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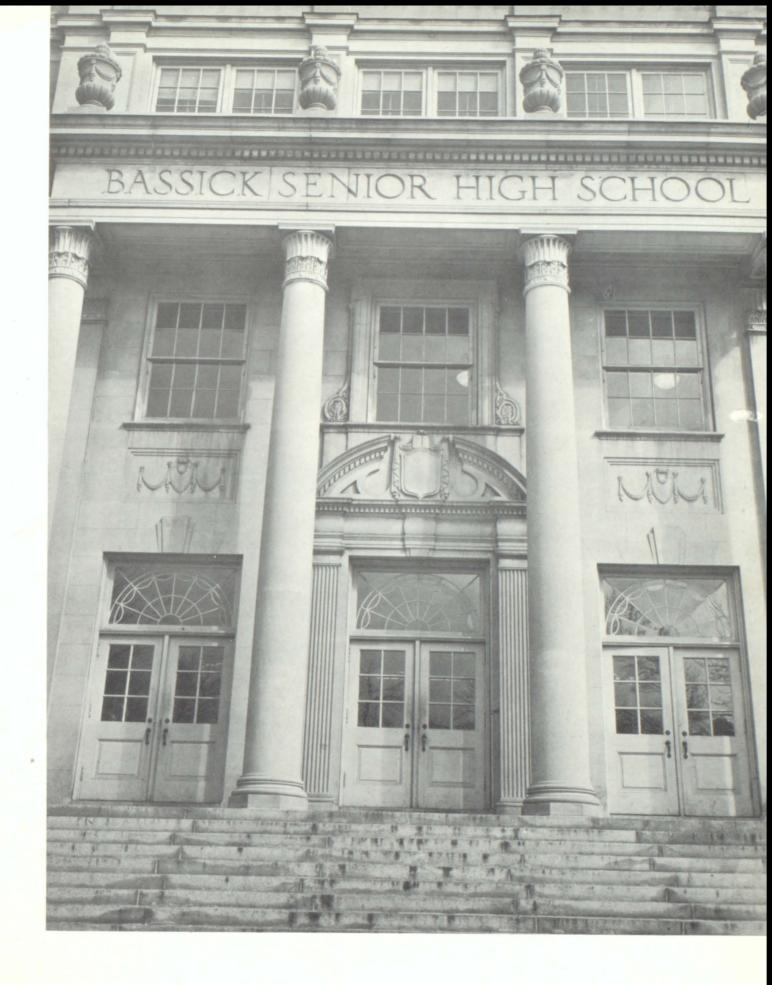
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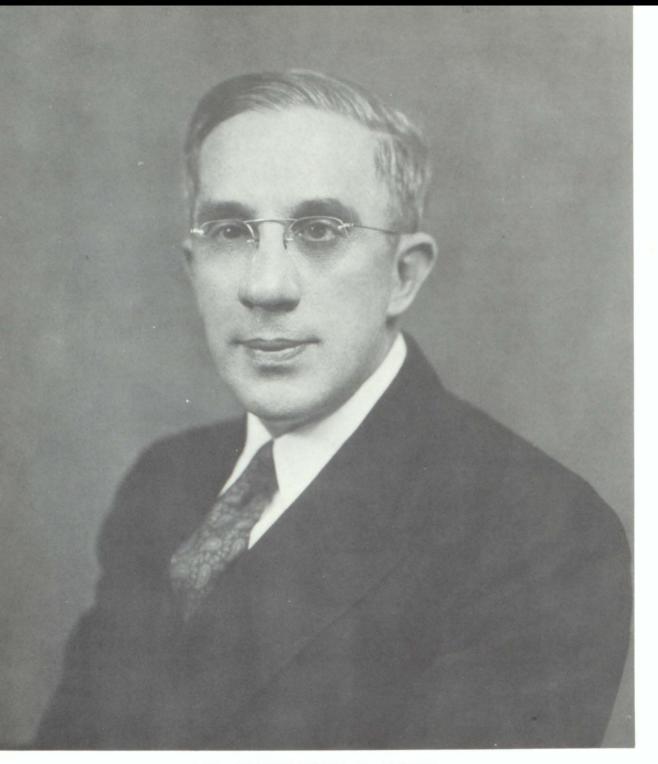
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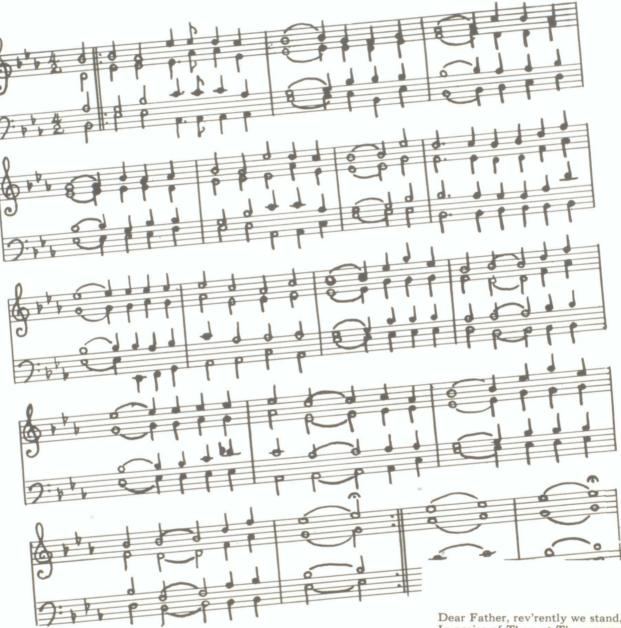
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CLASS HYMN 1955



Dear Father, rev'rently we stand, In praise of Thee, at Thy command. We leave behind our days of youth, And strive to build a world of truth.

We thank Thee for Thy watchful care, For cherished mem'ries that we share, For Thy protection day and night, For roof and hearth-fire blazing bright.

For knowledge gained our thanks we raise; We lift our hearts in grateful praise. We pray that strife and war may cease; Assist us in our fight for peace.

Lord, with Thy guidance may we find, Good-will and love for all mankind; That one day we may dwell with Thee, In peace for all eternity.

Amen

CLASS HISTORY

'Twas a short time ago We entered Bassick High Filled with awe and wonder — How the years flew by!

As Sophomores in assembly We organized our class. Then we held the "Ice Breaker" For every lad and lass.

We can't forget the huge success That was our Sophomore Tea. We couldn't wait for the next year When Juniors we would be.

Indeed the next September Brightly we returned All set to fill our eager minds With knowledge to be learned.

Then came the day for our class rings When proudly we were measured, Those gleaming bands of black and gold Forever would be treasured.

West Point bound were we Early in the spring — The cadets, the mountain lodge, What mem'ries they bring!

The traditional Thanksgiving game, The Bassick-Fairfield Hop, Affairs of friendly rivalry Placed Bassick at the top. With a vow to study hard In our last year of strife, Words like "college board exams" Crept into our young life.

The Senior Play was wonderful, The acting cast was great In "Meet Me in St. Louis"; This fact you can't debate.

Measurements were taken One day for gowns and caps. Every senior planned to don Those all-important wraps.

In Maytime came the Prom The magic word was spoken; The evening was enchanted And left a spell unbroken.

June third of the year Our books were put away With varied emotions On Seniors' Class Day.

In our caps and gowns On graduation night Receiving our diplomas T'was a mem'rable sight!

> Patricia Synott Anna Kaku

SENIOR DELEGATES



First row, l. to r.: Aracelis Velasquez, Shirley Witkiewicz, Sandra Booth, Ellyn Brown, Judy Sagarin, Virginia Shultz, Iva Cagle, Victoria DiDio, Virginia Curci.
Second row, l. to r.: Patrine Dabbs, Dennis Bileca, Frank Wlassak, Stanley Lessler, Vera Ann Saul, Philip Swaim, Bruce Pelletier, Thomas Barnard, Gerald Gajnos, Mrs. Marguerite James.



Questions, such as, "When must the Senior class dues be paid?" "What is the date of the Senior Prom?" and, "How much are the tickets for the Senior Play?" are answered by the Senior Delegates.

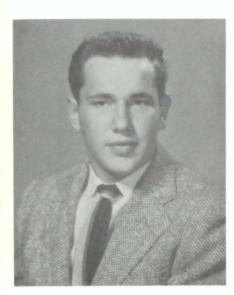
There are two Senior Delegates elected from each senior home room. These delegates, a boy and a girl, meet with Mrs. Marguerite James, the senior class advisor, and the class officers to decide on matters concerning the senior class.

Some of the duties of this group are: collecting class dues, planning class trips, counting votes during the class elections, and informing senior home rooms of everything that occurs at the delegates' meetings.

The seniors not only expect the senior delegates to keep them informed as to what is happening in Bassick, but they also expect these delegates to give thoughtful consideration to the suggestions of the senior home rooms.

Our thanks go to the Senior Delegates and Mrs. James for helping to make this Senior year a memorable one. Mrs. Marguerite James Class Advisor





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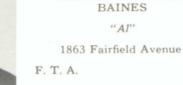


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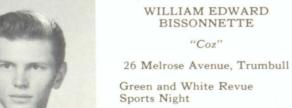
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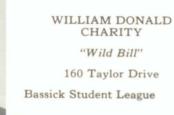
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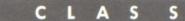
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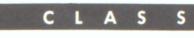






















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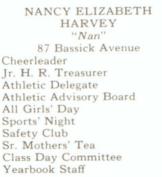




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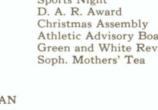
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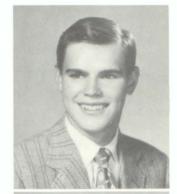
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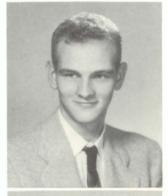
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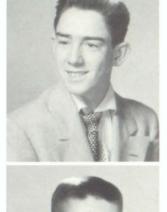
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"Ricky"

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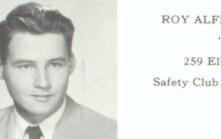
















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"Willie"

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"Charl"

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IN MEMORIAM

PETER DUFF LINDQUIST

September 4, 1936 — February 17, 1953

CLASS WILL

We, the Class of 1955, being of feeble minds and bodies do hereby bequeath our few worldly possessions to the poor underprivileged underclassmen.

1. To Mr. Roth we bequeath our heart-felt thanks for his firm but helping hand.

2. To Miss Gallahue we leave a new list of guidance programs consisting exclusively of study, gym, and lunch periods for future students.

3. To Mr. Silverstone we leave a few gray hairs to add to the collection he'll soon have.

4. To Miss Lockwood we leave a time clock so that tardy students will be docked for just the few minutes they were late rather than two hours.

5. To Mrs. James we leave our many thanks for being such a wonderful advisor and friend during our years in Bassick.

6. To Miss Donnelly we leave peppermint sticks to replace the thermometers.

7. To Miss McNulty we leave our gratitude for the wonderful job she did with the Senior Play.

8. To Mrs. Mayer we leave Paul Suchy.

9. Mike Herrera leaves and that's the end of the illustrious Herrera name in Bassick.

10. Bob McDonnell leaves his report on "How it feels to live in the stratosphere."

11. Paul Mac Vittie and Jack Carpenter leave their Pepsodent smiles.

12. Freda Zoulamis leaves all her secretarial notes to anyone who can read them.

13. Bud Almassy leaves and takes Betsy Buckhout with him.

14. John Stenquist leaves in search of the kiss he missed in the senior play.

15. Dave Gazley leaves his muscles.

16. Allan Aaron bequeaths his blood-stained medicine chest for future Stratford football games.

17. Dick Somoya leaves his beautiful blue eyes!

18. Sandy Booth leaves for Korea to find Dave.

19. Fred Shempp bequeaths his new book entitled, "How to Find a Party" to next year's party pooper.

20. Mary Ellen Kirk leaves her pony tail and cute pug nose.21. John Minely bequeaths his Greek profile to next year's Appolo.

22. Nancy Roda leaves her lovely blonde wig. (You thought it was real!)

23. Vandy Kirk leaves his skill in throwing the bull — opps — ball!

24. Vera Ann Saul leaves her poise and posture to any slouchy, gum-chewing freshman who needs them.

25. Marge Nelson and Beryl Swire leave their carzy Bermudas and argyles.

26. Phil Swain leaves some of his many cars to James Melton's collection.

27. Ed Curran bequeaths his empty money bags to be filled by next year's "Curran-cy."

28. Larisa Kappel bequeaths her "Foley's Outdoor Girl" pin to Nancy Buckhout, the great camper.

29. Judy Sagarin leaves with fond memories of those happy hours of play rehearsals.

30. Dolores Gaudett leaves, and the Junior girls heave a sigh of relief.

31. Tom Giblin bequeaths his drenched black suit to next year's villain.

32. Joseph Francis Sholtes, III, leaves his gay repartee to a future wise-guy.

33. Stan-the-man-Lessler leaves his little black book to a shy little sophomore.

34. Grace Tvardzik leaves a trail of broken hearts behind her.

35. John Halsey leaves his talented fingers on the piano to next year's jazz enthusiast.

36. Vinnie De Francesco bequeaths his drum to a future basketball booster.

37. Pat Doyle, the Irish beauty, leaves her lovely eyes, bluer than the lakes of Killarney.

38. Alice Hartley leaves her theories on atomic energy to a future physicist.

39. Marie June leaves, and her sister Sylvia picks up where she left off.

40. Lorraine Almassy bequeaths her ready smile to next year's stick-in-the-mud.

41. Bob Felner leaves his grandfather's beard a little grayer than before.

42. Anna Polascik leaves her uncompleted notes on "How to Succeed in Miss McNulty's English Class."

43. Anna Kaku leaves a few notes she forgot to take on Einstein's theory.

44. Ginny Shultz leaves all the sandwiches, ice cream cones, cakes, and other foods she never found time to eat at 5B lunch period.

45. Harvey Helm, Al Fletcher and Don Sabo leave their voices for next year's All Girls' Choir.

46. Ray Olderman left early.

47. John Thanassi leaves, and Mr. Carr loses another biology ace.

48. Vicky Di Dio leaves with half the hearts of Bassick.

49. Lynne Johnson, Kenny Broad, Annette Kleban, Frank Mannoni, and Terry Sobotka leave their musical talents for future assemblies.

50. To the underclassmen we leave the school, still shaking in its foundation.

51. Now we all leave!!!

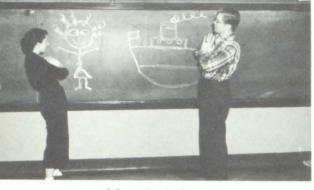
We the undersigned, do pledge for our class the above items to be held with memories of us.

Victoria Di Dio, John Minely, Richard Somoya, Edmund Curran, Anna Polascik



SENIOR CLASS

Best Looking



Most Artistic



Done Most for Class



Best Athlete



Wittiest



Peppiest

Best Looking Philip Swaim Dolores Gaudette

Done Most for Class Edmund Curran Anna Kaku

Most Collegiate Robert Felner Marjorie Nelson

Most Talkative Robert Kursman Jo Ann Fazekas

Most Friendly Michael Herrera Mary Ellen Kirk, Freda Zoulamis

Quietest Stephen Gross Irene Lebedowicz

Cutest

Jack Carpenter

Best Athlete James Kirk

Harriette Dorman

Betsy Buckhout

Eileen Murray

Barbara Peace

Caroline Ritzul

Class Flirt Richard Somoya

Wittiest Joseph Sholtes

Best Dancer

Robert Felner

Most Popular Michael Herrera Betsy Buckhout

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CHARACTERISTICS

Most Optimistic Robert Reath Mary Ellen Kirk, Mona Faulkner

Most Dignified Seth Weingarten Anna Kaku

Most Business-like Edmund Curran Edith Lucas

Most Artistic Alfred Gratrix Joan Pruett

Most Pleasing Personality Michael Herrera Betsy Buckhout

Best Dressed Robert Felner Ellen Rosenfeld

Most Courteous Stephen Gross Anna Kaku

Most Reliable Edmund Curran Anna Kaku

Peppiest Tony Jordhamo Mary Ellen Kirk

Most Musical Stanley Lessler Virginia Shultz

Best Actor Edmund Curran Betsy Buckhout

Most Likely to Succeed Edmund Curran Anna Kaku



Most Musical



Most Popular



Most Talkative



Best Dancer



Class Flirt



Quietest

CLASS PROPHECY

BROADWAY 1965

Mr. and Mrs. John James of Bassick Avenue, Bridgeport, were invited by Mr. and Mrs. Michael Herrera, famous socialites of New York City, to attend the world premiere of 1965's smash musical, "The Loves of Mr. Somoya." Written by the literary team of Sugden and Diem, the motion picture extravaganza starred the Bassick Bopsters, Ellen Rosenfeld, Marion Svihra, Pat Pramuka, Marie Glennon, and Linda Kimmerling.

Having boarded the 6:15 express on the Youngblood, Yurkowski, Yaworchak, and Jones jet railroad line, the Jameses arrived in New York at 6:30, just in time for their dinner date. After meeting the Herreras, they went to "Jordhamo's Hideaway," where they were escorted into the dining room by "Stretch" Guenette, the headwaiter. Having looked at the menu, they found that the only available dish in their price range was Weingarten's crepes suzettes — they decided to leave.

As they walked down the street, they saw Jack Gannon, cruising down Broadway in his new Pelletier Paddywagon. Sandra Linde, Ruth Hoffman, Barbara Buell, Larissa Kappel, and Carol Norton were seen coming out of Mary Molloy's Maison de Mode, New York's famous fashion house. Hearing a noise, they looked up and saw a sky-writing rocket which boldly proclaimed across the sky "Vogler's Vodka for Vim, Vigor, and Vitality."

Mr. Herrera picked up the latest edition of *Curran's Courier* at a corner newsstand. He saw in the headlines that President Barbara Esner, the nation's first woman President, had recently appointed Harriette Dorman and her famous squad of "flippers," Mary Ellen Kirk, Nancy Harvey, Mary Patalak, Mona Faulkner, Elaine Kelly, Joyce Sayball, and Alice Hartley to promote good will in Kacsmarik's Kingdom the world's only nation composed of superhuman basketball players. Inside the paper Mr. Herrera discovered some more news of some of his former classmates. An art exhibit, featuring the works of the world's foremost artists, Virginia Dirsa, Dolores Coppolella, Pauline Halvady, Joan Pruett, Barbara Martaus, Al Gatrix, and Bill Charity, was being held at Madsen's Museum.

As the Herreras and their guests continued their walk along Broadway, their attention was attracted by a stupendous sign, created by world-famous Frances Larkin, the girl with ideas, which advertised in brilliant colors "Cagle's Creamy Corn Remover," the latest thing for aching feet. Howard Schwartz was putting the sign up on the front of Epstein's Apothecary with the help of his skillful engineering crew, Gordon Chase, Dick Zeisler, John Thomas, and Allan Trickey.

The sweet notes of Loretta Bedini's hit tune, "Waltz Me to the Moon in Your Rocket Ship in June," were heard floating from the doorway of Kursman's Record Shop, as sung by pretty Maureen Reilly and accompanied by Lillie Rogers' Symphony Orchestra, featuring Alden Barnes, Harvey Helm, Jean Lucas, Bill Bissonette, Terry Sobotka, and John Firment. The visitors' eyes were drawn to the brightly-lighted theater marquee of the Siller Modern Playhouse where the famous play, "North Atlantic," the work of world-traveler, Victor Beik, and starring Tom Giblin, Barbara Kalinski, and Mary Lou Galian, was being presented. Elsie Alberghini, famous playwright, had adapted Mr. Beik's novel for the stage presentation. Since she wanted to take a remembrance of her trip back to Bridgeport with her, Mrs. James asked the party to stop at Mildred Costa's Fifth Avenue Gift Shop. They were waited on by Mademoiselle Phyllis Cibulas who showed them several items, including Lamourroux Parfum, Jennings jewelry, and Evelyn Hall Marked greeting cards.

Mr. Herrera realized that it was time to go to the theater when he looked at his Wells' Waterproof, Shock-Resistant, Atomic-Controlled wrist watch. After he had hailed a Nelsen radar-controlled taxi-cab, the group started for Haydu's Hall where "The Loves of Mr. Somoya" was being presented. They were escorted to their seats by Kay Seaman, the head usherette. As they glanced at the programs, they recognized several familiar names. Mary Ellen Grant and Dorothy Simon had produced, Elizabeth Bray had directed it, Virginia Shultz had done the musical arrangements, Caroline Ritzul had done the choreography, and Roberta Haley and Virginia Curci designed the gorgeous costumes. Edith Lucas had been in charge of the film editing. The make-up, used in the picture, was made and plastered on by Araceles Velasquez and her squad of make-up artists. As the curtain opened and the musical romance began, the audience broke into tremendous applause.

During intermission the Herreras and the Jameses met several old friends who were also attending the premiere, Frank Wlassak, world-famous nuclear physicist, Annette Kleban, prominent New York woman lawyer, Mary Lou Tyer, head medical technologist at the Synnott laboratories, and Commander Gerald Gajnos of the Coast Guard were seen in the lobby crowd. Betsy Buckhout, famous Hollywood star, was chatting with some of her famous friends. Mr. and Mrs. John Doe (that's short for Doepapadimitrakopoulos), famous owners of a worldwide restaurant chain, came over to greet their old friends. Mrs. Doe is the former Freda Zoulamis.

While the conversation was at its height, Russell Raphaely, the head usher of the theater, came out to announce the beginning of the second act. The audience returned to their seats, anxious to see the outcome of the musical romance.

The Jameses and the Herreras had been invited to attend a party after the premiere at Vicky DiDio's Park Avenue penthouse. After they arrived at their hostess's apartment, they were taken into the living room by the butler, Bill Borbely. The cute little maid, Mary-Ann Parker, was passing out the hors d'oeuvres, which were prepared by Paul Brown, to the sophisticated guests. Among these guests were Eleanor Weissman, dental hygienist, and her prominent dentist friend, Emily Hahn. "Corky" Gross was seen talking rapidly to a group of friends, a scene reminiscent to the Herreras of their high school days. Stephen Gross, famous chemist, was solving a difficult problem for a group of admiring scientists.

Having had a very enjoyable trip, the Jameses prepared to leave for home. They were impatient to get home in order that they might tell everyone about their trip. They still didn't know which heroine married Mr. Somoya, but they felt that they had a wonderful time in the big city with so many of the members of that most outstanding of all Bassick's classes — 1955!

> Mary Molloy Mary Lou Tyer Freda Zoulamis



First row, l. to r.: John Halsey, Ed Curran, Bob Felner, Vera Saul, Marion Svihra.
Second row: Tom Giblin, Marge Nelson, Alice Hartley, Phil Swaim, Freda Zoulamis, John Stenquist, Vicki Di Dio, Mike Herrera, Grace Tvardzik.
Third row: Judy Sagarin, Dick Somoya.
Kneeling: Betsy Buckhout.

THE SENIOR PLAY

The play's the thing, and "Meet Me in St. Louis," under the direction of Miss Mae Mc-Nulty, scored a rousing success for the seniors.

A great deal of time and effort was put into the production of the play both by the students and by the faculty.

The play, a gay, rollicking comedy, is the story of four harum-scarum sisters, Marion



Svihra, Grace Tvardzik, Judy Sagarin, and Betsy Buckhout; and their attempts to persuade their parents, Vera Ann Saul, and Ed Curran, to remain in St. Louis. In addition, the sisters try to save their brother, Dick Somoya, from an "Eastern menace," Alice Hartley. Others in the cast included Marjorie Nelson, John Stenquist, Robert Felner, and Phil Swaim.

In spite of all the amusing entanglements caused by the sisters, the play ended happily with the family remaining in St. Louis.

The play could not have been produced without the assistance of the make-up squad, the stage crew, the ushers' guild, and members of the chorus and orchestra, all of whom helped to make the play the success that it was.



First row, l. to r.: Charlotte Zwerdling, Barbara Esner, Frances Turro, Beryl Swire, Nancy Roda, Freda Zoulamis, Vicki Di Dio, Betsy Buckhout, Mildred Peters, Loretta Bedini, Dorothy Simon, Virginia Curci, Marie Glennon.

Second row: Carolee Sendra, Lilli Rogers, Elsie Alberghini, Viola Jordhamo, Virginia Shultz, Joann Fazekas, Barbara Bethea, Mary Ann Hanusovsky, Caroline Ritzul, Marie Gionet, Sandra Linde, Janet Silverman, Marge Nelson, Lois Carlson, Linda Kimmerling, Mona Faulkner, Emily Hahn, Dorothy Leaf, Adrienne Ritz, Helen Kish, Audrey Katz, Carole Gross, Lillian Lovgren, Mrs. Marguerite James.

SENIOR MOTHERS' TEA

On February 16, the senior class held its annual Senior Mothers' Tea. This is one of the most highlighted events in the social calendar of the class. The library, which was decorated in red and white, was filled with over one hundred mothers who enjoyed socializing with friends and teachers. Delicious refreshments consisting of novelty sandwiches, cookies, and



cakes were served along with coffee and tea. Annette Kleban provided background music during the entire affair. The afternoon would not have been complete without the excellent entertainment of Patty Siller, Virginia Shultz, Lilli Rogers, Caroline Ritzul, Anna Kaku, and Carolee Sendra. The reception, invitation, refreshment, decoration, publicity, entertainment, check room, and clean-up committees, under the able guidance of Mrs. Marguerite James, senior class advisor, and Betsy Buckhout, Co-Director of Social Activities, did a commendable job in getting everything organized and in making the affair a huge success.



REUNION PACT

We, the Class of 1955, having been together for three happy years, do hereby solemnly pledge to unite five years hence, in 1960.

At that time we shall come together once more to recall schoolday memories and to share the events which have occurred in the interim. It is our sincere hope that the bonds of friendship will remain so intact that each member, no matter where he is or what he is doing, will reaffirm those ties which he has made.

By having this reunion, it is our belief that each one shall gain from the other the knowledge and experience which he has attained through facing the world independently. We cannot foresee what awaits us; we can only hope that by God's mercy each and every one of us shall have his measure of happiness fulfilled.

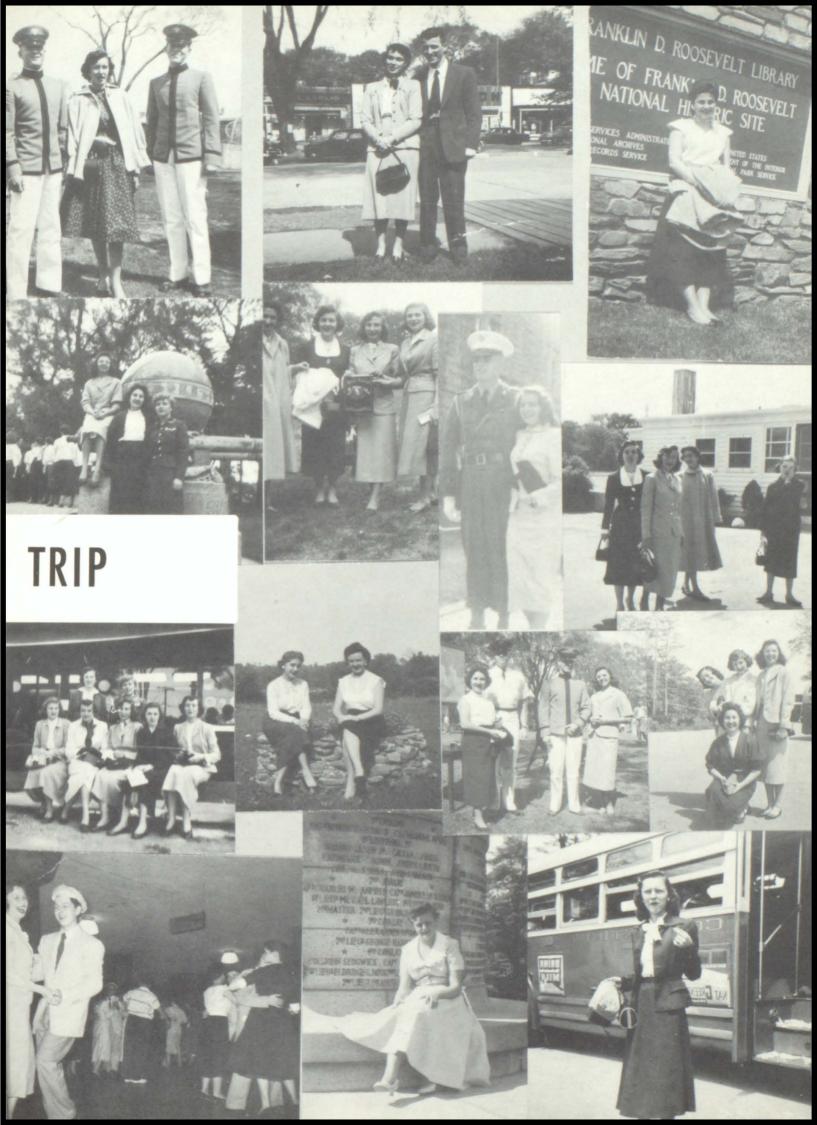
We, therefore, promise to realize, to the best of our ability, the purposes of this reunion pact.

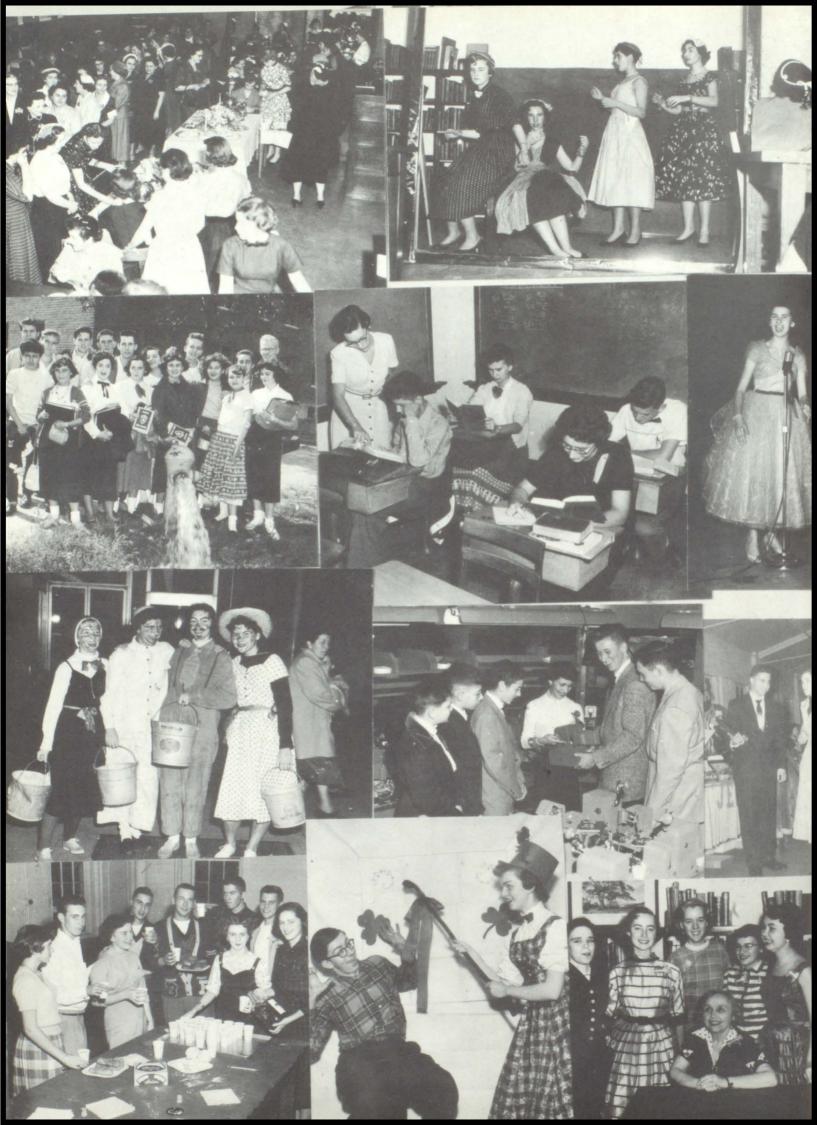
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Betsy Buckhout Boy Co-Director

Richard Somoya

CLASS





UNDERGRADUATES





First row, l. to r.: Peggy Freese, Dick Wright, Nancy Buckhout, Tom Burke. Second row: Penny Pilotti, Mrs. Lois Perrini, Jack Sekelsky.

JUNIOR CLASS OFFICERS

While still sophomores in 1954, the Class of 1956 elected the officers for their junior year. The successful candidates were president, Richard Wright; vice-president, Peggy Freese; secretary, Nancy Buckhout; treasurer, Thomas Burke; and co-directors of social activities, Penny Pilotti and Jack Sekelsky. The first social event for the junior class was the Junior Moth-



ers' Tea, which the girls sponsored. In April, the girls were again responsible for the successful Junior Fashion Show, in which selected "models" displayed their own fine clothes. May was a memorable month for these students, for they traveled to West Point on their Class Trip. The class officers had lots of fun when they assisted the seniors in planning the annual Bassick-Fairfield Football Hop. With such a capable and understanding advisor as Mrs. Lois Perrini, the Class of 1956 is sure to have a successful and fun-filled senior year. As these boys and girls turn their cherished rings, they are fully aware of the coming responsibilities and of the duty which is theirs to fulfill.

THE JUNIOR MOTHERS' TEA

Sprigs of holly and gay centerpieces of sleighs and snowmen indicated that "Winter Wonderland" was the theme of the Junior Mothers' Tea.

On the afternoon of January 13, 1955, the weeks of planning came to an end when the Reception Committee, under the chairmanship of Barbara Nastu, welcomed the mothers of the Junior class to the Tea.

Upon entering the school library, where the Tea was held, the mothers were introduced to the Junior class officers. After they were seated, tea, coffee, and an assortment of pastries, cakes, and cookies were served on a buffet arranged



by Marie Magdefrau and the Refreshment Committee.

Music for the Tea was provided by the Entertainment Committee, under the chairmanship of Nancy Buckhout. The "Winter Wonderland" theme was selected and executed by Penny Pilotti and the Decoration Committee. The Publicity Committee, headed by Peggy Freese, handled the advertisement for the event.

The entire Tea was under the general chairmanship of Penny Pilotti, Co-Director of Social Activities of the Junior Class.

Left to right, sitting: Joan Olson, Marjorie Peterson, Judy Pente, Sherril Sproviero, Rosemary Tancredi, Agnes Del Mastro, Carol Sullivan, Joy Weisberger, Phyllis Whitney.
Left to right, standing: Mimi Leipner, Beverly Banks, Juanita Beason, Irene Fressola, Marie Magdefrau, Alice Whitlock, Rosanne Cohen, Elaine Jacobs, Penny Pilotti, Peggy Freese. Nancy Buckhout, Hildegarde Feucht, Helen Bosck, Evelyn Bugy, Virginia Oviatt, Barbara Nastu, Joan Piriczky, Anne Marie Patuzzi, Diane Chalo.

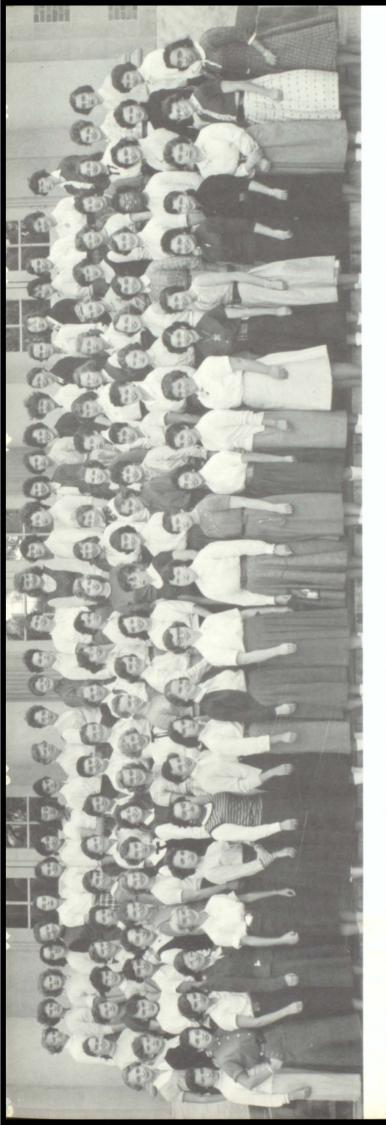


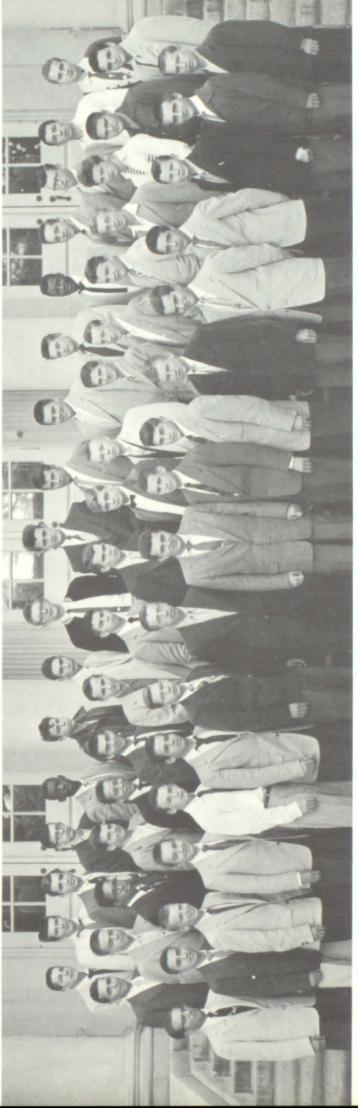


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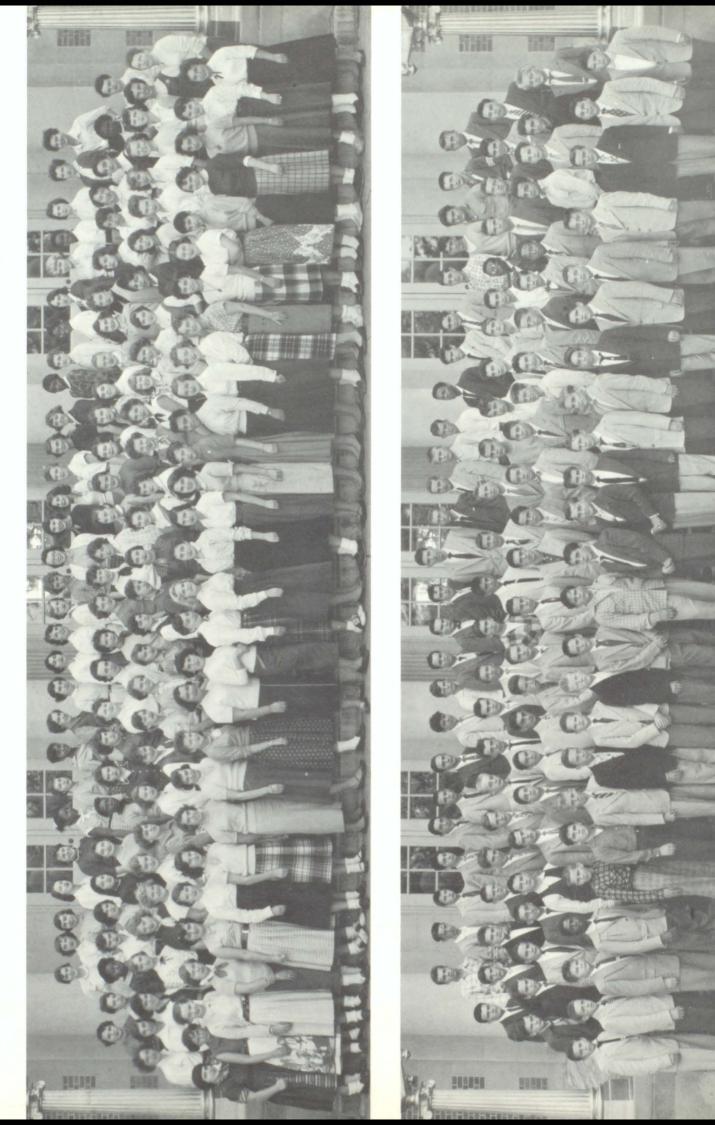
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SOPHOMORE CLASS OFFICERS

First row, l. to r.: Jeri Reid, Bob Venman, Lynn Sabo. Second row: Mrs. Joan Heine, Chris Zoulamis, Bill Shultz, Joan Flynn.

Under the able supervision of Mrs. Joan Heine, the Class of 1957 organized and successfully completed its first year at Bassick. Early in the autumn, the newly-united group elected its first officers who included Robert Venman, president; Jeri Ellen Reid, vice-president; Lynn Sabo, secretary; Chris Zoulamis, treasurer; and William Shultz and Joan Flynn, co-directors of social activities. Later in the fall, the sophomores experienced their first project; that of aiding the juniors and seniors in arrangements for the annual Bassick-Fairfield Football Hop. The most memorable event of the year was the Sophomore Class Party, which was held during the winter, in February. The girls sponsored a wonderful tea in the Spring, at which they entertained both their mothers and their teachers. The class of 1957 still has two more years at Bassick, but they themselves know that those two years will be packed with innumerable good times and successful endeavors. The Sophomore Class is confident that they will be fortunate and prosperous in the years to come as they prepare themselves to be future leaders!







F R E S H M A N C L A S S



ACTIVITIES



STUDENT COUNCIL

Until this year, the Student Council has devoted its major efforts to raising money for the Athletic Assistance Fund and conserving Student League dues for the Memorial Plaque Fund. The latter was started by the 1943 Council and contributions have been made to the Athletic Assistance Fund since 1950.

The Council is concerned with those major projects which are designed to extend benefits to the entire student body. This year the Council was granted permission to organize special homeroom meetings to assist in the development of understanding among the students and the faculty.

This group met monthly under the leadership of its president, Anna Kaku, who was assisted by Charles Ginand, vicepresident; Nancy Roda, secretary; and Robert Felner, the treasurer. The Student Council gives its members an opportunity to express the opinions and suggestions of the student body, and an opportunity to discuss these points with Mr. Earl Brown, the faculty advisor to the group.

The Council members understand the spirit of the policies of the school and have dedicated themselves to extending that understanding to as many students as they can reach through homeroom discussion.



First row, l. to r.: Annette Kleban, Lynne Johnson, Patricia Henaghan, Joan Favreau, Charles Ginand, Anna Kaku, Robert Felner, Nancy Roda, Suzanne Wells, Gail Abitz, Frances Civitelli, Jacqueline Coburn.
Second row, l. to r.: Mr. Brown, Pat Doyle, Marilyn Fisher, Nancy Salling, Victoria Di Dio, Nancy Gom-

bas, Grace Perry, Nancy Marschall, Dolores Coppelella, Evelyn Flax, Carolyn Morris, Laura Campbell. Third row, l. to r.: Robert Smith, Harold Walsh, Raymond Choquette, Newell Bishop, Philip Serlin, Adrian Perachio, John Stenquist, Patrick Cody, Robert Durwin, Chris Zoulamis, Mel Oppenheim.

- First row, l. to r.: Stanley Lessler, James Caserta, Dick Freeman, Melvyn Oppenheim, Ralph Saccone, Raymond Merson, Elizabeth Bray, Katherine Merrit, Gail Bayers, Marcia Davis.
- Second row: Jolan Kovachs, Milda Carlson, Nancy Gombas, Sondra Sargeant, Barbara Echhans, Alla Lipscher, Stephen Bansak, Marvin Lebowsky, Myron Warshaw.

- Third row: Nowland Foster, Bruce Eddy, Leonard Cassilo, William Thielen, Stephen Rescanski, Anthony Lota, Judy Stumph, Lilli Rogers, Rose Toth.
- Fourth row: Paul Leninger, Robert Venman, Alton Crabtree, Timothy Kline, Billy Serlin, Roland Wright, Richard Baltrusaitis, Reid Carpenter, Billy Angliss.
- Fifth row: Richard Aronson, Donald Rose, Harvey Helm, Robert Firman, Alden Barnes, John Kolesar, Vincent Yurksaitis, Mr. Stephen Gaspar.

The Bassick High School Band, under the able direction of Mr. Stephen Gaspar, is indispensable to the school. Their enthusiastic renditions at football games and pep assemblies furnish color and excitement to these events. This group also entertains at school presentations, the Spring Concert, and assemblies. This year, the band presented a striking appearance in new green and gray uniforms, a gift of the Bassick High School Fathers' Club. Members of this organization receive instrumental instruction, and they are given an opportunity to play harmoniously with a group. Stanley Lessler, a veteran band member, served as drum major this year. Sectional leaders included Anthony Lota, trumpet; Melvyn Oppenheim, clarinet; Harvey Helm, trombone; Vincent Yurksaitis, saxophones and tuba; and Bruce Eddy, percussion. Equipment custodians included Bill Thielen and Anthony Lota. Kathy Merrit and Judy Stumph were librarians. Whether this group plays "long hair" or "crew cut," their spirited music is appreciated by the entire school.

BASSICK BAND

NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY

The National Honor Society has proved itself to be of great value to the secondary schools of America. This society gives pupils of secondary schools something to strive for and is the most coveted honor that can be bestowed upon a student. Its steady rapid growth is evidence of its worth. Acquiring membership in Bassick's National Honor Society is the highest achievement a Bassick student can attain. Although outstanding scholastic ability is the basis of this organization, one must show leadership qualities, give service, and demonstrate good character in order to be a part of this select group. This year the organization composed entirely of seniors elected as its officers Philip Swaim, president; Alice Hartley, vice-president; Elizabeth Bray, secretary; Edmund Curran, treasurer; and Lorraine Almassy, social director. The Honor Society enjoyed several activities planned under the able guidance of Miss Miriam Mallay. Included in their activities were a very successful candy sale, an assembly in which they inducted worthy juniors and seniors into their organization, and an annual spring picnic.

First row, l. to r.: Elizabeth Bray, Alice Hartley, Edmund Curran, Lorraine Almassy, Anna Kaku. Second row: Marietta Schwickert, Anne Sugden, Bernard Krushinsky, Seth Weingarten, John Thanassi, Jean Lucas, Dolores Coppolella.

First row, l. to r.: Gerald Breiner, Philip Serlin, Stanley Lessler, John Halsy, Robert Kursman, Otto Velez, James Garofalo.

Second row: Richard Baltrusaitis, Michael Herman, Stephen Gross, Alfred Gratix, Daniel Toth, Leonard Grob, Ronald Burde, Joel Karp, Alexander Dobieshi.

The Bassick High School Chess Club offers a very interesting and fascinating game to its members. For many years this club has turned out some of the finest chess players in Connecticut. The members meet weekly under the capable leadership of Mr. Albert Fleischer. During the early weeks of the year, many new members learned the game, while oldtimers improved their play. The fine chess team which this club has reared has won the Southern Connecticut Chess League Championship for two consecutive years. They have defeated Central, Norwalk, East Norwalk, and Stamford. After tying their record with Darien this year, the Bassick team emerged victorious in a "play-off" game. Veteran members of the Bassick Chess Team this year include Captain, John Halsey; Stanley Lessler, Bob Kursman, Ronald Burde, and Joseph Zuckerman. Bassick is proud of this club, whose record is seventeen wins and one defeat!

CHESS CLUB

BASSICK VOICE BUSINESS STAFF

The Business affairs of both the school newspaper and the vearbook are managed by the Bassick Voice Business Staff under the direction of Mrs. Helen Spillane and Mr. Bernard Siller, a newcomer to Bassick this year. The members of this group, composed of sophomores, juniors, and seniors, are responsible for obtaining subscriptions, collecting money, and soliciting advertisements for the newspaper. Mrs. Spillane is in charge of financial affairs and Mr. Siller handles the advertising. These advisors believe that *teamwork* is an important part of success; for this reason, they have divided the group into various divisions under the leadership of selected captains. Each fall, it is the job of these boys and girls to "line up" advertising contracts with various business men in Bridgeport. They must then sell hundreds of subscriptions for the newspaper, which is published five times a year. During the winter, these pupils are in charge of obtaining subscriptions for the yearbook, which is released in June. With this valuable experience, the students gain a practical knowledge of business and salesmanship. They acquire poise and ease through their contacts with men of every walk in life and they gain the advantage of financial experience which acquaints them with the world of business.



First row, l. to r.: Joan Gilbert, Julie Keafstad, Elaine Jacobs, Judy Ohl, Beatrice Scharf, Fred Johnson, Leslie Gilbert, Elenor Weissman, Sally Goldman, Marie Gionet, Carol Turcy, Marsha Owen.

Second row: Mr. Bernard Siller, Jerry Breiner, Nancy Shearer, Joan Matey, June Gomberg, Helen Nicola, Loretta Caranica, Virginia Merly, Suzanne Wells, Clatilde Rodrigues, David Nelson, Mrs. Helen Spillane. Third row: Elma Matasian, Mary-Ann Parker, Marlene Lisiak, Marilyn Fisher, Lynn Sabo, Mary Mallay, Joyce Gionet, Diane Kangisser, Nancy Balogh, Annette Kleban.

First row, l. to r.: Grace Tvardzik, Penny Pilotti, Marilyn Leipner, Seth Weingarten, Judy Sagarin, Patricia Siller, Katherine Buckley.

Second row: Mary Patalak, Robert Jursman, Arthur Schipul, Newell Bishop, Barbara Esner.

The pleasant task of producing and publishing our school newspaper five times a year belongs to the Bassick Voice Literary Staff. Under the supervision of Miss Barbara Ciglar, the Staff is the "heart" of Bassick's journalism world. Each year Miss Ciglar selects the most promising members of the Journalism Club to serve on the Staff. These are usually Juniors and Seniors who have a flair for writing. It is their job to write articles, correct all articles handed in, and re-write any material which requires revision. The word "deadline" means a great deal to the members of this Staff. As the designated date for each issue draws near, these students may be seen hurrying to get all of their material in. Before this all-important date arrives, however, there is proof-reading to be done, headlines to be created, and "fillers" to be written. The officers of the Voice Literary Staff this year were: Editor-in-Chief, Seth Weingarten; Associate Editor, Judy Sagarin; and Feature Editor, Marilyn Leipner.

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BASSICK VOICE LITERARY STAFF



CHORUS

The combined Chorus of Bassick High School contributes to the success and pleasure of many school functions. Under the direction of Mrs. Lilyan H. Zigun, the new choral supervisor, these students "sing their way" through many enjoyable hours of music during the year. This year the Chorus presented musical programs at the Christmas Assembly, the annual Spring Concert, and several dramatic presentations. In the Spring Mrs. Zigun chose one hundred seniors, including the Choir, to participate in the Senior Chorus at graduation. Later, several boys and girls, whose excellent voices qualified them for membership in the A Cappella Choir were chosen. On March 18, many members of the musical organizations were fortunate to attend the presentation of "Faust" at the Metropolitan Opera House in New York City. Anyone who enjoys singing may elect Chorus as an extra subject. Members of this group are taught appreciation of good music and voice development. An important purpose of this organization is to develop the musical talent of Bassick. Boys and girls who belong to Chorus gain poise and confidence in performing before an audience as well as a sense of relaxation and enjoyment.



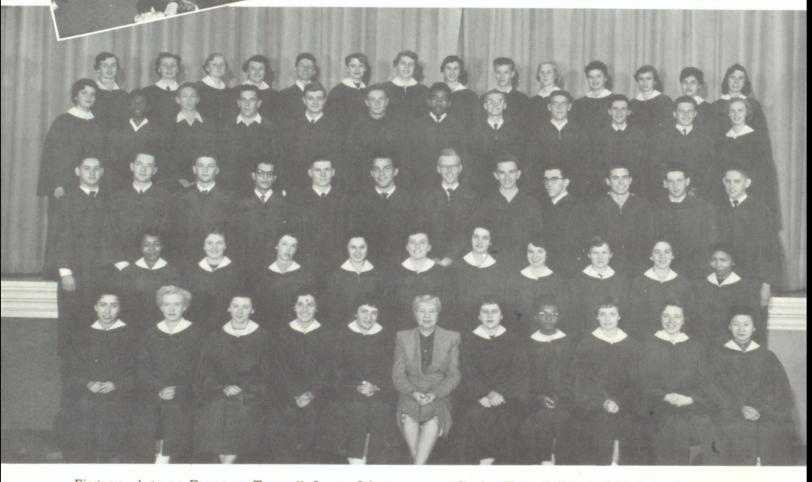
Left to right: Richard De Manche, John Csey, Robert Schwartz, Robert Sanwald, Paul Brown, Don Sabo, John Tvardzik, James Gomperts, Robert Balstad, Mr. Warren L. Brown.

The success of various extra-curricular activities conducted throughout Bassick's school year is largely the result of the hard-working Stage Crew, under the supervision of Mr. Warren Brown. Working quietly in the background, the boys have successfully set the stage for plays, concerts, and assemblies. Their main objective, however, is to aid the faculty by setting up all the audio and visual equipment needed for teaching. The crew, which consists of twelve members, has elected Paul Brown as its foreman, John Csey as assistant foreman, and Richard De Manche as yeoman. The crew is not only worthy of high praise because of the expert job they have done during school hours, but also for the time, energy, and effort they have put in after school. It is easy to realize that it would be difficult for Bassick to get along without this group of zealous, energetic boys, whose knowledge of stage organization and projector mechanics carries Bassick's assemblies to success.

STAGE CREW

A CAPPELLA CHOIR

The A Cappella Choir, under the new leadership of Mrs. Lilyan H. Zigun, is one of Bassick's most cherished organizations. Each year, in the spring, several students from the Combined Chorus, whose excellent voices qualify them for the Choir, are inducted into this group. This year, the Choir consisted of over sixty students, ranging from sophomores to seniors. These boys and girls provided musical entertainment at school presentations and at city functions. In their traditional maroon gowns, they participated at the Christmas assembly and the annual Spring Concert. In March this group traveled to Hamden to perform before a panel of distinguished judges. In the spring a few members of the Choir participated in the All-State Choir in Hartford. These boys and girls work very hard to perfect their voices and to prepare a fine repetoire of songs every year. The thundering acclamation that the Choir always receives is representative of its fine tone and outstanding performances. The officers of this year's A Cappella Choir included John Stenquist, president; Mary Patalak, vice-president; Virginia Shultz, secretary; and Bernard Hanlon, treasurer.



- First row, l. to r.: Rosemary Tancredi, Lynne Johnson, Mary Patalak, Laura Campbell, Claire Tassinary, Miss Grace Laing, Marilyn Leipner, Evelyn Newsome, Betsy Buckhout, Joan Wells, Anna Kaku. Second row: Elaine Couthen, Anne Sugden, Marilou
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Swaim, Kenneth Broad, John Stenquist.

- Fourth row: Elaine Audley, Louis Gibson, Bruce Carley, Michael Herrera, James Walker, Allen Trickey, Lafayette Caraway, Newell Bishop, Jack Carpenter, Bernard Krushinsky, Paul Leninger, Beverly Ostman.
- Fifth row: Mary Lou Tyer, Virginia Shultz, Nancy Buckhout, Anne Kane, George Fatsy, Barbara Kalinski, Hildegarde Feucht, Loretta Bedini, John Gilbert, Julie Klafstadt, Marion Svihra, Jean Lucas, Victoria Di Dio, Grace Tvardzik.

- First row, l. to r.: Gertrude Moskowitz, Vera-Anne Slavicek, Cathy Curtis, Virginia Yawarchak, Penny Pilotti, Nancy Buckhout, Edmund Curran, Jeri Reid, Bob Greenstein, Carol Trew, Connie Gallo, Nilda Rodniquez, Carmen Cotto, Audrey Katz.
- Second row: Betsy Buckhout, Louise Seigel, Eileen Crowley, Dorothy Mikita, Betty Lengel, Nancy Roder, Peggy Haborak, Peggy Donowski, Gladys Shorrock, Stephanie Pastor, Joan Favreau, Connie Trew, Joan Rastas, Betty Ann Fazekas, Anita Kinsella, Rose Murray, Arlene Fazekas, Pat Merkli, Elaine Fazekas.
- Third row: Freda Zoulamis, Joan Patren, Marion Svihra, Judy Shiff, Grace Tvardzik, Sylvia June, Judy Sagarin, Judy Kozma, Julie Klafstad, Vera Ann Saul, Caroline Ritzul, Elaine Jacobs, Alice Kohut, Victoria

DiDio, Emily Hahn, Alice Hartley, Virginia Merly, Joann Fazekas, Ellen Louise Albright, Sherril Sproviero.

- Fourth Row: Judy Krawitz, Myrna Lipscher, Jackie Serlin, Mary Morris, Katherine Buckley, Florence Farber, Judy Rente, Agnes DelMastro, Phyllis Whitney, Sandra Hartman, Carole Cassana, Elaine Hubiska, Ann Johnson, Carol Ann Luthy, Janice Davis, Maureen Nemth.
- Fifth row: Nancy Barna, Peggy Freese, Evelyn Bugyi, Janice Norsal, Heldegarde Feucht, Harriet Morrison, Art Schipul, Marge Nelson, Jean Mesaric, Barbara Echhlaus, Roberta Haley, Anita DeStase, Barbara Burbank, Marjorie Westman.

The Dramatic Club of Bassick is an organization which strives to interest its members in dramatics and to assist them in acquiring poise. The club, which is under the direction of Miss Mae McNulty, boasts a membership of over one hundred students. This year these students presented two delightful performances: the Senior play, which was entitled "Meet Me in St. Louis," and the Spring play, "You Can't Take It with You." Both of these plays were directed by Miss Mae McNulty. At the first of their monthly meetings, the members of the club elected this group of officers: president, Ed Curran; vice-president, Penny Pilotti; secretary, Jeri Reid; and treasurer, Nancy Buckhout. During the Christmas season, the Dramatic Club sponsored a party that was given for the members of the cast of both plays. In addition to being given a chance to perform, the Bassick students who are members of this organization are given the opportunity to learn just how a play is produced.

DRAMATIC CLUB

SCHOLARSHIP-LEADERSHIP

The juniors and seniors pictured here are the honored members of the Scholarship-Leadership group. They have earned their coveted pins on the basis of outstanding scholastic records and superior qualities of leadership. They have been voted for by their classmates and recommended by their teachers. Each year, in the fall, Mr. Roth awards these pins to worthy applicants. Five per cent of the junior class receive silver pins, and five per cent of the senior class receive gold pins. The boys and girls are allowed to wear these symbols of honor for only one year. At the end of this time, the pins must be returned. An aspirant must prove himself qualified to wear a Scholarship-Leadership pin a second time. At graduation ceremonies, permanent gold pins are awarded to those seniors who have accumulated excellent all-around high school records. Scholarship-Leadership pins are donated to Bridgeport High Schools by the United Civics Clubs of Bridgeport in the interest of building world leaders.

- First row, l. to r.: Anna Kaku, Jack Sekelsky, Peggy Freese, Philip Serlin, Karen Gruinski, Seth Weingarten, Philip Swaim, Edmund Curran, Alice Hartley, John Minely.
- Second row: Rosemary Tancrede, Diane Chala, Agnes Del Mastro, Freda Zoulamis, Anne Sugden, Joan Favreau, Penny Pilotti, Phyllis Whitney, Victoria Di

Dio, Betsy Buckhout, Marcia Lou Davis. Third row: Judy Shiff, Bob Qrunstein, Jean Lucas, Julie Klafstad, Elsie Alberghini, Newell Bishop, Dick Wright, Marion Svihra, Lorraine Almassy, Mary Lou Tyer, Ruth Hoffman, Laure Campbell, Gladys Shorrock.

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First row, l. to r.: Sandra Archer, Arthur Schipul, Joan Sevick, Kenneth White, Patricia Jennings, Robert Johnson, Carol Nerkowski, Mary Ann Parker.

Second row: Mr. Louis Sebestyn, Marily Fischer, Sally Goldman, Carl Pabst, William Lazoja, Robert Fedor, George Fedor, James Garafolo, Ann Oreski, Mary Oreski, James Caserta.

One of the newer organizations at Bassick is the Stamp Club. This has been the third year of its existence, and it has become one of our most active groups. Under the guidance of Mr. Louis Sebestyn, and its recent slate of officers; Austin White, president; Robert Johnson, vice-president; Joan Sevick, secretary; Patricia Jennings, treasurer; and Arthur Schipul, social director; the club has enjoyed a very successful year. The members assemble monthly and discuss the various types of stamps. Their emphasis is placed upon stamps of the United States. They have taken various field trips including those to the Pitney-Bowes Postal Meter Company, the New Haven Historical Society, the Peabody Museum, and, of course, to our own local main post office. This year the Bassick Philatelic Society has included coins as an additional study topic. All those who take part in this group can certainly credit our stamp club as an organization in which they have gained both knowledge and experience in their selected hobby.

STAMP CLUB

FACULTY



Commercial Department



Science Department



Industrial Arts Department

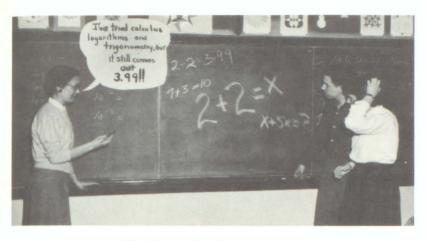


Department of Physical Education



History Department





Mathematics Department



Department of Home Economics



English Department

FRENZY



Foreign Language Department



Administration



Art Department

FUTURE NURSES OF AMERICA

The Future Nurses of America is one of the most interesting and popular organizations opened to the girls of Bassick High. At their monthly meetings Virginia Shultz presides as president, Marilyn Hahn as vice-president, Rozanne Sweedo as secretary, Grace Tvardzik as treasurer, and Shirley Witkiewicz as social director. The club is composed of girls who plan to study nursing or some other phase of the medical profession after their high school graduation. During the past year, under the capable supervision of our school nurse, Miss Olive Donnelly, this organization has enjoyed several social activities. Besides hearing many outstanding speakers, the girls have had the privilege of touring both Saint Vincent's and Bridgeport Hospitals. They also attended an afternoon tea held at the University of Bridgeport. As a school project, the club held two very successful cake sales, one in December and another in March. As this school year drew to a close, the group sponsored a picnic which was held at Lake Quassapaug.



- First row, l. to r.: Miss Olive Donnelly, Theresa Sarvicki, Barbara Williamson, Florence Chasse, Viola Jordhamo, Rozanne Sweedo, Virginia Shultz, Marilyn Hahn, Grace Tvardzik, Shirley Witkiewicz, Eileen Murray, Mildred Peters, Roberta Rescoe, Mary Banores.
- Second row: Dolores Markus, Arlene Anderson, Sandra Archer, Vita Murray, Lillian Lovgren, Marie Glennon, Sue Colman, Priscilla Dailey, Pat Doyle, Grace Perry, Bonnie Teller, Adrienne Ritz, Juanita Beason, Jane Coyne, Ann Johnson, Patricia Henaghan, Barbara Loomis, Louise Ross, Gail Pavia.

Third row: Blanche Ignatovich, Charlotte Carlson, Jo-

ann Fazekas, Diane Check, Judy Ford, June Redin, Mary Jean Wilson, Mary Lou Collins, Peggy Freese, Barbara Stevenson, Marge Nelson, Judy Wehger, Patricia Gray, Judy Englehard, Frances Bouras, Francois Harriman, Sandy Sargeant, Evelyn Bugyi, Patsy Sprague, Anita Di Stasi, Joan Olson.

Fourth row: Diane Von Briesen, Anna Nelson, Barbara Jasmin, Nancy Peterson, Joan Pickard, Patricia Synnott, Janet Barske, Mary Ann Bochnak, Anne Tomaja, Cecelia Masaitis, Eunice Bunnell, Patricia Benson, Sherry Banks, Barbara Rohrig, Kay-Ann Mesaros, Karen Gregger, Marie Gionet, Barbara Hultgren.

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First row, l. to r.: Frank Ayles, Alfred Gratrix, Jerry Brennan.

Second row: Bruce Carley, Joseph Drales, John Golden, Stephen Hirsch, Mr. Henry Walsh.

The word indispensable might best describe the Bassick Scenic Artists. This group comprises some of the school's best artists who combine their artistic talent and their ingenuity to produce the best sets possible for nearly all of the Bassick productions. Under the direction of Mr. Henry Walsh, who is head of the Art Department, the members of the Scenic Artists spend many hours during school and very often long hours after school producing sets that will be needed for various school projects. These members are responsible for the sets in the Christmas Assembly, the Senior and Spring plays, and the Green and White Revue - to name but a few. In addition to learning more about the various aspects of art, the Scenic Artists gain valuable experience in stagecraft through their work. Although they are the "unseen heroes" of the stage, the presence of the Scenic Artists is felt through their work in the outstanding settings that have always added so much to Bassick stage productions.

SCENIC ARTISTS

ORCHESTRA

An organization which plays an important part in many school activities is the Bassick High School Orchestra. Under the fine leadership of Mr. Stephen Gasper, this group is always striving to further perfect their musical techniques. Although they meet only twice a week, their outstanding performances throughout the year prove that each member works with constant effort and enthusiasm. The orchestra supplies the incidental music between the acts of the Spring Play and the Senior Play. They also play several numbers in the annual Spring Concert and provide the marching music as the students file to and from assemblies. Their most important performance comes on graduation night as they supply a musical background while diplomas are distributed. It is certainly evident that Bassick would find it difficult to get along without this group of talented musicians, who, with great diligence, serve our school.



- First row, l. to r.: Virginia Shultz, Katherine Merritt, Gail Bayers, Sonja Cornell, Carol Trew, Marietta Schwickert, Arian Perachiv, Joseph Sobotka, William Thielen, Elizabeth Bray.
- Second row: Stephen Bansak, Allan Lipscher, James Caserta, Allan Aaron, Melvyn Oppenheim, Howard Freeman, Leonard Cassilo, William Serlin, Kenneth

O'Brian, Judy Stumph.

- Third row: Anthony Lota, Richard Baltrusaitis, Marvin Leborosky, Timothy Kline, Robert Venman, Paul Leninger, Harvey Helm, Irene Anderson.
- Fourth row: Seth Weingarten, Stanley Lessler, Vincent Yurksaitis, Howard Foster, Bruce Eddy, Mr. Stephen Gasper.

- First row, l. to r.: George Mougios, Frank Wlassak, John Renkavinsky, John Thomas, Gerald Gajnos, Richard Baltrusaitis, Stuart Epstein, Gerald Breiner. Second row: Virginia Curci, Seth Weingarten, Richard
- Second row: Virginia Curci, Seth Weingarten, Richard Zeisler, Stanley Lessler, Anna Kaku, Jed Diem, Mary Ellen Grant, Gordon Chase, Harriette Dorman, Anne Sugden, Betsy Buckhout, Mary Patalak.
- Third row: Beryl Swire, Nancy Roda, Marilou Galian, Dolores Coppolella, Sandra Booth, Elizabeth Bray,

Joseph Sholtes, Marjorie Nelson, John Halsey, Robbert Kursman, Phillip Swaim, Marietta Schwickert, Mary Ann Bochnak, Emily Hahn, Ellen Rosenfeld, Annette Kleban, Ellen Bai.

Fourth row: Patricia Doyle, Carole Gross, Elsie Alberghini, Patty Siller, Sandra Linde, Roberta Haley, Larissa Kappel, Allan Aaron, Edmund Curran, John Madsen, Judith Sagarin, Alice Hartley, Barbara Esner, Marion Svihra, Steven Gross, Nancy Zissell.



The United States History Debating Club is one of Bassick's most informative organizations.

Under the supervision of Miss Marie B. Cooney, members of this club, usually students in Miss Cooney's history classes, practice the art of debating.

Subjects for debates are chosen by the debaters and are usually those which pertain to, or have an effect on, their lives.

Among the topics discussed this year were:

Resolved: that the Student Council serves Bassick well;

- **Resolved:** that voting privileges should be extended to eighteen year olds; and
- Resolved: that the United States should adopt a policy of socialized medicine.

Lively discussion periods usually follow each debate in which the students give vent to their own personal views on the subject in question.

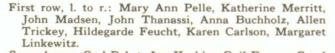
The officers of the Debating Club this year were: president, Jed Diem; vice-president, Anna Kaku; secretary, Mary Ellen Grant; treasurer, Stanley Lessler; time keeper, Gordon Chase; and public relations, Richard Zeisler.



U. S. HISTORY DEBATING CLUB

GERMAN CLUB

To the German students it is referred to as Der Deutsche Verein, but to the average student it is known as the German Club. Meetings are held once a month under the capable supervision of Miss Flora Neubauer, who replaced Mrs. Pearl Roberts early in the year. Here the members get a taste of the culture and customs of the people whose language they study as a regular classroom subject. The officers of this group are Anna Buchholz, president; John Thanassi, vice-president; Allen Trickey, secretary; and John Madsen, treasurer. As an added feature, the group studies about famous German people; these include composers, such as Beethoven and Wagner, writers, such as Goethe and Heine, and scientists, such as Koch and Einstein. The students feel that they have gained a great deal of knowledge and enjoyment through their membership in this club.



Second row: Carl Pabst, Joy Kochiss, Gail Bayers, Carol

Foehrenbach, Frances Pelle, Marilyn Hahn, Gaber Molnar, Donald Rose, Steven Hirsch, George Tregger, Marvin Lebowsky Judith Wehger, Elaine Fineberg, Ursula Stenquist, Joan Rastas, Irene Lebedowicz, Miss Flora Neubauer.

- First row, l. to r.: Rita Turcott, Carol Nerkowski, Phyllis Whitney, Anna Polascik, Mary Molloy, Irene Fressola, Nancy Marshall, Mary Lou Tyer, Anna Kaku, Patricia Doyle, Marcia Davis, Sandra Hartman, Joan Tassinaro.
- Second row: Beryl Swire, Carol Goula, Dianne Chala, Dolores Coppollela, Laura Campbell, Lorraine Almassy, Patricia Siller, Alice Hartley, Ann Sugden, Emily Hahn, Judy Shiff, Geraldine Rickter, Penny Pilotti, Marie Magdefrau, Aracelis Velasquez, Gladys

Shorrock, Helen Nicola, Pauline Halvady, Marilyn Fischer.

Third row: Charlotte Zwerdling, Elsie Alberghini, Marietta Schwickert, Sally Goldman, Celestine Minolga, Joan Pruett, Barbara Esner, Dorothy Simon, Karen Gminski, Elaine Bascaini, Marion Svihra, Hildegarde Feucht, Loretta Bedini, Anna Marie Patuzzi, Barbara Nastu, Marilyn Leipner, Jean Lucas, Mary Ellen Grant.

The Ushers' Guild is an organization composed of girls who have received first honors at the close of their sophomore or junior year. This puts entrance to the club on a scholastic basis, and therefore it is one of our more select groups. These girls usher at such school functions as the Spring Concert, the Spring Play, and the Senior Play. They also have the privilege of ushering at various civic affairs given at the Klein Memorial Auditorium. Some of these affairs were the opera, "Madam Butterfly," the musical comedies, "Oklahoma" and "Guys and Dolls," presentations by the Connecticut Symphony and the Policemen's Annual Show. The girls obtain their greatest thrill when they are assigned their ushering stations for graduation night. This organization, under the able sponsorship of Miss Helen Ferriter, always does the type of job that makes Bassick proud of each and every member. The officers of this club are Mary Lou Tyer, senior head usher; Anna Kaku, assistant senior head usher; Nancy Marshall, junior head usher; and Irene Fressola, junior assistant head usher.

USHERS' GUILD

LE CERCLE FRANCAIS

This year, the members of the French Club held their monthly meetings under the capable direction of Miss Irma Cianfrano. The prime purpose of this club is to promote interest in the language and customs of the French people. This aim is furthered through the use of French games, records, songs, and in studying the origins of various French-American customs. The officers of the club, president, Anna Kaku; vice-president, Marietta Schwickert; secretary, Jeri Reid; treasurer, Gail Hickman; and directors of social activities, Penny Pilotti, and Robert Caserta; conducted these meetings entirely in French. Among the several activities which the approximately seventy members of the French Club had planned for this year were: a Christmas party with the appearance of the French "Santa Claus," Pere Noel, and his imp, who, according to custom, filled the naughty children's stockings with coal; several movies about France; skits about life in the different French provinces; and, at the end of the year, a talent show.



First row, l. to r.: Anne Sugden, Arlene Anderson, Lucille Hopkins, Marietta Schwickert, Jeri Reid, Gail Hickman, Anna Kaku, Robert Caserta, Penny Pilotti, Joan Olson, Elma Matosian, Sandra Hartman. Second row: Evelyn Flax, Sherril Sproviero, Dorothy

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Third row: Carole Cross, Mimi Flynn, Janice Davis,

Patty Siller, Nora Lou Snyder, Emily Hahn, Patty Morrissey, Mary Lou Collins, Pearl Silverman, Beverly Nelson, Larisa Kappel, Nancy Rosenfeld, Judy Ohe, Marjorie Snyder, Carol Ann Luthy, Gladys Shorrock, Barbara Lovasz.

Fourth row: Betsy Buckhout, Stephen Gross, Ronald Burdy, James Walker, Stephen Toth, Ronnie Baud, Jack Gannon, Robert Middlebrook, James Ontoniou, Stephen Roscsanski, Bill Serlin, Al Lipscher, Harold Holzer, Walter Jeffko, Stephen Bansak, Howard Freeman, Florence Farber. First row, l. to r.: Judy Krakovich, Gail Birdsall, Bob Greenstein, Mary Molloy, Art Schipul, Fran Harriman, Robert Johnson, Mary Knopf, Maria Cotto.
Second row: Shirley Bernier, Joan DeMattia, Marie Magdefrau, Gail Peterson, Joe Barron, Robert Ambrosino, Joan Sevick, Patricia Benson, Vera Samoskevich, Mr. Kaplan.

Third row: Richard Takacs, George Fedor, William Denton, Harold Holzer, Joseph Sholtes, Michael Gannon, Tom Giblin, Charlie Perez, William Lagoja.

When one is walking through the halls of Bassick, he might very easily find himself the object of a picture taken by a member of the Photography Club. Under the supervision of Mr. Harry Kaplan, the officers of this club were: president, Arthur Schipul; vice-president, Mary Molloy; secretary, Francaise Harriman; treasurer, Robert Johnson; and social directors, Mary Knopf and Robert Greenstein. The members of the Photography Club are responsible for many pictures of school activities as well as candid shots of teachers and students. Some of these pictures are used in the school newspaper, and others are posted on the bulletin boards in the halls. When the Bassick Yearbook is printed, the best pictures taken by these students are put into it. These students not only learn how to take good pictures, but they also learn how to develop and retouch them. Although not all of these students become experts in the field of photography, this club affords a pleasant outlet for those who enjoy photography as a hobby.

PHOTOGRAPHY CLUB

FUTURE TEACHERS OF AMERICA

The Future Teachers of America is an organization composed of students interested in the field of education as a profession. The Bassick chapter of this organization is sponsored by Miss Mary J. Gallahue, Dean of Girls. This organization strives to furnish information concerning the preparation and qualifications for the teaching profession. It does this through the presentation of films, discussion groups, and guest speakers from various Teachers Colleges. Its members also observe the methods of teachers in several elementary schools throughout the city in order that they might study the various aspects of classroom teaching. The officers of the Bassick chapter of the F.T.A. are: president, Mary Ellen Grant; vice-president, Marjorie Nelson; secretary, Virginia Shultz; treasurer, Kathleen Grant; and directors of social activities, Elsie Alberghini, and Judy Kaymo. The social calendar for this year included: a cake sale which was held in December, a Spring Tea to which representatives from various schools and Teachers Colleges were invited, and a picnic which was held in May.



- First row, l. to r.: Virginia Curci, Annette Kleban, Carol Trew, Judith Kazma, Elsie Alberghini, Kathy Grant, Mary Ellen Grant, Marjorie Nelson, Virginia Shultz, Helen Britt, Donna Anderson, Patricia Tyler, Judy Katz.
- Second row: Sandra Hartman, Irene Anderson, Gail Abitz, Eleanor Tomer, Joan Rastas, Joan Wells, Helen Kish, Diane Bonvicini, Mary Ann Fox, Marilyn Fischer, Evelyn Flax, Nancy Zissell, Mona Faulkner, Ruth

Hoffman, Evelyn Dobieski, Rosaline George, Merle Fisk, Joy Weisgerber, Freda Zoulamis, Selma Yusko, Lucille Hopkins.

Third row: Nancy Salling, Mary Ann Szidor, Sandra Sessler, Sally Goldman, Marion Svihra, Judy Sagarin, Greta Johnson, Jane Stanne, Ruth Peterson, Ronald Baird, Jean Mesaric, Judy Ohl, Rozanne Cohen, Barbara Eide, June Gomberg, Monica Gibson, Millie Costa, Dolores Coppolella.

- First row, l. to r.: Judy Irving, Helen Britt, Rosalie Hall, Judy Crosby, Ellyn Brown, Elsie Alberghini, Elaine Boscaini, Ann Oreski, Adora Leake, Barbara Chasse, Mary Oreski.
- Second row: Irene Lebedowiz, Anita Lex, Rita Turcott, Pat Kovac, June Gomberg, Marie Gionet, Myrna Lipscher, Filomena Russo, Alberta Couthen, Rose Marie

Sorrell, Diane Ruscoe, Carol Nerkowski, Rosemary Tancredi, Miss Corinne Schread.

Third row: Nancy Carpenter, Ann Tomoja, Irene Fressola, Helen Jacob, Deanne Bussolotti, Lillian Lenart, Elaine Almassy, Georgia Yeingst, Loretta Bedini, Evelyn Discepolo, Carole Poole, Nancy Barna, Carol Hurd, Rozanne Sweedo, Eunice Bunnel.

This year the library squad was very happy to welcome Miss Corinne Schread, Bassick's new librarian, as their advisor. This is one of the most functional organizations in Bassick, because it is the responsibility of the squad to help keep our library neat and orderly. Besides helping to run the library efficiently, the girls have had a very enjoyable social program. Early in the year the group held a successful cake sale. To get into the spirit of Christmas, they combined their induction tea and Christmas party with the Central High School Squad as guests. The present officers, who were elected at last year's annual dinner, are Elsie Alberghini, president; Ellen Brown, vicepresident; Elaine Boscaini, secretary; and Anna Oreski, treasurer. After training period was over, the new members received wooden pins in the shape of a book, and the senior assistants received silver pins. The girls in this group enjoyed their work, and through their constant efforts helped to administer our library.

LIBRARY SQUAD

MAKE-UP SQUAD

The girls who take an active part in the make-up squad are among the many who help to make Bassick's stage productions a huge success. This group meets bi-monthly under the capable supervision of their sponsor, Miss Florence Huntress. In this organization the girls learn the finer points of applying and removing make-up. The squad is an essential club, for they are the ones who make up the casts for Bassick's plays and assemblies. This is the group that is responsible for wrapping some students in wrinkles and making others look like five-year-old children. Included in their social activities during the year were a stage show in New York City which the girls attended, and a spring picnic which the girls enjoyed at Candlewood Lake. Under the able leadership of Joyce Sayball, the squad's president; Aracelis Velasquez, vice-president; Diane Check, secretary; and Patricia Pramuka, treasurer; the make-up squad experienced a very enjoyable and successful year.



- First row, l. to r.: Mary Lilsa, Ann Trembeczlsi, Sandra Dolan, Patricia Pramuka, Diane Check, Aracelis Velasquez, Bernice Wakeley, Vera Anne Slavicik, Gertrude Moskowitz.
- Second row: Delores Gaudett, Lillian Lovgren, Judy Shiff, Evelyn Flax, Nancy Peterson, Mildred Costa,

Marilou Galian, Rosaline George, Merle Fisk, Diana Chala.

Third row: Barbara Aimelus, Edith Lucas, Sally Minolga, Mary Jean Wilson, Mary Ann Hanusovsky, Phyllis Cibulas, Coralie Brugger, Janet Silverman, Marjorie Snyder, Carol Goula, Joann Fazekas. First row, l. to r.: Alice Crittenden, Virginia Dirsa, Lorraine Almassy, Anna Polascik, Rosaline George, Joan Pruett, Dorothy Leaf, Pat Basque.Second row: Madeline Civitele, Pat Jennings, Connie

Zloto, Vera Ann Saul, Carolyn Brown, Isabel Siscar, Julia O'Shea, Loretta Bedini, Freda Zoulamis, Dorothy Simon, Elaine Kelly, Gertrude Moskowitz.

The Order of Bassick is an organization which is open to senior girls in the secretarial course. Entrance to this group is on a scholastic basis; therefore, only those girls who have attained an eighty average or better in their junior year are eligible for membership. This year the initiates dressed in crepepaper costumes, and each girl represented a flower. At the first meeting the girls elected their officers. Anna Polascik served as president, Lorraine Almassy as vice-president, Rosaline George as secretary, Virginia Dirsa as treasurer, and Mildred Leonard as social director. Under the fine guidance of Mrs. Rose Iodice the girls enjoyed a Christmas dinner held at the Silvermine Restaurant in Norwalk. They heard several guest speakers from banks and offices who gave them first hand information about their chosen careers. In the early spring the group took a sightseeing trip to New York City, and as the year came to a close, they enjoyed themselves at a picnic; their final social function.

ORDER OF BASSICK SECRETARIES

JUNIOR CLASSICAL LEAGUE

The students of third and fourth year Latin work with spontaneous and energetic zeal in their club called the Junior Classical League. Their motto, "Pergo Perago," which means, "As I proceed in life, I accomplish," is reflected in the social, scholastic, and civic activities of the club under the direction of Miss Nonie Brennan. This group chose their officers as follows: John Minely makes a very capable president, Jack Sekelsky presides as vice-president, Anne Sugden is secretary, and Laura Campbell is treasurer. The organization, in accordance with its tradition, takes active interest in supporting charitable causes of civic interest. The Christmas charity project for this year was directed to supplement the local Community Chest program. The league members also enjoyed participating in the interesting study of Roman culture and philosophy in order to broaden their appreciating of Latin literature. Moreover, academic laurels were attained for the group by the recent successful participation of Seth Weingarten, Leonard Grob, and Anna Kaku, in the Connecticut State Latin Contest.



First row, l. to r.: Judy Randall, Marilyn Fischer, Phyllis Whitney, Laura Campbell, John Minely, Jack Sekelsky, Anne Sugden, Mary Ellen Grant, Marilyn Leipner, Anna Kaku.
Second row: Nancy Buckhout, Miss Nonie Brennan, Iva Cagle, William Hanley, Leonard Grob, Bruce Henry, Philip Serlin, Seth Weingarten, Ed Curran, Carl Killian, Roger Blake, Newell Bishop, Virginia Shultz, Evelyn Flax.

- First row, l. to r.: Judy Katz, Eileene Romano, Florence Haschak, Gail Pavia, Miriam Flynn, Marie Glennon, Gail Dean, Connie Gallo, Judy Irving, Phyllis Mannoni.
- Second row: Mary Ann Ferraro, Eileen Murray, Shirley Rainer, Florence Farber, Margaret Fahy, Sheila Synnott, Pauline Dernago, Evelyn Dabieski, Joan Wells, Kathy Grant, Lillian Lovgren, Barbara Lovasz, Geor-

gia Poulas, Mrs. Joan Heine.

Third row: Stephanie Pastor, Barbara Buchla, Barbara Belcher, Virginia Shultz, Evelyn Bugyi, Frances Bouras, Rose Murray, Joan Pruett, Marlene Smith, Gengute Valliere, Marilyn Hahn, Jeannette Hugh, Alice Kohut, Bobbi Pefinger, Sheila Fagan, Marjorie Meldon.

One of the most worthy extra-curricular activities offered in Bassick High is the Junior Red Cross. It is composed of elected delegates from each homeroom. Their duties are of the utmost importance to our school and our community. As a part of the National Red Cross organization, this group offers their services in order to promote all Red Cross activities. One of their main objectives is to spread their enthusiasm to the entire student body of Bassick. Meetings are held once a month under the capable supervision of Mrs. Joan Heine. This year the club elected Marie Glennon as president and Joan Wells as treasurer. Through its annual school-wide collection every Bassick student is given the opportunity to become a member of the American Red Cross. Every delegate will confirm that it has been a privilege and an honor to be a member of this helpful organization.

JUNIOR RED CROSS

YEARBOOK STAFF

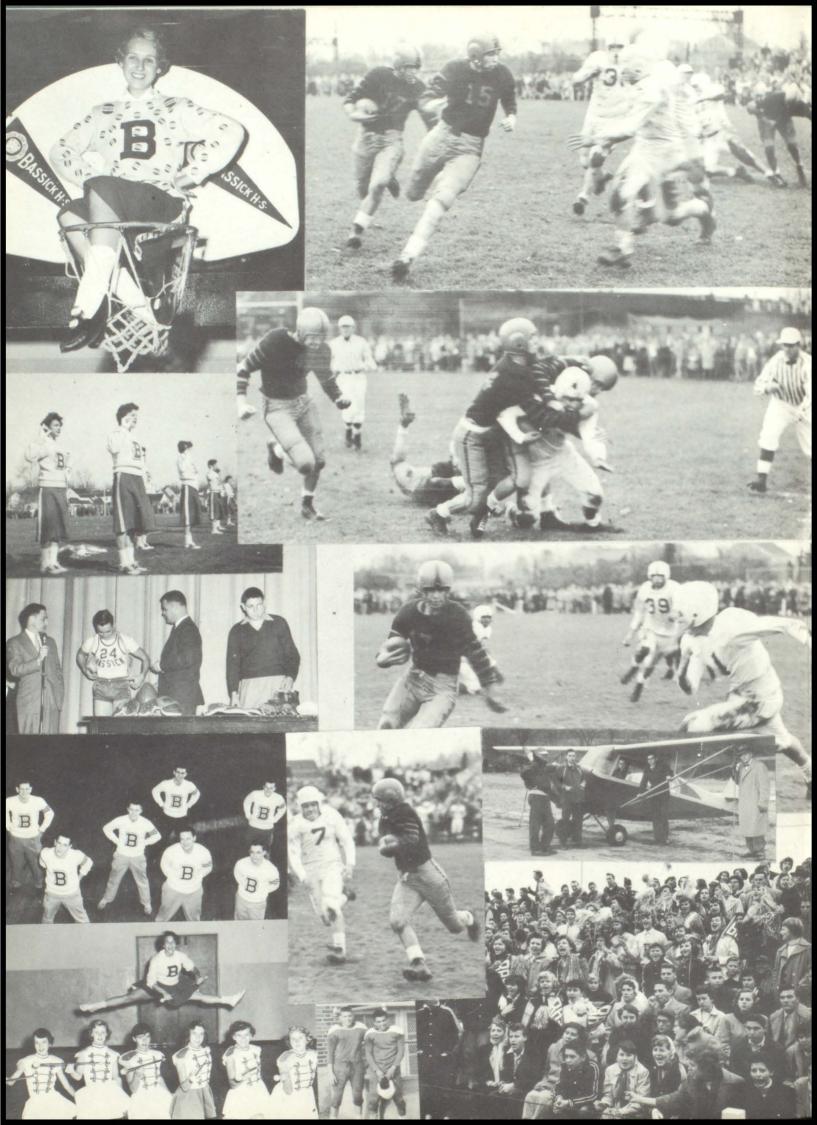
Early in October, the Yearbook Staff began to compile the 1955 edition of Bassick's yearbook, the Voice. The staff worked with constant effort and diligence to make this year's publication better than ever. As Edith Lucas, the editor-in-chief, worked conscientiously with Mr. Richard Mayer, advisor to the staff, this yearbook began to mold into what is presented here. The art department, under the guidance by Mr. Henry Walsh, added greatly to the book by creating the original sketches, and many props. The yearbook photographers were always on hand to catch the many candid shots which aid this book in capturing all the memorable occurrances that took place at Bassick High. Although the staff had many trying times, especially during the deadline period, they enjoyed presenting this yearbook to you. They believe that the Voice of 1955 speaks for itself in its significance.



- First row, l. to r.: Mildred Peters, Annette Kleban, Donna Anderson, Anna Mae Velky, Eileen Murray, Edith Lucas, Shirley Witkiewicz, Viola Jordhamo, Patricia Doyle, Nancy Roda, Beryl Swire, Charlotte Zwerdling, Ellen Bai.
- Second row: Mr. Richard Mayer, Mary Ellen Grant, Mary Ann Parker, Pauline Halvady, Freda Zoulamis, Ellen Rosenfeld, Victoria DiDio, Nancy Zissell, Joan Wells, Helen Kish, Mary Ann Bochnak, Adrienne Ritz, Audrey Suhanosky, Marilou Galian, Mr. Henry Walsh.
- Third row: Ann Jones, Sandra Booth, Joan Pruett, Virginia Shultz, Sandy Sargeant, Roberta Haley, Patrine Dabbs, Art Schipul, Seth Weingarten, Al Gratrix, Marge Nelson, Evelyn Hall, Marion Svihra, Barbara Esner, Judy Sagarin, Patty Siller, Ellyn Brown.
- Fourth row: Ann Sugden, Mary Jane O'Donnell, Judy Ford, Mary Lou Tyer, Sally Goldman, Patricia Pramuka, Dorothy Birch, Otto Velez, Edmund Curran, Sandra Linde, Joann Fazekas, Grace Tvardzik, Linda Kimmerling, Iva Cagle, Harriette Dorman, Nancy Harvey.

CHRISTMAS ASSEMBLY





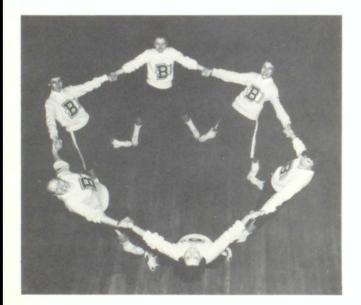
SPORTS



CHEERLEADERS



Elaine Kelly, Alice Hartley, Joyce Sayball, Joan Piriczky, Nancy Harvey, Betsy Buckhout, Elaine Jacobs, Betty Ann Fazekas, Anita Kinsella, Eileen Crowley, Mary Patalak, Sherril Sproviero. Front: Mary Ellen Kirk.



Under the tireless direction of Mrs. Myrtle Humphreys, who left Bassick during the year, the Cheering Squad has become the symbol of sparkling energy at Bassick. Early in the fall, hundreds of hopeful aspirants assembled in the gym for tryouts; only fourteen, however, were chosen for the squad. Long hours were spent in practice and development of songs and cheers. During the year these "human dynamos" attended every football and basketball game. With their never-ending energy, they cheered the team to victory and consoled them in defeat. The Cheerleaders participated in all pep assemblies, and presented hilarious skits' at the Thanksgiving Assembly. The girls are always on hand at Sports Nite and any other athletic function at Bassick. This year Mary Ellen Kirk is the captain of the Cheering squad. Everyone at Bassick will gladly "give a cheer" for the vim and vigor of these girls!

FOOTBALL TEAM

Bassick's pigskin troup completed an exciting but disappointing season this year. Under the superb coaching of Mr. Herbert Harrington and assistant coach, Mr. Mitchell Kobus, the Lions fought through a difficult schedule. Led by the stars, Dick Wright and Bob Reath, Bassick emerged victorious in several fine games. One of the most important victories for the Green and White was the game which the team won from Central, our traditional city rivals. On Thanksgiving Day the mighty eleven, led by Co-Captains Mike Herrera and Charles Ginand, fought a loyal game from start to finish, and, although we emerged on the "short end" of the score, our team continued the long Bassick tradition and reputation for "fighting heart." Allan Aaron, manager, was always on hand when morale, as well as equipment, was needed. In every game that the Lions played this year, their true fighting spirit and unwavering loyalty displayed the fine sportsmanship of which Bassick has always been proud.



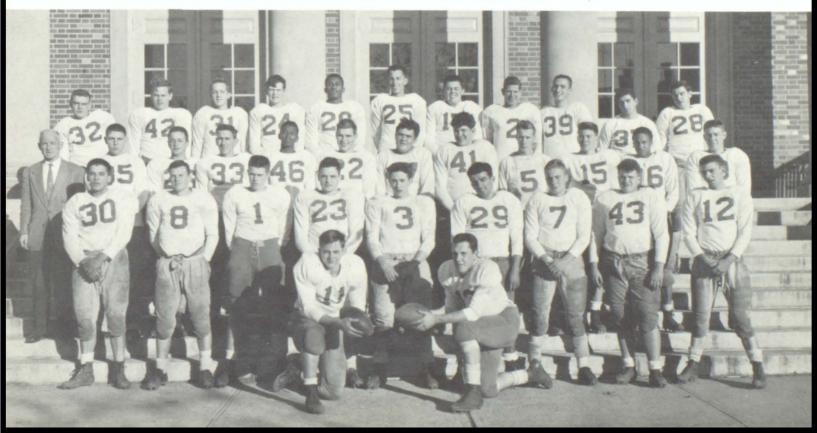
1955 SCHEDULE

Bassick 0	Harding 31
Bassick 0	Milford 21
Bassick 19	Central 0
Bassick 13	Bullard Havens 25
Bassick 12	West Haven 38
Bassick 0	Danbury 39
Bassick 19	Stratford 44
Bassick 7	Norwalk 40
Bassick 19	Fairfield 52

First row, l. to r.: Captains — Charles Ginand, Michael Herrera.

Second row: Allan Konecny, Richard Wright, Paul Mac-Vittie, Ronald Burde, Tony Lancia, Tony Jordhamo, Peter Rehl, Rudolph Forcier, Leonard Zargo.
Third row: Mr. Herbert Harrington, Allan Aaron, Robert Venman, Richard Tackacs, Clifford Carson, David Reed, Raymond Bourque, John Naclzam, Ronald Fitzsimmons, Marvin Lebowsky, William Pratt, Jack Carpenter.

Fourth row: Roger Wiznick, Fred Schempp, Albert Melhouse, Willard Doss, Robert Gleza, James Bannon, Robert Reath, Anthony Almassy, Vincent De Francesco, Richard Pataky.





G.A.L.A.

The Girls' Athletic Leaders Association, or the G.A.L.A., helps to keep the girls of Bassick in the "Sports-Light" and to further their interest in sports. Any girl who has received 90 in gym class or has obtained 50 points in outside activities such as bowling, hiking, swimming, soccer, or basketball is eligible for nomination into the G.A.L.A. But before she becomes a member, she must be initiated. This year, the new members were dressed as babies, complete with pablum and bottles. The G.A.L.A. sponsored several events this year, including Sports Night, All Girls' Day, and an assembly in which an animal act was featured. Under the direction of Mrs. Myrtle Humphreys, the officers of the club were: president, Larisa Kappel; vice-presidents, Mary Patalak and Marjorie Nelson; secretary, Betsy Buckhout; and treasurer, Julie Klafstad. In addition to learning more about sports, the members of the Girls' Athletic Leaders Association learn how to work together efficiently as a team.

First row, l. to r.: Anna Kaku, Judy Randall, Miriam Flynn, Julie Klafstad, Betsy Buckhout, Larisa Kappel, Marge Nelson, Mary Patalak, Eleanor Tomer, Irene Devan, Elaine Plukas, Carol Trew.

Second row: Marie Magdefrau, Harriette Dorman, Mona Faulkner, Marilou Galian, Joy Kochiss, Dorothy Mikita, Arlene Fazekas, Eileen Crowley, Betty Ann Fazekas, Nancy Kinsella, Betty Lengel, Vicky Di Dio, Marcia Owen, Mary Ann Bochnak, Vera Samoskevich. Third row: Anne Kane, Emily Hahn, Sandra Booth, Marion Svihra, Barbara Esner, Nancy Buckhout, Elaine Jacobs, Barbara Buell, Jane Stanne, Barbara Kalinski, Joan Gilbert, Evelyn Bugyi, Lillian Lenart, Judy Crosby, Ann Akoury, Grace Tvardzik, Nancy Roder.

Fourth row: Patricia Doyle, Nancy Roda, Beryl Swire, Joan Wells, Phyllis Whitney, Suyanne Wells, Beverly Banks, Anne Sugden, Ellen Rosenfeld, Iva Cagle, Mary Morris, Laura Campbell.





First row, l. to r.: Mr. Harry Lyon, Carl Killian, James Kirk, Joseph Buckley, Jack Carpenter, Archie Helms. Second row: William Chantland, John Minely, James

The 1955 Basketball Team, led by captain "Vandy" Kirk, opened the season with a "bang" when they defeated Norwalk, Harding, and the Alumni. Dropping their 3-0 record, the team lost to Central and Bullard Havens Tech, but they made a comeback by defeating Danbury and Greenwich. Although the watchword of the Lions has always been "teamwork," some of the boys were outstanding in their own capacity. Captain "Vandy" Kirk was high scorer for the season with a seventeen point average per game, and John "String" Minely was second with an average of twelve points per game. "Corky" Gordon, Bob "Mac" McDonnell, and Jim Kacsmarik also turned in fine performances. Because of illness, Coach Harry Lyons was relieved during the season by Mr. Robert Hustek. "Lefty," a former Bassick hoop star, coached the team to a victory over Greenwich, and a very close loss to the New England Champions, Fairfield. Manager Bill Chantland was always on hand when he was needed. Whether in victory or defeat, the spirited teamwork of these boys was always loudly applauded by the entire student body.

1955 SCHEDULE

Bassick 51	Norwalk	.39
Bassick 59	Harding	.56
Bassick 49	Alumni	.44
Bassick 64	Central	.66
Bassick 44	Bullard-Havens	46
Bassick74	Danbury	.44
Bassick 52	Greenwich	.48
Bassick 48	Stratford	.80
Bassick54	Stamford	.71

Won — 6

55 Danbury Bassick. Norwalk 62 Bassick.....48 Central 57 47 Bullard-Havens 49 Bassick Bassick 55 Harding61 Greenwich Bassick. 44 42 Bassick 57 Fairfield 61 Bassick 43 Stamford

Lost — 11

Kacsmarik, Willard Doss, Robert McDonnell, Walter Gordon, Nicholas Adams.

BASKETBALL TEAM





First row, l. to r.: Alexander Dobieski, Georgia Poulos, Nancy Harvey, Jackie Latham, Shirley Witkiewicz, Vera Samoskevich, Viola Jordhamo, David Nealon.
Second row: Robert Fedak, James McCarthy, James Brennan, John O'Donnell, Rudy Forcier, William Pratt, John Barabas, Bruce Eddy, Joe Romano, Mr. Neary.

Third row: Alan Konecny, Allan Aaron, Robert Middlebrook, Anthony Almassy, John Golden, Monroe Kohn, Jack Carpenter, Clifford Carson, James Roundeau.

ATHLETIC DELEGATES



The Athletic Delegates of Bassick have completed one of their most successful years. Under the leadership of Mr. Charles Neary, athletic advisor, these boys and girls, one from each homeroom, plan activities and solicit financial support for the athletic funds. These students aid the cheerleaders and the G.A.L.A. in planning the annual Sports Nite and various other athletic events. One of the most important jobs that this committee accomplishes during the fall is the sale of Booster Tickets. As in previous years, it was voted that the Booster Tickets should provide for a reduction in admission to all basketball, football, and baseball home games. This year, the Delegates sold over 1,250 Booster Tickets. The Athletic Delegates work hand in hand with the Faculty Advisory Board and the Fathers' Club to plan clean enjoyment for the students. Officers of the group this year include: Jackie Latham, president; Nancy Harvey, vice-president; Shirley Witkiewicz, secretary; and Vera Samoskevich, treasurer.

BASEBALL TEAM

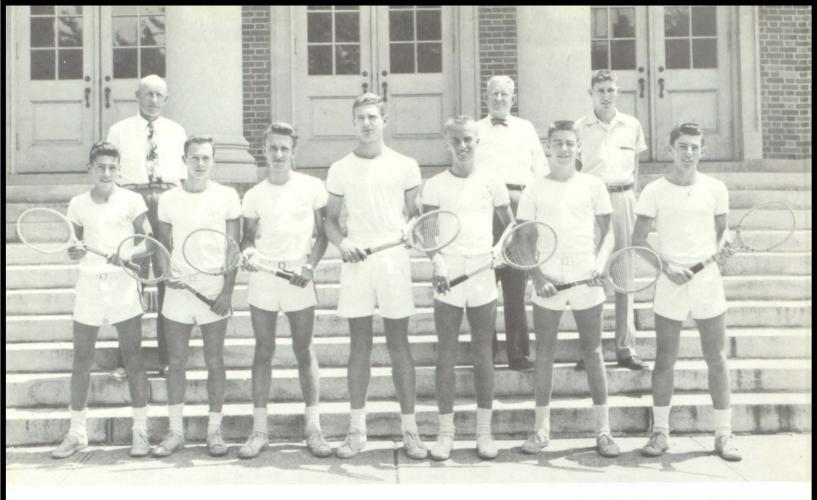
Backed by the spirited coaching of Mr. Herbert Harrington, Bassick's baseball team of 1954 reached great heights in the local sports world. Sparkplugs of the "fine nine" were pitcher Bob Santo, catcher Bob Felner, and first-baseman Jerry Mac-Dougall. Through the brilliant playing of these boys and their teammates, Bassick attained the City Championship for the second consecutive year. The Lions have maintained this championship ten times in the past nineteen years. Bob Felner led the team with a batting average of .383. Bob Santo pitched a no-hitter which led the team to city championship. The highlight of the season was the last game with Roger Ludlowe. After a spirited contest of fifteen innings, the Lions emerged victorious by a score of 5-4. Out of thirteen games played, the Green and White conquered their opponents in eight games. With a fine record such as this, Bassick can be proud of the boys on the baseball team!



Kneeling: l. to r.: Pete Cummings, Gerald Mac Dougall. First row: Vinnie Marro, Russell Raphaely, Bob Felner, Fred Schempp, Bob Reath, Harry Lindberg, Clifford La Rose, Roster Caple, Bob Gerics.

Second row: Mr. Herbert Harrington, Vandy Kirk, Jack Buckley, Garry Engler, Bob McDonnell, David Gazlay, Ralph Santo, Vincent Panza, Joe Buckley, Mr. Harry Lyon.





First row, l. to r.: Robert Caserta, Blake Patterson, Stephen Bessemer, Seth Weingarten, Glenn Canfield, Jack Carpenter, Roland Caserta.

Second row: Mr. Charles Carr, Mr. Harry Lyon, Lester Dober.

TENNIS TEAM



In spite of a wet season, Bassick's 1954 Tennis Team retained its exceptional record. The team, under the management of Lester Dober, and under the direction of Mr. Charles Carr, played nine matches. Originally, plans were made for sixteen or eighteen matches, but because of the weather, these games could not be played. The team, headed by Steve Bessemer and Arnold Fagan, won eight out of the nine matches played. They played Portland, the State Champions, twice and won on both occasions. When they played against Hamden, they met with similar success. Although the team did not succeed in winning the County Championship, it did place fourth in the State Tournament. Any day after school from September to November, and from April to June the members of the Tennis Team can be found practicing at the Laurel Courts. Hard practice, good spirit, and skillful direction are three good reasons for Bassick's excellent record in tennis.



One of the most impressive groups in Bassick is the Baton Twirlers. These skillful girls, under the direction of Mrs. Myrtle Humphreys, who left Bassick during the year, perform their twirling and marching stunts at every football game and pep assembly. Everyone fondly recalls the glorious display these girls exhibited at the Thanksgiving game when, along with the Bassick band, they presented the half-time entertainment. The twirlers must spend many hours practicing their stunts to perfect the intricate routines which they so expertly execute at all their appearances. The flashy green and white uniforms and the high plumed hats that these girls wear have become symbolic of the Baton Twirlers, and are well known to all Bassickites. This year, Grace Tvardzik was the Captain of the Twirling Squad. The squad was very fortunate to have as a member Joy Weisgerber, an ace baton twirler who has earned many medals and awards for her performances. Recently, the girls added a new spark to their squad in the person of Harriette Dorman, a fine acrobat, whose daring stunts thrill her audience every time. Although the Baton Twirling Squad is only five years old, Bassickites are confident of the continued success which will be theirs in the future.

BATON TWIRLERS

Left to right: Ruth Urbis, Dorothy Mikita; Arlene Fazekas, Eunice Bunnell, Rita Steusalitus, Marlene Smith, Cecelia Masaitis, Rozanne Sweedo, Joyce Markland, Betty Lengel, Patricia Joseph, Joan Flynn. Front: Joy Weisgerber, Harriette Dorman, Grace Tvardzik.



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