J. V. Football Interclass Basketball

ARMAND JOHN "Chip" MESSENGER

> "Good nature means popularity."

Interclass Basketball J. V. Football

#### MARILYN LOUISE METZGER "Mutzi"

"Always friendly, always gay, Always modest, that's her way."

L. A. W. Red Cross Delegate









"Josie"

JOSEPHINE CHRISTINE

MINIEVICH

#### BARBARA ANN MOORE "Bobby" "Our one and only strawberry blonde."

D. A. R. Award

#### MARGERY LOUISE MOORS "Margie"

"We're always thinking of you, Margie."

Girls' Chorus L. A. W. Safety Delegate

#### JOAN FRANCES MORAN "Joan"

"A good natured person is never out of place."

Spanish Club L. A. W. Interclass Basketball

#### IRENE ROSE MORANSKI "I"

"Cute, cheerful, and competent."

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L. A. W. H. R. President H. R. Secretary Soccer Champs











#### JOSEPH ANTHONY MORRISSEY "Joe"

"Courtesy wins women as well as valor."

Junior Delegate H. R. President Student Council

JOAN JANE MOSKOWITZ "Joanie"

"Patience is a virtue of the gods."

Bassick Student League

#### GLORIA MARY MRASCO

"Sophistication spiced with friendliness."

H. R. Secretary Dramatic Club Journalism Club Girls' Chorus Jr. Delegate Sr. Delegate

# LAWRENCE JOHN MURPHY "Larry"

"Gaiety is the soul's health." Senior Play A. A. Delegate

#### WILLIAM GERARD MYERS "Bill"

"The happiest miser is he who saves his friends."

Football Interclass Basketball Spanish Club Athletic Delegate H. R. Vice-President

















FRANK NAGY "Nudge" "It's a virtue to be Frank." Bassick Student League

#### ANNE REBECCA NAMIAN "An"

"The glass of fashion, and the mould of form."

H. R. Secretary H. R. Treasurer Spanish Club Dramatic Club Library Squad Interclass Basketball Interclass Soccer Interclass Volleyball Interclass Softball Yearbook Staff

ALAN WOLFE NISHBALL "Nish"

"He's as corny as Kansas in August!"

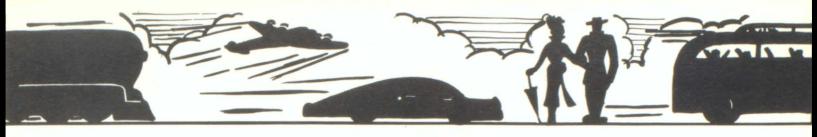
Spanish Club Chess Club Interclass Basketball

IRMA LORRAINE NOBLIN "Trud" "Here today, absent tomorrow." L. A. W.

JANICE MAE NORTHROP "Jan"

> "To doubt her beauty Is to want an eye."

Bassick Student League



#### MAUREEN SHELIA O'BRIEN "Toddy"

"When Irish eyes are smiling."

Girls' Chorus Spring Concert Red Cross Delegate French Club F. T. A. Junior Mothers' Tea

#### PATRICIA ANN OHLIN "Pat"

"Pride of the Yankees."

French Club G. A. L. A. Library Squad H. R. Vice-President H. R. Secretary

#### JUNE MARGARET OLAH "Willy"

"Summer, winter, autumn, spring, Sports for her are just the thing."

Red Cross Delegate H. R. Treasurer L. A. W. Jr. Softball Champs Jr. Soccer Champs Jr. Basketball Champs

#### ROSARIO CARMEN OLTRA "Rose"

"A Rose without a single thorn."

G. A. L. A. French Club Dramatic Club H. R. Treasurer

#### HELEN MAE OSTERBERG "Ostie"

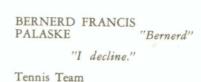
"Everywhere you go, sunshine follows you."

H. R. President Student Council All Girls' Day Junior Red Cross Delegate Yearbook Staff









SHIRLEY ALMA OSTERLIND

"The way to have a friend is to be one."

Girls' Chorus

L. A. W.

Dramatic Club

"Shirl"

#### MARIAN LUCILLE PAPROSKI "Peanuts"

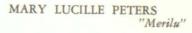
"It's not that I like study less, But that I like fun more."

Bassick Student League

GEORGE LOUIS PEREZ "General"

"A little nonsense now and then Is relished by the best of men." Hi-Y

J. V. Football Interclass Basketball



"I love life!" ish Club

Spanish Club Dramatic Club President Jr. Red Cross











#### HELEN VERONICA ANN PETRINOVICH "Ronnie"

"Cute, snappy, full of fun, Known and loved by everyone."

Dramatic Club H. R. Secretary Red Cross Delegate L. A. W.

JOAN FRENCH PETTI "Joan"

"A friendly girl, A friendly smile."

All Girls' Day Christmas Assembly Dramatic Club Ushers' Guild

#### RENO JOHN PICCIOLI "Re"

"Tall, dark, and handsome."

H. R. President Jr. Delegate Sr. Delegate Spanish Club Asst. Manager Basketball Manager Basketball

#### JOHN MICHAEL PICCIRILLO "Yunchi"

"As the girls go."

H. R. Vice-President Athletic Delegate Stage Crew Football Asst. Manager Baseball

MADELINE MARIE PISANELLE "Madge"

"Dark hair, dancing eyes, Always smiling, she's a prize."

Dramatic Club Safety Council





















#### ELINOR JEAN PITTU "Chippy"

"Tiny but terrific."

H. R. Vice-President H. R. Secretary Jr. Mothers' Tea Dramatic Club Interclass Softball

# FRANK DONALD POPP

"Genius is the capacity for avoiding hard work."

H. R. Treasurer Advanced Algebra Club

#### EDNA ADELLE POREMBA "Del"

"Concentrated sunlight."

H. R. Secretary Red Cross Delegate L. A. W. Scholarship-Leadership Yearbook Business Staff Chorus Dramatic Club Make-up Squad

#### SHIRLEY ANN PULASKI "Shirl" "The CENTER of attraction."

H. R. Secretary H. R. Vice-President H. R. President L. A. W. Student Council

#### CONSTANCE MARY RAHGO "Connie"

"Sailing, sailing, over the bounding main."

French Club

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JEANNETTE RANDALL "Jeannette" "A good sport." G. A. L. A. H. R. Treasurer

VIOLET MADELYN RANDALL "Vi" "A shy Violet." Girls' Chorus

ETHEL ANN RAY "Etty" "I play forty-eight hours a day." L. A. W. Soccer Champs

ROBERT MATELYN RICH "Bob" "Rich in friends."

Bassick Student League

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#### WALTER CHARLES RICHTER "Rich"

"Day and night, my fancy's flight,

Is ever with my Jeanne."

H. R. President Student Council











SALLY JANE RIDEG "Sal"

"The sunshine's never missing from our Sally."

Library Squad

#### WILLIAM RIDOLFI "Bill"

"The atomic bomb isn't very big either."

H. R. Vice-President Basketball

#### CONSTANCE MAYBELLE RODA "Connie"

"Always smiling with something to say."

Chorus

# MARY TERESA ROGERS "Mary"

"Roger!" Secretary-Treasurer Ushers' Guild Library Squad Treasurer Library Squad Senior Delegate Sr. Debating Club Yearbook Literary Staff Dramatic Club Girls' Chorus Senior Play Jr. Mothers' Tea Stratford Forum Spring Play Properties

#### EDWARD ANTHONY ROMAN "Ed"

"The noblest Roman of them all."

Bassick Student League



#### ELAINE ELIZABETH ROSCOE "Roz"

"Give a cheer for Bassick!" Captain Cheering Squad G. A. L. A. Chorus Choir Jr. Mothers' Tea Spring Play H. R. Vice-President Spring Concert Champion Basketball Champion Softball Christmas Assembly Yearbook Art Staff

GEORGE CLINTON "George" ROWELL, JR.

"School is nice, but we shouldn't want nice things all the time."

Bassick Student League

#### ELIZABETH MARY RYAN "Bets"

"A silent tongue seeks no trouble."

Girls' Chorus L. A. W.

#### RUDOLPH LINCOLN "Rudy" SABADOS

"Two great Americans born on the same day-Rudy and Abe."

H. R. President Senior Class Treasurer Junior Class Treasurer Scenic Artists Senior Play J. V. Football Varsity Football Scholarship-Leadership

#### DOROTHY MARIE SABO "Dotty"

"Mischief dances in her eyes and smiles upon her lips."

Girls' Chorus H. R. Secretary French Club

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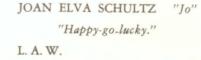


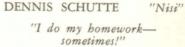












# MARY LOU SANDONE "Lon"

"Why, oh why, did I ever leave Wyoming?" A Cappella Choir G. A. L. A. H. R. Treasurer Yearbook Literary Staff Le Cercle Francais F. T. A. Spring Concert Interclass Sports Christmas Assembly Barnum Festival All Girls' Day Soph. Basketball Champs Soph. Soccer Champs

#### PETER CHARLES SATMARY "Satsy"

"It's in the book; why bother it?"

Bassick Student League

BARBARA MARGARET

#### "She's tops."

H. R. Secretary Jr. Classical League Library Squad G. A. L. A.

DENNIS SCHUTTE

#### NATALIE LOUISE SCHWARZ

"She is peppy, what a girl! She keeps us in a constant whirl." National Honor Society Ushers' Guild U. S. History Debating Club Chorus French Club Jr. Classical League H. R. President Scholarship-Leadership Advanced Algebra Club Dramatic Club Yearbook Staff Christmas Pageant Committee Student Council

### MATILDA MAYME SEAKER

"With a song in her heart."

Girls' Chorus A Cappella Choir Spanish Club F. T. A. Spring Concert Jr. Mothers' Tea Green and White Revue



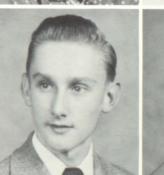
















#### CAROL ANN SHEA "Spec"

"A cute personality, full of rascality."

Jr. Volleyball Champs Secretary Library Squad Treasurer G. A. L.A. Red Cross Delegate Interclass Sports Secretary Spanish Club Spring Concert H. R. Delegate Chorus Soph. Basketball Champs Soph. Soccer Champs

#### CORNELIUS PATRICK SHEA "Corny" "Better late than never." Bassick Student League

#### BARBARA ANN SHEDLOCK "Barb"

"Her ways are pleasant, but all her paths are not peaceful."

Le Cercle Francais

#### ROBERT DANIEL SHEEHAN "Sweeney"

"Wood Park is my beat."

Stage Crew Sr. Delegate Jr. Delegate Choir Football

#### BARBARA ANN SHERWOOD "Pudge"

"Generally speaking, she is generally speaking."

Bassick Student League

#### EVA MARGARETA SEAQUIST

"Mind cannot follow, nor words express, her infinite sweetness."

"Eva"

Bassick Student League

JOHN RAYMOND SERES "Johnnie" "Give a short cheer for Seres." Cheer Leader Choir

MARGARET SHADICK "Marge" "At home with the Rangers." Dramatic Club



# SPIRO PETER SHERY "Pierre"

"I'll get by."

J. V. Football Interclass Basketball Senior Delegate

#### ALIDA REVY SHULKIN "Lee"

"Popular, pretty, and always pleasant."

Red Cross Delegate H. R. Vice-President Dramatic Club Library Squad Social Director Spanish Club Ushers' Guild Junior Classical League Chorus Junior Mothers' Tea Yearbook Staff Senior Class Delegate

VINCENT WILLIAM SIEDLECKI "Billy" "Charming Billy." Bassick Student League

#### DOROTHY SILVERMAN

"Powder your face with sunshine."

Dramatic Club Safety Council H. R. Vice-President L. A. W.

#### GEORGE THOMAS SIMS "Yogi"

"I don't like noise unless I make it myself."

J. V. Basketball Varsity Basketball Interclass Baseball Interclass Basketball H. R. Treasurer





















#### JOAN ANN SIROTNAK "Low"

"We ask you very confidentially, 'Ain't she sweet?""

Chorus Dramatic Club Interclass Basketball Interclass Soccer L. A. W. Bowling Team

#### JACQUELINE ANN SMITH "Jackie"

"She seldom strikes out in baseball, or in life."

L. A. W. G. A. L. A. French Club

ROBERT PHILIP SMITH "Bob" "Smith—a mighty man is be!" H. R. President Red Cross Delegate

#### BARBARA MARY SOMEN

"Bobbie" "Much has she undertaken, and much accomplished." Choir Red Cross Delegate Jr. Mothers' Tea Spring Concert L. A. W. Jr. Delegate Sr. Delegate Barnum Festival Ushers' Guild O. B. S. All State Choir

SYLVIA BERNICE SPANER "Sylvia"

"Efficiency should be her middle name."

National Honor Society Voice Literary Staff Chorus Journalism Club Ushers' Guild Spring Concert Dramatic Club Editor-in-Chief of Voice

### NANCY MARIE SPRAGUE "Nance"

"She's knockout; she's regal."

H. R. President Safety Delegate President Safety Council Yearbook Literary Staff H. R. Delegate Journalism Club L. A. W. All Girls' Day Dramatic Club

BARBARA DIANE STAFSTROM "Arab"

"Life goes to a party!"

Aviation Club French Club Dramatic Club

#### FLORENCE STEINHARDT

"For her soul is filled with music."

*Le Cercle Francais* A Cappella Choir Orchestra Vice-President German Club

#### RUTH MARIE STENQUIST "Ruth"

"It's nice to be natural when you're naturally nice."

Red Cross Delegate Chorus Orchestra Dramatic Club

#### MICHAEL LOUIS STISKAL "Mike"

"Puff — Puff, Toot — Toot, off he goes!"

Orchestra Band Chess Club

















JOHN CLIFFORD STOHL, JR. "Jack" "What does the late bird catch?" Bassick Student League

GUNNAR ALFRED STONE "Gun" "A straight shooter." Hi-Y Club

#### ELIZABETH ANN SULLIVAN "Betsy"

"Worries-What are they?"

Chorus Spring Concert Dramatic Club Aviation Club *Le Cercle Francais* H. R. Secretary Senior Delegate

ERNEST WILLIAM SVAB "Sid"

"Toss me that pigskin." Football

#### SHIRLEY JANE SWANSON "Shirl" "Homework! What's that???"

Chorus Choir Spanish Club Senior Debating Club Dramatic Club



DOLORES SWILLING "Lorie" "There is a twinkle in her eye." Bassick Student League

GODFREY ARNOLD SWILLING

"His heart is like a street car-Always full, but always room for one more."

"Swill"

Bassick Student League

EVAN MARTIN TAYLOR

"Country gentleman." Bassick Student League

LAURA JANE TERRACE "Laurie" "A shy reserved kind of grace." L. A. W. Safety Club

BETTY ANN THOMPSON "Bet"

"She's tiny, she's wise, she's a corker for her size."

L. A. W. H. R. Treasurer All Girls' Day

Dramatic Club





#### EDNA MAE THOMPSON "Ed"

"A little giggle now and then to brighten up the hearts of men."

L. A. W. Dramatic Club Chorus

WALTER ANTHONY TOMMASI "Balsi" "Friendliness at its best." Bassick Student League





PRISCILLA ANN TOTH "Pete" "Five feet two, eyes of blue." L. A. W. Interclass Basketball

THEODORE PAUL TOTH "Ted" "If silence were golden, he'd be rich!"

Bassick Student League

#### MARILYN TOWNE "Lyn"

"A disposition as golden as her hair."

Girls' Chorus L. A. W. H. R. Secretary G. A. L. A. Spring Concert







ELEANOR THERESA TRAUB "Ele" "A fair country maid is she." Bassick Student League

BARBARA NELL TRICKEY "Bobbie"

> "Give me my boots and my saddle."

Vice-President Spanish Club Chorus Choir Ushers' Guild Yearbook Staff Spring Concert Future Teachers of America

FRANCES ANN TROVARELLI "Fran" "Her station is Q-U-I-E-T." Bassick Student League

#### CECELIA ANN TRUP "Sally"

"If pretty faces mean success, You will succeed, we must confess."

Secretary and Second Vice-President of G. A. L. A.

#### JOHN VICTOR TURK "Yunch"

"The three mustketeersme, myself, and I."

Interclass Basketball H. R. Vice-President Chess Club

















RITA ELLEN TURRINI "Reet" "Little, but—oh my!" L. A. W.

#### ERICH TUSCH

"Life is one darn thing after another."

"Gene"

Band Orchestra

#### JEAN BEVERLY TYLER "Liz"

"Walter, Walter, everywhere!"

Safety Council L. A. W. Soccer Team Basketball Team

#### RUDOLPH RAYMOND VIDA "Rudy"

"He takes life as it comes."

Interclass Basketball Senior Delegate J. V. Basketball

### JEANNE LILLIAN WALDMAN

"Sparkling eyes and curly hair— These did many a wise man snare."

Dramatic Club Senior Play Debating Club Le Cercle Francais Chorus



#### JEAN FRANCES WALSH "Bunny"

"A friend to all."

D. A. R. L. A. W. Library Squad All Girls' Day

ALICE ANNA WEBB "Al"

"Laughter, with thee I mean to live."

L. A. W. Bi-Yites

#### JACQUELINE BARBARA WEINSCHENK "Jackie" "Lovely to look at, delightful to know."

delightful to know." Interclass Basketball H. R. Treasurer President F. T. A. Publicity Committee Jr. Dance Green and White Revue Ushers' Guild H. R. Vice-President Yearbook Staff Junior Classical League Secretary German Club All Girls' Day Publicity Committee Sr. Play

#### HARRIET MAE WEISBERG "Har"

"M-m-m-m good!"

Junior Classical League Chorus Dramatic Club Spanish Club Library Squad Senior Debating Club Junior Mothers' Tea

## JOAN MARJORIE WHEELER "Joan"

"Make mine music."

Choir Spring Conicert Chorus Barnum Festival L. A. W. Red Cross Delegate

















# CAROL LYNN WHELAN

#### "Girl of our dreams!"

Spanish Club Debating Club Dramatic Club Junior Mothers' Tea Future Teachers of America Interclass Basketball

#### JOAN BEVERLY WHITE "Joan"

"She gets where she's going without the blare of trumpets."

Student Council Make-up Squad Ushers' Guild H. R. President Sr. Delegate Scholarship-Leadership L. A. W.

#### NANCY JOAN WILKES "Nanc"

"Who could ask for anything more?"

Co-Director Social Activities Library Squad German Club Voice Staff Ushers' Guild Journalism Club

#### DOROTHY GRACE WOLLERT

"Dot"

"Her heart is always merry."

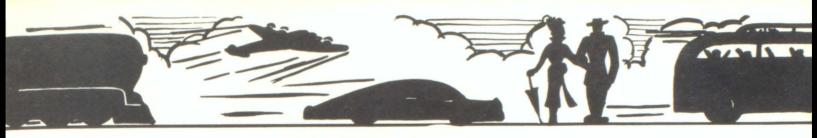
L. A. W. H. R. Secretary H. R. Vice-President



NAOMI HARRIET YELLIS "Naomi"

"She accomplishes all she undertakes."

Dramatic Club Jr. Classical League Spanish Club



#### CAROLYN MARGARET YOUNGS "La"

"Young and fair is she."

H. R. Treasurer Le Cercle Francais

WALTER JOSEPH ZACKRISON "Walt"

"Height of success."

H. R. President Vice-President Student Council A Cappella Choir Spring Play President Spanish Club U. S. History Debating Club Chemistry Research Club

#### WILLIAM JOHN ZIGO "Mouse" "Quiet as a mouse."

A. A. Delegate H. R. Delegate





"Perpetual grin, for an optimist's smile will never give in." Bassick Student League





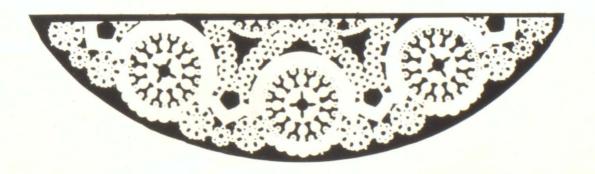
WALTER MICHAEL ZOKAS "Zoop"

"Girls look up to him they have to."

Spanish Club



Seniors Without Pictures SHIRLEY FAIREL BEVERLY JEAN RUDD



# Reminiscence In Rhyme

#### CLASS HISTORY

1950

September 7, 1947—Our First Day at Bassick 'Twas a bright sunny morning when, timid and shy, We entered the building of dear Bassick High. With compass in hand we started to roam From hallway to doorway in this place we called home. The shrill sounds of laughter rang out loud and clear, Announcing to all that the sophomores were here! The seniors were helpful in so many ways We followed their pointers and walked in a daze; But once we were used to the routine and style, We opened our trunks and stayed for a while.

June 7, 1948-First Class Meeting

On the 7th of June in the year '48 Our class had a meeting to find out its fate. We met our adviser, and officers, too, Who eagerly told us what we were to do. And so we departed for a summer of fun, Not able to wait for September to come.

November, 1948—Class Dues and Class Colors In the month of November, still '48, Our dues were collected—though some a bit late. Fifty cents was the charge, so little to pay, But it started our treasury well on its way. We chose our class colors in each junior room And the final results were—white and maroon.

- November 19, 1948—Football Hop November 19th was the night of the Hop, When Fairfield and Bassick, all rivalry stopped— Gathered together to have a good time. The evening was lovely; the music, sublime. We danced and we whirled until by and by, The hour approached and we left with a sigh.
- January 17 and 18, 1949—Measurement for Rings Amidst all our fun there was business to do, To measure for rings and pay for them, too. We waited in lines that reached out to the hall, While fingers were measured, from largest to small. We paid our deposit, hardly able to wait For our rings to arrive at some future date.
- February 16, 1949—Junior Mothers' Tea Our Valentine theme of hearts red and white Certainly made an impressive sight. This time it was Mother, the Queen for a Day, Who chatted with teacher in a most cordial way. The feeling of friendship was soon in the air Which helped make our tea such a gala affair.

March 18, 1949—Junior Dance (Spring Frolic)
At last it was here, our grand Junior Dance.
"Spring Frolic" we called it, and all in a trance,
We set out for the Ritz in a flurry of snow;
Though the weather was damp, our spirits weren't low.
The music was mellow, the partner so right,
We couldn't have asked for a lovelier night.

March 30,31, 1949—Long-awaited Arrival of Rings We waited 'till March for our rings to come; And after we'd paid an additional sum, Each student received, and I know you'll agree, A ring worth far more than that nominal fee. In black and gold setting it's really the thing, And something to cherish—that's our class ring.

April 19, 1949—All Girls' Day Girls have been known to be dainty and shy— This we are sure no one will deny. But they certainly knew how to shout and hurray, Especially when it came to All Girls' Day. This was the time when men were ignored; The gym was overrun with a feminine horde. A bevy of beauties strolled across the floor, Displaying their fashions with glamour galore. And as for the races—'twas a minor task. We juniors were victors, what more could you ask?

May 24, 1949—Final Junior Class Meeting The end of our reign as juniors was near, The class was assembled, all anxious to hear Reports from the officers on how we had done In the year '49, an enjoyable one. Our thoughts wandered forth as we heard what there'd be To make 1950 the best of the three.

June 8-11, 1949—Bridgeport's Barnum Festival Early in June the city saw fit To pay tribute to Barnum, a man of great wit. The first thing in line for this gala affair Was a gorgeous parade—half of Bridgeport was there, To join in the fun of a wonderful sight That started at dawn and lasted through night. The ball put an end to this great celebration In honor of Barnum, Bridgeport's gift to the nation.

October 15, 1949—Senior Class Meeting We'd left as mere juniors, but that was long past. We'd earned the title of *Senior* at last. This called for a meeting; and so, as before, We gathered together to find out the score. The coming event which followed in line Was to be our Class Trip, remember that time? October 22, 1949—Senior Class Trip to West Point Our first big shindig as seniors, you know, Was to visit West Point; so, with this as our goal, We sped over hills, through city and town, Bouncing and singing, first up and then down. But still in one piece we witnessed the game, Exploring the grounds till it started to rain. But it took more than nature to spoil our fun, And so back to our buses we quickly did run. The evening was spent at Bear Mountain Inn, A lovelier place there couldn't have been. Then after a long but enjoyable day, We departed for home, and slept all the way.

November 18, 1949—Bassick-Fairfield Hop (Grasmere)
It was football time, and to add to the cheer,
Our annual hop with Fairfield was here.
The gym at Grasmere this time was the spot;
The laughter was carefree, the music was hot.
All rivalry ceased to exist for a while,
As fellows and girls stepped out in true style.
Need we recall how the time seemed to fly,
And all too soon we shouted, "Goodbye",
As couples left for destinations unknown,
With intentions much later of returning to home.

December 2, 1949—Senior Class Play, Growing Pains Ah, Shakespeare, if only you could have been here To witness our play, the best of the year. 'Twas called Growing Pains—a comedy skit— What acting and drama, what laughter and wit! The cast was perfection, the critics all say, So open your gates, movieland, and make way. Forget about Cagney and others like these And welcome to stardom our own Donald Freese, Who, along with the rest of that talented cast, Presented a play—its memory to last.

December 22, 1949—Christmas Assembly Music set the solemn scene for our Christmas assembly, And even mean old Mr. Scrooge would have smiled to see The costumes so bright and the Christmas tree. Carols were sung of the lands far away And stories were told to proclaim that great day, When long, long ago in a stable so small A Savior was born—King above all. We thank everyone who helped us to see How lovely this season of Christmas could be.

January 17, 1950—Measuring for Caps and Gowns With graduation not too far away, Another task before us lay. It was measuring again—but not for class rings— Caps and gowns were the important things. And so, once again, we lined up to see Who tallest or shortest in inches would be. It didn't take long, but none could deny The year was half gone, and was fast whizzing by.

March 17, 1950—Senior Mothers' Tea "Why, hello, Mrs. Jones, so this is your dear. What a joy she has been to my class all this year!" Can't you just hear the gossip so free That helped make a hit of our Senior Tea? The library was wearing a different face— Decorations so lovely, not a book out of place. The music and chatter with coffee and tea Made this an event with a capital E.

April 19, 1950-All Girls' Day

April meant time for the girls once again To forget all their cares over dances and men. Fashions were in vogue, and with races and sports, Mam'selle was the star in formals or shorts. The scores were decided, each class did its best. With shouts of farewell all went home for a rest.

May 19, 1950-Senior Prom

The fellows had saved since early in fall; They couldn't skip up on the best dance of all. The girls in their gowns of colorful net Completed a picture we'll never forget. The music was dreamy, it flooded the place, And added a look of romance to each face. A lovelier prom there never could be, A wonderful time, a real memory.

June 6, 1950-Class Day Exercises

Good times wait till last, as everyone knows, And our stay here at Bassick had come to a close. Our final assembly was called for the year; But unlike the others, this time 'twas to hear Of what we'd accomplished since, if you remember, We'd come here as sophomores one day in September, A program of laughter and musical skill Plus reading of history, prophecy, and will. We lingered a while, reminded of when In the year '55 we would gather again.

June 16, 1950-Commencement

The Klein was alive with a feeling so tense, Graduation had come—the last of events. To each one of us it meant something new: Our lives were our own, our school days were through. But though we have left, not one can deny We'll always remember our dear Bassick High.

> —JOAN GABANY —Doris Emanuelson —Lois Granlund

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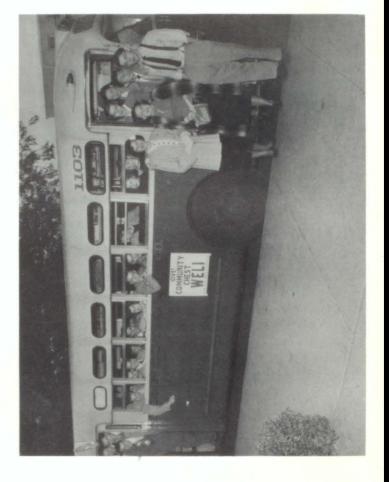




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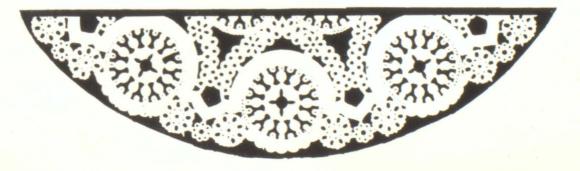
First Row: Reno Piccioli, Joan White, Rudolph Vida, Barbara Somen, Miss Rose Costa, Margaret Galvin, Arthur Friedman, Mary Rogers, Daniel Mannheim. Second Row: Gloria Mrasco, Elizabeth Sullivan, James Gentile, Robert Sheehan, Marion Campbell, Walter Zackrison, Donald Freese, Theodore Deutsch, Anna Maier, Adrienne Lessler.

# SENIOR DELEGATES

*Progress* was certainly the keynote of this year's energetic Senior Delegates. These wide-awake boys and girls, who were chosen as representatives by the senior home rooms, were largely responsible for the tremendous success of the social activities of the Class of 1950. Together with the class officers and the class adviser, Miss Rose Costa, they planned such senior functions as the class trip, the annual Bassick-Fairfield Football Hop, the Senior Mothers' Tea, Class Day, and—of course—the Senior Prom.

Moreover, they single-handedly collected the class dues from their reluctant classmates and learned to accept with patience the inevitable, "Do you have to have it now?", whenever they attempted to raise revenue. As the year went by, however, the value of their achievements became more and more apparent. An appreciative class began to feel that perhaps the delegates did possess a few redeeming qualities despite their lamentable tendency to keep the average senior in bankruptcy. After all, look at the fun we enjoyed through their efforts.

Now that the year is ended and we of the Class of 1950 look back at our memories of the many happy times made possible by our faithful delegates, we feel toward these hard-working seniors a sincere gratitude, which we are sure is the only reward that they want.



# CLASS WILL

After torturous and hazardous years of study, we, the Class of 1950, being of sound mind and body and having earned parole from our beloved institution of higher learning, where we have labored for the past three, four, or, in brilliant cases, five years, hereby leave our last will and testament disposing of all our possessions, worldly or otherwise.

- First: To the faculty of Bassick High School we leave our thanks and deepest appreciation for their assistance in preparing us for the future.
- Second: To Mr. Roth, Mr. Garand, Miss Gallahue, and Miss Kavanah, we leave our sincere gratitude for their guidance.
- Third: We leave to our class adviser, Miss Costa, our lasting friendship for her tireless efforts.
- Fourth: To the class officers we leave our thanks for their superb leadership in making our entire stay at Bassick a huge success.
- Fifth: Tom Lapke and Sam Jevarjian bequeath to the football team their hopes for a better season (one win at least, please).

Sixth: To Pudge Flax we leave Cash McCarthys' extra pounds.

- Seventh: Bill Bowe and Arlene Hamilton leave their title of "Number One Steady" to Joe Sereno and Beth Miller.
- Eighth: To Jimmy Venman we leave Robert Engelman's assembly oratory and "way" with the teachers.
- Ninth: The chem students leave to the non-olfactored Mr. Davis either a new ventilating system or a supply of gas masks, plus a request for an eagerly awaited experiment—fermentation and distillation.

Tenth: George Davis leaves his sneezes to echo through the halls for many years to come.

Eleventh: To Miss Cutler we bequeath a red-morocco-bound edition of-Cushwa!

Twelfth: To Mr. Ham we leave Einstein's new theory.

Thirteenth: To the Junior Class we leave happy memories of the football game at West Point and the stop-off at Bear Mountain Inn.

Fourteenth: Bernard Palaske leaves his ability to ski to anyone crazy enough to want to.

Fifteenth: Wood Park leaves, and the faculty relaxes.

Sixteenth: Bob Sheehan leaves, and sophomore and junior girls are saddened.

Seventeenth: To Joe Fiorello we leave Connie Carrol's skill at jerking sodas.

- Eighteenth: To any junior we leave an autographed copy of 1001 Tardy Excuses, by Robert Banyan.
- Nineteenth: We leave to the Black Rock Gang some tokens so they won't have to hitchhike home.
- Twentieth: Don Freese leaves his ability to play the drums to anybody who can stand the noise.
- Twenty-first: To next year's treasurer we leave Rudy Sabados's secret method for obtaining class funds, and where was he the day of the Boston Brinks' holdup?
- Twenty-second: We leave to the girls of the Secretarial Course, Red Esposito's thanks for three.years of fun.

Twenty-third: To anyone who thinks he can drive it, we leave Ernie Kiraly's car.

Twenty-fourth: To three dozen sports-minded juniors we leave ringside tickets to the long-awaited boxing match between Mr. Kleinwald and Christy Janelu.

Twenty-fifth: To up and coming Harriet Halper, Corky Haines leaves her dynamic personality.

Twenty-sixth: Ronnie Davis leaves-he hopes.

- Twenty-seventh: To Hatch's we leave that memorable night after the Harding football game.
- Twenty-eighth: To Miss Donnelly we leave a lie detector to help pick out the patrons of the Wednesday morning you-know-what.

Twenty-ninth: Dante "Hou" Bedini leaves his various escapades and flings of the unusual to his junior equivalent (Impossible! No one could ever equal "Hou").

Thirtieth: Peter Del Valle leaves all the swooning Bassick Belles to Bob Anderson.

Thirty-first: Barbara Burlant wills her extensive wardrobe to Joan Monturi.

Thirty-second: To Ruth Wardrop we leave Joan Gabany's desire for height.

- Thirty-third: Paul Fabry leaves his command of the English languauge (as witnessed by all those in the assembly) to his brother Ronald.
- Thirty-fourth: Nancy Wilkes leaves to junior understudy, Vilma Perachio, her sweetness, smile, and scholastic ability.
- Thirty-fifth: Mary Rogers leaves her "wake up" speech echoing through the halls forever more.
- Thirty-sixth: Mary Ellen Bruno bequeaths her "Red Shoes" to junior ballerina, Pat Heanue.

Thirty-seventh: Reno Leaves his Jolly, Jerking, Jabbering, Jaunting Jalopy to any junior.

- Thirty-eighth: Chauncey Bush leaves his stage crew work to be carried on by brother Phil.
- Thirty-ninth: Spiro Shery leaves his corny jokes to be repeated by junior comedian, John McKeon.
- Fortieth: Jimmy Canty leaves his part as a holy clergyman to any devout junior.
- Forty-first: To Mr. Lyons we leave repeated requests for a letter and a sweater from the members of the Varsity Squads.
- Forty-second: To Rae Reynolds we leave Dolores Gergely's flaming red hair. Note! It is the color that is left to Rae, not the hair.
- Forty-third: Jack Fahy and Bob Smith leave the tune "When Irish Eyes Are Smiling" ringing in the ears of all those in Bus II on the Senior Class trip.
- Forty-fourth: Jimmy Gentile leaves the Debating Club, much to the dismay of Miss Cooney.
- Forty-fifth: George Sims leaves-and fellow countryman John Nastu takes over where he left off.
- Forty-sixth: Anything else we have forgotten we leave to Ron Wuennemann and Chet Zaniefski.

We, the undersigned, do set our hand and seal on behalf of the Class of 1950 on this, the sixth day of June, 1950.

—Reno Piccioli —James Canty —Sam Jevarjian —James Lafferty



Best Dancer



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BOY Peter Del Valle Peter Del Valle Frank Popp Robert Engelman Robert Sheehan Sam Jevarjian Rudy Sabados George Rowell Kenneth Janello Thomas Lapke Robert Sheehan Donald Freese

Most Talkative

Best Looking Done Most for Class Most Individual Most Likely to Succeed Most Collegiate Most Talkative Most Friendly Quietest Cutest Best Athlete Class Flirt Wittiest

# Class

GIRL Maureen Daley Corinne Haines Joen Ciglar Doris Emanuelson Marion Campbell Margaret Galvin Corinne Haines Jeannette Randall Marilyn Holmes Maxine Main Elaine Roscoe Margaret Galvin

Most Friendly

Peppiest



Characteristics

Most Popular

James Gentile

BOY

Robert Engelman Robert Engelman Louis Klein Cornelius Carroll Sam Jevarjian Frank Esposito Frank Esposito Robert Sheehan Donald Freese Lawrence Murphy Peter Del Valle Donald Freese Most Optimistic Most Dignified Most Business-Like Most Artistic Most Pleasing Personality Best Dressed Most Courteous Most Reliable Peppiest Most Musical Best Dancer Most Popular Best Actor or Actress GIRL Betsy Sullivan Nancy Wilkes Doris Emanuelson Elaine Roscoe Corinne Haines Nancy Sprague Lois Granlund Joan Gabany Margaret Galvin Adrienne Lessler Irene Moranski Corinne Haines Josephine Gathings

Best Dressed

Class Flirt



Best Athlete

Most Artistic



# Seniors







There's No Tomorrow

My Foolish Heart

The Gang's All Here



Wine and Roses



Hot Spot



Dear Hearts



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Enjoy Yourself

# Class of 1950







Three Caballeros

Happy Times

Baby, it's cold outside



I want to go home

Dearie

School Daze







- First Row: Irene Moranski, Lillian George, Gloria Ferrera, Barbara Burlant, Corinne Haines, Joan Gabany, Mary Ellen Bruno, Gloria Mrasco, Miss Rose Costa.
- Second Row: Helen Bouras, Anna Maier, Elaine Roscoe, Elsa Arias, Mary Rogers, Nancy Briggs, Nancy Wilkes, Dorothy Fourchette, Anne Namian, Joan Petti, Dorothy Dodds, Patricia Ohlin, Betsy Sullivan, Marilyn Holmes.



# SENIOR MOTHERS' TEA

The emerald green of St. Patrick made the library a brilliant spot on March 16, the day of the Senior Mothers' Tea. Large green shamrocks were used to decorate the tables; and smaller ones, to identify each of the guests. Even the cakes and sandwiches were green to carry out the color scheme. And a bit of the Blarney Stone must have been there too, for what else could account for the glowing compliments exchanged by mothers and teachers as they chatted over their tea?

To add further pleasure to the afternoon, Adrienne Lessler entertained with a piano solo, Jacqueline Weinschenk danced a graceful ballet, and Shirley Swanson and Barbara Trickey joined in a tuneful duet.

The arrangements for the tea were in charge of Miss Rose Costa, the Senior Class adviser, and her capable committee chairmen—Dorothy Dodds, decorations; Joan Gabany, refreshments and invitations; Corinne Haines, reception; Shirley Osterlind, check room; Barbara Burlant, entertainment; and Sylvia Spaner, publicity. That they all did a superb job was proved by the pleased smiles on the faces of both parents and teachers. Many thanks to these hard-working colleens for a delightful afternoon.



First Row: Dolores Gergely, Marion Campbell, Marilyn Holmes, Mildred Dineson, Robert Engelman.

Second Row: Mary Ellen Bruno, Arthur Friedman, Maureen Daley, Louis Klein, Robert Sheehan, Rudolph Sabados, Jeanne Waldman, Mary Rogers, Lawrence Murphy, Marilyn Masnik, Donald Freese, Josephine Gathings. Third Row: Nancy Briggs, Arline Leichtman, Norman Blycher.

# SENIOR PLAY

On Friday afternoon, December 2, the curtain went up on the Senior Play of 1950. *Growing Pains* was a humorous story of modern teenagers who were trying to make plans for their first formal party. To the delight of the audience, they found themselves in and out of one embarrassing situation after another. Josephine Gathings and Donald Freese as the teenagers, Terry and George, went through their parts with as much ease as the man on the flying trapeze. Mildred Dineson and Bob Engelman as their bewildered, but loving, parents were "tops". In fact, the entire cast was excellent; and an extra special orchid must go to Miss Mae McNulty for her able direction of the play. A bouquet must also be given to the properties committee, the stage crew, the scenic artists, and the make-up squad, who worked so well together that the ultimate result was the smoothest production ever to grace the stage of Bassick.



# CLASS PROPHECY

Blycher's Blasted Boneyard bursts a bombshell as the half of the twenty-first century is drummed off the grave of Don Freese. Rising from his tomb, James Gentile, the once-famous lawyer, calls the 1950'ers to a reunion. Climbing out of his murky excavation, he revives the pleasant memories of his life as a lawyer, constantly battling with his starving competitors, Bob Engelman and Arthur Friedman. Suddenly Jimmy's reverie is interrupted by the sweet strains of

"Please Don't Talk About Me When I'm Gone." He soon discovers that the voice belongs to none other than that night-club nightmare, Bob Sheehan.

Bob decides to accompany Jim; and the two wander over the hill to the plots of Marion Campbell and Peggy Kennedy, former proprietors of Campbell and Kennedy's Ketchup Castle. After renewing old acquaintances, the four float along and intentionally disturb the remains of Joen Ciglar, once owner of Ciglar's Cozy Corner night spot, where all the greats of Bassick formerly starved. Years back Larry Murphy could be seen dancing there with his partner, Irene Moranski, to the mellow "bends" of Dante Bedini's accordion. Other headliners appearing nightly were the popular dance team of Mary Ellen Bruno and Jackie Weinschenk; the duo ivory stranglers, Florence Steinhardt and Adrienne Lessler; the snazzy dance band of Dan Carter, Stanley Andersen, John Stohl, and Mitch Stiskal; and that popular mistress of ceremonies, Helene Brodsky.

With a flippity-flop on the tombs of Mailloux and Haight, ex-acrobats rehearsing for their judgment day recital, they venture over to Herb Harrington's tombstone, where they see those former grid stars, Sam "Jeb-Jeb" Jevarjian and Tom Lapke, playing tiddly winks. A voice crying, "Checkmate!" can be heards as the foursome watch an exciting chess match, led by Godfrey Swilling, Peter Del Valle, Bill Myers, Bill Kiley, John Fahy, Gerald Kay, Fred Eaton, and Rudy Sabados. Their attention is suddenly arrested by the sound of a creaky hearse which is making its way over the misty path to the tune of "Down the Road to Peace." On the seat are the driver, Mortician Levinson, and his partner, Digby Messenger. They are followed by their efficient digging crew—Jimmy Canty, Joe Zinsky, Frank Nagy, Joe McKeever, Dennis Schutte, Joe Morrissey, Ernie Svab, Bill Carrothers, and Walter Zackrison.

Wandering down the path a bit farther, they are attracted by a delicious aroma of apizza ascending from down under, which is now the resting place of past partners Reno Piccioli and Frank Esposito. Taking an extra sniff, Marion sneaks in a word to tell her pals of the time she saw George Sims, Bill "Firebug" Haggerty, Jimmy MacFadyen, "Strike Out King" John Marlin, and English teacher, Paul Fabry, spending an expensive evening there with their Dutch-Treat dates—Nancy Gronberg, Rosemarie Blankmeister, Lois Granlund, Corky Haines and Elinor Pittu. Doris Emanuelson, trim and neat, waited on the happy-go-lucky party.

With a sudden snicker, lady-ghost Marion also tells of the time she split laughing when Frank Fazekas unconsciously parted with a shiny nickel to dance with Betsy Sullivan to that new sensational hit "The 2:05 Bell Dash." Of course, Frances Trovarelli was the center of attraction when she dropped the dollar size dinner on the dance floor to aid Kenny Janello and Maxine Main on a safe slide to first base.

Sitting at the corner table were Barbara Burlant,

Nancy Wilkes, Barbara Sherwood, Audree Fox, Helen Osterberg, Barbara Shedlock, and Barbara Scheyd a group of nurses from the Waldman and Masnik Sanitarium. The walls of Reno and Frank's edifice were decorated with spaghetti and meatballs except for a lone advertisement modeled by the Dinglebury deb, Carol Shea, wearing an M.C.D. frock, designed by the McCarthy, Carroll, and Doerner Dress Co.

Leaning on the iron gate to the burial grounds of the artistic Louis Klein family, Bob spies the name of Corny Shea, an old friend, chiseled on a sepulcher erected to him by Bob Deloya, his business partner in the Eat If You Dare fruit concern. Remembering the day he stopped in the store to buy a watermelon, Bob recalls a South American banana show he saw. The models were those scintillating lovelies: Carol Whelan, Helen Denton, Marilyn Holmes, Elaine Roscoe, Anne Namian, Dorothy Fourchette, Sophie Fatsi, and Nancy Sprague.

That same day he went to see a movie at the Harry S. Lyon's theater. After buying his ticket from cashier, Alice Coyle, he was ushered down the aisle by that charming usherette, Josephine Gathings. Reclining in his seat, he saw the screen hit, "Over a Test Tube," produced by Miss Green and directed by Mr. Davis. The leading players were the Long Hill lover, Tom Hawley, and Maureen Daley, the society queen. Becoming hungry and feeling an urge for some candy, Bob met the candy-kiss girl, Sally Egan, with whom he chatted. Their conversation was momentarily interrupted by Betty Gergely, the theater barker. Sally persuaded Bob to stick around until four o'clock to see Jeannette Randall perform on stage.

After congratulating Bob on his excellent memory, the ever-loyal four struggle up another hill. Peggy complains about the steepness and expresses the desire to have the up-and-down girl Joan Gabany with her elevator to take them up. Peggy tells her friends of the time she squeezed into Joan's elevator at Stafstrom and Schwarz's Department Store where she bumped into that blissful pair, Mr. and Mrs. William Bowe, née Arline Hamilton. Showing Peg her new hair-do, Arline said that she had just come from the Swanson and Dineson Hair-Dressing Shoppe. Bill, carrying a handful of books, told Peg he had come from the Crowley Library, where he was assisted by Beverly Grant, Connie Rhoda, and Barbara Anderson, the librarians in the children's department. After leaving the elevator, Peggy met her old buddy, Pat Hogan, chemistry teacher at the Eckert and French College of Liberal Arts. Pat told Peg that she had met an old school chum, Eunice Brolet, selling girdles.

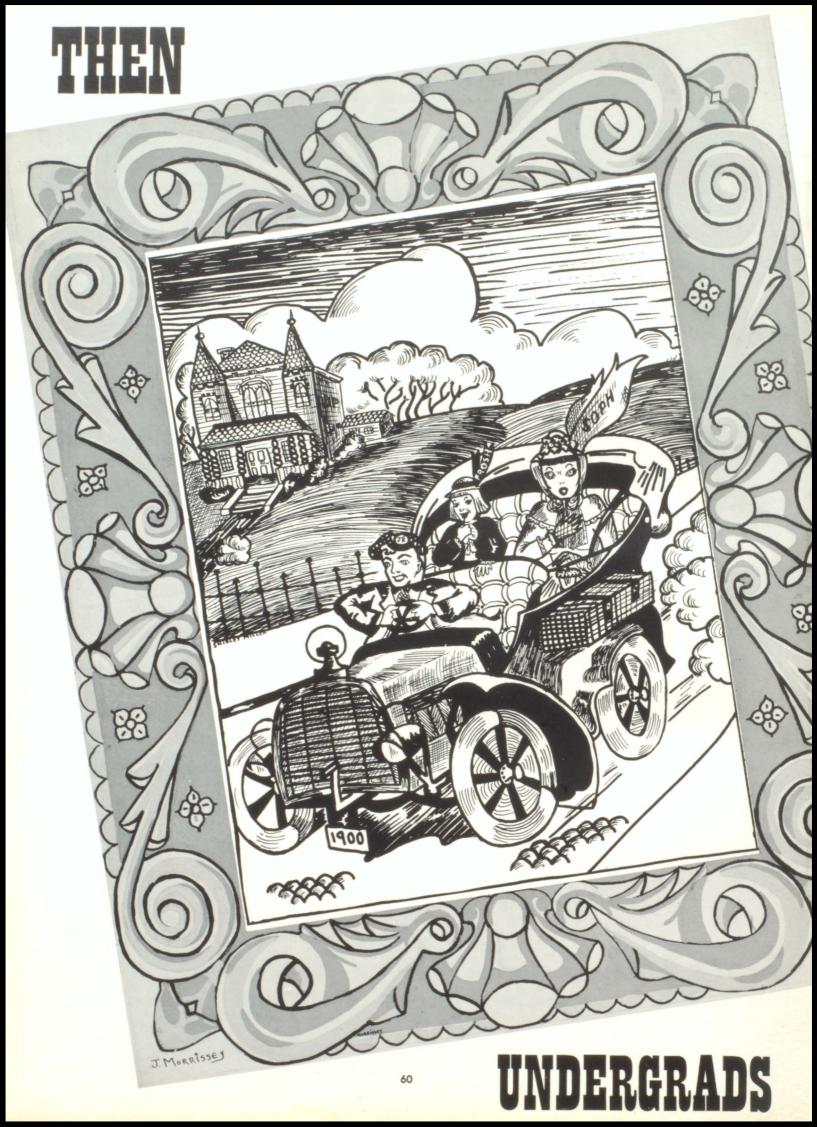
Wandering into the boys' department, Peg was greeted by the floor walker, Frank Popp, who showed her to the Boy Scout counter, managed by shortcircuit Warren Brown and his clerks, Joe Kleinhandler and Ronald Davis.

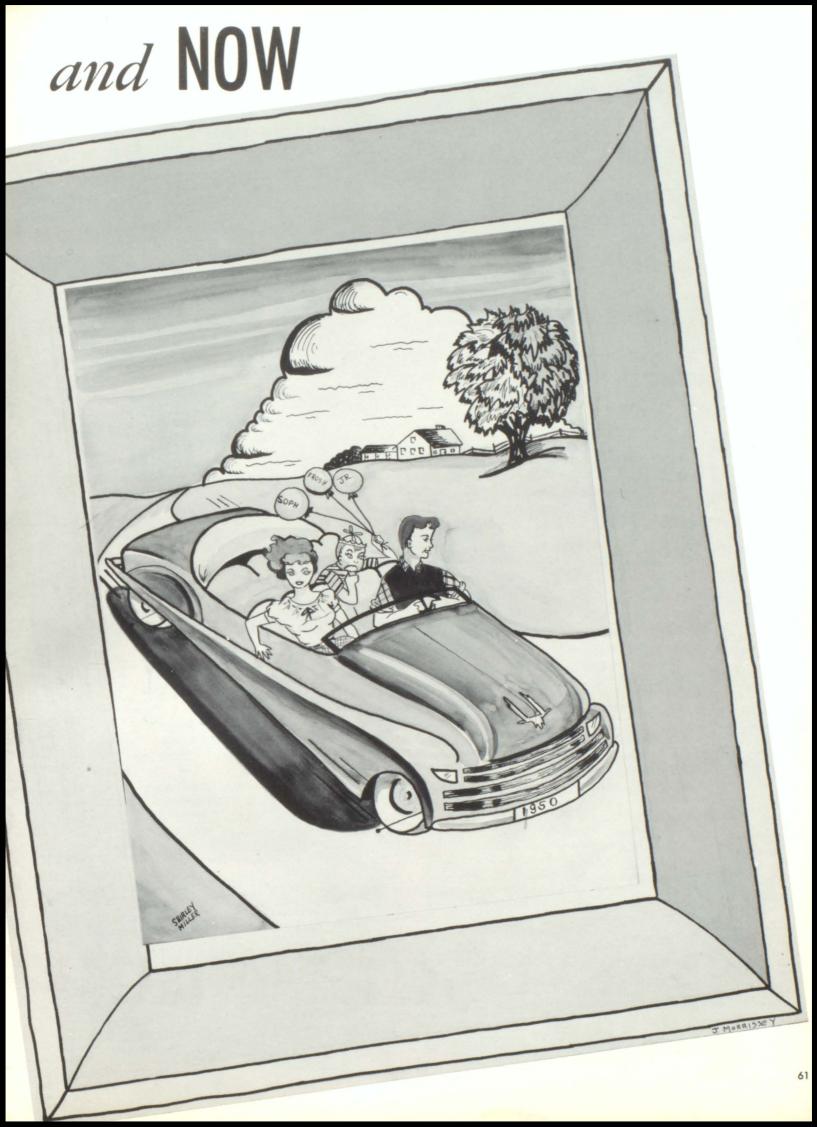
Reaching the top of the hill, the ghost of Peg resumes silence as she is confronted by a row of wooden white crosses belonging to those high steppers of the Ballester and Zigo chorus: Joan Ek, Evelyn Eklund, Joan Sirotnak, Eleanor Aprile, Jackie Du Bac, Dot Wollert, June Olah, Edna Thompson, Elizabeth Ryan, and the Dominguez twins.

As the sun comes up, the time when all good ghosts must return to their graves, their eyes fall upon a memorial erected by the class of 1950 to their beloved class adviser, Miss Rose Costa, which reads:

> September, 1922—June, 1950 "She loved her work. May she rest in peace."

> > —Marion Campbell —James Gentile —Robert Sheehan —Margaret Kennedy







First Row: Shirley Miller, Joan Monturi. Second Row: Harriet Halper, Joyce McBride, Patricia Bitso, Barbara Baye, Charlotte Stafford, Ruth Wardrop, Elaine Berger, Barbara Warren, Joyce Bond, Elaine Goldfield, Miss Helen Reed.

# JUNIOR MOTHERS' TEA

On February 15, over one-hundred mothers braved the ice and snow and slid their way to the Junior Mothers' Tea. Although the weather outside was cold and icy, the atmosphere in the library was warm and congenial as the mothers enjoyed the delicious cakes and cookies, chatted with the teachers, and sipped tea poured by Elaine Berger, Betty Ann Niles, Barbara Button, and Gay Norton.

The heart and lace corsage which each mother received was in keeping with the Valentine decorations, beautifully arranged by Charlotte Stafford and her committee.

Joan Monturi planned the entertainment which was presented by talented juniors-Pat Heanue, Ruth Kleban, Hollis Dworken ,and Joan and Jean Jaudon.

Reception chairman, Joyce Bond; refreshment chairman, Ruth Wardrop; publicity chairman, Elaine Goldfield; invitation chairman, Joyce McBride; check room chairman, Harriet Halper; and their committees are also to be applauded for the splendid job they did. Thanks to their hard work and the wonderful supervision of Miss Helen Reed, the tea was a huge success.





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# CLASS OF 1951

First Row: David Pirozzoli, Joyce Bond, Peter Seymour, Joan Monturi, Bruce Barnes. Second Row: Shirley Miller, Miss Helen Reed.

# JUNIOR CLASS OFFICERS

The Class of 1951 has been congratulating itself all year on its fine choice of Junior Officers. These extremely capable leaders and their adviser, Miss Helen Reed, guided the class activities with tremendous success. Not even the forces of nature were able to stop them. In spite of sleet and snow and hail, the Junior Mothers' Tea was a real social triumph. The fashion show on All Girls' Day received overwhelming applause. And sure the Shamrock Shuffle was a grand affair altogether.

This happy state of affairs is not surprising, however, in view of the talent and versatility of the Junior Officers. The class president, Peter Seymour, for example, is a member of the football team and the recipient of a Scholarship-Leadership pin. Joyce Bond, the vice-president, is a member of the Ushers' Guild and the Student Council. The treasurer, David Pirozzoli, is a master of finance, who has built up the class treasury from absolute zero to its present state of affluence. Scholarship and the arts are also represented in this group. Secretary Joan Monturi is an actress and a member of the Junior Classical League. The co-directors of social activities are Shirley Miller, an artist, and Bruce Barnes, a musician and a member of the erudite Newtonians. It is easy to understand, therefore, why the Junior Class is so proud of its well-chosen officers.



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# Junior Snaps



































# Christmas Assembly



# Green and White Revue





# SOPHOMORE CLASS

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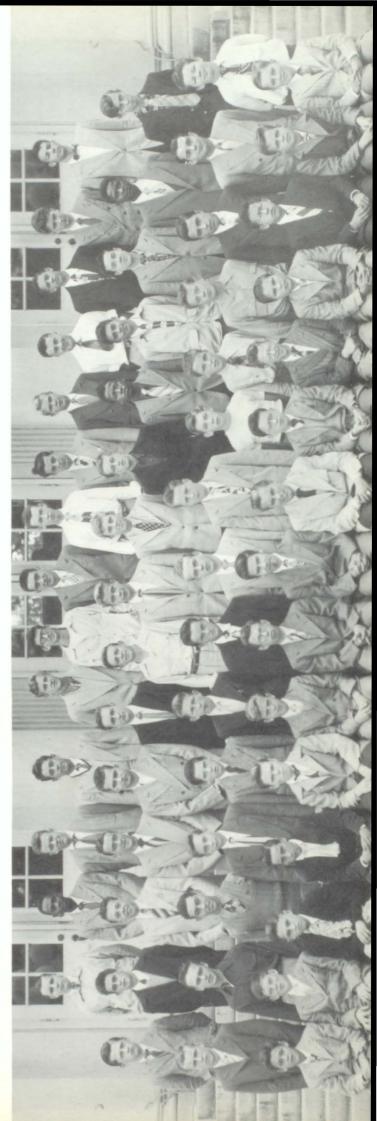


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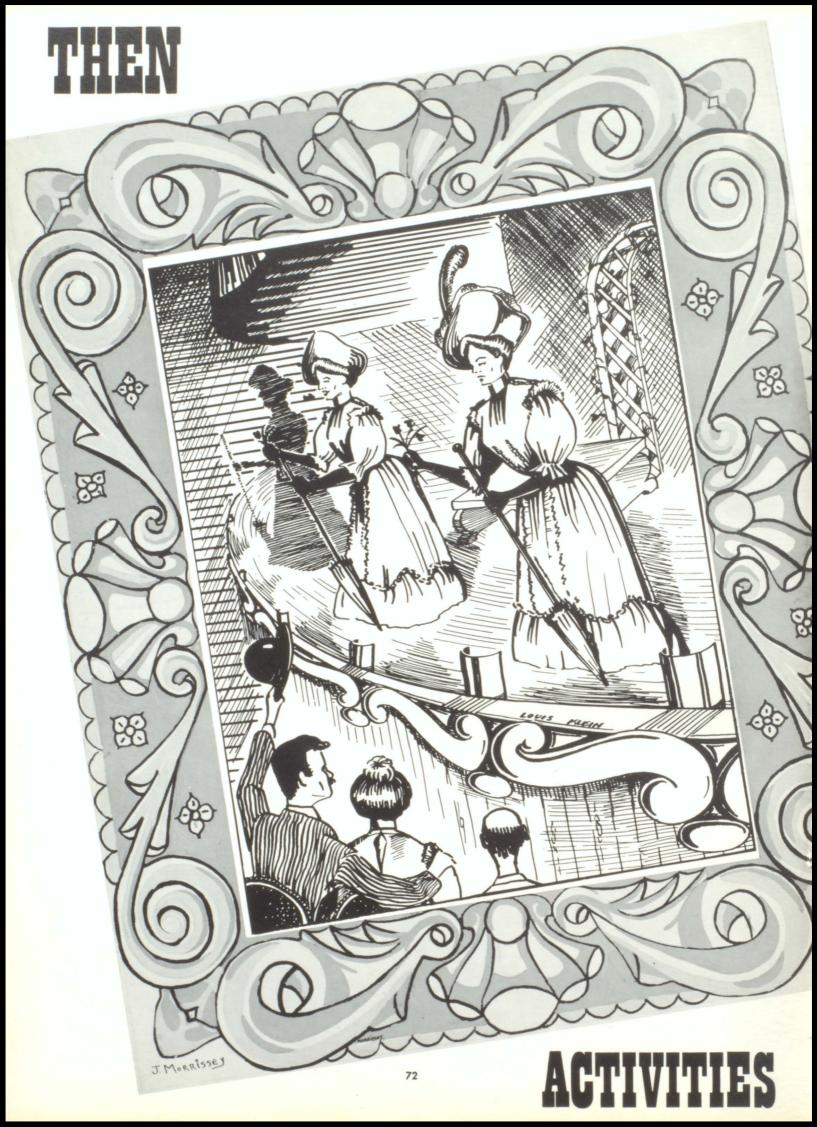


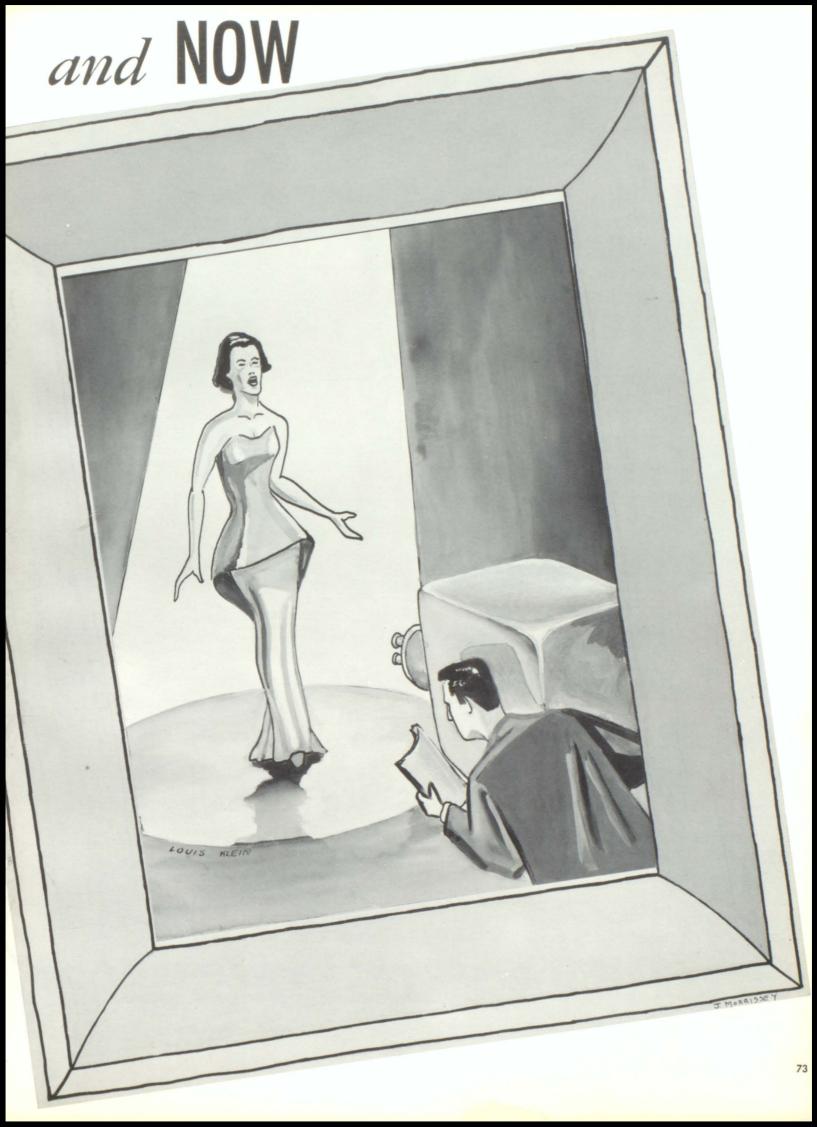






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First Row: Patricia Heanue, Louis Klein, Norvelle Wilkins, Daniel Carter, Shirley Pulaski, Paul Sherman, Doris Baker, Robert Baptist, Barbara Button, Kenneth Janello, Virginia Hall.

Second Row: Shirley Mliler, Margaret Knight, Joyce Bond, Joann Maryo, Lois Granlund, Joan Troy, Joseph Morrissey, Audrey Eckert, Joyce Gibson, Florence Gerrity, Carolyn Pero, Joan Buckley, Diane Proctor.

Third Row: Lester Zuckerman, Jack Coon, William Jordhamo, Ralph Sager, Richard McKnight, Edward Warren, Walter Richter, Thomas Toffey, Harvey Dworken, Jack Osterberg.



### STUDENT COUNCIL

The Student Council, under the direction of Mrs. Katherine Mullins, is one of the most important groups in Bassick High School, for it is the organization which really represents public opinion. It is composed of all the home room presidents, who discuss and vote on the measures brought before them by both the faculty and students. This year the council also revised the Student Government Constitution and took charge of the Scholarship-Leadership voting.

The objectives of the Bassick Student Council are as follows: to develop student responsibility, initiative, leadership, and school pride; to promote worthy citizenship training; to provide for pupil expression; to work for the welfare of the school; and to provide a model of student participation in school activities, both curricular and extra-curricular. We want to give sincere thanks to our Student Council and its capable officers—President Louis Klein, Vice-President Barbara Button, Secretary Joan Miller, and Treasurer Richard Mc-Knight—for the wonderful job they have done in attaining these objectives.



First Row: Mary Rogers, Vilma Perachio, Elaine Goldfield, Doris Emanuelson, Arline Zackrison, Nancy Wilkes, Harriet Halper, Barbara Somen, Marion Fredrickson, Audree Fox. Second Row: Joan Petti, Sandra Gale, Joan White, Lois Granlund, Patricia Heanue, Arline Leicht-

man, Joen Ciglar, Rhoda Burger, Joyce Bond, Helen Bouras, Rosemarie Blankmeister, Lillian George.

Third Row: Barbara Trickey, Loretta Vasil, Hollis Dworken, Corinne Haines, Jacqueline Weinschenk, Florence Garrity, Natalie Schwarz, Sylvia Spaner, Ruth Kleban, Jacqueline DuBac, Mary Klansky, Alida Shulkin.

### **USHERS' GUILD**

To see the pretty members of the Ushers' Guild moving gracefully up and down the aisles, one might suppose that they were selected for their task on the basis of beauty alone. Actually, however, there is a much sterner requirement for membership in this exclusive organization. Every member of the Bassick Ushers' Guild must be a first-honor student or, as her classmates would say, a real "brain".

These outstanding students, under the guidance of their sponsor, Miss Miriam Mallay, take charge of ushering at all Bassick plays and concerts and are also frequently on duty at the Klein Memorial. There they usher at the delightful children's programs, which include puppet shows, variety shows, and dramatizations of the fairy tales which have enchanted children of all ages. They also render service at adult programs—concerts, ballets, operas, plays, forums, etc. On graduation night the junior members of the Guild are given the responsibility of seating the many who attend the commencement exercises.

No matter what the situation may be, whether it is a group of excited children breathlessly waiting for the curtain to rise and reveal the figures of Hansel and Gretel, or a group of adults eagerly attentive for the opening strains of the Connecticut Symphony, you will always find the Bassick ushers capable, competent, and courteous.



First Row: Rhoda Burger, Norman Blycher, Margaret Kennedy, James Gentile, Maureen Daley, Arthur Friedman, Arline Leichtman. Second Row: Jeanne Waldman, Margaret McCubbin, Donald Freese, Marilyn Masnik, Robert Engelman, Helene Brodsky, Louis Klein, Mary Rogers, Natalie Schwarz, Doris Emanuelson.

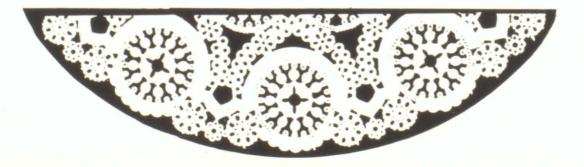
### UNITED STATES HISTORY DEBATING CLUB

Resolved: That the United States History Debating Club of 1950, with Miss Marie Cooney as its able director, moderator, and judge, has been an informative, educational, and pleasurable organization. The decision goes to the affirmative, without a doubt!

President James Gentile presided over most of our meetings, with his trusty gavel in hand. In his absence our able vice-president, Doris Emanuelson, took the chair. An excellent debater, Lillian George was also our secretary and timekeeper.

The Debating Club began its season with a lively debate entitled "Resolved: That President Truman's Compulsory Health Program should be enacted by Congress." After a heated contest, the affirmative won. Some of the vigorous debates that followed included these: "Resolved: That Small Colleges Offer More Educational Opportunities Than Large Schools and Universities", "Resolved: That Hawaii Should Be Admitted Into The Union As The 49th State", "Resolved: That The Electoral College Should Be Abolished."

One of the Debating Club's outstanding accomplishments this year was the student forum it presented at a January assembly, the very first student forum in the history of Bassick High School. Even the topic under discussion, "How Can We Meet The Threats To Democracy?", was an unusually challenging one to the six participants—James Gentile, Robert Engelman, Mary Rogers, Natalie Schwarz, Helene Brodsky, and Arthur Friedman. As guest moderator for this forum, the Debating Club had Miss Martinson, of the New York *Times*. The United States History Debating Club certainly enjoyed making a little history of its own.





First Row: John Goudas.

Second Row: Dorothy Sabo, Virginia Hall, Mildred Dineson, Eleanore Wolf, Mary Ellen Bruno, Joseph Kleinhandler, Constance Lovell, Harriet Borsuk, Helene Brodsky, Rhoda Burger, Jeanne Waldman.

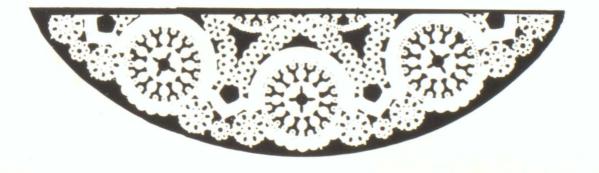
Third Row: Roy Johnson, Caryl Blank, Joan Barske, Rosario Oltra, Mary Lou Sandone, Sylvia Matto, Arline Leichtman, Barbara Stafstrom, Janet Molander, Violet Vavrick, Joan Drexler, Patricia Ohlin, Constance Rahgo, Ruth Mushrall, Donald Wilson, Miss Ulrika Benson.

Fourth Row: Eric Eklund, Caroline Youngs, Joan Fisher, Maureen O'Brien, Natalie Schwarz, Kenneth Gregoli, Carol Wilson, Lester Zuckerman, Claire Bjorklund, Harriet Rutkin, Loretta St. James, Hollis Dworken, William Campbell.

### LE CERCLE FRANCAIS

Under the able direction of Miss Ulrika Benson, a group of French enthusiasts gathers each month on the boulevards of Bassick for the meeting of Le Cercle Francais. Ambitious members of this peppy organization present plays, puppet shows, and games; sing songs; listen to records made in France by French professors; and also see movies of that fascinating country. Since all these activities are carried on in French, the members of the club thus acquire a broad background and a knowledge of the

French language and people. The president of the organization is nimbletongued Joseph Kleinhandler; the vice-president, Mary Ellen Bruno. Constance Lovell has the secretary's task; Helene Brodsky, the treasurer's. Eleanor Wolf heads the entertainment committee, and refreshments are supervised by Harriet Borsuk. These lively officers are responsible for that certain je ne sais quoi which gives to the meetings of Le Cercle Francais the authentic Parisian touch.





First Row: Jean Walsh, Dolores Boscaini, Nancy Wilkes, Sally Criscione, Jacqueline DuBac, Beatrice Felia, Loretta Vasil, Pauline Targonski, Margaret Obbagy, Helen Pekar. Second Row: Patricia Orosz, Ethel McIntyre, Elaine Goldfield, Helen Feroleto, Sally Hook, Louise

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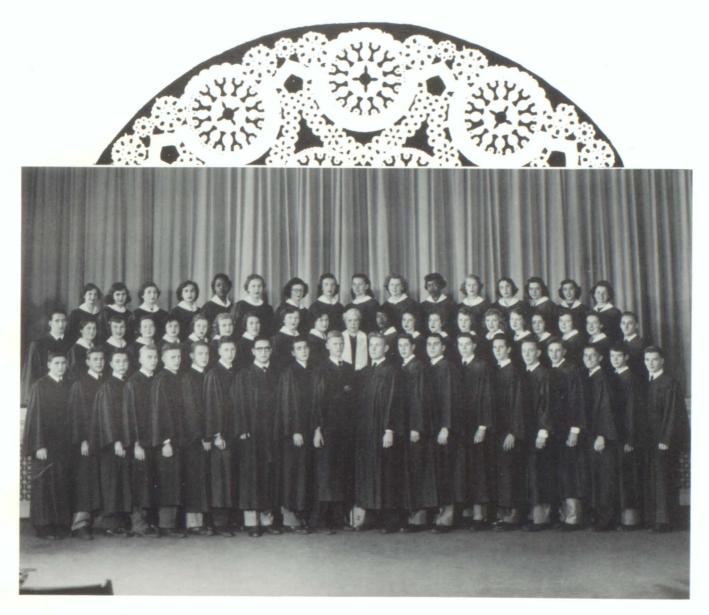
### LIBRARY SQUAD

The most frequented place at Bassick (except for the office) is the library. Here the Bassick bookworms, who are members of the Library Squad, can be seen busily stamping library cards or helping distraught students find reference material. These bibliophiles learn all the tricks of the trade from their adviser, Dr. Natalie Lamb. Needless to say, they receive truly professional training.

"All work and no play makes Jack a dull boy." But the old proverb doesn't apply to these assistant librarians at Bassick. They enjoy many successful social activities; such as, Hallowe'en and Christmas parties, candy sales, and that eagerly awaited annual event, the Faculty Tea. The spring and summer months are the signal for picnics and the election of officers for the coming year.

Thanks to the efforts of this efficient group of girls, the library is always a center of activity. Hobby shows, displays of new books, science exhibits—all planned by the Library Squad—attract many eager spectators throughout the year. The school is gratefully aware of the important service rendered by the Library Squad to the faculty and students of Bassick.





First Row: Russell Bigney, Ernest Kiraly, Donald Freese, John Larson, Robert Sheehan, Robert Kaechele, Frank Esposito, Arthur Friedman, John Marlin, Robert Boston, Norman Blycher, Sharron Doerner, Robert Engelman, Walter Zackrison, Donald Magyar, Chauncey Bush, Julius Blozzom, Samuel Hartenberg, James Venman, Daniel Rowell. Second Row: James Gentile, Barbara Lee, Elaine Roscoe, Margaret McCubbin, Mary Lou Sandone, Sandra Gale, Jean Johnson, Shirley Swanson, Joan Clampett, Rosemarie Lucas, Miss Grace Laing, Willie Coel Barbara Serie Millerd Director Participation March A. Fielder

Second Row: James Gentile, Barbara Lee, Elaine Roscoe, Margaret McCubbin, Mary Lou Sandone, Sandra Gale, Jean Johnson, Shirley Swanson, Joan Clampett, Rosemarie Lucas, Miss Grace Laing, Wilma Caple, Barbara Somen, Mildred Dineson, Marion Fredrickson, Mary Ann Feltovic, Audree Fox, Matilda Seaker, Shirley Ptak, Barbara Trickey, John Seres. Third Row: Grace Caravaggio, Ethel Magilnick, Joan Miller, Mary Rescanski, Joan Jaudon, Carolyn

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### A CAPPELLA CHOIR

The polished performance of the Bassick A Cappella Choir is the result of thorough training plus natural talent. The sixty members of the Choir are carefully chosen by the director, Miss Grace Laing, for the excellence of their voices. They then work diligently throughout the year to bring their work to that pitch of perfection which has always distinguished this musical organization.

One of the most impressive programs featuring the Choir was the Christmas Assembly, at which they sang the beautiful *The Cherry Tree Carol, In a*  Stable Mean and Lowly, and other well-loved carols. They also took part in the annual Spring Concert and in the Green and White Revue. The Choir also made several appearances outside of Bassick. They sang at the Christmas Festival of the United Church and at meetings of the Bridgeport Chamber of Commerce and the Maplewood Parent-Teachers' Association. Wherever they went, they were received with the delighted enthusiasm which their splendid performance so richly deserved.



First Row: Sylvia Spaner, Rhoda Burger, Lillian George, Robert Engelman, Doris Emanuelson, Natalie Schwarz, Helen Bouras.
 Second Row: Joan Gabany, Lois Granlund, Elena Dominguez, Corinne Haines, Peter Del Valle, Joen Ciglar, Elvira Dominguez, Jacqueline DuBac, Miss Helen Prageman.



### NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY

The Bassick Chapter of the National Honor Society is an awe-inspiring organization indeed. To become a member, one must have earned an average of at least ninety per cent and have shown evidence of leadership, character, and willingness to serve. It is, therefore, not surprising that the enrollment of the club for the current year is only fifteen members, of whom just two are boys.

Members are inducted every spring at a special Junior-Senior Honor Society assembly. The induction is an impressive ceremony at which each new member receives a membership card and signs his name in the record book of the National Honor Society.

Recently the members of this enterprising organization, sponsored by Miss Helen Prageman, have been obtaining magazine subscriptions in order to finance their assemblies and to raise funds for a scholarship award to be presented at graduation. They have also held several successful and popular candy sales during the year.

In June the senior members of the National Honor Society, together with the incoming junior members, will hold their annual picnic, at which, we presume, they will feast on nectar and ambrosia rather than on the humble coke and hot dog of lesser organizations.

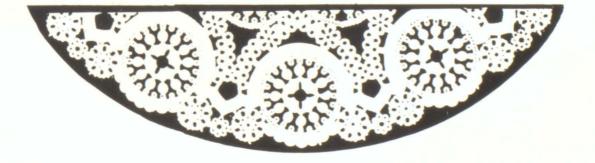


Seated: Leo Koch, John Hickey, Louis Klein, Henry McLaughlin. Standing: Stanley Campbell, Mr. Henry Walsh, Joseph Morrissey.

### SCENIC ARTISTS

"The difficult we do immediately; the impossible takes a little longer." This proud boast of the Seabees might well be adopted by the Bassick Scenic Artists, who can actually build you "Castles in Spain." If you think we exaggerate, take a look someday at the bare stage of the Bassick auditorium and then come back on the night of the Senior Play and see what these artists have wrought.

Under the creative leadership of Mr. Henry Walsh, their sponsor, the Scenic Artists design, construct, and paint the settings for our dramatic productions and assembly programs. Any day after school they can be found busily splashing through a chaos of ladders, paint, and canvas, from which, by some miracle, they evolve a cottage, a patio, a night-club, or whatever background our stage presentations require. When the curtain goes up, however, these boys are not out front to share the applause. Their only reward is the artist's satisfaction in a job well done and the appreciation of their fellow students.





- First Row: Bernice Warren, Mary Manely, Eleanor Sajgovic, Joyce Chapple, Joyce Miske, Ruth Carpenter, Hollis Dworken, Gabriella Mandel, Loretta Vasil, Margaret Gilligan, Barbara Moore, Miss Grace Laing, Betty Ann Niles, Sally Criscione, Joan Zeiders, Harriet Steel, Barbara Pettit, Grace Shepherd, Joan Macklunis, Wanda Olechowski, Evelyn Driesen, Barbara Mester.
- Second Row: Daisy Bridges, Phyllis Eland, Laura Sutton, Joan Andrews, Gloria Mendelsohn, Joanne Nealon, Eleanor Sisken, Eileen Steinhardt, Adrienne Lessler, John Rapillo, Frank Brown, John Radacovsky, Robert Mate, Arline Hamilton, Joan Fisher, Harriette Halper, Carole Logan, Constance Roda, Gloria Ferrera, Irene Cura, Arlene Crouthers, Margaret Tobis. Third Row: Marilyn Smith, Elsie Yeingst, Frances Birch, Diane Proctor, Lois Johnson, Elaine
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- Fifth Row: Jane Reel, Janet Cummings, Roberta Christy, Ruth Gullberg, Elsa Arias, Florence Streinz, Ruth Henderson, Frances DuBee, Harriet Weisberg, Marilyn Masnik, Helen Rogers, Jeanne Anderson, Judith Burr, Carolyn Keiser, Nathalie Tyminski, Ann Sherman, Muriel Unwin, Barbara Brown, Sylvia Bodnar, Eleanor Agnoli, Florence Veronesi, Carol Cone, Elaine Goldfield, Jeanne Waldman, Phyllis Kimball, Lillian Carbone, Carol Faull, Rheta Lafferty, Dolores Rinko, Dolores Sobotka, Margaret Obbagy.
- Sixth Row: Edward Sutton, Patricia Hogan, Saundra Levinson, Nancy Knopf, Barbara Tichy, Helene Brodsky, Florence Servadio, Eleanor McDowell, Loretta Magyar, Mary McLoughlin, Janet Molander, Vilma Perachio, Beverly Graham, Ellen Blackburn, June Csoltko, Dorothy Delz, Allyn Hartman, Regina Hojnowski, Doris Baker, Barbara Stohl, Arline Leichtman, Valerie Lucas, Constance Lovell, Virginia Hall, Joann Hurvul, Carol Shea, Ruth Steimel, June Smith, Violet Randall, Sally Blackburn, Walter Beloblosky.

### COMBINED CHORUS

"There's music in the air" all through the year at Bassick, music provided by the Combined Chorus, under the direction of Miss Grace Laing. From early fall, when the chorus helps us to learn our football songs until graduation day, when the senior members sing their last number, the chorus is an indispensable part of our school life. This year these accomplished singers also presented an impressive Christmas Assembly and a delightful Spring Concert, and provided most of the talent for the Green and White Revue.

Turn about is fair play, however. Therefore, during the winter the chorus was given an opportunity to go to New York to hear *Carmen* and *Aida*. But we are sure that they did not enjoy the operas any more than Bassick students enjoy the performances of the Combined Chorus.



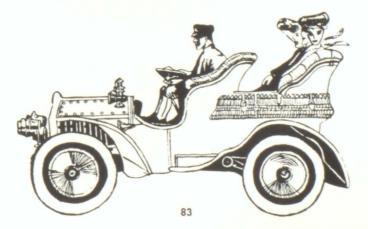
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Third Row: Grace Caravaggio, Barbara Freedman, Ida Vida, Rita Fahy, William Daly, Gloria Ferrera, Josephine Minievich, Susan Traub, Bernice Warren.

### SAFETY COUNCIL

Stop! Look! Listen! Head the warnings of the Safety Council if you would live to a healthy old age! The mission of the council is to impress upon all Bassick students the need for caution in everyday life. For this purpose delegates are elected from each home room. Under the direction of Mr. Sidney Goldstein these delegates wage perpetual war against the carelessness which causes unnecessary accidents and injuries. These guardians of the public welfare distribute safety posters each month to all home rooms, discuss at their meetings ways of eliminating hazards in both home and school, and sponsor safety contests in order to impress upon all pupils their obligation to protect themselves and others.

Another project of the council is to aid the campaign for highway safety by training prospective drivers in the proper handling of cars. All interested students are invited to attend special meetings, arranged for the purpose of studying the Connecticut Motor Vehicle Driver's Manual. In fact, if the Safety Council has its way there will not be a *Gracie* left in Bassick High School in June of 1950.





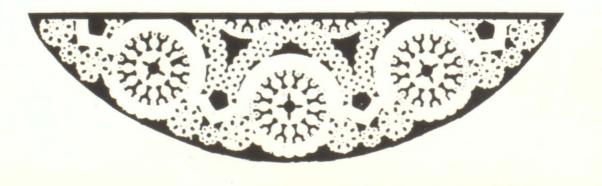
First Row: Marilyn Soloff, Joan Ek, Mary Jane Mastrangelo, George Goodwin, Lenore Horowitz, Jeanne Meszaros.

Second Row: Eleanor Sisken, Mr. Emanuel Kleinwald, Adelle Poremba, Norvelle Wilkins, Janet Molander, Ernestine Gledhill, Harold Wainauski, Sylvia Matto.

### VOICE BUSINESS STAFF

The financial affairs of both the school newspaper and the yearbook are managed by the Bassick *Voice* Business Staff. The staff, made up of hardworking volunteers from the Sophomore, Junior, and Senior classes, is under the direction of Mr. Emanuel Kleinwald. By joining this group, students who are interested in the business department of newspaper work have an excellent opportunity to observe and participate in branches of newspaper activity which are little understood by most of us. Early in the school year these ambitious boys and girls go around to all the home rooms and obtain subscriptions for both the school newspaper and the yearbook. At the weekly meetings of the group, various members are given assignments to solicit advertisements for the Bassick Voice.

This year the club was relieved of one of its major duties, the arduous task of getting advertisements for the yearbook. Since all advertising is being omitted from the book, members of the Business Staff did not have to canvass friends and downtown merchants to buy space. This elimination of advertising, however, brought up another problem. The price of the yearbook was necessarily increased, and staff members really had to persevere to get all the yearbooks paid for before the deadline, especially since the money was collected at a time of the year when most of us weren't thinking about yearbooks. Congratulations on a fine job to the financial wizards of the business staff!





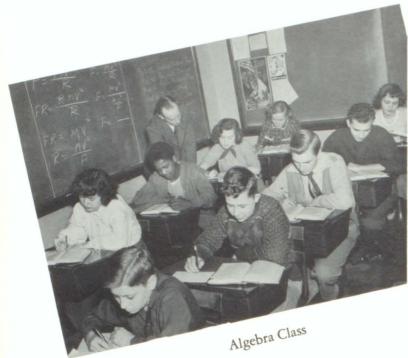
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 Second Row: Lester Zuckerman, David Weinberg, Samuel Hartenberg, Roger Ratzenberger, Michael Stiskal, Robert Anderson, Robert Sulik, Bruce Barnes, Stanley Anderson, Richard McKnight, Donald Freese, Andrew Colimitra, Anthony Romano.



### **BASSICK BAND**

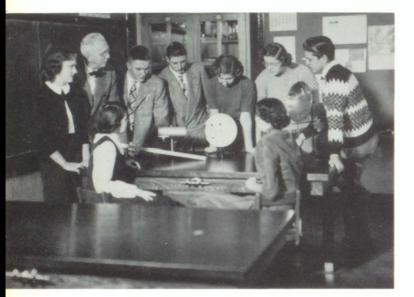
With green and white capes blowing in the breeze and instruments glistening in the sun, the Bassick Band presents a colorful picture as it marches out on the football field to execute its welltimed maneuvers. Led by Adrienne Lessler and drum majorette, Sally Deren, the band helps to create the feeling of excitement which is part of every football game. At pep assemblies and at the Spring Concert, too, the crashing brass and percussion of Mr. Zavory's instrumentalists help to make Bassick "a school more full of pep." The members of the band, their leaders, their director, and their manager, Bruce Barnes, spend many hours in practice and certainly deserve the whole-hearted applause which always greets their stirring performance.







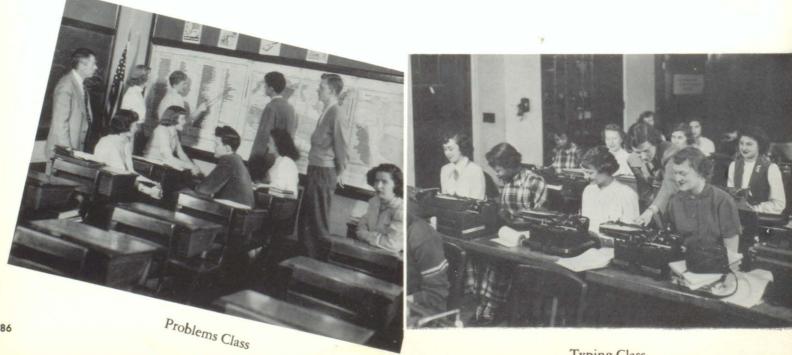
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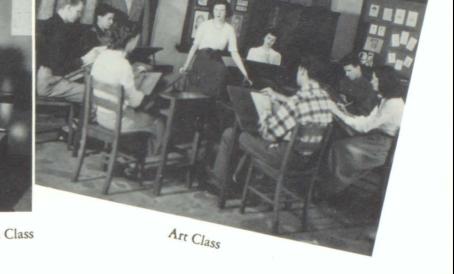
Physics Class

# **Bassick**

Imagine the open-mouthed amazement of a high school student of the 1900's if he were to wander into Bassick in 1950! In fact, if he happened into some of our classrooms, he would not even realize that he was in a school building. Something new has indeed been added to the conventional readin', writin', and 'rithmetic of the turn-of-the-century schools. Of course our mythical visitor would find some things to make him feel at home. English, Latin, or math classes would have a certain familiarity, but what would he make of our modern science laboratories?







Health Class

## Classrooms

And as for our classes in woodshop, typing, sewing, health, art—these subjects would be as foreign to him as Greek is to the student of 1950. A half a century ago high school pupils studied only languages, history, and mathematics, whereas pupils today have an almost endless variety of subjects from which to choose. We can only wonder what will happen in our classrooms in the next fifty years. Will students in the year 2000 find our schools as quaint and limited as we find the little red schoolhouse of 1900?



Wood Shop







First Row: Margaret Knight, Miss Barbara Ciglar, Sylvia Spaner, Jacqueline DuBac, Margaret Kennedy.

Second Row: Elaine Goldfield, Rhoda Burger, Joan Bodie, Barbara Button, John Colla, Nancy Wilkes, Margaret Merritt, Beverly Graham, Arline Leichtman, Joan Barker, Hollis Dworken.

### **VOICE LITERARY STAFF**

"Extra, extra, read all about it! Sylvia Spaner heads Bassick Voice Literary Staff as editor-in-chief!" Under the very capable direction of Miss Barbara Ciglar, the Voice staff has been highly successful in reporting the news "when it happens" and "as we see it." The fact that Miss Ciglar is able to keep the staff "exclusive" explains the smooth running of the organization. The members are chosen on the basis of the amount and quality of work done for the paper. It is no wonder that the staff is composed of the top feature writers of the school. The hardest and most diligent worker is made head of the staff or editor-in-chief of the paper. The life of the editor and the staff members is a constant struggle to meet deadlines; but by frantic, super-human effort they always manage to "put the paper to bed" on time. These busy reporters work hard all year to keep Bassick pupils informed about their school. They attend every athletic, social, and scholastic event and bring back lively, first-hand information to readers of the *Voice*. In fact, nothing of importance happens at Bassick which is not covered by the ubiquitous staff, "the eyes and ears" of the student body. We are certain that in future years the nation's great newspapers will feature the by-lines of many of these capable writers.

First Row: Helen Bouras, Rosemarie Blankmeister, Joan Gabany, Sophie Fatsi.

Second Row: Elvira Dominguez, Audree Fox, Elaine Bernhard, Dolores Gergely, Elena Dominguez.

Third Row: Miss Elaine Cooper, Barbara Somen.

### ORDER OF BASSICK SECRETARIES

The Order of Bassick Secretaries, headed by Miss Elaine Cooper, is an organization composed of seniors who have earned grades of eighty-five per cent or better in both shorthand and typing. These honor students are, as might be expected, a very energetic group, whether they are engaged in social activities or in more serious projects connected with their business training. One of the club's activities consists of touring factories in the Bridgeport area to gain first-hand knowledge of office work. This year the club visited the offices of the General Electric Company. At one of the social functions of the organization, the Hallowe'en Party, Miss Himock,

from the University of Bridgeport, was the guest speaker. At a Christmas party held at the Hitching Post Inn, Mrs. Kelly, Miss Caruso, and Miss Cooper were the honored guests. Also on the social agenda for the year were a Valentine Day party and an initiation for the new members of the O. B. S., as it is popularly called.

Heading the student organization of the Order of Bassick Secretaries is Helen Bouras, the able president. Audrey Fox is vice-president; Joan Gabany, secretary; and Rosemarie Blankmeister performs the duties of treasurer.



First Row: Anne Namian, Nancy Sprague, Helen Ianuly, Joan Clampett, Allyn Hartman, Maureen Daly, Marion Campbell, James Venman ,Corinne Haines, Elizabeth Larsen, Regina Hojnowski, Shirley Gursey, Margaret Kennedy, Patricia Collins, Madeline Pisanelle.

Second Row: Gertrude La Ferriere, Miriam Klein, Eleanore Wolf, Helen Rogers, Elizabeth Gevirtz, Dolores Gergely, Margaret McCubbin, Carol Cohen, Eleanor Agnoli, Norman Blycher, Nancy Briggs, Joan Monturi, Vilma Perachio, Lois Granlund, Ruth Beno, Joyce Bond, Elaine Goldfield, Barbara Raffel, Miss Mae McNulty.

Third Row: Daniel Rowell, Carroll Painter, Marilyn Holmes, Natalie Samuelson, Mildred Gaffney, Doris Bowden, Jacqueline Weinschenk, Virginia Lity, Joann Maryo, Joan Beck, Jane Thornbury, Helen Bouras, Jean Waldman, Alice Wiley, Josephine Gathings, Sylvia Spaner, Donald Freese. Fourth Row: Mary Manely, Sophie Fatsi, Eleanor Pittu, Harriet Halper, Virginia Ekstrom, Roger Shatanof, Sheila McLaughlin, Phyllis Greenwald, Sally Egan, Loretta Vasil, Hollis Dworken.

### DRAMATIC CLUB

"The play's the thing," said William Shakespeare; but, "The player's the thing," say Bassick students, after watching the performances given this year by members of the Dramatic Club. Under the skillful direction of Miss Mae McNulty, these promising young actors and actresses have presented a number of entertaining productions, including the Senior Play *Growing Pains*, on December 5, an excellent dramatic assembly on January 27, and the Spring Play Jenny Kissed Me on March 31. Long hours of rehearsal and hard work are required for these plays, but the club members are rewarded for their efforts by the success of all their ventures. We, at Bassick, are certainly indebted to the entire Dramatic Club and to Miss McNulty for the sparkling entertainment they have provided for us this year.



First Row: Raymond Van Tassel, Alex Pekar. Second Row: Dante Bedini, Howard Van Iderstine, Chauncey Bush, Ernest Kiraly, Fred Perez, Robert Joyce, Robert Sheehan. Third Row: George Kaiser, Henry Erickson, Philip Bush, Leo Koch, Richard Schemp, Fred Mills,

Third Row: George Kaiser, Henry Erickson, Philip Bush, Leo Koch, Richard Schemp, Fred Mills, John Piccirillo, Albert Papp, William Csapo, Roger Prokop, Mr. Warren Brown.

### **STAGE CREW**

One of the most popular and energetic groups in Bassick is the Stage Crew, under the capable leadership of Mr. Warren Brown. The stage crew is organized as a Sea-Scout ship. Mr. Brown, as skipper, is assisted by the first mates, Ernest Kiraly and Chauncey Bush; the second mate, Philip Bush; and the yeoman, Howard Van Iderstine.

Whenever Bassick teachers need assistance in producing club programs, they immediately send out a cry for the Stage Crew. Some of the crew's varied duties include setting up the stage for all Bassick plays and assembly programs, running all movies, and helping with the Junior and Senior teas. As if these jobs were not enough, the crew also has charge of back-stage sound effects. The ever-busy members of this organization are the unsung heroes of the school. Although they are rarely seen by the public, they are the ones who keep the good ship *Bassick* on an even keel. Many thanks to Skipper Brown and his able seamen.





First Row: Robert Engelman, Patricia Heanue, Frank Esposito, Virginia Hall, Dennis Minely, Vilma Perachio, Peter Seymour, Corinne Haines, Samuel Hartenberg.

Second Row: James Gentile, Lillian George, Adrienne Lessler, Lorraine Yasinskas, Joyce Bond, Elaine Goldfield, Peter Del Valle, Lois Granlund, Joan Monturi, Gay Norton, Shirley Miller, Joan White, Rudolph Sabados.

Third Row: Joan Gabany, Harriette Halper, Doris Emanuelson, James Venman, Louis Klein, Ruth Kleban, Margaret Knight, Hollis Dworken.

### SCHOLARSHIP - LEADERSHIP

The most highly prized of all awards presented to Bassick students are the gold and silver Scholarship-Leadership pins. These emblems are given each year to outstanding members of the Junior and Senior classes. In order to qualify for a pin, a student must have attained a scholastic average of at least eighty per cent and must have shown qualities of leadership in clubs, organizations, or other school activities. Since the pins are awarded to only five per cent of the juniors and seniors and to seven per cent of the graduating class, the competition for them is naturally very keen. The winners are chosen by vote of their classmates and of the faculty and constitute probably the most representative group in Bassick High School. The Scholarship-Leadership pins are the gift of the United Civic Clubs of Bridgeport, whose members are the business and professional leaders of the community. These men realize the inestimable value of leadership and scholarship to both the community and the nation. Therefore, in order to encourage the development of these qualities, they offer the pins annually to the high schools of the city. The students who receive them have proved by their industry and their record of service to the school that they are not only the leaders among their classmates today but the potential leaders of the country tomorrow.



First Row: Jacqueline Weinschenk, Joan Fisher, Natalie Schwarz, Doris Emanuelson, Dennis Minely, Robert Engelman, Ruth Kleban, Eleanor Sisken, Alida Shulkin, Barbara Scheyd.

Second Row: Miss Nonie Brennan, Lorraine Yasinskas, Gladys Fazackerely, Mary Jane Mastrangelo, Vilma Perachio, Joen Ciglar, Arline Leichtman, Helene Brodsky, Elaine Goldfield, Sandra Gale, Harriet Weisberg.

Third Row: Joan Monturi, Cynthia Widlitz, Peter Shery, Kenneth Janello, Andrew Colimitra, John McKeon, Donald Beck, George Goodwin, Frank Meyers, Samuel Hartenberg, James Venman, Mary Ann Johnston.

### JUNIOR CLASSICAL LEAGUE

Pergo et Perago . . . As I go on, I improve! Vergil and Cicero have many enthusiastic disciples in the Junior Classical League, a group of students from third and fourth year Latin classes. Under the inspiring sponsorship of Miss Nonie Brennan, members of the club gain added information about the laws, customs, and background of ancient Rome.

Along with its cultural activities, the Junior Classical League gives students an opportunity to apply and enjoy their knowledge of Latin. Members present Latin plays, sing Latin Christmas carols, and improvise Latin verses. Responsible for the club's social program are the competent officers: Doris Emanuelson, president; Ruth Kleban, vice-president; Robert Engelman, secretary; Dennis Minely, treasurer.

Membership in the Junior Classical League also stimulates interest in further Latin study. Third year students learn about and eagerly look forward to the ultimate reward for their diligent labor—the thrilling and musical verses of Vergil's *Aeneid*. Regardless of what critics and cynics say, the interest shown by Latin students in the lively activities of the Junior Classical League is evidence that Latin is far from being a dead language.



First Row: Audrey Harold, Patricia Anderson, Marjorie Burke, June Csoltko, Joan Drexler, Lois Jones, Carol Smith, Anita Bodnar, Natalie Tyminski, Julie Ann Martinez.

Second Row: Ernestine Gledhill, Katherine Kapitan, Barbara Karacsony, Joanne Eddy, Mary Nesetta, Edith Marcus, Elaine Giannettino, Priscilla Vero, Barbara Curry, Pauline Paulin, Gloria Mendelsohn, Miss Mary E. Nichols. Third Row: Barbara Mester, Joyce Miske, Barbara Friedman, Regina Ruseski, Dorothy Paul, Elizabeth Culetsu, Mary Manely.



### MAKE-UP SQUAD

"Gosh, he looks different!" "Why, I didn't even recognize her!" "You know, I think he sits next to me in Latin!" These and similar exclamations are often heard at Bassick's theatrical presentations. Why the surprise? Well, mainly because of the change in the appearance of the students, who on stage become regular actors and actresses. What makes the change? Could it be magic? Certainly, it's the magic of cosmetics skillfully applied by the members of the Make-up Squad. This all-girl club acquires the proper technique and know-how of using make-up for stage purposes under the capable direction of Miss Mary E. Nichols. The girls are on the job before every dramatic production given by the school, adding bits of color here and there and actually creating new faces on the performers. The Make-up Squad is one of those groups of unsung heroines whose work is carried on back stage; yet without them Bassick's plays would indeed be without color.



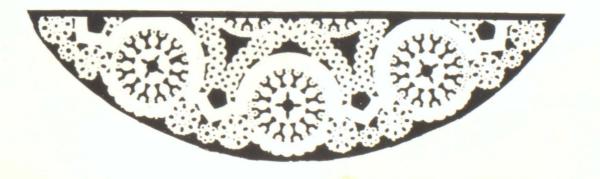
First Row: Joan Miller, Ruth Stenquist, Barbara Curry, Carol Cohen, Daniel Rowell, Sylvia Matto, Robert Sulik, Harold Jordhamo, Richard McKnight, Lester Zuckerman, Erick Eklund, William Jordhamo, Michael Stiskal.

Second Row: Adrienne Lessler, Ruth Kleban, Mr. Augustus Zavory, Roger Ratzenberger, Bruce Barnes.

### ORCHESTRA

The rhythm of the orchestra is the heart-beat of Bassick. Without it the school would be lifeless indeed. Imagine the dreary shuffle of feet coming into an assembly without music, or the empty intermissions at our school plays if we had no orchestra to fill them. In fact, this musical organization, under the direction of Mr. Augustus Zavory, is so essential to our school life that we could hardly exist without it.

The members of the orchestra can be identified by the insignia which they wear-a small letter for first-year members, a large letter for two-year men, and a gold pin for those with three years' experience. Our thanks are due to all these musicians and in particular to the principals of the orchestra: Adrienne Lessler—piano, Danny Rowell—clarinet, Michael Stiskal—trumpet, and Carol Cohen—strings. Manager Bruce Barnes and Librarian Joan Miller also deserve hearty applause. Because of the talent and versatility of these students, the Bassick orchestra is always prepared with music appropriate to any occasion.



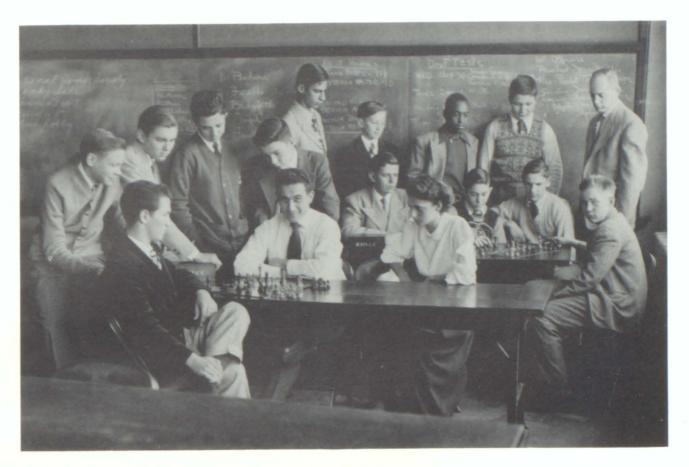


- First Row: Joan Gabany, Janet Lynch, Joyce Wood, Dolores Mas, Mary Ann Laviolette, Margaret Dina, Sylvia Nastu, Catherine Mandel, Ethel Ray, Marian Busser, Joan Buckley, Jeanne Tyler, Edna Thompson, Marion Paproski, Josephine Minievich, Sophie Fatsi, Ethel Magilnick, Margaret Francis, Patricia Thompson, Sylvia Morando, Elizabeth Thompson.
- Second Row: Joan Sirotnak, Jane Fitzgerald, Loretta Vasil, Pauline Paulin, Helen Petrinovich, Alice Wiley, Christine Pavelo, Rita Turrini, Marilyn Beattie, Florence Tetu, Dorothy Young, Rae Reynolds, Dolores Fazekas, Eleanor Aprile, Lois Brown, Audrey Gay, Joyce McBride, Mary Recsanski, Marilyn Towne, Dorothy Howard, Margaret Knight, Eileen Guillemette, Sally Egan. Third Row: Jeanne Meszaros, Anna Maier, Beverly Buckley, Adela Arbas, Dora Dugger, Jean
- Third Row: Jeanne Meszaros, Anna Maler, Beverly Buckley, Adeia Albas, Bola Bugget, Jean Selling, Shirley Osterlind, Arlene Massey, Mary Whidbee, Louise Narkevics, Josephine Gathings, Rosemary Blankmeister, Chantel Rich, Joan Starr, Helen Bouras, Marie Kish, Mary Ziman, Joan Jaudon, Jean Jaudon, Barbara Simko, Joan Bryers, Betty Gergely, Irene Moranski, Mary Gallos, Bernice Iwanski, Adele Poremba.
- Fourth Row: Virginia Sabre, Regina Smith, Ruth Peterson, Josephine Perkowski, Dolores Gergely, Gertrude La Ferriere, Betty Jane Cozza, Joyce Douglas, Barbara Davis, Joan Wheeler, Gladys Busser, Rheta Lafferty, Joan Feher, Ruth Barske, Catherine Costigan, Ruth Mushrall, Elsie Olson, Pat Orosz, Norma Elliot, Margaret Galvin, Janet Massey, Pat Bitso, Beatrice Stefanocki, Constance Blowers, Arline Sathmary.
- Fifth Row: Anna MacDowell, Chantel Rich, Elaine Bernhard, Barbara Durica, June Gay, Marjorie Moore, Evelyn Krolikowski, Joan Kiley, Elvira Dominguez, Barbara Magdefrau, Joan White, Audree Fox, Mildred Henderson, Barbara Anderson, Jean Harrison, Dorothy Fourchette, Josephine Minievich, Jean Linane, Helen Pekar, Helen Ianuly, Shirley Miller, Shirley Ptak, Margaret Crowley, Dorothy Silverman, Charlotte Middlebrook, Rosemary Riley, Elena Dominguez.
- Sixth Row: Jean Walsh, Barbara Somen, Marion Fredrickson, Joan Schultz, Rosemary Lucas, Irene Domby, Catherine Best, Janice Haeussler, Eleanor Edwards, Dorothy Kulhawik, Margaret La Rose, Constance Cegan, Beverley Graham, Shirley Bachman, Dorothy Wollert, Joan Eckert, Joan Varay, Shirley Pulaski, Regina Hojnowski, Jean Zitnay, Ann Wilson, Marilyn Metzger, Joan Moran, Anita Bodnar, Lillian Woods, Catherine Crowley, Jacqueline Smith, Mariann Feltovic, Mary Poidomani, Margaret Bendlak, Alice Webb.

### LEADERS OF AMERICAN WELFARE

With this quotation in mind, "A wagon load of consideration for others would do a world of good," the Leaders of American Welfare are working for better standards of living for school, community, state, and nation.

They are the Minute Women of Bassick whose slogan is "Unity has a U and an I." They aim to keep the torch of liberty burning by giving cheer and service to young and old, and by voluntary service to their school, to the twenty-six social institutions in the city, and to all nation-wide drives for the betterment of mankind and the conservation of our national resources.



First Row: Joseph Fiorello, Samuel Jevarjian, Irene Petrahai. Second Row: Roger Prokop, Herbert Gratrix, Joseph Kleinhandler, Donald Freese, Ronald Petrahai, Stanley Gratt, Frank Molnar, Charles Leaf. Third Row: Michael Stiskal, Donald Faulkner, Joseph Bridgeforth, David Goldenson, Mr. Albert Fleischer.



### CHESS CLUB

Pawns, kings, queens, knights are all familiar characters to the members of the Bassick Chess Club. At its weekly meetings the club gives valuable instruction to any beginners who care to learn the fine points of the game and gives the experienced players an opportunity to display their skill and improve their technique. Before long, under the skillful direction of Mr. Fleischer, the adviser, both old and new players prove themselves "chess sharks."

The Bassick Chess Club Team consists of five players—Dante Bedini, Joe Fiorello, Mike Lengel, Joe Bridgeforth, and Henry Elstein—who enter into competition with other schools. This year the team played Stamford, Darien, Fairfield, and Central. It defeated Fairfield, Stamford, and Darien, and lost only to Central. The success of the club has been largely due to the capable officers: Dante Bedini, president; Hollis Dworken, secretary; and Donald Freese, treasurer.





- First Row: Maxine Main, Arthur Friedman, Barbara Baye, Carol Shea, Alida Shulkin, Louis Klein, Mrs. Marguerite James, Walter Zackrison, Barbara Trickey, Arlene Zackrison, Joan Bodie, Lois Granlund.
- Second Row: Adrienne Lessler, Barbara Peck, Matilda Seaker, Joann Hurvul, Elaine Goldfield, Shirley Swanson, John Larson, Lenore Horowitz, Joan Keegan, Gay Norton, Nancy Davis, Ann Beach, Caroline Pero.

Third Row: James Faulkner, Harriet Halper, Doris Bowden, Harriet Weisberg, Sol Postyn, Ida Viti, Eleanor Sisken, Arlene Crouthers, Muriel Schoenberg, Ruth Kleban, Robert Larson.

### SPANISH CLUB

All the color and gayety of life "south of the border" can be experienced at the monthly meetings of the Spanish Club of Bassick High School. Perhaps the reason that the club is so popular is that the members have such fun at these meetings. They sing Spanish songs, and watch Spanish-made movies. Some of the more talented members even put on short plays in Spanish. At the Christmas meeting the members receive their gifts in true Spanish style. No Santa Claus comes down the chimney to them. Instead, a pinata is hung up in the center of the room; and the students strike at it with sticks until it breaks and the presents tumble down on the excited group.

The biggest event of the year for the Spanish Club is their Mardi Gras. This affair is a colorful fiesta presented at an assembly at Mardi Gras time, just before Lent. Club members begin to prepare for the fiesta far in advance, and the Spanish Club assembly is always one of the most enjoyable programs presented at Bassick. This year's festival was a mock wedding, with Larry Murphy as the handsome bridegroom and dark-haired Irene Moranski as the bride. The brilliant costumes, lively dances, and exciting music gave us a vivid picture of the way our Spanish neighbors celebrate their wedding ceremonies.

All these activities explain why the Spanish Club, which was founded only two years ago, already boasts one of the largest enrollments of any organization in the school.

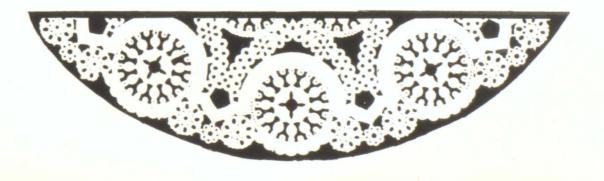


First Row: Lois Granlund, Anne Namian, Thomas Lapke, Mary Ellen Bruno, Sharron Doerner, Doris Emanuelson, Arthur Friedman, Joen Ciglar, Richard Kish, Nancy Sprague, Rhoda Burger. Second Row: Mr. Henry Walsh, Natalie Schwarz, Lillian George, Alida Shulkin, Barbara Trickey, Mary Lou Sandone, Louis Klein, Mary Rogers, Dorothy Dodds, Shirley Miller, Jacqueline Weinschenk, Josephine Gathings, Miss Catherine Cullinan.

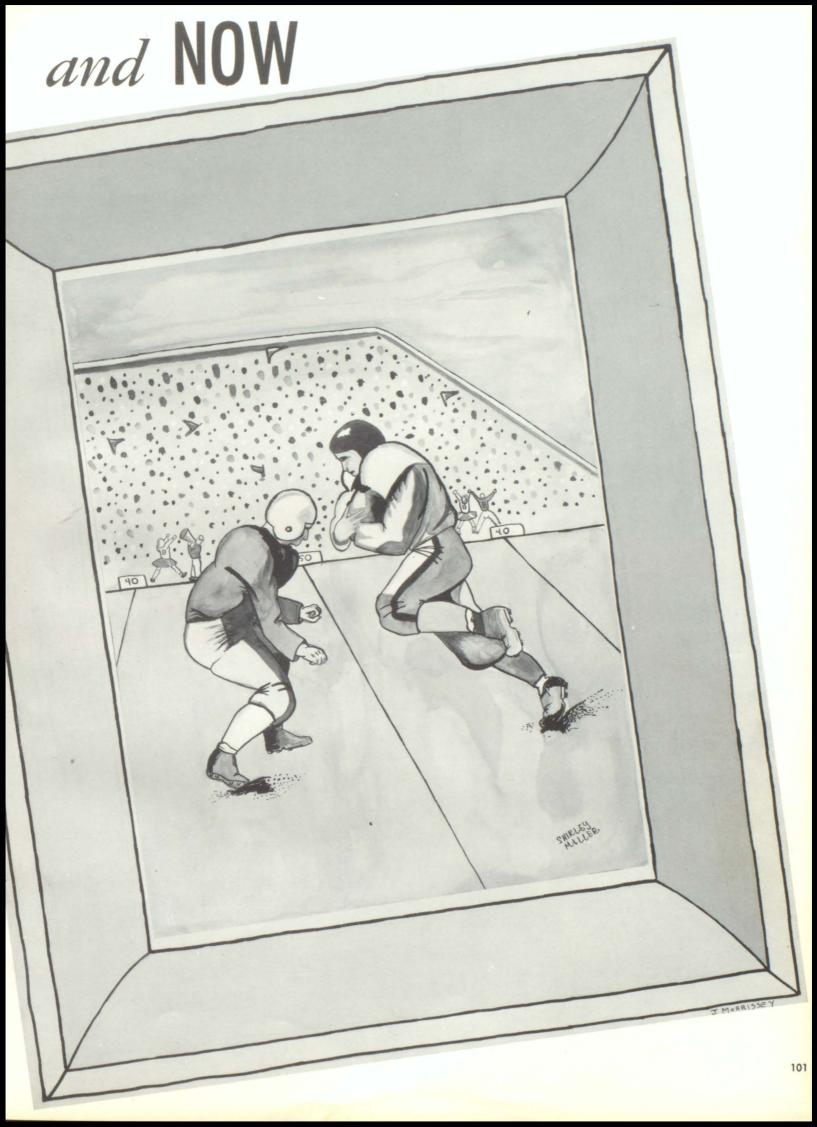
Third Row: Barbara Burlant, Sophie Fatsi, Helen Osterberg, Elaine Roscoe, Dolores Gergely, Robert Hustek, Ronald White, Stanley Campbell, Elena Dominguez, June Olah, Nancy Gronberg, Josephine Patren.

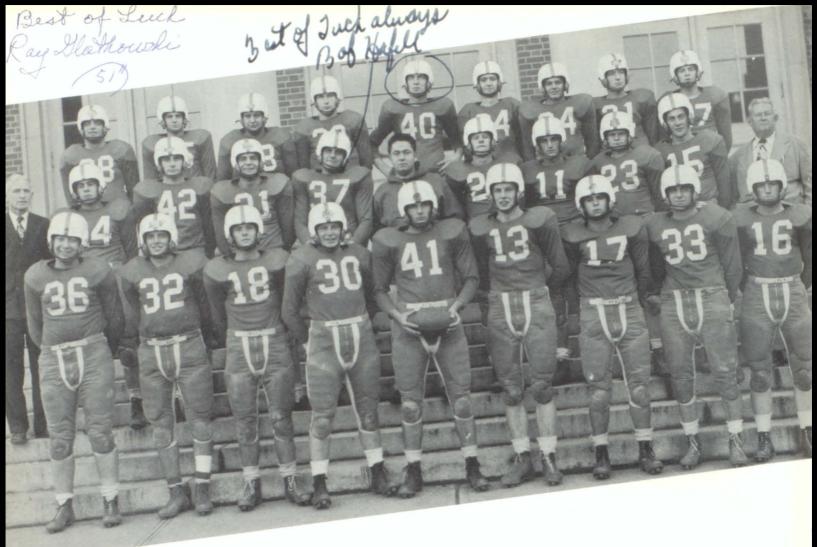
### YEARBOOK STAFF

One of the most popular and hard-working senior organizations at Bassick is the Yearbook Staff. Under the direction of Miss Catherine Cullinan and Mr. Henry Walsh, the group prepares and edits the senior yearbook. From October until March the editorial staff is kept busy writing apt grinds for seniors, checking the spelling of names, and composing identifying paragraphs for club pictures. Then the talented typists have the almost impossible chore of deciphering the handwriting of the editors and typing all copy accurately for the printers. The gifted art staff designs the division pages, prepares the layout, draws cartoons, and dashes about taking snapshots of all phases of life at Bassick. After all these tasks have been completed, and after every page has been rechecked by the staff members and the editor-inchief, Doris Emanuelson, the yearbook is ready for publication.









First Row: Robert Kiley, Robert Hustek, Rudolph Sabados, Joseph Zuzick, Thomas Lapke, Robert Sheehan, George Devan, Louis Srca, William Myers. Second Row: Mr. Herbert Harrington, Al Namian, Thomas Hawley, Frank Fazekas, Robert Hafele, William Kiley, Robert Kelso, Robert O'Donnell, George LeCates, Chester Zinefsky, Mr. Harry Lyon.

Third Row: Frank Murphy, Peter Seymour, Salvatore Vetro, Norman Blycher, Raymond Glatkowski, Cornelius Carroll, Ernest Svab, Thomas Astle, John Larson.

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The 1949 Bassick Football Team upheld the school's reputation for fighting teams, even though it was one of the lightest squads in school history. The team showed plenty of spirit and gave its opponents real competition. The Lions, however, got more than their share of the bumps. The team was hampered by injuries and scholastic difficulties, and so never entered a game at full strength.

The opening contest with Milford was a tight battle, with Milford nosing out the Bassick team by a 6-0 count. The Lion's roar was first heard in Hedges' Stadium when the Bassick running attack clicked and Sabados crashed nine yards through the Harding line for a touchdown. Harding, however, was able to tally twice and won by a score of 7-12. Other highlights of the season were Bassick's stubborn defense against a highly-rated Greenwich team, the forward-passing combination of Balter and Glatkowski, and Rudy Sabados' sixty-yard touchdown run in the Stratford game.

In the traditional Thanksgiving Day game with Fairfield, the Lions dominated the first half, playing most of the game in Fairfield territory. In the third quarter Captain Lapke took the ball on a quick opening play and dashed 65 yards for a touchdown. The Fairfield squad, however, came back with two touchdowns and a safety and won the hard- fought contest.

Bassi	ck Opponent
0	Milford 6
0	
7	Harding12
0	Greenwich14
7	Danbury19
0	Norwalk
6	Stratford19
6	Fairfield

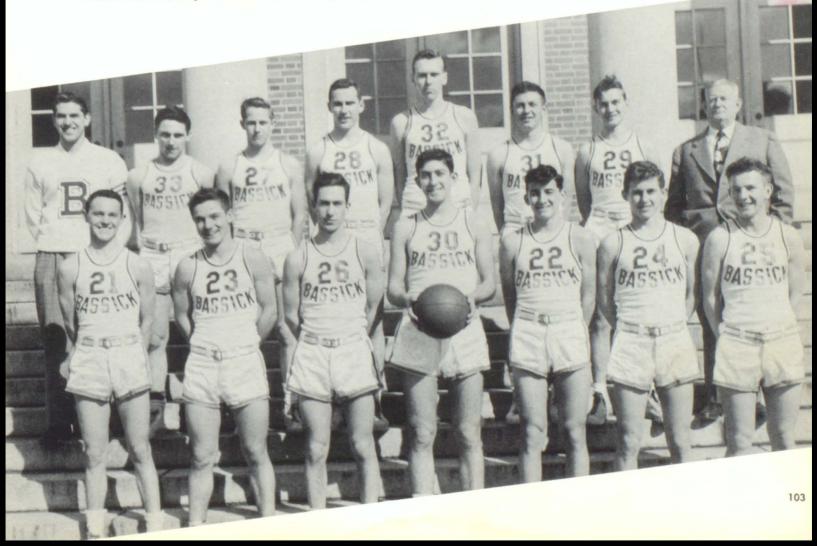
### BASKETBALL TEAM

The Bassick Basketball Team of 1950, coached by Mr. Harry S. Lyon, showed a great deal of speed, especially in the forward court. The team showed steady improvement throughout the season but couldn't seem to offset the great disadvantage of lack of height. Captain Minely proved to be the team's big gun, making a total of 159 points in 16 games. The setting up of plays by Shimko and the fine allaround playing of Hawley featured many games. The big thrill for the Bassick fans came when Kenny Janello dropped in three consecutive foul shots, which won the game against New London Buckley with only seconds left to play. The season's record showed only two victories against 14 defeats, but some of these defeats came after closely-fought contests which, with a little luck, could have been Bassick victories. The Lions were a well-drilled team and their fine ball handling and play-making made their games worth watching.

	SEASON RECORD
Bassi	ck Opponent
23	Central
49	Alumni 47
44	Danbury
35	Harding 55
40	Norwalk 51
41	Fairfield 57
40	Stamford
56	Greenwich 80
45	New London
32	Central 40
29	Fairfield
38	Danbury
35	Norwalk 39
36	Harding
38	Stamford 59
45	New London 62

First Row: Jack Meikle, Christy Janelu, Leonard Rosenberg, Dennis Minely, John Nastu, Kenneth Janello, John Balga.

Second Row: Reno Piccioli, Robert Flynn, William Lindsay, Thomas Hawley, Edward Nelson, Ronald Shimko, Stephen Chuchka, Mr. Harry S. Lyon.





- First Row: Helen Denton, Florence Pearson, Beverly Grant, Margaret Merritt, Cecelia Trup, Lois Granlund, Maxine Main, Barbara Button, Catherine Crowley, Shirley Swanson, Shirley Bachman, Maureen Daly.
- Second Row: Miss Ruth Ann Kenney, Rosario Oltra, Betty Gergely, Patricia Bitso, Joan Bryers, Ruth Gullberg, Virginia Hall, Mary Ellen Bruno, Margaret Kennedy, Nancy Briggs, Margaret Galvin, Marion Campbell, Carol Shea, Dorothy Jones, Orissa Topps, Eleanor Galvin, Margaret Crowley, Elaine Roscoe, Mary Lou Sandone.
- *Third Row*: Patricia Thompson, Marian Paproski, Marilyn Towne, Muriel Schoenberg, Barbara Simko, Regina Smith, Gay Norton, Lorraine Yasinskas, Barbara Scheyd, Patricia Ohlin, Josephine Gathings, Jeannette Randall, Doris Emanuelson, Margaret Tobis, Doris Bowden, Eileen Guillemette.

### **GIRLS ATHLETIC LEADERS ASSOCIATION**

The G. A. L. A. means a great deal to the outdoor girls at Bassick. In order to become a member of this organization, a girl must be an honor student in physical education and must have earned seventy-five points in athletic activities. She must also be an all-around good sport and must willingly (?) smile through the tortures of initiation. Along with initiation comes a super candy sale, and the pledgee is now a member of the G. A. L. A. As a member of this association, she may participate, under the direction of Miss Ruth Kenney, in many active sports; such as, basketball, swimming, soccer, volleyball, baseball, hiking, and bowling.

In addition to its sports program, this energetic group sponsors many other activities during the year. All Girls' Day is a G. A. L. A. occasion, featuring games, fashions, singing, and refreshments. Annually the club brings to the school a well-known athlete to give pointers on sports and physical fitness. The June picnic brings the club program to a close, and every member realizes that the G. A. L. A. has made a lively time of it for her at Bassick.









First Row: Elaine Roscoe. Second Row: Barbara Davis, Joyce Douglas, James Venman, Barbara Anderson, Margaret Galvin, James Baird, Barbara Sheehan, Theresa Somers. Third Row: Donld Alexander, Miss Ruth Ann Kenney, Gloria Diaz, Howard Bader.

## CHEERING SQUAD

Cheer, cheer for Bassick! No matter how the game is going, the Bassick Cheering Squad is always ready with a cheer to encourage the players and to stir the stands to a more enthusiastic response. The peppy cheerleaders themselves need no prodding to show their school spirit and team loyalty.

Even before the football season starts, the energetic cheerleaders are on the job, under the capable direction of Miss Ruth Kenny, practicing old cheers and developing new ones. Then, clad in snappy outfits of Bassick's green and white, they see that the Bassick Lions do not lack for optimistic and determined support. In rain or shine, victory or defeat, these human dynamos ,with their leader, Elaine Roscoe, are out there on the field, exhorting the team and the rooters to greater and greater effort, until the final whistle sounds.

Everyone at Bassick will readily "give a cheer" for the vim, vigor, and vitality of our cheering squad.



### GLIMPSES OF THE THANKSGIVING DAY GAME



A mad dash for paydirt



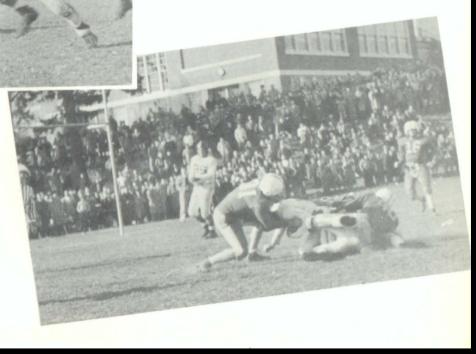
Green and White rush Fairfield Kicker

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Fairfield stopped at the line by Bassick



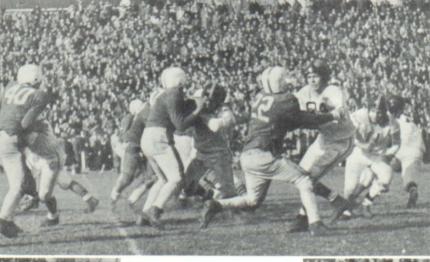
Sequence of Lions' stand at goal and down-fall of Fairfield ball carrier



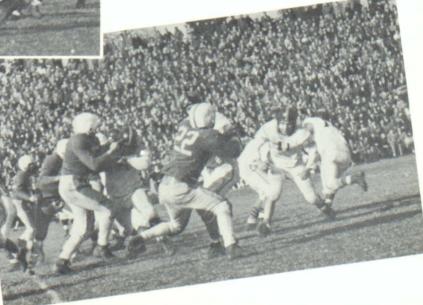


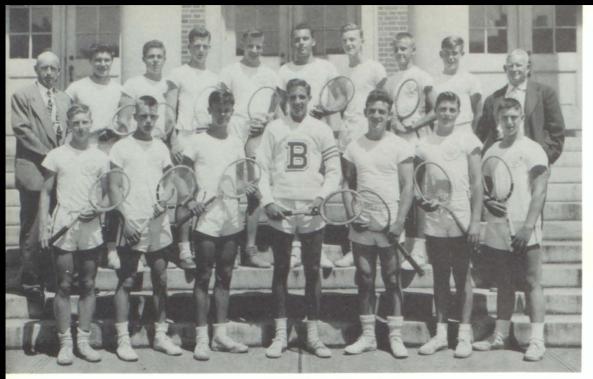
Fairfield ball carrier about to be brought down by Bassick linemen

A long Fairfield pass dropping short of its receiver



Action sequence of a fake reverse broken up by Bassick linemen





The 1949 Bassick Tennis Team, coached by Mr. Carr, again had a very successful season. The netmen won twelve of the regularly scheduled contests, losing only to Weaver of Hartford, by a 6-1 score. The Bassick team then won the County championship at a meet in Stamford, and later placed third in the State meet at Wesleyan. The tennis team also captured the City championship for the ninth consecutive year.

## **TENNIS TEAM**

- First Row: Arnold Bai, James Lafferty, James Venman, Donald Borgman, Paul Sideleau, Russell Bigney, Harvey Dworken.
- Second Row: Mr. Charles Carr, Louis Klein, Richard Hartwick, Peter Seymour, William Allen, Robert Engelman, Bruce Barnes, Fred Eaton, Richard Chantland, Mr. Harry Lyon.

### SEASON RECORD

#### Bassick Opponent Bas 1.1. 4 .....Rye, N. Y. .... 1 Weaver 1 6 41/2 .... Fairfield ......1/2 ....Stamford 3 2 6 New Canaan 1 Central ..... 0 Harding ..... 5 1 5 Staples 1 9 Hillhouse ..... 0

ssick	Opponent
5	Central 1
6	Fairfield 2
7	Rye, N. Y 0
	Staples 1
6	Harding 1
5	Stratford 0
	Stamford 2
61/2	Hillhouse
7	New Canaan 0

## BASEBALL TEAM

Despite a discouraging start, the Lions' Baseball Team ended the 1949 season in a blaze of glory.

The team lost the first game to an always-powerful Stamford Club by a score of 11-1. In the final game, however, the Bassick boys went on a scoring spree against Fairfield and defeated them, 21-5. The team, coached by Mr. Herbert Harrington, played well, ending the season with eight victories and seven defeats, and capturing the City Championship.



	SEASON	RECORD	
Bassick		Opp	ponent
1	Stam	ford	11
1	Strat		3
9	Cent	ral	6
4	Hard	ling	0
3	Fairf		6
1	Norv		6
8	Milfe		4
1	Dant		5
0	Stam		1
8		ord	0
1	Strat		2
4	Gree		3
7	Cent		
10	Hard		9
21	Fairf	ield	)

- First Row: Andrew Gachi, Ernest Santo, William O'Donnell, George Sims, Richard Lindsay, Richard Young, Arnold Epstein, Ronald Shimko, Kenneth Janello.
- Second Row: Mr. Herbert Harrington, James Cashavelly, Paul Fabry, John Marlin, Donald Dempsey, Dennis Minely, John Korcsmaros, Mr. Harry Lyon. Third Row: Richard Barney.

## Class of 1950























# Freshman Snaps











