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We, the graduating class of 1954, wish to pay tribute to those civic-minded people and worthy organizations within our city which are striving to carry forward the never-ending process of educational improvement.

They recognize the principle that the ultimate responsibility for the maintenance of high standards of education lies with the citizenry of the community.

We graduates would like them to know that their fine efforts and accomplishments have been greatly appreciated by us throughout our three years at Bassick.

To these citizens, as a token of our sincere appreciation, we, the Class of 1954, dedicate our yearbook.





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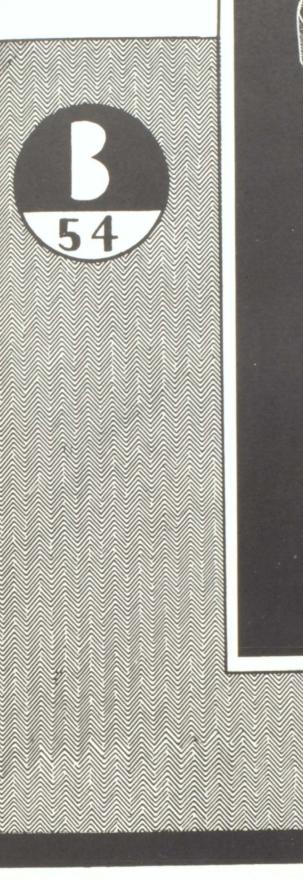






# "SENIOR SOCIAL ACTIVITIES"







# SENIORS

# "SENIOR SNAPS"



# "BEHIND US"

# **CLASS HISTORY**

Our history, Class of "54" Dates back to the policy of open door. For when we entered, it was plain to see Big and important we were going to be.

This was the beginning, so we started out right A class president was our first sight. Stephen Bessemer was given the rank And 50 cents dues began our bank.

As sophs our activities were organized Our "Break the Ice" party was a success — a surprise. The girls got together and put on with glee Their delightful Sophomore Mothers' Tea.

Then in September we returned to school We were Juniors now, with no time to fool. Our rings we received shortly after December Our excitement and pride we shall always remember.

Then at Brundage's, our elected spot We all attended the Hayseed Hop. In the middle of spring, on All Girls' Day Freshmen through Seniors came out to play.

As Juniors, we sponsored a fashion show Dressed in their best our models did glow. The B.F. Hop we all attended It was at the Ritz and the music was splendid.

Though we loved our class trip, we are forced to complain That we saw West Point in a downpour of rain. The Senior Play started the New Year right For we being Seniors, almost ended our fight.

Seniors high and mightily Lead the school activity No one to look up to anymore We led the school with "Roar Lion Roar."

Our caps and gowns were then measured to fit T'was a little embarrassing, we must admit The Mothers' Tea was soon at hand Experienced Seniors to full command.

The month of May had long been awaited The Prom was here, and all were dated. History, Prophecy, Will and Characteristics Made our Class Day thrilling to witness.

And so we've come to the end of our tale A path that we've left for the Juniors to trail. But let us remember where 'ere we be Our Class has made its own history.

> Betty Ballas Judy Berry



First row, l. to r.: Betty Erhardt, Mary Lou Bulkley, Faith Fairchild, Grace Moore, Jerri Mangines, Barbara Emanuelson, Theresa Goyette, Judy Berry, Judy Nelson.

Second row: Judy Kurowski, Roland Caserta, James Dowling, Ray Johnson, Leo Emond, Ted Stypinski, Walter Bendik, Ingrid Lindahl.

Third row: Allie Saracino, Gus Lawrence, Arnold Fagan, Blake Patterson.

# SENIOR DELEGATES

The Senior Delegates, pictured above, form the steering committee of the Class of 1954. These delegates, a boy and a girl from each senior home room, meet regularly with their class advisor, Mrs. Rose Iodice, and the six senior officers. At these meetings they discuss all impending class business, plan for future activities, and report any ideas and suggestions from the students in their home rooms. They must also report back to the home rooms just what transpired at the meetings. In this way everyone in the Senior class is well informed as to current happenings in Bassick. Another important duty of these delegates is to collect class dues, because it is from these dues that all class expenditures are met. With so much work entailed in making 1954 the successful year that it was, a great vote of thanks must be given to Mrs. Iodice and the Senior Delegates.

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# CLASS OF 1954 PROPHECY

Early one morning in 1974, Robert S. Namian was gently awakened by the affectionate kiss of his St. Bernard. In a keg around the dog's neck was Bob's breakfast — a gallon of Erickson Orange Juice. Bob nodded a sleepy greeting to his valet, Walter Bendik, who then turned the knob of Bob's most cherished antique an authentic 1954 radio.

The Dick DeSanti Culture Hour opened with Joan Matey's latest composition, "Bebop on the Rhine." Following this beautiful rendition by D. Leroy Rice, famous concert violinist, Namian and valet patiently listened to:

"Good morning, everyone, this is Jim Kinsella, your friendly announcer. Did you know that in a recent nationwide survey it was discovered that 99 out of 100 high school pupils used Andy Pippa's admit slips? Just send us a sample of your principal's handwriting and twenty-five cents in coin, and Andy will personally forge a very reasonable facsimile. And now, Gabbing with Gabler.

"Great things are happening in the social world today! Betty Erhardt Vanderbilt, outstanding woman of the year, is having her annual luncheon bridge at the Floordorf Astoria this afternoon. Prominent women attending are Jean Benjamin, Nobel Prize Winner for her novel, 'Ten Easy Ways to Catch a Man,' published by Davidson, Dober, and Dlukencki; Barbara Soloff, sensational new opera star; and those great U.N. interpreters, Ann McNeil and Margie Fenick ... And now the latest news from Hollywood: Renowned movie producer, Jack Blowers, has made a new discovery in the personage of alluring Grace Moore . . . Sensational new Romeo of David Hartman's latest release is Gary Engler . . . By the way, we understand that Eleanor Palmesi has just been appointed make-up artist for Metro-Greenwood-Mayer at a fabulous salary. And now a word from our sponsor:

> 'Lerner's little gym suits Will fill your hearts with glee. And at Bassick High School They're a necessity.'

"This is Pat Schmidt bringing you your morning sport news. The world of athletics is in a turmoil. Under the expert coaching of Frank Christy, Bassick's mighty eleven has won the state football championship . . . An all-rubber tennis racket has just been introduced by Arnie Fagan, 1974 winner of the Carr Cup . . . Incidentally, we have just received news from our portable rowboat that Arthur Abramowitz has just swum the raging Rooster River. And now a few chosen words from a well-chosen sponsor:

"Is this jittery, jet age getting you down? Try Bessemer's atomic abdomen pills. Once that mushroom explosion begins, our happy little atoms go to work carrying their electrical charges behind them, making you feel relaxed again!"

At that point Bob turned off his radio, rolled out of bed, and prepared for his trip to the New York Airport, where he was to take the Lunar Local for the moon. As he stepped into his Levinmobile, the modern equivalent of the Pontiac, Bob signaled to his chauffeur, Ray Johnson. After a half hour's driving, Ray was forced to swerve to the left to avoid a pedestrian; and he collided with an oncoming car. As the passengers of both cars got out to survey the damage, Bob was amazed to see that men stepping out of the other car were Chief Commander of the Inter-Planetary Army, Peter Venman and his aides-de-camp, Ray Turner and Joe Attanasio. Lucy Knopf and Carol Eckholm, state policewomen, soon came to investigate the accident. Tom Britt, Ray Check, and Ernie Hanson, New York businessmen gathered to the scene. A wrist injury suffered in the accident forced Bob to go to the hospital.

As he walked down the corridor he was surprised to see a few of his former classmates, Dr. Don Ek and his nurse, Dorothy Collier. Others on the nursing staff were: Barbara Sarnacki, Elaine Wengert, Jackie De Shon, and Nancy Brunetti. Bob had his wrist X-rayed by Mary Lou Buckley and Marilyn Shea, X-ray technicians. He left the hospital and arrived at the rocket port to discover that the rocket had already left.

Deciding to see the opening of the Gross-Gomberg Circus at Middlebrook Square Garden, Bob bought his \$100 ticket from Ray Sikorski. He entered the Big Top, gave his ticket to Dick Moore and was ushered to his seat by Ruth Tiffany, Barbara Pelle, and Ceil Lambert. A few minutes later Bob recognized Debby Bogin, who was covering the circus for her column, "Sugar and Spice," in the New York Tribune; and he joined her in the press box. After buying his Lady Nelson ice cream from John Bethin, Bob turned to the center ring where Jean Heanue, Bob Santo, and Betty Ballas, world renowned trapeze artists, were performing. In the second ring the spotlight centered on Bill Stansfield, the fearless lion trainer from darkest Africa, while in the third ring, riding proudly on the backs of Jumbo, Mumbo, and Dumbo were Peggy Szabo, Bert Namian, and Marilyn Tomancak, resplen-. dent in their Bermuda shorts. After these acts

# CLASS OF 1954 PROPHECY

Paul Pando struck up the band with a rousing march written by Jeannette Subik, and Bob Bernstein, ringmaster, announced the grand finale. All eyes turned toward the tall handsome star of the evening. A hush fell over the audience as Stanley Tomkins entered the arena. (It is a very interesting fact to note at this point that Stan has never heard of Bassick High School; he is not an old classmate of ours; and he has nothing to do with this prophecy. We just thought it would break up the monotony.)

At the conclusion of the show, Bob and Debby went to the Triple M Cafe, owned by the fabulously wealthy trio of Mangines, Motto, and Moore. The headwaiter, Bill Gacso, explained that they would have to share their table with theatrical producer Al Zamary. Seated at a nearby table with their charming escorts were Carol Barnes, Betty Knuth, Jackie Snetsinger, and Lois Johnson of the Mitchell Model Agency. Also enjoying the fine food prepared by Heather Campbell and her cooking staff - Dolores Nauchy and Marie Chimino - were cartoonist Bob Eichinger, creator of that well-read comic strip Little Emmy Rutzen, and Dr. William Bakosi, head of Chemical Engineering at the Tesch Institute of Technology. Bob Ruge, Master of Ceremonies, took the floor and introduced the Green and White chorus line - Bob Mark, Gerry McDougall, Mike O'Donnell, and Rudy Poklemba, whose talent was first realized at a high school pep assembly in some hick town in Connecticut. Next Bob introduced Judy Berry, Gail Gorden, and Loretta Beason, outstanding torch trio of Broadway. As the trio finished their song, "Flamingo Blues," written by Ann Masaitis, and Nancy Barber, Bob and Debby noticed a distinguished-looking group entering the restaurant. In the center of this dignified party stood Superintendent of Schools of New York, Mickey Larkin, surrounded by five members of his all-girl school-board; Audrey Wehrer, Myrna Kiner, Barbara Seaman, Freddie Mae Johnson, and Lucille Emond. The group entered in time to witness a sensational Apache dance by Dianne Creaturo and Robert Shultz. After the floorshow, Al Zamary obligingly offered Bob and Debby two tickets to his latest Broadway show, "Me in Joliet," starring that torrid twosome Betty Lee Baum and Frank Herrera. Playing supporting roles in this production were June August, Jane Hanock, and Mary Jane Dicku. Making their first appearance as Can Can girls were the Rockettes: Dilys, "Fifi" Williams, Betty "Bubbles" Carbone, Mary "Cuddles" Coca, and Judy "Zsa Zsa" Russo. The curtain, designed by Dolores Lojo, closed after the final

act, and Bob and Debby walked into the lobby where they met Judy Kurowski picking up ticket stubs from the floor for her ticket collection and taping them together with a roll of MacBerkowitz Scotch tape. They wished her many happy evenings at the theater and walked outside. They soon reached the lavish Coburn hotel where Debby was living. Bob wished Debby the best of luck with her gossip column and then hailed a Moody Cab. He recognized his fellow passenger, Terry Mandanici as the famed designer of dungarees. Bob arrived at his hotel and spent a very peaceful night.

At eight o'clock Bob, determined to go "mooning," hurried to the Lindahl Rocket Port and was in time to catch the Lunar Local designed by Alfred Richards. Bob boarded the rocket and was greeted by stewardesses Nancy Cavanagh, Terry Goyette, and Marilyn Roscoe who helped him on with his Swilling Space mask.

When Bob settled down, he recognized a few of his fellow passengers — Jullianne Owen, famed author of children's books, illustrated by Barbara Bauduini; and Louis Shawah, well known inter-steller explorer.

Soon the great turbines began to spin and the ship lunged upward splintering the sound barrier into little pieces. With Joan Weed and Gloria Samowitz at the controls, the ride through space was smooth and uninterrupted until the midday stop at the Milky Way where the passengers debarked for milk. Behind the crowded milk bar Bob saw Jean Zaccaria waiting on the customers. At a little table talking excitedly was metallurgist Glenn Canfield with his staff, Barbara Emanuelson, Nancy Banks, and Steve August, who were testing the uranium content of the meteorites. Special samples of Joanne Bovick's delicious green cheese imported directly from the moon were served by Joyce Miles. When the pasengers had finished their snack they hurried back to the plane and were about to leave when they noticed a young man running toward them with a mop flung jauntily over his shoulder. The newcomer turned out to be Harvey Paulin who was on his way to polish up the nearest star.

After dropping Harvey off, the rocket continued its course to the moon where Mr. Namian was to spend a few day's vacation with the Iodice's, foremost family on this luxurious satellite. After such a tiring day as this, Bob looked forward to a relaxing stay with his friends.

> Rita Golden Susan Schwartz Johanna Olayos Robert Lally, Chairman

# CLASS HYMN 1954

Heavenly Father, our thanks we unfold For myriad blessings, uncounted, untold. Be Thou our guide at the crossroads of life; Lead us through hardship and aid us in strife.

Omnipotent Ruler, all-gracious above, Fill now our hearts with Thy kindness and love. We seek understanding toward stranger and friend; With Thee as our Light, we will strive for that end.

O, Lord, as we enter adulthood this night, Enlighten our souls to discern wrong from right. Aware of the problems our nation must face, We ask Thee for strength to assume our true place.

Dear God, as we stand here in reverence and praise, Teach us to follow the truth of Thy ways. Grant us the wisdom to serve all mankind; Help us ennoble the world that we find.

Amen.



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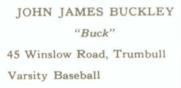


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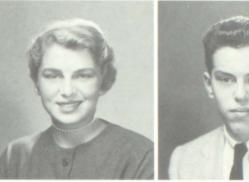


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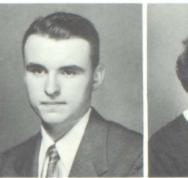
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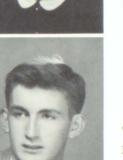




















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SENIOR CLASS



### RAYMOND FRANCIS SAMBROOK

"Sam"

1140 Norman Street

Junior Class Delegate Stage Crew

### MILFORD JAMES SANAME

"Mil"

41 Waller Place

Spring Concert H.R. President Student Council Chorus Choir

### ROBERT ANTHONY SANTO

"Ralph"

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Varsity Baseball J.V. Basketball H.R. President Student Council

### ALLIE WILLIAM SARACINO

"Champ"

Box 780, Stroebel Road, Trumbull

Class Delegate

### BARBARA JEAN SARNACKI

### "Babe"

199 Beechwood Avenue

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### OLIVE LOUISE SCHINDLER

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685 West Taft Avenue Editor-in-Chief Yearbook Vice President Student Council President French Club Secretary Chess Club National Honor Society Scholarship-Leadership Ushers' Guild Choir Bassick Voice Literary Staff Debating Club

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"Lynn"

76 Ridge Avenue

218 Hewitt Street

Junior Classical League Mothers' Teas

L.A.W. Chorus Make-up Squad Sophomore Mothers' Tea Junior Mothers' Tea









### **JOANNA MADELINE** SICSICO

"Io"

316 Goldenrod Avenue

French Club L.A.W. Chorus Junior Mothers' Tea Senior Mothers' Tea

### RAYMOND JOHN SIKORSKI

"Iggy" 179 Lewis Street Bassick Student League

### PATRICIA JANE SHORROCK

"Pat"

412 Shelton Road, Trumbull

Choir L.A.W. Chorus Ushers' Guild







"Mike"

190 Orland Street Bassick Student League

### MARTHA ANN SHUFELT

"Mart"

790 Railroad Avenue

H.R. Vice President F.T.A. Red Cross Delegate Interclass Softball Interclass Basketball Photography Club







### CAROL ANN SLIVA "Sliv"

37 Morris Avenue, Trumbull

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Senior Mothers' Tea Yearbook Literary Staff SENIOR CLASS



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"PeeWee"

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L.A.W. H.R. Secretary Junior Mothers' Tea Senior Mothers' Tea All Girls' Day Student Council Class Delegate Interclass Sports

### WILLIAM THOMAS STANSFIELD

"Bill"

719 Brewster Street

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"Jan"

45 Colorado Avenue

H.R. Vice President H.R. Treasurer Yearbook Literary Staff L.A.W. O.B.S., Treasurer D.A.R. Award Junior Mothers' Tea

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"Babs"

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L.A.W. Senior Mothers' Tea Make-up Squad

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*"Steg"* 5017 Main Street, Trumbull Bassick Student League













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"Ward"

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"Ann"

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Make-up Squad L.A.W. F.N.A.



"Ted"

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Orchestra Chorus Senior Class Delegate French Club

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"Jeannie"

99 Albion Street

H.R. Treasurer L.A.W. Chorus Choir Spring Concert Junior Class Delegate Christmas Assemblies Scholarship-Leadership All State Choir

### RODERICK ALVIN SWILLING

"Swill"

175 Taylor Drive

Sophomore Class Delegate

### CARL EDWARD SWORD

"Carl"

337 Colorado Avenue

Aeronautics Club Chess Club Chemistry Research Club Yearbook Literary Staff

### ROBERT JOSEPH SYDISKIS

"Bob"

308 Poplar Street

Aeronautics Club Band Orchestra

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"Peggy" 69 School Street French Club Dramatic Club Band Sophomore Class Delegate H.R. Vice President F.N.A. G.A.L.A. H.R. President Student Council All Girls' Day



















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CLASS

### ARLENE FRANCES TARGONSKI

"I"

### 309 Cottage Street

Make-up Squad Chorus Sophomore Mothers' Tea Junior Mothers' Tea Senior Mothers' Tea Yearbook Art Staff Library Squad

### CAROL ALYSE TENNEY

"Carol"

105 Lakeview Avenue

Red Cross Delegate Chorus Photography Club L.A.W. D.A.R. Award H.R. Secretary Senior Mothers' Tea

### AUDREY GAY TESCH "Aud"

9 Briarcroft Avenue, Trumbull
National Honor Society Ushers' Guild
Newtonians
Chemistry Research Club Scholarship-Leadership
Junior Classical League
Yearbook Literary Staff
Vice President Choir
Elmira Key Award
H.R. Vice President

### PATRICIA ANN TIERNEY

"Pat"

347 Iranistan Avenue

Red Cross Delegate Library Squad L.A.W. All Girls' Day Dramatic Club

### RUTH EDNA TIFFANY

"Ruth"

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Ushers' Guild H.R. Treasurer French Club L.A.W. Yearbook Literary Staff Chorus President, O.B.S.



### MARYLYN LOUISE TOMANCAK "Mar" 54 Eastfield Drive Sophomore Mothers' Tea Junior Mothers' Tea Chorus French Club

Dramatic Club All Girls' Day Junior Basketball Champs Interclass Sports Debating Club Senior Play



"Jan"

20 Gorham Place, Trumbull

H.R. Vice President Athletic Delegate Yearbook Literary Staff

### JOYCE ELAINE TURCOTT

"Joyce"

30 Bayberry Lane, Trumbull

H.R. Vice President Make-up Squad All Girls' Day Junior Class Delegate

### KATHERINE ELIZABETH TURKO

"Kay"

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Ushers' Guild F.T.A. Red Cross Delegate Yearbook Literary Staff Safety Club Bassick Voice Business Staff

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H.R. Vice President H.R. President Student Council





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OTTO JOSE VELEZ "Otto" Silver Hill Road, Easton Bassick Student League

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Varsity Football J.V. Football Band Orchestra Choir Aeronautics

### LUCY BERNADETTE VETRO

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Chorus Sophomore Mothers' Tea Make-up Squad Library Squad L.A.W.

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### ETHEL MARJORIE VOLKENING

"Athos"

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### AUDREY HELEN WEHRER

"Aud" 112 Alfred Street Photography Club

### ELAINE NORMA WENGERT

"Eyes"

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Sophomore Mothers' Tea Junior Mothers' Tea Senior Mothers' Tea H.R. Treasurer Cheerleaders All Girls' Day

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"Squeaks"

87 Killian Avenue, Trumbull

Junior Class Delegate H.R. Secretary Junior Mothers' Tea Green and White Review Chorus Christmas Assembly













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CLASS

### MARTIN ANTHONY WIESER

"Marty"

R.F.D. 1, Westport

Bassick Student League

### BEVERLY DILYS WILLIAMS

"D"

80 Britton Avenue

Junior Assistant Head Usher Baton Twirlers Scholarship-Leadership Junior Mothers' Tea Chorus H.R. Secretary H.R. President Yearbook Literary Staff L.A.W. Senior Mothers' Tea

### RICHARD KENNETH WOLTER

"Henry"

R.F.D. 2, Stepney Chorus Choir

### LUCILLE MARY WOODS "Lulu"

31 Pacific Street French Club Christmas Assembly Chorus Choir All State Choir Photography Club Dramatic Club Make-up Squad F.N.A. Junior Mothers' Tea

### ALONZO ADAM WRIGHT

"Don Juan" 45 Taylor Drive Junior Class Delegate





### JEAN BEVERLY ZACCARIA

1363 Wordin Avenue

Yearbook Literary Staff Co-Captain Cheerleaders H.R. Vice President H.R. Secretary Class Day Committee All Girls' Day Senior Mothers' Tea Make-up Squad



JEAN ELIZABETH ZLOTO "Jeanie" 333 Ocean Place L.A.W. Make-up Squad

### ALBERT ZAMARY

"Turk"

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H.R. President Student Council Interclass Basketball Athletic Delegate Junior Class Delegate

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### SENIORS WITHOUT PICTURES

ROBERT JOSEPH CARRANO

218 Marina Village

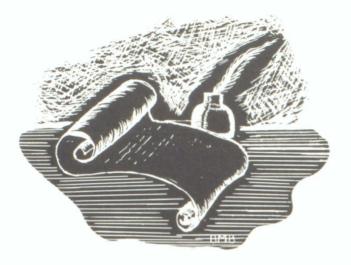
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628 Colorado Avenue

RICHARD LIDDELL GILL 62 Rowsley Street

JAMES PAUL PETRO 101 Clinton Avenue

JOSEPH JOHN SCHARF 50 Johnson Street



# CLASS WILL

We the Class of 1954, awaiting our dignified turns to "bunny hop" up the aisle of the Klein Memorial in order to receive our diplomas, do hereby leave this, our last will and testament.

- First: To Mr. Roth, we leave the school . . . amazingly enough, still in one piece.
- Second: To Miss Gallahue, we bequeath a police whistle in order that she may maintain order near the center stairs between periods.
- *Third*: To Mr. Silverstone, we leave several cots to accommodate the eight a.m. crew.
- Fourth: To Miss Lockwood, we leave a new full pad of admit slips.
- Fifth: To our wonderful Class Adviser, Mrs. Iodice, we leave our sincerest thanks for making our years at Bassick so enjoyable.
- Sixth: Bob Namian bequeaths his own inimitable version of the words, "Class Attention," to next year's Class President.
- Seventh: Joyce Dlukencki leaves her title, "Mother Apple," to a future dramatic star.
- Eight: Bob Erickson bequeaths his theme song, "Changing Partners."
- Ninth: Rudy Poklemba leaves his outstanding football ability to Mike Herrera and Charles Ginand.
- Tenth: Bob Ruge bequeaths his lye-soap to Grandma.
- *Eleventh*: Dilys Williams and Valerie Gabler leave; thus eliminating Bassick's claim to the Toni Twins.

- Twelfth: To Miss Cutler, we leave a copy of the Morse Code to replace her present abbreviated marginal corrections.
- *Thirteenth*: Mark Gross leaves, but takes with him the casts that he has worn at various times throughout the year.
- Fourteenth: Glenn Canfield leaves his Herculean task of collecting the basketballs before the beginning of each game.
- *Fifteenth*: Richard Coburn leaves his gallantry to a younger classmate so that chivalry will not die out at Bassick.
- Sixteenth: Emmy Rutzen bequeaths her invisible lipstick formula to Hazel Bishop.
- Seventeenth: Michael O'Donnell leaves, and Bassick loses its favorite stilts.
- Eighteenth: Jimmy Petro, leaves?????
- *Nineteenth*: Judy Kurowski leaves her tent-like UB sweater to next year's camping enthusiast.
- Twentieth: Dianne Creaturo leaves her successbound tap-shoes.
- *Twenty-first*: Jean Benjamin bequeaths her ever-growing collection of slightly used rings to the Capitol Loan Co.
- Twenty-second: Judy Nelson and Susan Schwartz leave — now Mr. Carr can settle down to a much deserved rest.
- *Twenty-third*: Bob Eichinger leaves his clever cartoons to be discovered by a Walt Disney talent scout.
- Twenty-fourth: Pete Venman leaves his famous car to replace Mr. Lyon's equally famous one.

- Twenty-fifth: To Miss Cullinan, we bequeath a copy of *Mother Goose*, which we feel is more our speed than some of the poetry she's made us read.
- *Twenty-sixth*: Debby Bogin leaves the backbreaking, time-consuming tasks of the vicepresidency to anyone who can find them.
- Twenty-seventh: Steve Bessemer bequeaths his thirteen inch pegged pants to next years' Joe College.
- Twenty-eight: Joanne Bovick bequeaths her musical talent to next year's popular virtuoso.
- Twenty-ninth: Al Zamary bequeaths his turban and a bar of Turkish taffy to Miss Ferriter.
- Thirtieth: Johanna Olayos leaves her fiery red
- hair to brighten up the halls of Bassick once the Class of '54 has forsaken them.
- Thirty-first: Bob Mark leaves the three Thanksgiving game touchdowns, which he made in vain, for next year's crucial moments.
- Thitry-second: Jimmy Kinsella leaves his bicycle.
- Thirty-third: Richard Gill leaves an autographed picture of himself to the juniors.
- Thirty-fourth: Joan Weed leaves her raincoat to a junior who might need it for next year's Senior Play.
- Thirty-fifth: Judy Russo bequeaths her contact lenses which have so faithfully led her to parties throughout the year.

Thirty-sixth: Dick Mitchell leaves his oil wells.

- *Thirty-seventh*: David Hartman leaves, and Mr. Davis cancels a few of his life insurance policies.
- Thirty-eighth: Rita Golden bequeaths her Bassick Voice Editorship to Sethigus Weingartenius.
- Thirty-ninth: James Mas leaves his shaggy beard to a future beachcomber.

- Fortieth: Lois Johnson bequeaths her love of the "Fighting Irish."
- Forty-first: Pat Sorrentino, Pat Shorrock, and Janet Starr leave Bassick to start on successful secretarial careers.
- Forty-second: Judy Berry bequeaths the one lone sugar lump left over from the Senior Mothers' Tea.
- Forty-third: Don Rice leaves his dixieland Jazz to the Saints when they come marching in.
- Forty-fourth: Dorothy Collier bequeaths her long "horsetail" as an inspiration for some of the weird crewcuts seen around Bassick.
- Forty-fifth: Betty Lee Baum, after starring in "Mother is a Freshman," leaves Bassick to begin her own college career.
- Forty-sixth: Jim Dowling leaves his leopard skin suit to next year's Jungle Jim.
- *Forthy-seventh*: Bill Bakosi leaves, but takes with him his remarkable scientific capabilities and potentialities.
- Forty-eighth: Harvey Paulin leaves, to enter the profession for which he is so obviously suited —that of a Senate Filibusterer.
- Forty-ninth: Marge Fenick bequeaths her Jade jacket, after having worn it with great enthusiasm.
- *Fiftieth*: Frank Herrera leaves his passionate Senior Play kiss to next year's fortunate Casanova.

We the undersigned, do set our hand and seal on behalf of the Class of 1954 on this, the second day of June, 1954.

> Betty Lee Baum Robert Eichinger Judy Nelson Al Zamary

# SENIOR CLASS

Most Dignified

Most Business-Like Martin Levin Susan Schwartz

Most Artistic Joseph Seliga Barbara Baduini

Most Pleasing Personality Robert Mark Betty Carbone Johanna Olayos

Best Dressed Harvey Paulin Betty Lee Baum

Most Courteous Robert Eichinger Debby Bogin

Most Reliable David Hartman Debby Bogin Robert Namian Judy Berry

> Peppiest Al Zamary Betty Carbone

> Most Musical Don Rice Joan Matey

> Best Dancer Robert Mark Marilyn Roscoe

Most Popular Rudy Poklemba Lois Johnson

Best Actor or Actress Frank Herrera Betty Lee Baum



MOST DIGNIFIED



MOST BUSINESS-LIKE



MOST FRIENDLY



CLASS FLIRT

BEST ATHLETE



WITTIEST

MOST LIKELY TO SUCCEED

BEST DRESSED



### MOST ARTISTIC

### BEST LOOKING

CUTEST

# **CHARACTERISTICS**

Best Looking Frank Herrera Grace Moore Richard Hamlin Barbara Horvath

Done Most for Class Robert Namian Debby Bogin

Most Likely to Succeed Richard Coburn Audrey Tesch

Most Collegiate

Most Talkative Richard Mitchell Joyce Dlukencki Jean Zaccaria

Most Friendly Robert Mark Johanna Olayos Ouietest

Cutest Walter Bendik Carol Barnes

Best Athlete Rudy Poklemba Betty Carbone

Class Flirt Frank Herrera Betty Lee Baum Bob Erickson Judy Russo

> Wittiest Bob Ruge Nancy Barber

> Most Optimistic Bob Erickson Virginia Imre

# "SENIOR SNAPS"



# CLASS TRIP -- MAY 9, 1953





First row, l. to r.: James Mas, June August, Joyce Dlukencki, Jane Hanock, Gloria Samowitz, Myrna Kiner.

Second row: Gary Engler, Frank Herrera, Jackie Snetsinger, Dilys Williams, Jean Crowther, Judith Berry, Ann McNeill, Marilyn Tomancak, Joan Berkowitz, Nancy Brunetti, Hilda Frank, Dorothy Collier.

Third row: Betty Erhardt, Betty Lee Baum, Joan Weed.

# SENIOR PLAY

Bassick's most talented seniors were on stage the night of December 4, to present the gay, romantic comedy, "Take Care of My Little Girl." The plot was a sarcastic tale of life in a college sorority house. Liz Erickson, skillfully portrayed by Betty Lee Baum, had a taste of this life and found it cruel and shallow. After a brief romance with a handsome fraternity man — Frank Herrera, she returned to her faithful swain, Joe — Peter Venman. All the performers under the expert direction of Miss Mae McNulty, were excellent; Ann McNeill as the clothes-conscious Dallas, and Marylyn Tomancak as the intellectual Casey were particularly outstanding. Many faculty members and students worked very hard backstage to make this production the success that it was. The Class of 1954 can well be proud of its Senior Play.





Seated I. to r.: Jacqueline Snetsinger, Carol Tenney, June August, Johanna Olayos, Lois Johnson, Judy Berry, Deborah Bogin, Ruth Tiffany, Roberta Namian, Joan Berkowitz, Eleanor Palmesi.

Standing: Gloria Samowitz, Esther House, Dilys Williams, Barbara Emanuelson, Betty Lee Baum, Barbara Sarnacki, Dolores Hojnowski, Dorothy Collier, Barbara Soloff, Judy Kurowski, Anna Masaitis, Mary Klembara, Jurhee Jones, Valerie Gabler, Joan Matey, Nancy Brunetti, Betty Erhardt, Barbara Baduini, Patricia Sorrentino, Mrs. Rose Iodice.

# SENIOR MOTHERS' TEA

Tiny dolls dressed in caps and gowns daintily brought out the theme of the Senior Mothers' Tea — Graduation. On February 17, the library was filled with over one hundred mothers, who, from the friendly hum of conversation, seemed to be enjoying themselves a great deal. Each mother received her name tag, appropriately shaped like the graduation mortar board, and was graciously welcomed by Mrs. Rose Iodice and the class officers. The delicious food prepared by the senior girls was arranged at one end of the library. Judy Berry, general chairman of the tea, acted as mistress of ceremonies and introduced the excellent entertainment. There were vocal solos by June August, Mary Jane Dicku, and Dolores Lojo; and a piano solo by Joanne Bovick. A pleasant background of piano music was provided throughout the tea by our own very talented Joan Mat<sup>o</sup>y.



# "SENIOR SNAPS"



# REUNION PACT

Having spent three memorable years together at Bassick, we members of the Class of 1954 pledge ourselves to meet in reunion five years hence, in 1959.

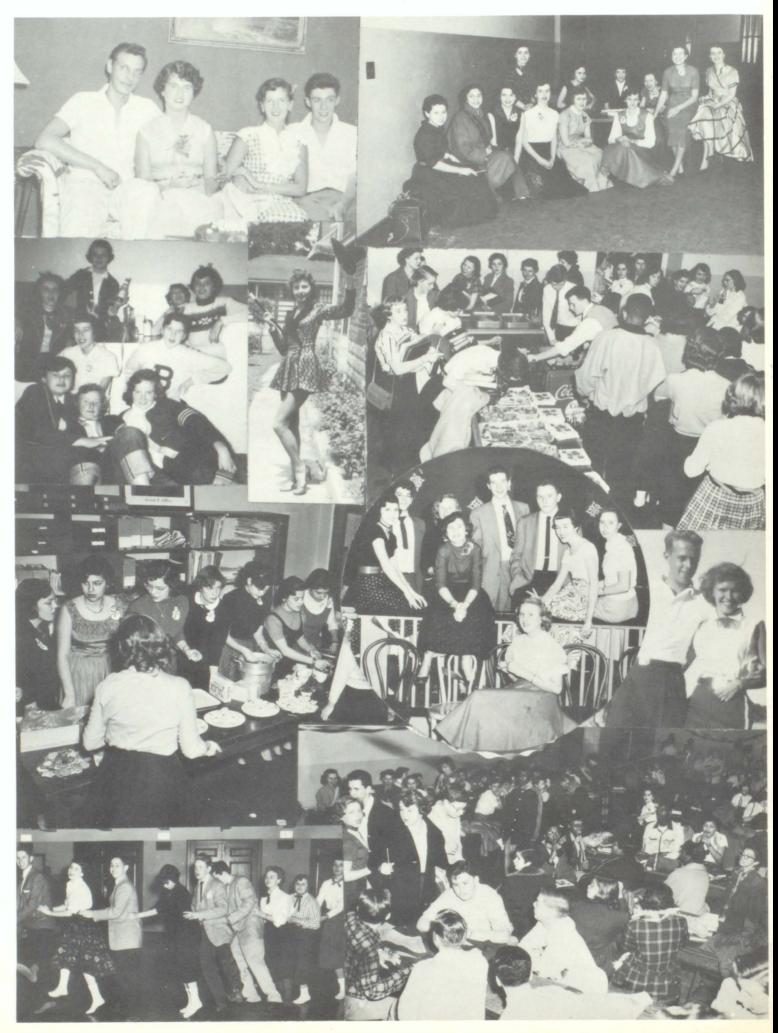
The reunion committee, consisting of the class officers, shall inform all class members of the time and place of this meeting. It is our sincere hope that all members, regardless of residence, social position, or occupation, alone or with husband or wife, will unite to reaffirm the bonds of friendship which we here have formed.

Although we do not know what awaits us during the next five years, we leave Bassick with hope and faith in a peaceful, friendly world that will be free from all prejudice and hate.

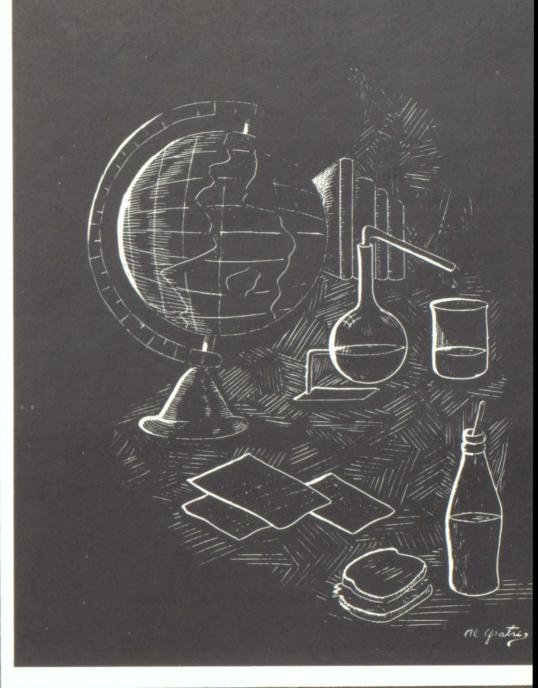
We, the officers of the Class of 1954, promise to fulfill the terms of this pact.

President	Robert Namian
Vice President	Deborah Bogin
Secretary	Johanna Olayos
Treasurer	Frank Herrera
Girl Co-Director	Lois Johnson
Boy Co-Director	Robert Mark

# "UNDERGRAD SNAPS"







# UNDERGRADUATES



First row, l. to r.: Mrs. Marguerite James, Edmund Curran, Richard Somoya, Betsy Buckhout.Second row: Frieda Zoulamis, Michael Herrera, Victoria DiDio.

# JUNIOR CLASS OFFICERS

The Class of 1955, led by its president, Mike Herrera, has completed a memorable and extremely successful junior year. Ably assisting Mike to carry out his executive duties were class vice president, Frieda Zoulamis; secretary, Victoria DiDio; and treasurer, Edmund Curran. Supervising the majority of events on the class calendar were co-directors of social activities, Betsy Buckout and Dick Samoya. Foremost among the activities sponsored by the enthusiastic juniors were the Junior Mothers' Tea, the Junior Fashion Show, and the unforgettable West Point trip. The Class of '55, together with the seniors, also planned the annual Bassick-Fairfield Football Hop. With such capable students at the head, and with an advisor as understanding and helpful as Mrs. Marguerite James, this class is bound to have a thrilling senior year. All the best wishes of the graduates are with the Class of 1955 as its members solemnly and meaningfully turn their rings.



# JUNIOR MOTHERS' TEA

On Thursday, January 14, the Bassick High library shone with gay blue and white decorations. The reason for this fine array was the Class of 1955's Junior Mothers' Tea. On this afternoon, regardless of the bad weather, Mrs. Marguerite James, class advisor, received over one hundred mothers. The excellent entertainment provided for the tea included vocal solos by Kenneth Broad, Anna Kaku, Maureen Reilly, and Grace Tvardzik, accompanied on the piano by Virginia Schultz and Jean Lucas. Lilli Rogers added to the musical program with an accordian number. All the assembled mothers and teachers greatly enjoyed this musical interlude. The girls decorated the tables in the library, arranged the trays of cakes, cookies, and sandwiches, and served coffee and tea to their mothers. The various committees — entertainment, refreshments, invitations, publicity, and reception — did a commendable job in getting everything organized. Betsy Buckhout, Co-Director of Social Activities, who was special chairman of the tea, deserves special mention for her fine job.

Left to right: Nancy Roda, Mildred Peters, Victoria DiDio, Viola Jordhamo, Frieda Zoulamis, Emmy Hahn, Diane Check, Grace Tvardzik, Judy Sargarin, Barbara Stevenson, Ann Sugden, Betsy Buckhout, Donna Anderson, Ruth Hoffman, Mrs. Marguerite James.



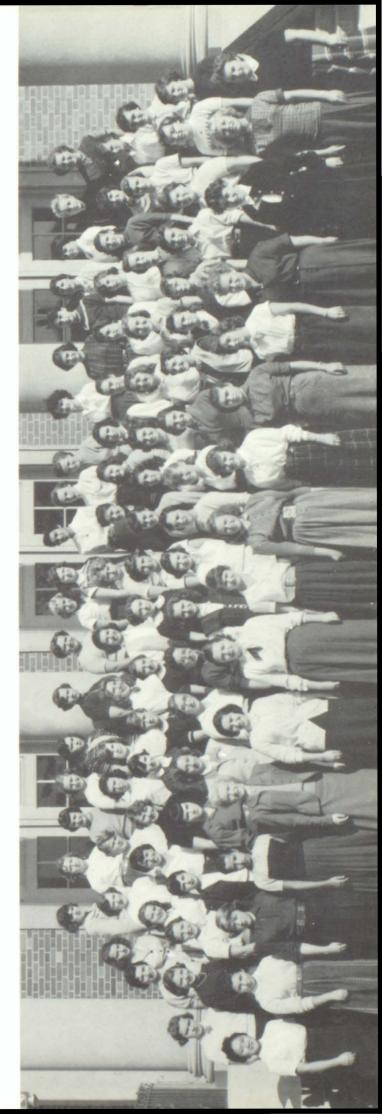


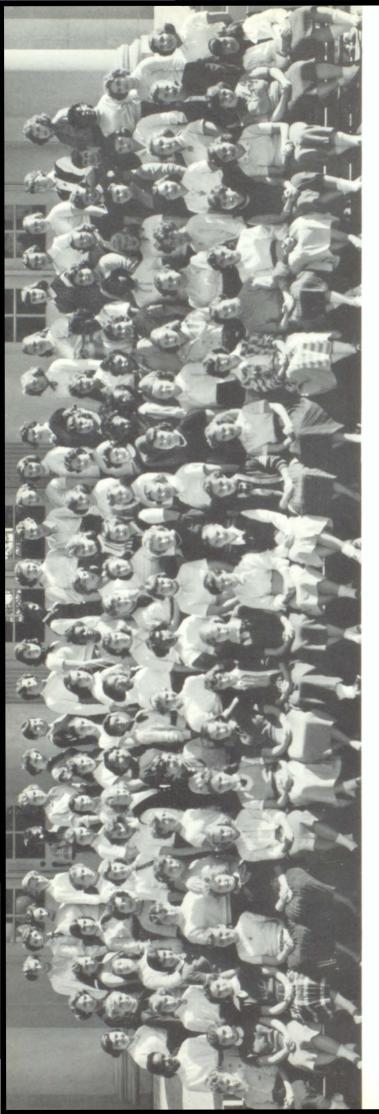
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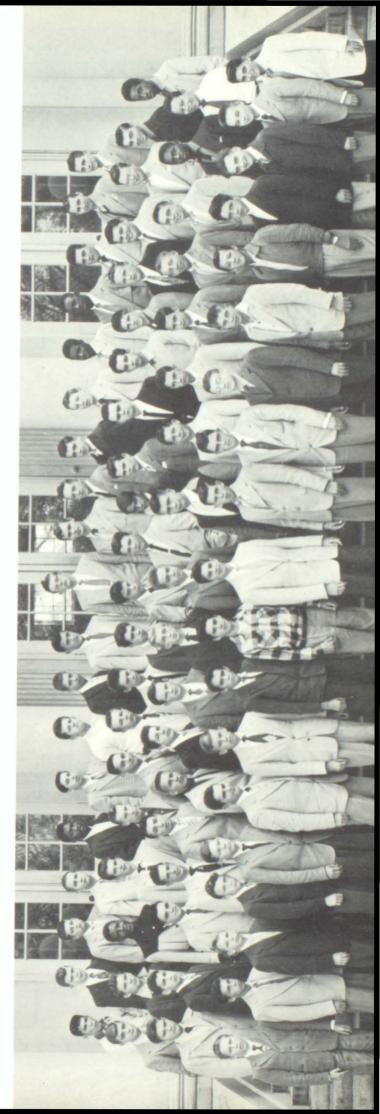


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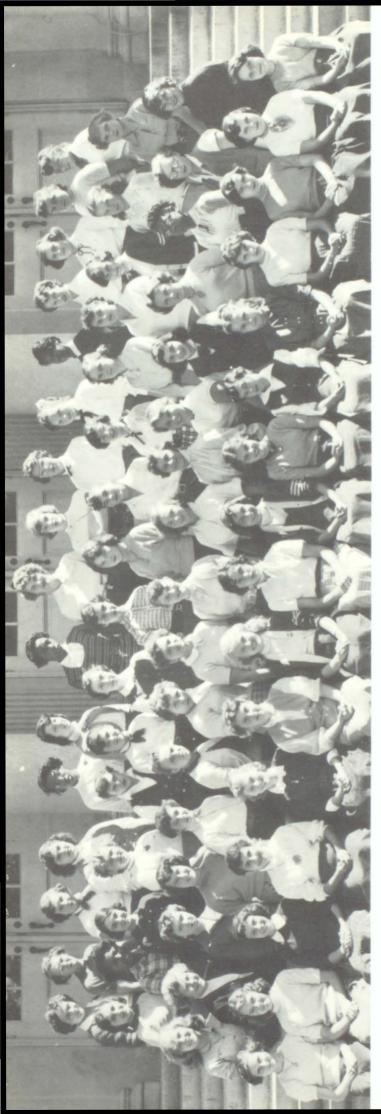
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First row, l. to r.: Penelope Pilotti, Albert Sekelsky, Philip Serlin, Mrs. Lois Perrini. Second row: Donna Naramore, Richard Wright, Peggy Freese.

### SOPHOMORE CLASS OFFICERS

Under the guidance of their advisor, Mrs. Lois Perrini, the Class of 1956 organized early in the fall. The first piece of business on their crowded agenda was the election of officers. These officers are president, Richard Wright; vice president, Donna Naramore; treasurer, Phil Serlin; secretary, Margaret Freeze; and co-directors of social activity, Penny Pilotti and John Sekelsky. This active group, who met regularly in room 210 with Mrs. Perrini, planned a full program of activities for the Sophomore Class. The biggest event of the year was the Get Acquainted Party which was very well attended and very successful. The Sophomore girls also held a delightful tea for their mothers on March 18. This group has certainly had a wonderful year, and they hope that their next two years at Bassick will be even better. With the bright start that the Class of 1956 has made, their successful future is assured.



# FRESHMAN CLASS



### CHRISTMAS ASSEMBLY and GREEN AND WHITE REVIEW







### ACTIVITIES

### GERMAN CLUB

Under the supervision of Mrs. Pearl Roberts, *Der Deutsche Verein*, or, as it is more commonly called, the German Club, has had an extremely successful year. The officers of this organization are as follows: Richard Coburn, president; Germaine Paul, vice president; Joan Matey, secretary; and Werner Vogeler, treasurer. At the monthly meetings of this club, the members are introduced briefly to the culture and customs of the German people whose language they study in the classroom. Aside from the educational features of this organization, it has a varied social program, which has made it especially enjoyable to the enthusiastic students of German. One of the events of the year was a trip to a local German restaurant for a typically German meal. At another time, the members gathered at the house of their club secretary for a delightful picnic. The food for this affair was that national German dish "wurst and saurkraut."

First row, l. to r.: Irene Lebedowicz, Joan Rastas, Joan Matey, Werner Voegler, Richard Coburn, Germaine Paul, Mary Pelle, Sylvia Kochiss, Carol Frocherback, Margaret Linkewitz.

Second row: Brenda Weiniger, Betty Knuth, Judy Wegher, Marvin Lebowsky, Arthur Rutzen, John Madsden, John Cowan, Anna Buckholz, Ruth Ruby, Mary Lou De Lio.

Third row: Allen Trickey, Steven Hirsch, Joseph Seliga, Walter Hurzler, Ricardo Youngblood, George Haydu, George Treggor, John Thanassi.





First row, l. to r.: Joyce Dlukencki, Miriam Flynn, Barbara Martin, Irene Devan, Joan Berkowitz, Philip Swain, Nancy Buckhout, Penny Pilotti, Betsy Buckhout, Sherill Sproviero, Gloria Samowitz, Judy Starbard.

Second row: Miss Mae McNulty, Betty Ballas, Alice Kohut, Elaine Jacobs, Dorothy Collier, Barbara Soloff, Anna Buckholz, Jean Messaric, Betty Lee Baum, Valerie Gabler, Dilys Williams, Emily Hahn, Barbara Altieri, Jane Hanock.

Third row: Julia O'Shea, Judy Sagarin, June August, Roberta Haley, Ann McNeill, Marilyn Tomancak, Jean Crowther, Hildegarde Feucht, Harriet Morrison, Peggy Freese, Vera Saul, Patty Siller, Maureen Reilly, Anita Kinsella.
Fourth row: Agnes DelMastro, Betty Erhardt, Phyliss Whitney, Joan Faurenk, Mary Lou Galian, Julia Klafstad, Myrna Kiner, Barbara Burbank, Lois Carlson, Edith Locke, Lucillo Woode, Ellen Albricht, Erolum Flor, Marri

Lucille Woods, Ellen Albright, Evelyn Flax, Mary Morris.

### DRAMATIC CLUB

All the Bernharts and Barrymores of Bassick High are represented in the popular Dramatic Club. Their talent is displayed in the dramatic assemblies and — most important of all, in the Senior and Spring Plays. Although there is always much excitement and nervousness backstage on the night of a production, thanks to the expert coaching and confidence of Miss Mae McNulty, the Dramatic Club advisor, every Bassick play is a great success. Moreover, the members of the Dramatic Club insist that they have twice as much fun putting on the play as the audience has watching it. Officers of this active organization are president, Philip Swaim; vice president, Joan Berkowitz; secretary, Penny Pilotti; and treasurer, Nancy Buckhout. The Dramatic Club is open to the members of all classes, and many a thespian who had only a tiny part in some production in his or her sophomore year has become the star of the evening as a senior.



First row, l. to r.: Mary Lika, Lucy Spigarola, Carol Nerkowski, Rosalie Hall, Ellen Brown, Lola Munson, Elsie Alberghini, Loretta Bedini, Ann Oreski, Eileen Gay, Marilyn Fisher, Bernice Wakely, Gail Dean.

Second row: Miss Mary Killian, Barbara Chasse, Judith Michaud, Filomena Russo, Rose Vetro, Barbara Cimelus, Alice Agonis, Jeri Reid, Barbara Casgrove, Carol Lee Sendra, Shirley Hallas, Mary Ann Pelle, Jo-Ann Abramczyk, Elaine Plukas.

Third row: Carol Gaula, Nancy Barna, Deane Bussolotti, Letitia Gardner, Ingrid Lindahl, Elaine Boscaini, Georgia Yeingst, Phyllis Cibulas, Sally Goldman, Evelyn Discepolo, Helen Jacob, Judy Crosby, Lorraine Babaras.

### LIBRARY SQUAD

Bassick's Library Squad is one of the most valuable and important school organizations. Under the direction of Miss Mary Killian, its members assume the responsibilitiy of carrying out all the administrative duties necessary to run a library smoothly and efficiently. However, although there are always members of the squad in the library from opening to closing, they know that they must counterbalance their work with an active and well-planned social program. Among events which the Library Squad enjoyed during the past year were a Thanksgiving Party, a banquet, and a spring picnic. There was also the Annual Induction Tea for new members held after their training period was over. It was at this tea that the new girls received their pins. Officers of the Library Squad are president, Elsie Alberghini; vice president, Loretta Bedini; secretary, Elaine Boscaini; treasurer, Eleanor Van Kovics; and social directors, Ellen Brown and Anna Oreski.

### ORCHESTRA

Under the painstaking direction of Mr. Stephen Gaspar, the Bassick High orchestra has risen far above the ranks of the ordinary high school ensemble. Its tones are clear, its performance smooth, and the music well selected. The frequent orchestra rehearsals are compensated by the excellent showing this group makes whenever it performs. Some of the most outstanding events on the orchestral calendar are the school assemblies, the Spring Concert, and the Senior and Spring Plays. At these last two productions, the orchestra provides incidental music between the acts. Led by student director, Joanne Bovick, the orchestra seems to get better at every performance and brings much credit upon Bassick. This success can be directly traced to the old adage that "Practice makes perfect." Certainly this organization of talented musicians rates high in the list of Bassick's extra-curricular activities.

L. to r.: Allan Aaron, Orlandus Briley, Mark Gross, William Thielen, Stanley Lessler, Stephen Raffel, Carol Drew, Isabel Laracuenta, Nancy Banks, Jerry Mangines, Seth Weingarten, Joanne Bovick, Elizabeth Bray, Mr. Stephen Gaspar, Katherine Merrit, Marvin Lebowsky, Robert Babycos, Roger Hathaway, Jack Carpenter, Lilli Rogers, Vincent Yurksaitis, Frank Herrera, Paul Leninger, Timothy Kline.



### SCHOLARSHIP-LEADERSHIP

The juniors and seniors pictured above make up one of the most distinguished and exclusive organizations in Bassick. These students have been selected by their classmates to receive the coveted Scholarship-Leadership pin. They were chosen on the basis of their excellent scholastic records and their outstanding leadership abilities. In the middle of October, at an extremely impressive assembly, Mr. Roth presented silver pins to five per cent of the junior class, and gold pins to five per cent of the senior class. These pins many be worn by the recipients for only one year; at the end of that time the pins must be returned. On the final night of graduation, permanent gold pins are presented to worthy seniors. Truly a holder of a Scholarship-Leadership pin may feel justly proud and honored that his fellow classmates esteem him so highly. These pins are donated by the members of the United Civics Clubs of Bridgeport, who realize the tremendous need for training leaders and scholars.

- First row, l. to r.: Jane Hathaway, Dianne Creaturo, Mary Ellen Grant, Frieda Zoulamis, Marietta Schwickert, Mary Lou Tyer, Pauline Halvady, Victoria DiDio, Betsy Buckhout, Susan Schwartz, Anna Kaku.
- Second row: Judith Nelson, Debby Bogin, Dilys Williams, Lorraine Almassy, Betty Lee Baum, Betty Ballas, Barbara Soloff, Marion Svihra, Virginia Schultz, Alice Hartley, Lois Johnson, Audrey Tesch, Ruth Hoffman.
- Third row: Arnold Fagan, Steve Gross, Edward Curran, Stephen Bessemer, Robert Namian, Seth Weingarten, Frank Herrera, Martin Levin, Philip Swaim, John Thanassi, Richard Coburn.





First row, l. to r.: John O'Connell, Alfred Gratrix. Second row: Mr. Henry Walsh, Joe Dralus, John Golden, Frank Ayles, Bruce Carley.

### SCENIC ARTISTS

Though the Scenic Artists never come in front of the footlights to take their well deserved bows, their talents are vital to the success of all Bassick's dramatic productions. These students work not only during their art classes, but after school as well to make sure that the Christmas Assembly has an appropriate background or that the color scheme for the Senior Play set is satisfactory. Mr. Henry Walsh, head of Bassick's art department, supervises this group and is always ready with some constructive criticism or a helpful suggestion. The members of the Scenic Artists, besides doing their invaluable part to foster school spirit, gain excellent experience in the field of stagecraft — experience which will stand them in good stead later in life. Bassick's thanks go to this fine crew of artists whose expert settings add immeasurably to the atmosphere of the annual productions.





First row, l. to r.: Ellen Rosenfeld, Judy Starbard, Elsie Hallas, Anna Kaku, Betsy Buckhout, Alice Hartley, Judy Sagarin, Susan Schwartz, Stephen Gross, Dianne Creaturo, Judy Nelson, Carole Gross, Sherril Sproviero.

Second row: Grace Tvardzik, Jean Lucas, Sandy Booth, June August, Robert Caserta, Timothy Kline, Richard Kaufman, Dick Zeisler, Charles Widlitz, Edward Grace, Allan Lipscher, Gerry Breiner, Donna Blake, Marion Svihra, Emily Hahn, Jerri Reid.

- Third row: Virginia Merly, Connie Thorne, June Payne, Barbara Buell, Francoise Harriman, Ronnie Burde, James Walkey, Joseph Sholtes, Arthur Schipul, Ted Stypinski, Irwin Nabel, Harold Holzer, Harriet Morrison, Larisa Kappel, Elinor Weissman, Rose Marie Murray.
- Fourth row: Frieda Zoulamis, Marietta Schwickert, Dorothy Mikita, Myrna Lipscher, Debby Bogin, Betty Lengel, Mary Lou Tyer, Marjorie Snyder, Judy Shiff, Patty Siller, Elsie Alberghini, Ruth Hoffman, Florence Meyer, Mary Ann Bochnak, Mary Jane Dicku, Ellen Louise Albright, Gladys Shorrock.

### LE CERCLE FRANCAIS

Le Cercle Francais is one of Bassick's most popular clubs. It has fifty active members who participate in the monthly meetings. The officers are president, Susan Schwartz; first vice president, Judy Nelson; secretary, Alice Hartley; and treasurer, Betsy Buckhout. Social chairmen are Judy Sagarin, Anna Kaku, and Dianne Creaturo. Under Miss Miriam Cohen's guidance, French Club members have derived great benefits from this organization. One of the outstanding activities of the year was a trip to New York to see the Ballet de Paris, starring Leslie Caron. Naturally everyone who was fortunate enough to be part of this group enjoyed the performance immensely. There was also the annual picnic at which the members played basketball and baseball, sang French songs, and ate hot dogs and "French" fried potatoes.

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### STAGE CREW

The Stage Crew always lives up to Bassick tradition by doing a Lion's share of work. Its members are always on hand to do whatever is necessary to insure the success of any Bassick activity. To enumerate just a few of their many duties and responsibilities, they operate the projectors for classroom and assembly movies; they are in charge of all the backstage mechanics, such as pulling the curtain, ringing the doorbell, etc.; for all the Bassick plays and productions; and they are always at hand to bring on and remove chairs at assemblies. For this last feat, the stage crew can always be assured of a generous round of applause from the audience. Mr. Warren Brown sponsors this group, and its student officers are Paul Brown, foreman; Bob Ruge, vice foreman; and Don Sabo, yeoman.

L. to r.: Fred Kunesch, John Casey, James Dowling, Robert Ruge, Paul Brown, Bernard Hanlen, Donald Sabo, Robert Samwald, Vincent DeLeon, Mr. Warren Brown.



### ORDER OF BASSICK SECRETARIES

The Order of Bassick Secretaries is one of the school's most highly esteemed organizations. Its members, as the name would imply, are all in the secretarial course; and they have gained entrance into this group by evidencing excellent scholastic records. The O. B. S., as it is usually called, is further limited by accepting only seniors. The ten 1954 initiates charmed the school with their adorable little diplomas and caps on initiation day. The officers of this group are president, Ruth Tiffany; vice president, Sophie Hallas; secretary, Patricia Shorrock; and treasurer, Janet Starr. Miss Elaine Cooper, advisor of the O. B. S., graciously opened her home for the first meeting of the year. At another meeting, the girls heard a speaker discuss interior decorating, and the social program included a very enjoyable day in New York. In a more educational line, the group visited banks and offices to get first hand information about their chosen careers.

Seated: Patricia Shorrock, Sophie Hallas, Ruth Tiffany, Janet Starr. Standing: Barbara Markus, Carol Tenney, Lois Johnson, Barbara Coon, Betty Ballas, Carol Bowns.





First row, l. to r.: Virginia Aurie, Lynne Johnson, Joan Wells, Sandra Hartman, Helen Kish, Betty Lengel, Gladys Shorrock, Frieda Zoulamis, Mary Ellen Grant, Donna Anderson, Gloria Samowitz.

Second row: Dorothy Mikita, Mona Faulkner, Vicky DiDio, Mary Jane Dicku, Ruth Hoffman, Elsie Alberghini, Myrna Kiner, Maxine Schwartz, Katherine Turko, Ann Sugden, Dolores Coppolella.

Third row: Myrna Lipscher, Freddie Johnson, Harvey Paulin, June Payne, Margie Nelson, Harvey Helm, Gloria Lowy, Olive Schindler, Stephen Gross, Jean Heanue, Anne Kane.

### FUTURE TEACHERS OF AMERICA

The Future Teachers of America, as the name indicates, is an organization of students who plan to enter the teaching profession. Miss Mary Jane Gallahue, dean of girls, is the sponsor of the Bassick chapter. The diversified program of this group offers its members the opportunity to get acquainted with the requirements and the type of work of their chosen vocation. As part of this plan, the members participate in discussions, listen to guest speakers from various Teachers Colleges, and actually spend time observing the methods of selected elementary school teachers. The F.T.A. annually sponsors a cake sale and a spring tea to which they invite future teachers from the various schools in the country. The officers of this organization are president, Harvey Paulin; vice president, Jean Heanue; secretary, Virginia Schultz; treasurer, Mona Faulkner; social chairmen, Ruth Hoffman and Elsie Alberghini.



### **COMBINED CHORUS**

Under the direction of Miss Grace Laing, the chorus is one of Bassick's most outstanding organizations. Although the members of the chorus sing primarily for their own amusement and enjoyment, they do present a number of performances during the year. Their appearances, such as at the Christmas Assembly and at Class assemblies, are always loudly and deservingly acclaimed. In the middle of April selected members of the choruses, together with the Choir and the other musical organizations presented their annual Spring Concert — a truly memorable event. The Girls' Chorus also planned and took part in the tableaux for the Chanukah pageant at the Klein Memorial in early December. Many members of the chorus were fortunate enough to be among the group from Bassick who went to the Metropolitan Opera House to hear a performance of *La Boheme*.



### CHESS CLUB



The Bassick High Chess Club is the source of some of the best chess players in Connecticut. Having captured the League Championship of Southern Connecticut, for 1953, the Chess Team also won all of its 1954 matches with such teams as Stamford, Central, and East Norwalk. By scoring over twenty successive victories, Bill Bakosi, captain of the Chess team has broken the all-time Bassick record for consecutive wins. The other members of the Chess Team are John Halsey, Robert Kursman, Stanley Lessler, and Joseph Zuckerman. As all the members of the team are underclassmen, with the exception of the captain, the team can look forward to a very bright future. The entire Chess Club meets every Tuesday after school with its sponsor, Mr. Albert Fleischer, to play practice games, and to go over the rules, regulations, and stratagies of this intriguing game. Bill Bakosi also acts as president of the Chess Club, and Susan Schwartz is secretary. All the members learn to appreciate the fine points and mental stimulation of this ancient game.

Seated, I. to r.: Ronald Burde, Jean Lucas, William Bakosi, Susan Schwartz, John Halsey, Gerald Breiner, John Barabas, Alexander Dobieski, Rita Golden.
Standing: Howard Davidson, William Thielen, Michael Herman, Robert Kursman, Alfred Gratrix, Stanley Lessler, Stephen Raffel, Philip Serlin, Stephen Gross, Joseph Zuckerman, Mr. Albert Fleischer.





### STUDENT COUNCIL

The Student Council, the student governing body in the school, is an outstanding example of democracy in action. The Council is made up of the presidents of each home room; and through these representatives, all Bassick students have a voice in Bassick's rules, regulations, and activities. One of the chief projects of the 1954 Council was the newly inaugurated plan of Freshmen and Sophomore Orientation. These plans included the distribution of informative booklets to all Bassick newcomers, guided tours of the school, and a welcoming assembly, at which three upper-classmen told the assembled students of the benefits to be derived from their years at Bassick. The Student Council also sponsored the popular "Rebel Ramble" to supplement the athletic fund, and completed the collection for the purchase of a plaque to honor the Bassick war dead of World War II. The officers of the Council, who worked closely together with Mr. Earl Brown, faculty advisor, are Frank Herrera, president; Susan Schwartz, vice president; Bob Namian, treasurer; and Nancy Roda, secretary.

First row, l. to r.: Anna Kaku, Lynne Johnson, Peggy Szabo, Nancy Roder, Frank Herrera, Nancy Roda, Susan Schwartz, Robert Namian, Dolores Coppolella, Carolyn Morris, Ann Sugden, Annette Kleban.

Second row: John Stenquist, Patrick Moore, Gladys Shorrock, Betty Ballas, Dilys Williams, Grace Moore, Marion Svihra, Valerie Gabler, Rozanne Cohen, Joan Weed, Ann Jones, Ruth Ruby, Joan Favreau, Vicky DiDio, Robert Durwin, Mr. Earl Brown.

Third row: John Swanson, David Hartman, Paul Pando, Robert Felner, John Minely, Raymond Turner, Robert Santo, Gordon Chase, Albert Sekelsky, Thomas Burke, Roger Hathaway, Ronald Burde, Robert Smith, Martin Solomon.





First row, l. to r.: Bernice Wakely, Gail Birdsall, Aracelis Velazquez, Marjorie Volkening, Eleanor Palmesi, Grayce Horvath, Rita Turcotte, Louise George.
Second row: Susan Bull, Rose Vetro, Susan Parobek, Barbara Cimelus, Theresa Ulman, Carol Lyn, Alice Agonis, Lucille Woods, Joyce Miles, Joan Piricezly.
Third row: Sally Goldenson, Diane Check, Nancy Barber, Shirley Lundberg, Elinor Weissman, Letitia Gardner, Diane Turner.

### MAKE-UP SQUAD

Behind the scenes of Bassick's plays and assemblies, the Make-up Squad is hard at work transforming normal Bassickites into grey-haired matrons or little five-year-olds. These girls meet bi-monthly with Miss Florence Huntress to learn the fine points of applying make-up for stage and normal wear. In the course of these activities they also learn a great deal about a number of cosmetics and their uses. As one of the highlights of the year, the club traveled to New York, where they saw a famous Broadway production. In this painless manner they learned a first hand lesson in the art of make-up. Officers of the Make-Up Squad are Eleanor Palmesi, president; Grayce Horvath, vice president; Marjorie Volkening, secretary; and Aracelis Velazquez, treasurer.



- First row, l. to r.: Elaine Plukas, Barbara Chasse, Marie Barbien, Eileen Murray, Pat Doley, Joan Wells, Georgia Paulos, Jacquiline Coburn, Marietta Schwickert, Joan Tassinero.
   Second row: Miss Joan Dougherty, Marie Glennon, Ellen Louise Albright, Virginia Wimley,
- Richard Coburn, Richard Singer, Donald Sabo, Anna Marie Veillette, Katherine Turko, Carol Bowns, Mary Lou Di Leo.
- Third row: Carol Tenney, Alice Agonis, Gerry Reed, Nancy Buckhout, Ginny Shultz, Linda Ekstrom, Melinda Mellon, Marilyn Hahn, Georgette Valliere, Barbara Belcher, Maureen Reilly.

### JUNIOR RED CROSS

One of the most hard working of Bassick's extra-curricular organizations is the Junior Red Cross. Its duties are of the utmost importance, and the ideals for which it stands are inspiring. The National Red Cross was founded ninety years ago to combat and alleviate the miseries and hardships which accompany all disasters from full-scale wars to fires and floods. Bassick's Junior Red Cross has its small but important part to perform as part of this national organization. Red Cross delegates represent every home room in the building, and, under the enthusiastic leadership of Miss Joan Dougherty, send out Christmas boxes and many other gifts to unfortunate and disabled children. Through its annual school-wide collection, every Bassickite can, and usually does, become a member of the American Red Cross.

### VOICE LITERARY STAFF

The excitement and hard work of publishing our school newspaper centers around the Voice Literary Staff.

Each year Miss Barbara Ciglar, faculty advisor of the Bassick Voice, selects the most promising and capable writers in the Journalism Club for membership on the Literary Staff. All the members of this staff are experienced juniors and seniors. It is their duty to write, correct, and rewrite all the articles for the paper. As the deadline for the paper nears, the students on the staff can be seen busily interviewing pupils and faculty, hunting for school news, and peeking around corners in a perpetual search for gossip. After the deadline closes, the group must correct the galley proofs and write those last minute fillers. Heading the 1954 staff are Rita Golden, Editor-in-Chief; Debby Bogin, Feature Editor; and Seth Weingarten, Sports Editor.

Seated, I. to r.: Robert Kursman, Rita Golden, Seth Weingarten, Deborah Bogin, Judy Nelson.
Standing: Susan Schwartz, Judy Sagarin, Arthur Schipul, Barbara Esner, Patricia Siller.



### U. S. HISTORY DEBATING CLUB

The Debating Club has always been one of Bassick's most lively extracurricular activities. This club meets twice a month after school with Miss Marie Cooney to discuss and debate some of the important issues of the day. Most of the debaters are seniors in Miss Cooney's history classes, and they are very conscious of current events and public questions. Two of the most lively debates of the season were "Resolved: that the curfew for children under fourteen should be rigidly enforced" and one on "McCarthyism." A question and answer period follows each debate, and earnest Bassickites can be found quietly (or not so quietly) discussing the topic long after the meeting has been adjourned. Officers of the Debating Club are president, Roger Lerner; vice president, Jane Hathaway; secretary, Barbara Soloff; and treasurer, William Stansfield. Besides providing enjoyment for all its members, this organization offers invaluable experience in the art of debating and argument.

 First row, I. to r.: Judy Nelson, Susan Schwartz, Jane Hathaway, William Stansfield, Roger Lerner, Barbara Soloff, Betty Erhardt, Gloria Samowitz.
 Second row: Gertrude Gevirtz, Dorothy Collier, June August, Richard Coburn, Mark Gross,

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Third row: Rita Golden, Jean Heanue, Olive Schindler, Myrna Kiner, Debby Bogin, Valerie Gabler, Gloria Lowy, Ann McNeil, Patricia Hinckley, Anne Kane.





First row, l. to r.: Anna Kaku, Joanne Bovick, Susan Schwartz, Rita Golden, Mary Patalak, Anne Sugden, Miss Grace Laing, Judith Berry, Shirley Witkiewicz, Loretta Beason, Betsy Buckhout, Jane Hancock, Lynne Johnson.
Second row: Audrey Tesch, Grace Tvardzik, Sylvia Kochiss, Mary Lou Tyer, Lucille Woods,

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Third row: Bernard Hanlon, Paul Pando, Anne Kane, Virginia Schultz, Patricia Shorrock, Jane Moore, Shirley Lundberg, Dorothy Collier, Barbara Kalinski, Valerie Gabler, Loretta Bedini, Emily Hahn, Jeannette Subick, Peter Venman, David Hartman.

Fourth row: Robert Eick, Victor Noll, Gary Engler, James Mas, Richard Wolter, Robert Schultz, Harvey Helm, Raymond Johnson, Frank Herrera, Kenneth Broad, Joseph Pisanelle, Robert Lally, Bernard Kruchinsky.

### A CAPPELLA CHOIR

The A Cappella Choir, directed by Miss Grace Laing, is one of Bassick's pride and joys. This group of sixty selected vocalists is known throughout the school and throughout the city for its excellent performances. The choir sings at many important functions during the school year, such as the Christmas Assembly, the Spring Concert, and the All-City Choir Festival in December. In March the group traveled to Hamden, Connecticut to display their talents before a panel of very experienced judges. As usual the Bassick Choir received very favorable notices. Much hard work goes into the perfection of the Choir's repetoire, and they meet every day for intense rehearsal. Whenever the A Cappella Choir, impressively garbed in their traditional maroon robes, step before an audience, one may be assured that they will be enthusiastically received. Officers of the choir are president, Ray Johnson; vice president, Audrey Tesch; secretary, Ann McNeil; and treasurer, Frank Herrera.



First row, l. to r.: Ann Sugden, Carol Bowns, Marietta Schwickert, David Hartman, Judy Nelson, Debby Bogin, Martin Levin, Susan Schwartz, Margaret Fenick, Jane Hathaway. Second row: Katherine Turko, Audrey Tesch, Lorraine Almassy, Elizabeth Bray, Seth Weingarten, Ronald Schwartz, Robert Eichinger, Judy Kurowski, Gloria Lowy, Jeannette Subik, Anna Kaku, Miss Rose Costa.

Third row: Jean Lucas, Dolores Coppolella, Richard Coburn, John Thanassi, Robert Bernstein, Philip Swaim, Edward Curran, William Bakosi, Bernard Krushinsky, William Gomberg, Alice Hartley, Katherine Molloy.

### NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY

Membership in the Bassick chapter of the National Honor Society is one of the highest achievements a worthy Bassickite can attain. The members of this select group have not only demonstrated their outstanding scholastic ability, but also have proved themselves to possess three other important qualities those of character, leadership, and service. Officers of this group are president, Martin Levin; vice president, Debby Bogin; secretary, Judy Nelson; treasurer, David Hartman. Guided by Miss Rose Costa, the Honor Society planned and enjoyed an active social program for the year. Included in their list of activities were a very successful candy sale and the annual spring picnic. This picnic was, as always, one of the highlights of the year. In the middle of February, the group, with Audrey Tesch as chairman, held its solemn and impressive Induction Ceremony. At that time properly qualified juniors and seniors were received into membership.

### FUTURE NURSES OF AMERICA

The Future Nurses of America is composed of those girls who plan to study nursing after their graduation from high school. This organization meets on the third Monday of each month with Miss Olive Donnelly, Bassick's very popular school nurse, to talk over career plans and to obtain practical views of different aspects of the nursing profession. In this light the members this year especially enjoyed lectures given by registered nurses, and their visits to the municipal hospitals where many of them will take their training. The annual social calendar of the F.N.A. included a Christmas party, a cake sale, and a spring picnic. This year, for the first time, the girls received official F.N.A. pins. The officers of this group are Suzanne Kirk, president; Grace Tvardzik, vice president; Barbara Busser, secretary; Joan Stockman, treasurer; and Gail Middlebrook, director of social activities.

First row, l. to r.: Judy Katz, Juanita Beason, Betty Trotter, Barbara Seaman, Dolores Markus, Grace Tvardzik, Barbara Busser, Suzanne Kirk, Gail Middlebrook, Joan Stockman, Barbara Rossi, Miriam Flynn, Irma Lamberson, Jacqueline De Shon.

Second row: Hilda Frank, Mary Molloy, Nancy Sullivan, Marie Jalet, Eleanor Palmesi, Lucille Woods, Germaine Paul, Naomi Randall, Barbara Emanuelson, Marie Gionet, Barbara Sarnacki, Lillian Lenart, Grayce Horvath, Gertrude Gevirtz, Carol Lynatt, Pat Synnott, Marilou Galian, Patricia Doyle, Miss Olive Donnelly.

Third row: Anita Kinsella, Joan Bridges, Fran Harrisman, Blanche Bousquet, Ingrid Lindahl, Joan Flanagan, June Redin, Pat Bray, Gail Hichman, Marjorie Nelson, Peggy Freese, Judith Kurowski, Barbara Stevenson, Marilyn Kahn, Shirley Lundberg, Frances Bovias, Mary Wilson.



### BASSICK VOICE BUSINESS STAFF

There is always a constant hum of activity around room 301 both before and after school. The reason for this can be traced directly to the hard-working members of the Bassick Voice Business Staff who run busily in and out of that room to confer with their faculty advisor, Mr. Emanuel Kleinwald. On the capable shoulders of this group rests the responsibility of managing the financial end of both the Yearbook and the school newspaper, which comes out five times a year. Their first job of the year is to obtain subscriptions for these school publications from the student body. They must then hustle around Bridgeport to solicit advertisers to help make up the deficit incurred the publishing of the Bassick Voice. The Business Staff must also direct the circulation of these publications when they are distributed. The members of this group not only do a vital job for Bassick, but also gain invaluable experience in the goings on of the business world which they plan to enter in the near future.

Seated, l. to r.: Kathryn Molloy, Sheila Brown, Katherine Turko, Annette Kleban, Jane Moore. Standing: Jerry Breiner, Martin Levin, Sylvia Pierwola, Ronald Caserta, Barbara Freeman, Mr. Emanuel Kleinwald.





- First row, l. to r.: Carol Bowns, Mary Ellen Grant, Ruth Tiffany, Susan Schwartz, Rita Golden, Elsie Alberghini, Jane Hathaway, Anna Kaku, Anne Sugden, Judy Nelson, Aracelis Valazquez, Charlotte Zwerdling, Betty Erhardt.
- Second row: Pauline Halvady, Cecile Lambert, Marietta Schwickert, Lorraine Almassy, Joan Berkowitz, Katherine Molloy, Julianne Owen, Audrey Tesch, Madoyln Pugh, Patricia Siller, Dilys Williams, Dolores Coppolella, Victoria DiDio, Debby Bogin, Katherine Turko
- Third row: Eleanor Palmesi, Sally Goldman, Loretta Bedini, Joan Pruett, Mary Lou Tyer, Marie June, Marion Svihra, Barbara Soloff, Judith Kurowski, Dorothy Simon, Barbara Esner, Alice Hartley, Patricia Shorrock, Jean Lucas, Theresa Goyette.



### USHERS' GUILD

It is the aim of every Bassick girl to become a member of the Ushers' Guild. The members of this organization have the responsibility and pleasure of ushering at all of Bassick's performances as well as those at the Klein Memorial. The coveted membership in this group is based on scholastic attainment. In the past year these girls have been present at numerous concerts, benefits, and plays, where, dressed in evening gowns or their traditional maroon smocks, they distributed programs and seated the arriving guests. They perform their duties in a capable and charming manner, always reflecting credit upon Bassick. The biggest event on the Ushers' Guild calendar is, of course, graduation! On this exciting night, every member of the Guild is on hand to make sure that things run smoothly and that guests are properly seated before the processional begins. Officers of this group are senior head usher, Rita Golden; assistant head usher, Jane Hathaway. Anna Kaku is junior head usher, and her assistant is Elsie Alberghini.



First row, l. to r.: Lilli Rogers, Jolan Kovachs, Marcia Davis, Gerri Mangines, Elizabeth Bray, Kathy Merrit, Bruce Eddy, Joseph Romano, John Kobsar, Paul Leninger, Robert Babzcos, Timothy Kline, William Hanley, Harvey Paulin.
Second row: Harvey Helm, Richard Hamlin, Alden Barnes, Donald Rice, Vincent Yurksaites,

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Third row: Allan Aaron, Orlandus Briley, Arnold Fagan, Stanley Lessler, Paul Pando, Stephen August, Mark Gross, Howard Scharf, Stephen Raffel, Seth Weingarten, William Theilen, Roland Wright, Frank Herrera.

Fourth row: Mr. Stephen Gaspar, director.

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### BAND

Pep, zest, and spirit are musts at any football game, and the Bassick High School Band, directed by Mr. Stephen Gaspar, does everything in its power to bolster these qualities in the rooting section. At these games, the band, clad in the colorful green and white uniforms, is always ready to break into a rousing chorus of "Cheer, Cheer for Bassick High," "The Green and White are out to Fight," or any other school favorite. Besides the above mentioned performances, the Band also plays at school assemblies, the annual Spring Concert, and at the pep rallies. Its repetoire goes from "bop" to "pop," and its music always makes easy listening. When the band meets with its usual hearty acclamation, the band members are apt to forget the long hours of rehearsal that preceded the performance; none-the-less, these rehearsals are vital to its continued success.



### STAMP CLUB

A rather recent addition to Bassick's list of extra-curricular activities is the Stamp Club. It was organized in 1952 to give all Bassick stamp enthusiasts an opportunity to display and discuss their common hobby. The officers of this group are Arthur Schipul, president; Gerald Gaynos, vice president; Robert Johnson, secretary; and William Stansfield, treasurer. Led by their advisor, Mr. Louis Sebestyen and by the above-mentioned students, it has had a most successful year. At their bi-monthly meetings the members avidly study all types of stamps — especially those of the United States, and they collect first-day covers as soon as they are issued. In February old stamp plates attracted everyone to the New Haven Historical Society and to the Peabody Museum. A few of the members of this organization have even joined the Bridgeport Philatelic Society as junior members. Plans have been made to expand the scope of the club next year so that it will also include coin collectors.

First row, l. to r.: Georgia Poulos, John Barabas, William Stansfield, Arthur Schipul, Gerald Gajnos, Robert Johnson, Alice Banks.
Second row: Robert Greenstein, Joseph Barron, Gregory Golden, Joseph Sholtes, Austin White, Alan Lipscher, David Fine, Mr. Louis Sebestyen.



### PHOTOGRAPHY CLUB

Every Tuesday night Bassick's camera fans assemble in Room 1 with their advisor Mr. Harry Kaplan. Though few members of the Photography Club become experts in the field, everyone enjoys the weekly meetings, where he can display the latest photographs straight from the dark room, and perhaps receive a few tips on how to improve them the next time. The purpose of this club is not only to further the enjoyment of photography, but to teach young photographers the art of taking clear and effective pictures. The members are also taught about developing, shading, and enlarging their films. Some of the better photographers are assigned to cover various school events for newspapers, the Yearbook, and for display on the Bassick Bulletin Board. The officers of the Photography Club are Arthur Schipul, president; Frieda Zoulamis, vice president; Betty Lengel, secretary; Dorothy Milarta, treasurer; and social directors, Marie Jensen and George Fedor.

First row l. to r. (seated): Barbara Corso, Georgia Poulas, Carol Gross, Frieda Zoulamis, Marie Jensen, Arthur Schipul, George Fedor, Betty Lengel, Dorothy Mikita, Barbara Farmer, Virginia Curci.

Second row: Vicky DiDio, Jean Cowan, Nancy Zissell, Lucile Woods, Dolores Coppolella, Kathryn Molloy, Carol Tenney, Gail Peterson, Cecile Lambert, Millie Costa, Eileen Crowley, Anita Kinsella, Diana Chala.

Third row: Faith Fairchild, Rose Ann Jaworski, Marjorie Volkening, Jean Crowther, Francois Harriman, John Thanassi, Joseph Sholtes, Larry May, Pat Dabbs, Elinor Weissman, Elvie Trolle, Myrna Lipscher, Marjorie Westman. Fourth row: Mary Molloy, Bob Greenstein, Gus Lawrence, Ernie DeCarli, Bob Johnson,

Carol Goula, Mr. Harry Kaplan.





First row, 1. to r.: Betty Erhardt, Betsy Buckhout, Ann Sugden, Jed Diem, Robert Eichinger, Betty Lee Baum, Tony Almassy, Mary Patalak, Mary Ellen Grant, Anna Kaku. Second row: Miss Nonie Brennan, Barbara Esner, Julianne Owen, Elizabeth Bray, Marilyn

Lovelle, Valerie Gabler, Virginia Schultz, Larisa Kappel, Barbara Emanuelson, Iva Cagle, Catherine Apostol, Heather Campbell.

Third row: Daniel Lowry, Seth Weingarten, Robert McDonnell.

### JUNIOR CLASSICAL LEAGUE

"Non scholae sed vitae" is one of the favorite sayings of Miss Nonie Brennan, advisor of the Junior Classical League. The members of this organization, the advanced Latin students, try their best to live up to this motto, which means, "Not for school, but for life." This group has given its support to various charitable organizations throughout the school year, and they also presented the school auditorium with a state flag, complete with standard and emblem. The Junior Classical League enjoys many social events during the year, such as their very successful picnic. In a more educational vein, this organization supplements the curricular work by delving into the history of old Rome. The officers of the League are president, Robert Eichinger; vice president, Anthony Almassy; secretary, Betty Lee Baum; and treasurer, Jed Diem.



Dorothy Stahlhammer, Betty Lengel, Grace Tvardzik, Judy Moody, Rita Stusalitis, Dorothy Mikita, Joy Weisberger. Front: Harriet Dorman.

### BATON TWIRLERS

Only a most skillful and dexterous Bassickite is allowed to become one of the school Baton Twirlers. These selected girls, sponsored by Mrs. Myrtle Humphreys, girls' gym teacher, perform their twirling and marching feats at all Bassick football games and pep assemblies; and they constantly astonish their fellow students with their complicated and intricate routines. Though the Twirlers must spend long hours practicing and perfecting their synchronized actions, this hard work is well compensated by the acclaim they receive at their frequent appearances. Their swirling white and green uniforms and plumed hats are well known to all Bassick students. The 1954 Twirlers have added a recent innovation to their performances in the person of Harriette Dorman, who deftly executes numerous acrobatic stunts. These girls, like the cheerleaders, receive their coveted emblems immediately before the Thanksgiving game. Judy Moody is the able head Twirler.

### YEARBOOK STAFF

From the first days of October to the mid-March deadline, the enthusiastic students comprising the Yearbook Staff worked busily to produce this record of Bassick, 1954. The imaginative layouts and sketches which give the book its character were created and worked out by Mr. Henry Walsh and his talented Art Staff. All during the school year flashbulbs were kept popping by Yearbook photographers to permanently record memorable events and everyday occurrences at Bassick High. The literary staff, headed by Editor-in-Chief, Susan Schwartz, worked steadily with Mr. Richard Mayer to produce and compile all the written material included in this volume. The students and their faculty advisors tripped athletically up and down four flights of stairs to coordinate the work of the art department on the third floor, and the Literary Staff headquarters in the basement. However, all their efforts are justly compensated by the publication and distribution of the 1954 Yearbook.

First row, l. to r.: Jane Hathaway, Janet Trombley, Joyce Dlukencki, Gloria Samowitz, Carol Barnes, Janet Starr, Susan Schwartz, Barbara Baduini, Betty Erhardt, Faith Prokop, Jean Benjamin, Barbara Farmer.

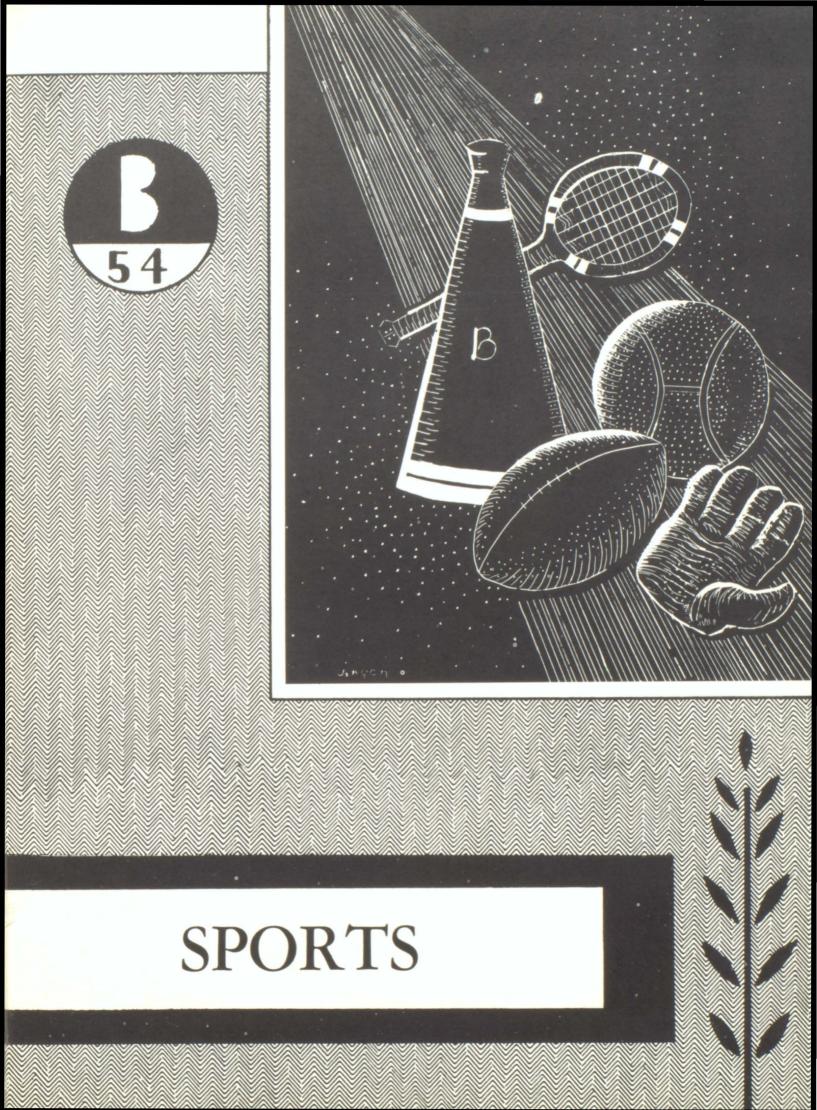
Second row, I. to r.: Mr. Henry Walsh, Olive Schindler, Audrey Tesch, Myrna Kiner, June August, Emmy Rutzen, Dorothy Collier, Barbara Soloff, Mary Klembara, Jurhee Jones, Patricia Hinckley, Theresa Goyette, Arlene Targonski, Judy Koch, Mr. Richard Mayer. Third row: Eleanor Palmesi, Judith Kurowski, Judith Nelson, Rita Golden, Betty Ballas, Robert Greenstein, Arthur Schipul, Carl Sword, Alfred Gratrix, Robert Lally, Harvey

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### SPORTS CANDIDS





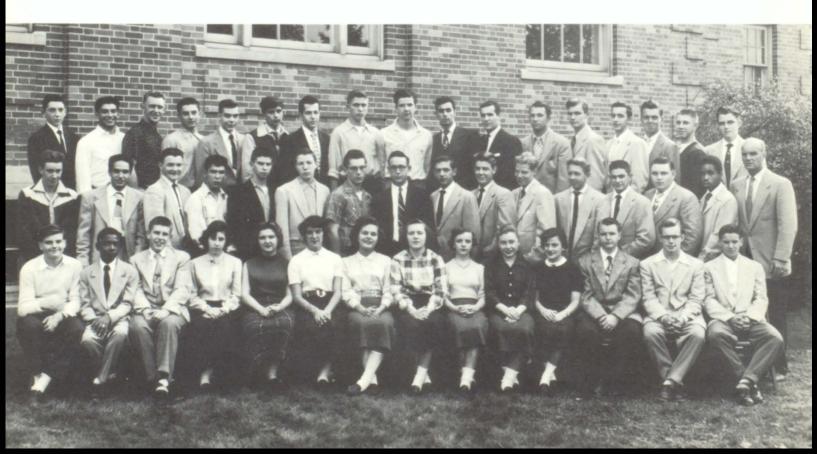
### ATHLETIC DELEGATES

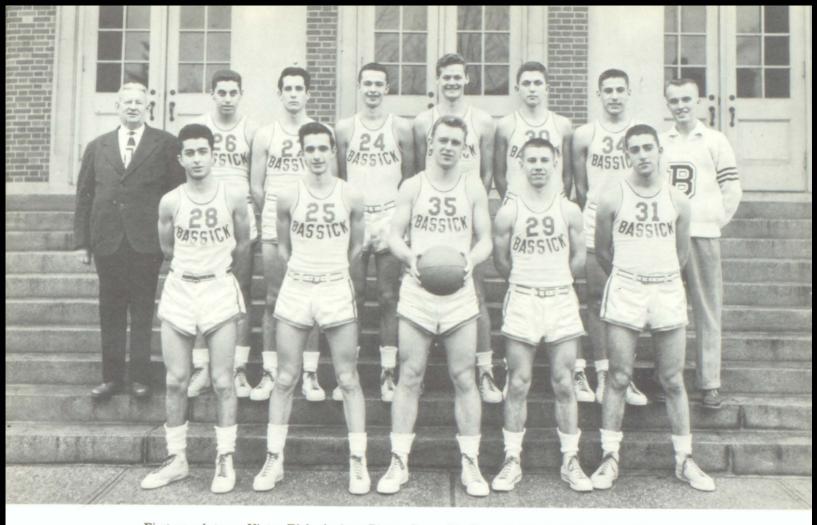
"Let's put Bassick on top!" might well be the motto of the hard working athletic delegates. Working with Mr. Charles Neary, these delegates, one chosen from each home room, have done a wonderful job to supplement our athletic funds. One of their main jobs during the year was the sale of Booster tickets. This year over 1200 tickets were sold — a number of them to the enthusiastic Father's Club. Both the athletic fund and the student body benefit greatly from the sale of Booster tickets; the former because they provide a source of ready money at the start of the football season when it is needed most and the latter because they are permitted to attend all games at a reduced rate. These delegates have also acted as a liaison between the Faculty Advisory Committee and the student body. Officers of this group are Harvey Paulin, president; Janet Trombley, vice president; Johanna Olayos, secretary; and Nancy Harvey, treasurer.

First row, l. to r.: Bill Chantland, Thomas Facenda, Frank Christy, Robert Sanwald, Eileen Farrell, Gail Lungren, Lucille Emond, Judy Szucs, Agnes Kiely, Janet Trombley, Mary Ellen Kirk, Millie Peters, John O'Connell, Harvey Paulin.

Ellen Kirk, Millie Peters, John O'Connell, Harvey Paulin. Second row: John Shea, Tom Facenda, Reid Carpenter, Arthur Yiotos, Jerry Logan, Donald Eckert, Victor Noll, Dick Ziesler, Ernest De Carlo, Jack Carpenter, Howard Scharf, Bruce Carley, Al Zamary, John Bethin, Howie Johnson, Mr. Charles Neary. Third row: Michael Gannon, Bob Marks, Jerry MacDougall, Ralph DeMattia, Fred Pitt,

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First row, l. to r.: Victor Biek, Andrew Pippa, Gerry MacDougall, Vandy Kirk, John Minnely. Second row: Mr. Harry Lyon, Bob Santo, James Kacsmarik, Bob MacDonald, Mike O'Donnell, Roger Lerner, Bob Namian, Glenn Canfield.

#### SCHEDULE

Bassick	Harding	Bassick	Norwalk	61
Bassick 68	Alumni	Bassick 51	Central	58
Bassick	Central	Bassick	Bullard-Havens	52
Bassick 60	Bullard-Havens51	Bassick	Harding	38
Bassick51	Fairfield	Bassick	Danbury	68
Bassick	Greenwich	Bassick 55	Fairfield	57
Bassick	Stratford93	Bassick	Stamford	46
Bassick61	Danbury75	Bassick48	Stratford	90

# BASKETBALL TEAM

The 1954 basketball season got underway at the end of December, and the Bassick team emerged victorious from their first game, with Harding. The Lions also beat Harding in their second seasonal tussle. The members of this team gave their all at every game, and they proved themselves to be one of Bassick's best Basketball Teams. The most exciting game of the year was against Fairfield. The score had remained almost equal throughout the entire game, favoring first one side then another. Then, as everyone was tense with excitement in the last few seconds of the game, one of Bassick's players scored two badly needed points to win the game for the Lions. Vandy Kirk was the high scorer for the year with Stilts O'Donnell running a close second. Mr. Harry Lyon coached the team, and Glenn Canfield was student manager.



First row, l. to r.: Bob Mark, Rudy Poklemba, Gerald MacDougall.

Second row: Clifford LaRose, Richard Wright, John MacVitty, Robert Gerics.

Third row: Mr. Herbert Harrington, Anthony Almassy, Michael Herrera, Thomas Kiernan, Riccardo Youngblood, Frederick Schempp, Herbert Hicks, Vincent Pansa, Charles Ginand, Peter Venman, Alan Aaron.

Fourth row: David Reed, Gary Engler, Leo Emond, Dick Mitchell, Frank Herrera, Michael O'Donnell, David Gayely, Richard Gill, Robert Erickson, Leonard Zargo, Mr. Harry Lyon.

### 1953 SCHEDULE

Bassick	6	Harding	Bassick	West Haven
Bassick	0	Milford12	Bassick 6	Danbury
Bassick	0	Central	Bassick 9	Stratford 0
Bassick	0	Crosby7	Bassick	Roger Ludlowe

## FOOTBALL TEAM

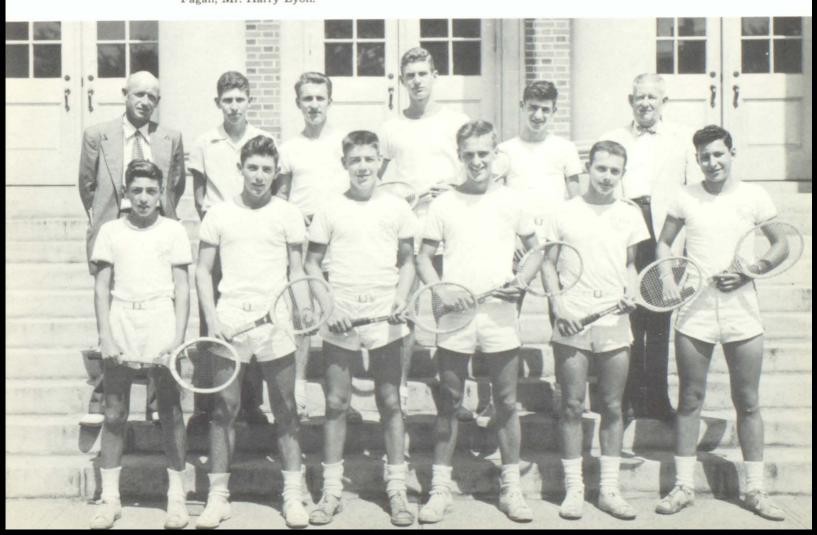
Coached by Mr. Herbert Harrington, and assistant coach, Mr. Mitchell Kobus, the Bassick Lions fought their way through an exciting but extremely tough season. From the beginning the team had to cope with a lack of reserve strength and an excessive amount of injuries. One of these injuries, much to the disheartenment the entire student body, kept star halfback Rudy Poklemba off the gridiron for most of the season. However, despite all handicaps, the team showed true spirit on the field at all times. Leading the team were co-captains Bob Mark and Gerry MacDougall, whose outstanding performances were a continued inspiration to their teammates. The loss of the Thanksgiving game was a great blow to everyone, but the Bassick spirit was still indomitable. The victory was uncertain until the last few seconds of the game, and the Bassick squad never wavered. At the Thanksgiving game, as at all the others of the season, our "eleven" showed true sportsmanship and courage "all the way."

## **TENNIS TEAM**

Bassick's 1953 tennis team completed its season with a praiseworthy record. In regular interscholastic competition the team won thirteen games, and suffered only two defeats. One of these end-of-the-season losses put an end to a twentynine game winning streak. The team won the Fairfield County Championship with Jim Faulkner, number one man, and Arnold Fagan, number two man, winning first place in their respective divisions. The netters also performed admirably in the State Tournament, as Steve Bessemer and Arnold Fagan place second in the doubles, and Jim Faulkner won third place in the singles. Throughout the season the fine competitive play of Faulkner and Fagan sparked the team on to victory. This year as in every year, Mr. Charles Carr did an excellent job of coaching, and Lester Dober acted as manager.

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First row, l. to r.: Robert Caserta, Roland Caserta, Jack Carpenter, James Faulkner, Blake Patterson, Howard Aaron.
Second row: Mr. Charles Carr, Lester Dober, Stephen Bessemer, Seth Weingarten, Arnie Fagan, Mr. Harry Lyon.





## G. A. L. A.

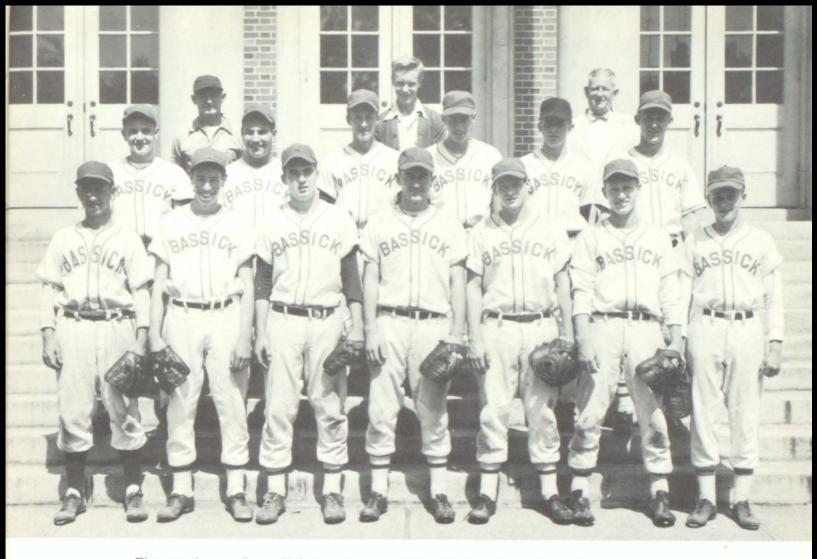
The Girls Athletic Leaders' Association, more commonly referred to as the G.A.L.A., is composed of those girls who have either obtained a 90 in gym or who have accumulated fifty or more points by their participation in after school sports; such as baseball, swimming, basketball, and bowling. Initiations are held twice yearly, at which times the new members delight the school with their ingenious costumes. This year the initiates were dressed as little Dutch boys and as Irish colleens. Under the direction of Mrs. Myrtle Humphreys, the G.A.L.A. annually sponsors two cake sales, All Girls' Day, and the extremely popular Sports Nite. The Bunny Hop was the theme for the 1954 Sports Nite. Officers of this group are Emmy Rutzen, president; Betty Carbone, first vice-president; Betsy Buckhout, second vice president; Judy Berry, secretary; and Alice Hartley, treasurer. All the members of the G.A.L.A. benefit greatly from their participation in this organization.

First row, l. to r.: Alice Hartley, Judy Berry, Emmy Rutzen, Betty Carbone, Betsy Buckhout. Second row: Mrs. Humphrey, Jane Hathaway, Jackie DeShon, Mary Patalak, Peggy Szabo, Betty Lee Baum, Jackie Snetsinger, Roberta Namian, Marie June, Julianne Owen, Ellen Rosenfeld, Nancy Roda, Rita Golden, Betty Erhardt, Floried Duby.

Third row: Mona Faulkner, Victoria DiDio, Iva Cagle, Eileen Crowley, Theresa Goyette, Anne Kane, Sheila Brown, June August, Joan Bridges, Olive Schindler, Jean Heanue, Betty Ann Fazekas, Anita Kinsella, Barbara Esner, Harriet Dorman, Ruth Hoffman.

Fourth row: Marion Svihra, Jane Moore, Ann Adoury, Shirley Lucas, Dorothy Collier, Nancy Banks, Marilyn Twell, Marjorie Nelson, Patricia Schmidt, Barbara Buell, Judy Kurowski, Anne Kiely, Larisa Kappel, Ann Jones, Judy Moody.





First row, l. to r.: James Kirk, John Buckley, Richard Collins, Kevin Tobin, Kenneth Berger, Alan Kane, David Hartman.
Second row: Robert Felner, Robert Beslove, Richard Mitchell, Ralph Santo, Michael Lengel, Jerald MacDougall.

Third row: Mr. Herbert Harrington, Peter Cummings, Mr. Harry Lyon.

### SCHEDULE

Bassick	3	Stratford11	Bassick	2	Stratford	4
Bassick	8	Central 0 Harding 5	Bassick	4	Central	0
Bassick	4	Milford 5	Bassick	3	Greenwich	0
Bassick	5	Milford 8	Bassick	7	Harding	5
Bassick	2	Stamford	Bassick	7	Fairfield	3
Bassick	1	Fairfield 3	Bassick 1	0	Bullard-Havens	1

### BASEBALL TEAM

Under the direction of coach Herb Harrington, the Bassick High 1953 baseball team ended the season with a commendable record of seven wins and seven losses. Of the seven games won, five were against our city rivals; this obtained for Bassick the undisputed City Championship. Led by the one-hit pitching of Mike Lengyel, Bassick scored its first of two victories against Central by a score of 8-0. The longest game of the season was a sixteen inning encounter with Milford. Even though Bassick lost this game, it proved that it had a very steady team. A second one-hitter during this season was pitched by Dick Mitchell against Greenwich. Batting honors for the year went to Gerry MacDougall who earned a .388 average. He was closely followed by third baseman, Dick Collins.



Front: Betty Carbone, Jean Zaccaria. Rear, l. to r.: Elaine Wengert, Mary Patalak, Mona Faulkner, Anita Kinsella, Jackie Snetsinger, Lois Johnson, Judy Berry, Joyce Sayball, Marie June, Mary Ellen Kirk, Jackie Deshon.

## CHEERLEADERS

Under the tireless direction of Mrs. Myrtle Humphreys, Bassick's cheering squad has gain proved itself to be the epitome of energy and enthusiasm. When these girls, led by co-captains Betty Carbone and Jean Zaccaria, assembled on the playing field or gym during any free moments in a game, their excess of spirit was transmitted to the student body, and the air reverberated with songs and cheers. The members of this group were present at all pep assemblies during this past year, and at the last one before the Thanksgiving game, combined with the Football Team to present a hilarious skit. In the early fall several days of tryouts were held for the Cheering Squad, but only the fourteen most agile and spirited girls were selected. These girls spent long hours practicing every action to accompany the numerous Bassick cheers, but this time paid off in their synchronized and graceful performance.



