



BEACON

1944



FOREWORD

One can indeed look back on his school days and refer to them as "Events of Lasting Interest". For after all, aren't they the happiest, most carefree days of a man's life? He can gaze back on his school career and take pride in the times he "led the gang" in various activities. Or he may, when he begins to swell with the pride of success, find humility in remembering the times he "got his horns knocked off", when he was a freshman. On reaching the pinnacle of success, he may find pleasure in recalling the various lessons acquired in school that made later steps so much easier to climb.

It is with the thought of preserving these "Events of Lasting Interest" of our SHS school days that we, the Beacon Staff, present this 1944 Yearbook.



DEDICATION

To Leland M. Meyer, our music instructor and friend, we dedicate this Annual. We are grateful to him for teaching us a deep appreciation of, and a love for good music. We respect him for his standards and ideals, and we honor him for his seven years' service at SHS.

That he may soon return from his present job to take up his work here again, is the wish of the 1944 Beacon staff.

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

As current magazines attempt to picture life and thought in America today, just so this year book is attempting to portray life and thought in Stronghurst High. The pages of this Magazine-year-book will surely be a valuable source of material for future historians.

Magazines and history bring us to realize that what we do in Stronghurst High is important enough to be tabulated by our school sages from the Beacon Club. The first page of your educational history finished with the completion of the grade school. You had looked forward to high school with many misgivings; yet you expected it to be a great adventure. Down deep in your heart you wanted to get the most out of life at high school and be a part of all that went on around you. The log of what you have done is fine. The recent history of Stronghurst High School, included in the pages of this book, is the record of your accomplishments. You have been a much greater part of this school than the building itself.

To the seniors who are now finishing your pages here: We bid you farewell and good luck. Our nation needs you. We are engaged in a terrific struggle. National history in the immediate future will be a part of each one of you. Educated citizens willing to sacrifice and accept responsibility will add further glory to our great democracy.

To those whose history in Stronghurst High is still only partially written I would say:

"... life is the mirror of king and slave
'Tis just what we are and do;
Then give to the school the best you have
And the best will come back to you."

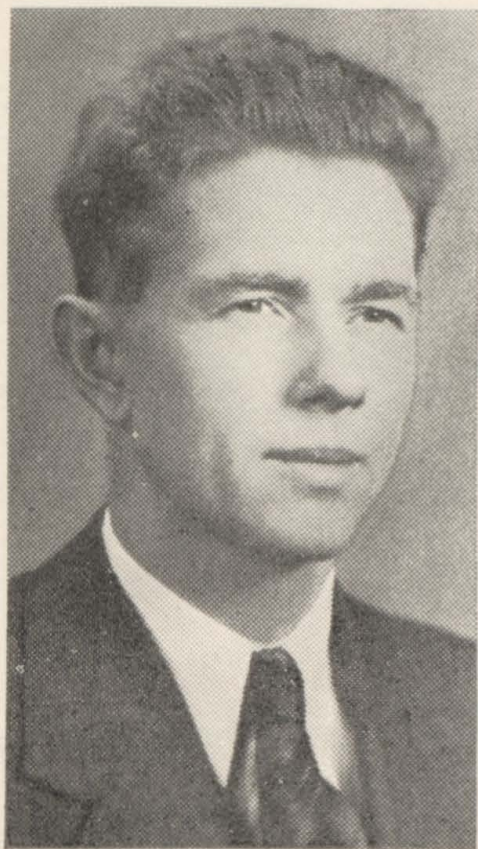
The Magazine most representative of this section of the Beacon is the Journal of the National Education Association. In one copy of the Journal can be found a poem that most nearly contains my message to each one of you:

To every man there openeth a way and ways and a way,
The high soul climbs the high way
The low soul gropes the low
And in between on the misty flats
The rest drift to and fro.
But to every man there openeth a high way and a low
And every man decideth the way his soul shall go.

STRONGHURST COMMUNITY

HIGH SCHOOL FACULTY

1944



Don R. Bunt.

Western State Teachers' College—
B. E.
Smith Hughes and Graduate Work
at the University of Illinois.
Classes—Agriculture I, Agriculture
II, and Biology.
Sponsor—Sophomore Class, and
FFA.



W. R. Pogue—Principal.

Monmouth College—B. S. Degree.
University of Iowa—M. A. Degree.
Classes—Latin I, Aviation, Algebra,
II, and Solid Geometry.
Sponsor—Senior Class and Student
Council.



Mary Jane Mehrhoff

Illinois Wesleyan.
Western Illinois State Teachers'
College—B. E.
Classes—Home Economics I, Home
Economics II, General Science,
and Girls' Physical Education.
Sponsor—Junior Class, FHA, and
GAA.



Mrs. W. J. Giffin.

Muskungam College—B. A.
Classes—World History, and Prob-
lems of Democracy.



Mary Louise Watson.

Augustana College—B. A. Degree.
Graduate Study at University of
Iowa.
Classes—English IV, English II,
English I, French II, and Library.
Sponsor—Senior Class.

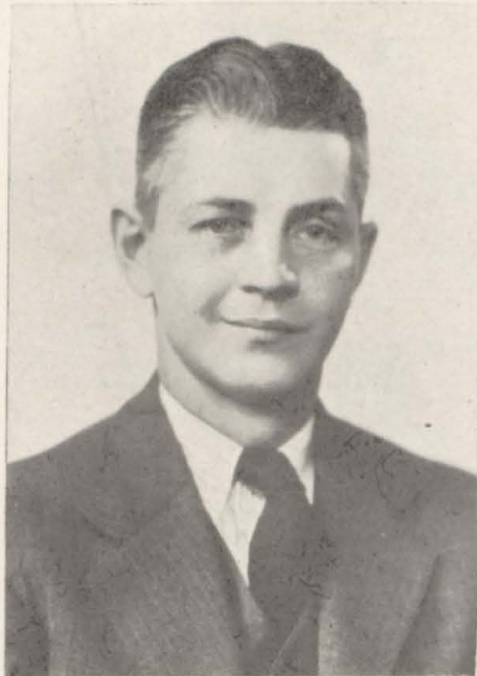


Cleo Mae Rodenhouser.

Western Illinois State Teachers' College—B. E.

Classes—Typing I, Typing II, Book-keeping, and General Business.

Sponsor—Freshman Class, Beacon, and Tattler.



Harold M. Mekemson—Coach.

Monmouth College—B. S. Degree.

Classes—Algebra I, Physics, Plane Geometry, Boys' Physical Education.

Sponsor—Freshman Class and Athletics.



Ida Marie Moon.

University of Illinois—B. S. Degree.

Classes—Band and Chorus.



Sarah M. Brook.

University of Illinois—B. A. Degree.

Classes—English III, English I and American History.

Sponsor—Sophomore Class.



Leland M. Meyer.

Iowa State Teachers' College—B. A. Degree.

Graduate Work at University of Iowa.

Classes—Band, Chorus, World History, and Problems of Democracy.

Sponsor—Junior Class.



Mrs. Louise Hauber.

Western Illinois State Teachers' College—B. E. Degree.

Classes—English I, English III, Latin I.

SCHOOLBOARD JOURNAL

One of our editors of the magazine resigned so a new editor was elected in the spring. The editor who handed in his resignation was John Marshall, and our new editor was Merlin Foresman. The rest of the editors were back with us again. They were: Earl Brooks, Frank Pearson, Ray Wolfe, and James Sanderson.

These are the men who do the work behind the scenes. We see very little of them but they are the ones who make our school a success.

JANITOR

We have all met the school's housekeeper with his broom and bucket, walking patiently from one room to the next cleaning up after the students. This job is held by Mr. Kemp who is always willing to help a student or a friend in need. At times the hours become too long for him so he has a fellow housekeeper, Mr. Shook, to help him.

When a play is to be given who is among the first to know it? Mr. Kemp, of course. He it is who prepares the auditorium. After a play, dance, or game, we are free to go for we know that when we return the building will be clean from end to end.

It is not unusual to see Mr. Kemp making new book-shelves or ping pong tables or fixing something that has been broken during the day.

We owe more thanks and appreciation to our janitor than we can ever put down in words.



Sarah Taylor—"Sarrie"

"I Love Mountain Music"
 Band, 1, 2, 3, 4.
 Chorus, 1, 2, 3, 4.
 Bi-County, 3, 4.
 FHA, 2, 3, 4.
 Program Chairman, 4.
 GAA, 1, 2, 3, 4.
 Dancing Club, 1.
 "Almost Eighteen" 3.
 "No Greater Love" 4
 "Miss Jimmy" 4.
 Beacon Staff, 1, 2, 3, 4.
 Trojan Highlights, 1.
 SHS Tattler, 4.

SENIOR CLASS OF 1944



STRONGHURST COMMUNITY HIGH SCHOOL



Lyman S. Pendleton—"Penny"

"How Come You Do Me Like you Do"
 Transferred from Biggsville.
 FFA, 2, 4.
 Vice-President, 4.
 Sports Club, 2, 3.
 Football, 3.
 Manager, 3.
 Basketball, 3, 4.
 Track, 2, 3, 4.
 "Almost Eighteen", 3.
 "Gay Nineties", 4.
 "No Greater Love", 4.



Kenneth Peterson—"Pete"

"Milkman, Keep Those Bottles Still"
 Transferred from Biggsville
 Football Manager, 4.
 Basketball, 2, 3, 4.
 Track, 3, 4.
 FFA, 2, 3, 4. Secretary, 4.
 Sports Club, 2, 3.
 Chorus, 2, 3, 4.
 Bi-County, 4.
 Letterman, 4.
 "Gay Nineties" 4.
 Class Secretary, 3.



Alice Annegers—"E-La"

"Pennies From Heaven"
 GAA 1, 2, 3, 4.
 Recorder, 4.
 Student Council, 1, 2.
 FHA, 2, 3, 4.
 Secretary, 3.
 President, 4.
 Chorus, 1, 2, 3, 4.
 Bi-County, 4.
 Class Vice-President, 3.
 Beacon Staff, 3.
 Defense Stamp Sale Captain, 4.
 Pep Club, 1.
 Librarian, 1, 3.
 Office Secretary, 4.
 "Almost Eighteen" 3.
 "Gay Nineties" 4.
 Dancing Club, 1.



Robert Shult—"Bob"

"The Music Goes Round and Round".
 Transferred from Chaddock Boys School
 Basketball, 3, 4.
 Track, 3.
 Class Treasurer, 3.
 Class Vice-President, 4.
 Student Council, 4.
 "Almost Eighteen" 3.
 "Gay Nineties" 4.
 Chorus, 2, 3, 4.
 Bi-County, 3, 4.



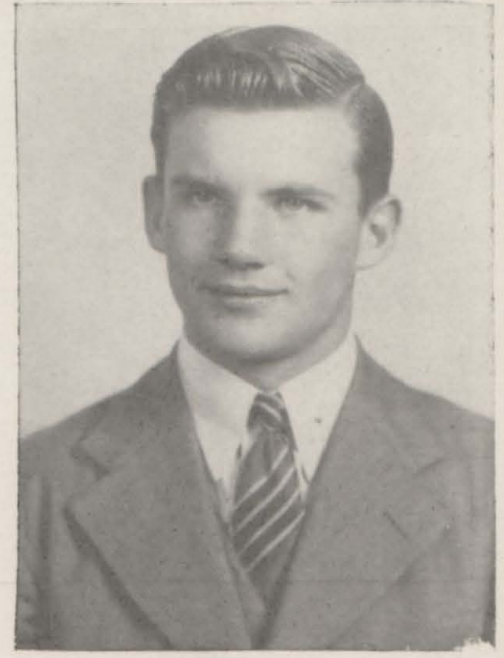
Keith L. Johnson—"Johnson"

"I've Got a Gal"
 Beacon Staff, 1, 2, 3, 4.
 Circulation Manager, 3.
 Business Manager, 4.
 Trojan Highlights, 1.
 SHS Tattler, 4.
 Band, 1.
 Woodworking Club, 1, 2.
 Dancing Club, 1.
 Photography Club, 1, 2.
 "Almost Eighteen" 3.
 "Gay Nineties" 4.
 "Miss Jimmy" 4.
 Beacon Plays, 3, 4.
 Defense Stamp Sale Captain, 4.



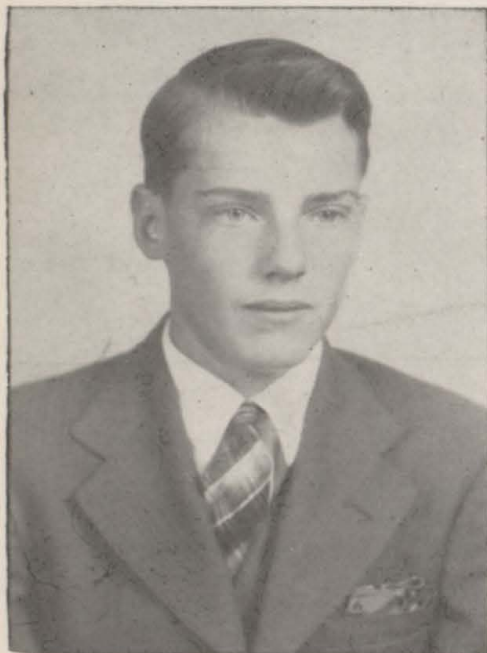
Betty Bowen—"Betty B"

"Farmer In The Dell"
 Class President, 2, 4.
 GAA, 1, 2, 3, 4.
 Secretary-Treasurer, 3.
 President, 4.
 Queen of Class, 1, 4.
 Homecoming Queen, 4.
 Student Council, 1, 2, 4.
 President, 4.
 FHA, 4.
 Vice-President, 4.
 Band, 1, 2, 3, 4.
 Chorus, 1, 2, 3, 4.
 Bi-County, 2, 2, 4.
 Jazz Band, 3.
 "Almost Eighteen" 3.
 "Gay Nineties" 4.
 "Miss Jimmy" 4.
 Dancing Club, 1.
 Beacon Club, 3.



Edward Foresman—"Eddie"

"They're Either Too Young
 or Too Old".
 Tranferred from Media.
 Football, 3, 4.
 Letterman, 3, 4.
 Basketball, 3, 4.
 Letterman, 3, 4.
 Track, 3, 4.
 Letterman, 3.
 Class President, 3.
 FFA, 4.
 President, 4.
 Sports Club, 3.
 Student Council, 3.
 "Gay Nineties", 4.
 "Miss Jimmy", 4.
 Class King, 3, 4.
 Homecoming King, 4.



Kenneth Cooper—"Kenny"

"How'd You Like to Love
 Me?"
 Transferred from Roseville, 2.
 Basketball, Manager, 4.
 "Miss Jimmy", 4.
 FFA, 2, 4.
 Basketball, 3.



Darlene Dalton—"Darty"

"Darlene, I Am Growing Old"
 GAA, 1, 2, 3, 4.
 FHA, 1, 2, 3, 4.
 Pep Club, 1.
 "Gay Nineties", 4.
 "No Greater Love", 4.
 "Miss Jimmy", 4.
 Dancing Club, 1.
 Treasurer, 4.



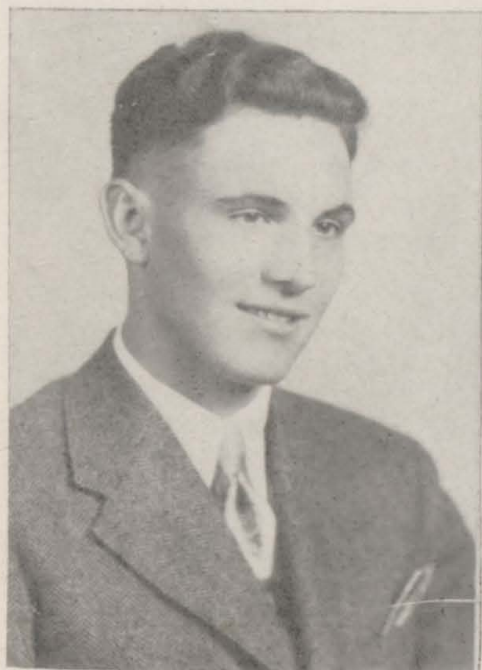
Ralph Tatge—"Tatg"

"I'd Rather Have a Chicken
 on My Knee".
 Transferred from Biggsville.
 Basketball, 4.
 FFA, 4.
 "Gay Nineties", 4.



Robert Bjork—"Bob"

"My Bonnie"
Football, 1, 2, 3, 4.
Letterman, 4.
Basketball, 1, 2, 3, 4.
Letterman, 4.
Track, 1, 2, 3, 4.
Letterman, 3, 4.
FFA, 1, 2, 3, 4.
Vice-President, 4.
Sports Club, 1, 2.
"Gay Nineties", 4.



Paul Hartman—"Elsie"

"Dreaming of My Blue Eyes".
Vice-President of Class, 2.
Football, 1, 2, 3, 4.
Basketball, 1, 2, 3, 4.
FFA, 1, 2, 3, 4.
Class King, 1.
Sports Club, 1, 2, 3.



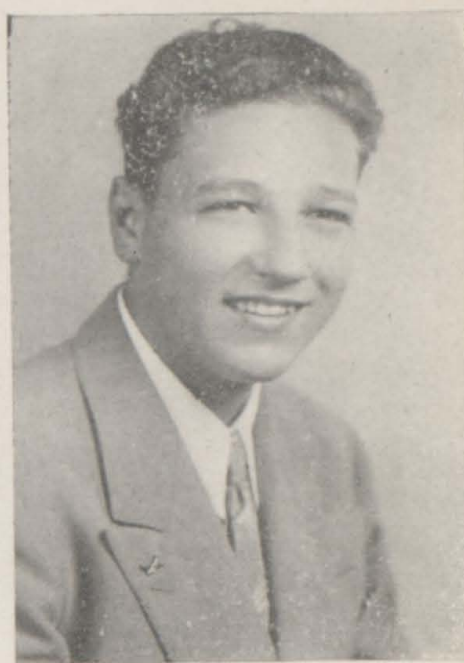
Miriam Sanderson—"Sandy"

"He's One-A In The Army".
Band, 1, 2, 3, 4.
Chorus, 1, 2, 3, 4.
Bi-County, 4.
GAA, 1, 2, 3, 4.
Vice-President, 3.
FHA, 1, 2, 3, 4.
Secretary, 2.
Vice-President, 3.
Dancing Club, 1.
Beacon Club, 2, 3, 4.
Editor, 4.
Declamations, 1, 2, 4.
Class Queen, 2.
"The White Phantom", 3.
"Almost Eighteen", 3.
"For Pete's Sake", 4.
"Gay Nineties", 4.
"Miss Jimmy", 4.
Class Secretary-Treasurer, 2.
Student Council, 3.
Librarian, 4.
Tattler, 4.
Editor, 4.
D.A.R. Citizenship Girl, 4.



Norma Warner—"Shorty"

"Easy On The Ice".
Transferred from Gladstone.
Chorus, 4.
Bi-County, 4.
FHA, 4.



Edward Brooks—"Brooksy"

"Can This Be Love?"
Chorus, 1, 2, 3, 4.
Bi-County, 2, 3, 4.
Basketball, 1, 3.
"Almost Eighteen", 3.
"Gay Nineties", 4.
"Grandmother Nick", 4.
"Miss Jimmy", 4.
Band, 1, 2, 3, 4.
Trojan Highlights, 1.
Beacon Staff, 1, 2, 3, 4.
Photographer, 3, 4.
Dancing Club, 1.
Photography Club, 1, 2.



Robert Duncan—"Bob"

"You're Driving Me Crazy"
Football, 1, 2, 3, 4.
Letterman, 4.
Basketball, 2, 3, 4.
Letterman, 4.
FFA, 1, 2, 4.



Emmy Lou Scharf—"E. Lou"

"Scatter Brain"

Chorus, 1, 2, 3, 4.

Bi-County, 4.

GAA, 1, 2, 3, 4.

Band, 1, 2, 3, 4.

FHA, 1, 2, 3, 4.

Secretary, 4.

Librarian, 4.

Dancing Club, 1.

Dramatic Club, 3.

"Almost Eighteen", 3.

"Miss Jimmy", 4.

"Gay Nineties", 4.



Charles Avery—"Chuck"

"Short and Sweet"

FFA, 1, 2, 4.

Football, 1, 2, 4.

Letterman, 4.

Basketball, 1, 2, 3, 4.

Letterman, 4.

Sports Club, 1, 2, 3.



Frances Jones—"Frank"

"Don't Get Around Much Anymore"

Class Offices:

Secretary-Treasurer, 1, 4.

GAA, 1, 2, 3, 4.

Secretary-Treasurer, 2.

Reporter, 3.

Vice-President, 4.

Chorus, 2, 3, 4.

Bi-county, 4.

Band, 1, 2, 3, 4.

Beacon Club, 1, 2, 3, 4.

Calendar, 3, 4.

FHA, 4.

Paper Staff, 4.

"Gay Nineties", 4.

"No Greater Love" 4

"Miss Jimmy", 4.



Arnold Siens—"Siens"

"Margie"

Transferred from Biggsville.

FFA, 2, 4.

Reporter, 4.

Football, 3, 4.

Track, 3, 4.

Sports Club, 2, 3.

"Almost Eighteen", 3.



Doris Hicks—"Red"

"Johnson Rag"

GAA, 1, 2, 3, 4.

FHA, 3, 4.

Pep Club, 1.

Dancing Club, 1.

"Miss Jimmy" 4.

Banquet Queen, 4.



Paul Schroeder—"Dutch"

"Re-Joyce and Sing"

Football, 1, 2, 4.

Letterman, 4.

Basketball, 4.

Letterman, 4.

Track, 1.

FFA, 1, 2, 3, 4.

Sports Club.

SENIOR CLASS HISTORY

ARTICLE I.

In the year of 1941, twenty-three "Green Horns" came to the Stronghurst High School to begin their four-year journey in study.

They were the following:

Alice Annegers, Charles Avery, Robert Bjork, Earl Booton, Betty Bowen, Edward Brooks, Frances Burrell, Darlene Dalton, Robert Duncan, Wendell Fox, Paul Hartman, Doris Hicks, Keith Johnson, Frances Jones, James Keith, Miriam Sanderson, Paul Schroeder, Betty Sly, Virginia Sly, Leota Seitz, Sarah Taylor, Raymond West.

We were all taken down two or three notches when the sophomores gave us our initiation. After recovering from this ordeal, we were allowed to choose our class leaders:

President—Earl Booton.

Vice-President—Betty Bowen.

Sec'y-Treas.—Frances Jones.

Class Adviser—Miss Manaugh.

and later our King and Queen; Paul Hartman and Betty Bowen.

At the end of the second semester we gave the sophomores their picnic at Bogus Hollow, and were ready for the first vacation.

ARTICLE II.

September of 1942 found us "Silly Sophomores" waiting to carry on at Stronghurst High School. We were sorry to hear that Leota Seitz, Betty and Virginia Sly, and Raymond West had left us; but we were cheered with the addition of several newcomers: Kenneth Cooper, Cleone and Cleve Diviney, Mary Lou Harris, Ethel Page, Lyman Pendleton, Kenneth Peterson, Arnold Siens, Ellen Shoemate, and Robert Shult.

This year we had as leaders:

President—Betty Bowen.

Vice-President—Paul Hartman.

Sec'y-Treas.—Frances Jones.

Student Council—Alice Annegers

Class Adviser—Miss Carroll.

We took our turn at giving the freshmen their initiation and were in return given a picnic at Galesburg. Cleve Diviney and Miriam Sanderson were our King and Queen.

ARTICLE III.

When we met in 1943, we found that Frances Burrell, Mary Lou Harris, and Ethel Page had left us; but Betty Gray and Edward Foresman joined our group of "Jolly Juniors."

Our Class officers were:

President—Edward Foresman.

Vice-President—Alice Annegers.

Secretary — Kenneth Peterson

Treasurer—Robert Shult.

Student Council—Miriam Sanderson.

Class Advisers—Miss Mehrhoff, Mr. Meyer.

Ellen Shoemate and Edward Foresman represented us as King and Queen. Earl Booton took his departure from us during this year.

One of the big hits of the second semester was the class play, "Almost Eighteen", on November 13. The cast included Cleve Diviney, Miriam Sanderson, Betty Bowen, Robert Shult, Edward Brooks, Eileen Taylor, Frances Jones, Arnold Siens, Emmy Lou Scharf, Lyman Pendleton, Ellen Shoemate, Alice Annegers.

Another highlight was the Junior-Senior Banquet at the Burlington Hotel and the Junior-Senior Picnic at Crapo Park.

ARTICLE IV.

September of this year brought back our class with the idea of finishing up with a bang. Betty Gray, Cleone and Cleve Diviney were not present; but Norma Warner and Ralph Tatge were welcomed as new members.

The leaders of the class this year were:

President—Betty Bowen.

Vice-President—Robert Shult.

Sec'y-Treas.—Frances Jones.

Student Council—Eileen Taylor.

Class advisers—Miss Watson and Mr. Pogue.

Betty Bowen and Edward Foresman were chosen for our King and Queen.

Several special activities were enjoyed by all class members. Dances by Swartz Orchestra were given in January, February, March and May. The traditional Junior-Senior Banquet sponsored by the Juniors was held at Stronghurst High School. The Seniors returned the favor in the form of a Junior-Senior picnic.

On April 21st the Seniors produced "Miss Jimmy". The cast included the following: Betty Bowen, Edward Brooks, Frances Jones, Miriam Sanderson, Darlene Dalton, Edward Foresman, Doris Hicks, Kenneth Cooper, and Sarah Taylor. Emmy Lou Scharf acted as prompter and Keith Johnson as the stage manager.

Class night was a gay evening stuffed with many happenings and part of our last memories of Stronghurst High School.

Commencement was held on May 19th. It was customary to wear grey gowns and caps, but this year the Seniors wore purple gowns and caps with white collars and tassels.

Senior Class Will

I, Betty Bowen, will my interest in the Annegers family to Russell Davison.

I, Bob Bjork, will my interest in Bonnie Peterson to Charles Ferguson.

I, Emmy Lou Scharf, will my interest in the skating rink to Charlotte Opie.

I, Paul Schroeder, will my interest in Joyce Chipman to Dyke Shook.

I, Kenneth Cooper, will my quiet ways to Ruth Corley.

I, Doris Hicks, will my dancing ability to Gale Lant.

I, Ralph Tatge, will by blonde hair to Jewel Mason.

I, Alice Annegers, will a certain "Penny" to Nancy Carlson.

I, Eileen Taylor, will my interest in the eighth grade to Dorothy Brokaw.

I, Norma Warner, will my wise cracks to Doris Kemp.

I, Darlene Dalton, will my acting ability to Marilyn Heisler.

I, Kenneth Peterson, will my roving interest in girls to Otto Arnold.

I, Bob Shult, will my wavy hair to Chuck Gibson.

I, Edward Brooks, will my interest in aviation to Wayne Stimpson.

I, Charles Avery, will my height to Marray Anderson.

I, Lyman Pendleton, will my girl friends to Roy Anderson.

I, Miriam Sanderson, will my little "black book" to Darlene Wilcox.

I, Frances Jones, will my poetic ability to Warren Pendry.

I, Keith Johnson, will my interest in drum majors to Lawrence Johnson.

I, Arnold Siens, will my muscles and broad shoulders to Jimmy Hess.

I, Paul Hartman, will my bright ways in history to Betty Philbrick.

I, Bob Duncan, will my ability to drive a car to Donald Bricker.

I, Edward Foresman, will my ability to take the leading man's part to Jimmy Gibson.

Mr. Meyer requested, before he left, that his \$1.98 watch be willed to Bill Hartquist and Jack McKee so they could get to band on time.

The Seniors wish to will their model conduct and scholastic ability to the Sophomore and Junior classes.

Baccalaureate Services

HIGH SCHOOL AUDITORIUM

May 14, 1944, at 8:00 O'clock

Processional Selected
Mrs. Hugh Yaley
Invocation Rev. Wm. T. Giffin
Hymn Selected
Audience
Violin Solo—"Vouchsafe, Oh
Lord" Handel-Flesch
Miss Ida Marie Moon
Scripture Selected
Rev. Paul Larimer
"Ave Maria" Rachmaninoff
"Bow Down Thine Ear"....Tkach
Mixed Choir
Sermon: "The Great Command"
Rev. T. W. Williams
Hymn Selected
Audience
BenedictionRev. Paul Lorimer
Recessional Selected
Mrs. Hugh Yaley

Commencement Exercises

HIGH SCHOOL AUDITORIUM

Eight O'Clock—May 19, 1944

Invocation—The Rev. Paul Lorimer
Processional — "Hall of Fame"—
J. Olivadoti
High School Band
"The Robin in the Rain"—Noble
Cain
Girls Glee Club
Salutatory — Sarah Eileen Taylor
Clarinet Solo — "Barcarolle" —
Offenbach
Miriam Sanderson
Valedictory Betty Bowen
"Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones"
Seventeenth Century German
Melody
Mixed Choir
Commencement Address—"What Is
Worth While"—Dr. L. B. Hazzard
Professor, Illinois Wesleyan,
Bloomington, Illinois
Violin Solo — "Lullaby" — Friml
Miss Ida Marie Moon
Presentation of Diplomas—
Supt. W. R. Pogue
"Star Spangled Banner" (First
Stanza—Key
Audience
Benediction — The Rev. Wm. J.
Giffin
Recessional—"Homage to Youth"—
J. Olivadoti
High School Band

SENIOR CLASS POEM

We gather here in forty-four
About to pass through Fortune's door.
May she be kind to every one
Until the toil of life is done.

As we prepare to leave you now
We pause to take our final bow.
We pass before you in review.
A healthy, hearty, happy crew.

First on the list is Alice A.,
A cheerful worker, bright and gay.
Tardy pupils know her well.
As office girl she's really swell.

Here's Charles Avery, ping pong champ.
Always in mischief, quite a scamp.
He's also known on the basketball floor,
And helps our team to raise the score.

Meet a lad of gridiron fame.
Bobby Bjork is his name.
In basketball he's had a hand,
And Bonnie Peterson thinks he's grand.

Our President is Betty Bowen.
We really don't know where she's going,
But wherever it is she'll never stop
Until she's reached the very top.

An authority on planes is he,
This six foot lad named Eddie B.
But some day soon he hopes to fly
A full-scale model in the sky.

Kenny Cooper is this quiet guy.
He's always known to be girl shy.
But with a car and "A" book, too,
He'll not be shy when Philbrick's through.

Darlene Dalton is her name.
In any sport she wins her fame.
She has acting talent, too,
And her friends, they are not few.

The wit of history class, Bob D.
Is sometimes lazy as can be.
But when it comes to clever talk
We do enjoy his constant squawk.

Meet Eddie Foresman, sixth in line,
But at his home he's one in nine.
He plays the game and plays it square.
He's always honest; always fair.

Paul Hartman is a football star.
He outshines the others by far.
Moron jokes make up his line.
If you listen, the fault's not mine!

This is Doris Hicks you see.
She will always happy be.
Temper matching flaming hair.
When she's mad, you get the air.

Always at the head of things.
Not on stage, but in the wings.
Here Keith Johnson has a place.
We will not forget his face.

Frances Jones is quite a gal.
She is everybody's pal.
But don't try to feed her blarney
For her heart has joined the Army.

Lyman Pendleton, nicknamed "Penny"
Lacks no girls for he has many
He used to drive with two wheels on turns,
But now it's one, which less rubber burns.

Kenny Peterson, we call him "Pete"
A willing worker, he's hard to beat.
He had one weakness, a girl named Zoe,
So to visit Media, he does often go.

Miriam Sanderson, local actress,
Is the Army's benefactress.
Letters to "the General" she often writes
But still she never stays home nights.

If ever down-hearted, sad, or blue
Emmy Lou Scharf is the girl for you.
Never a worry, trouble, or care.
Many the wolves she traps in their lair.

A student in Ag., Paul Schroeder you see.
A lad from the country and tall as can be.
On the football field he's at his best,
After a touchdown at our request.

Arnold Siens is a second Sampson,
Broad of shoulder and so handsome.
Many the heart he has broken in two,
But now to a Burlington girl he is true.

Bob Shult excels in aviation.
With boys like him we'll save our nation.
He's first to learn a popular tune,
Through all the halls we hear him croon.

Ralph Tatge, whose hair is almost white,
Studies at school with all his might.
A dependable member of our crew,
Well-liked by us although he's new.

A prominent member of our class,
Eileen Taylor, the name of this lass.
First solo cornet she plays in band.
If you're ever in trouble, she'll lend a hand.

From Gladstone High comes this cute little skirt.
Watch out you boys, she's quite a flirt.
We think Norma Warner is lots of fun.
She never quits till her job is done.

You've met us each and everyone.
Our years in high school now are done.
We've had good times and troubles, too,
But time has passed and we've come through.

The future for us may not seem bright,
But we are going to do things right.
Though torn with war this world may be,
We'll do our part to make it free.

JUNIOR CLASS



BACK ROW: James Keith, Carl Bowen, Murray Anderson, Dick Sanderson, Mr. Myers.

MIDDLE ROW: Roxanna Mae Boyd, Linda Siens, Gale Lant, Charles Gibson, Dean Kemp.

FIRST ROW: Miss Mehrhoff, June Stevenson, Iva Dobson, Donald Bricker, Warren Pendry.

JUNIOR CLASS

The Junior Class of '44 started the year in September of 1943 with sixteen members. They were: Murray Anderson, Carl Bowen, Roxana Mae Boyd, Donald Bricker, Dale Corley, Iva Dobson, Charles Gibson, Lawrence Johnson, Dean Kemp, James Keith, Gale Lant, Warren Pendry, Dick Sanderson, Linda Siens, James Shoemate, and June Stevenson. Before the first semester had ended, we had lost four of our classmates; namely, Dale Corley, James Keith, Linda Siens, and James Shoemate.

Officers elected were: President, Roxana Mae Boyd; Vice-President, Lawrence Johnson; Secretary, Carl Bowen; Treasurer, Dick Sanderson; and Student Council representative, Warren Pendry.

Our sponsors, who so ably helped us in all of our projects, the most important of which were the raising of money and preparing and presenting the Junior-Senior Banquet, were Miss Mehrhoff and Mr. Meyer.

One of the highlights of the year was the Junior Class Play which was given November 24. Under the able direction of Miss Brook assisted by Mrs. Pogue, we presented "For Pete's Sake." The characters were:

Peter Pepperdine	- - - - -	(Lawrence Johnson)
Aunt Priscilla	- - - - -	(Roxana Mae Boyd)
Bill Bradshaw	- - - - -	(Carl Bowen)
Mrs. Clarkston	- - - - -	(Linda Siens)
Peggy Clarkston	- - - - -	(Miriam Sanderson)
Nadine Clarkston	- - - - -	(Iva Dobson)
Mr. John Boliver	- - - - -	(Donald Bricker)
Dupont Darby	- - - - -	(Dick Sanderson)
Thorndyke Murglethorpe	- - - - -	(Warren Pendry)
Dean Murglethorpe	- - - - -	(Dean Kemp)
Malvina Potts	- - - - -	(Norma Mickle)
Jasmine Jackson	- - - - -	(June Stevenson)

Because of the shortage of junior girls, we borrowed Miriam Sanderson and Norma Mickle from the senior and sophomore classes respectively.

The play was the story of a teen age boy and his life of heart-throbs and heartaches. Although all of the characters became highly involved in risky entanglements, the plot smoothed itself out and the play ended the way all plays should.

We had a large audience and were really thrilled at the success of our play.

At last the year had come when we could sponsor the Junior-Senior Banquet! We realized that a banquet couldn't materialize without money to finance it. The juniors were given the rights of selling merchandise at all home basketball games. We sold hot dogs, ice cream bars, candy, and gum in the home economics room. At the District Tournament we got into full swing and increased our treasury by seventy dollars.

The Junior-Senior Banquet, because of war conditions, was held at home this year. The guests entered a deep-under-water paradise. The orchestra pit was Davy Jones' locker.

After the banquet, a movie was enjoyed at the Stronghurst Theatre. Later, the orchestra furnished music for dancing in the gymnasium.

The year ended with a picnic that the seniors gave for us. It was thoroughly enjoyed by all.

SOPHOMORE CLASS



BOTTOM ROW: Anna Lee McMillan, Nancy Carlson, Darlene Wilcox, Archy Shoemate, Norma Mickle, Betty Philbrick.

SECOND ROW: Marlyn Heisler, Margaret Nolan, Doris Kemp, Imogene Hetrick, Rosemary Vaughn, Mable Good, Marlyse Bricker, Ilene Johnson, Dorothy Ann Burnette, Miss Brook.

TOP ROW: Lee Avery, Jack McKeown, James Gibson, Elmer Heddin, James Johnson, Otto Arnold, Mr. Bunt, Mr. Martin, Bill Hartquist, Johnny Richey, Lee Anderson.

SOPHOMORE HEADLINES

The publishers of the Pathfinder met on August 31, 1943, to begin the editing of the second edition of the magazine. Those present were Lee Anderson, Otto Arnold, Lee Avery, Doris Booton, Marlyse Bocker, Dorothy Burnett, Nancy Carlson, James Gibson, Mable Good, William Hartquist, Elmer Hedden, Marilyn Heisler, Emma Gean Hetrick, Ilene Johnson, James Johnson, Doris Kemp, J. R. Martin, Jack McKeown, Anna Lee McMillan, Norma Mickle, Margaret Nolen, Betty Philbrick, John Lee Richey, Archie Shoemate, Rosemary Vaughan, and Darlene Wilcox. Our new staff was made up of Editor, Darlene Wilcox; Associate Editor, Anna Lee McMillan; Social Writer, Norma Mickle; Finance Manager, Nancy Carlson; Reporters, Betty Philbrick and Junior Shoemate. Mr. Bunt and Miss Brook were our sponsors.

Front page news was given to the initiation of the Look's publishing staff and to the party given afterward.

Stunt Night was substituted for the annual Carnival and was enjoyed by all, especially the Finance Department, seven dollars having been added to our treasury for taking first prize in the Stunt Contest. Otto Arnold and Anna Lee McMillan represented our Pathfinder as King and Queen for the coronation.

We again carried away the honors of first place, this time in a Victory Scrap Drive, sponsored by the Beacon Club for the purpose of raising money. We received \$6.50.

We all enjoyed a two weeks' vacation at Christmas but were very much distressed when, upon our return, we found semester exams awaiting us.

We were very sorry to lose Violet Babcook and Peggy Burrell from our publishing staff when they left for jobs with other magazines.

Our staff and publishers enjoyed the annual Freshman-Sophomore picnic given by Look's publishing staff, in May.

We are all looking forward to the next issue of the Pathfinder after a three months' vacation.

FRESHMEN CLASS



BOTTOM ROW: Miss Rodendouser, Charles Ferguson, Ronald Stamp, Arthur Stevenson, Jane Bigger, Mr. Mekemson.

SECOND ROW: Milton Pearson, Bonnie Jean Clark, Elsie Foresman, Dorothy Brokaw, Naomi Siens, Jean Keith, Ruth Corley, Jewel Mason, Ray Marshall.

THIRD ROW: Max Carner, Wayne Stimpson, John Neff, Pauline Strand, Roy Anderson, Donald Smith, Dean McIntyre, Edith Annegers, Bonnie Jean Peterson.

TOP ROW: Doris Dixon, Richard Stimpson, Donald Shult, Dykeman Shook, Freddie Cargill, Donald Johnson, Charlotte Opie, Joyce Chipman.

FRESHMEN

The Look Magazine started out with a new board and a new staff this year. We opened our first meeting August 31, 1943, at which time the following staff was selected:

Editor in Chief - - - - - Patty Sanderson

Assistant Editor - - - - - Ronald Stamp

Chairman of the Department of Finance Charles Ferguson

Reporter - - - - - Arthur Stevenson

Representatives to other magazines -

Patty Sanderson and Jane Bigger

Board members present were: Edith Annegers, Roy Anderson, Dorothy Brokaw, Freddie Cargill, Max Carner, Joyce Chipman, Bonnie Jeanne Clark, Ruth Corley, Donald Dalton, Russell Davison, Doris Dixon, Elsie Foresman, James Hess, Donald Johnson, Jean Keith, Ray Marshall, Jewell Mason, Dean McIntyre, John R. Neff, Charlotte Opie, Milton Pearson, Bonnie Jean Peterson, Dykeman Shook, Donald Shult, Naomi Seins, Donald Smith, Ronald Stamp, Richard Stimpson, Wayne Stimpson, Pauline Strand, and Ray Williams. Sponsors for the year were Miss Rodenhouser and Mrs. Mekemson.

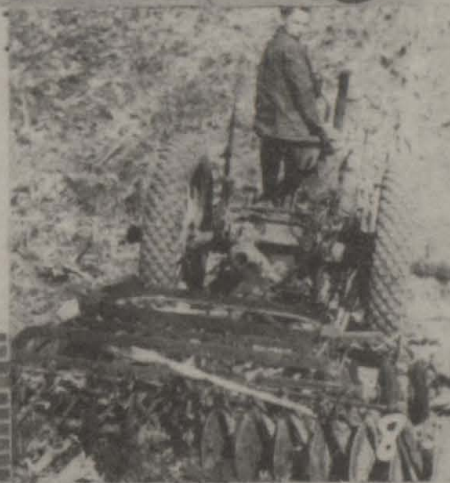
One of the biggest events of the year was our being initiated into SHS on October first. After the day's torture we were rewarded by a party given by the Sophomore class. Other highlights of the year were the freshman stunt, "Quiet Please," given for the senior Stunt Night, for Homecoming. Those taking part were Max Carner, Donald Johnson, James Hess, Dorothy Brokaw, Russell Davison, Jewell Mason, Joyce Chipman, and Charles Ferguson. The freshmen took a large part in the weekly stamp sales for two of the members were appointed team captains. They were John Neff and Russell Davison.

Early in the year we lost Ray Williams and, at the end of the first semester, Donald Dalton left us. Late in February, Milton Pearson and Richard Stimpson left our staff.

- 1—Playboys!
- 2—John and Johnny!
- 3—Busy Seniors.
- 4—Tut! Tut!
- 5—Men's newest hair style.
- 6—The wide and short of the Freshmen class.
- 7—"Mek".
- 8—Deah! Deah!
- 9—From a long ways off.
- 10—Green Freshmen.
- 11—Tough guys!
- 12—Fall days.
- 13—Peek!
- 14—Love birds.
- 15—Gas rationing.
- 16—Ooh, girls!! Look what I see!!
- 17—A bright Senior (?)
- 18—All aboard.
- 19—Farm shop.
- 20—Old Glory.
- 21—Pvt. Meyer—our pal.



- 1—Must be funny.
- 2—Student Council.
- 3—Track Squad.
- 4—G. A. A.
- 5—"No Greater Love".
- 6—Dignified Seniors.
- 7—Silly Sophomores.
- 8—He can work (?)
- 9—"For Pete's Sake".
- 10—Resting.
- 11—Strike three.



- 1—How do you do?
- 2—Stumped!
- 3—"Grandmother Nick".
- 4—Over the top—he hopes!
- 5—Freshmen.
- 6—Freshmen again.
- 7—Bon Voyage!
- 8—Jolly Juniors.
- 9—Must be General Business—who knows?
- 10—Mr. Bunt.
- 11—Short on dignity.
- 12—Back to childhood.



STRONGHURST SCHOOL BAND



FRONT ROW: Left to Right—Miriam Sanderson, Bonnie Jean Clark, Marilyn Heisler, Evelyn Rhoda Howell, Dorothy Brokaw, Patricia Sanderson, Anna Lee McMillan, Eleanor Ann Peters, Tommy Hicks.

SECOND ROW: Chuck Gibson, Frances Jones, Emmy Lou Scharf, Sarah Taylor, Edward Fort, Roxanna Mae Boyd, Dick Sanderson, Miriam Mellor, Jack McKeown, Jimmy Sanderson, Dick Howell, Wallace Johnson, Don Logan, Edward Brooks.

THIRD ROW: Betty Bowen, Jimmy Gibson, Billy Hartquist, Mr. Leland Meyer, Norma Mickle, Lawrence Johnson, Otto Arnold, Larry Rankin, Mary Lou Bowen, (standing), Jimmy Hess, Ruth Corley, Darlene Wilcox.

SCHOOL MUSICIANS

The band staff of the School Musicians celebrated the eighth year of their publication when they met August 30, 1943.

Several notes were played at the wrong time, and on the whole we sounded pretty sour that morning. By November, however, Mr. Meyer had us in shape for the presenting of a concert for the public.

At the Homecoming game our three strutting drum majorettes did a grand job. During the half of the game, we performed several clever formations. In the Stunt Night competition, part of the Homecoming festivities, the band received second, so we had the pleasure of participating in the "Rest Haven Frolics" at the Memorial Auditorium in Burlington.

In March, Uncle Sam called Mr. Meyer to help publish Victory. At a farewell assembly we played several marches and a gift of appreciation was presented to our band director.

We should like very much to express our thanks to Mr. Meyer for the patience he has shown us, and for all he has done for us these past seven years.

Miss Moon came to us as Mr. Meyer's successor. Her plans for the remainder of the year include a spring concert and our participation in the bi-county festival at Kirkwood.

MIXED CHORUS



BOTTOM ROW (left to right)—Roy Anderson, Joyce Chipman, Miriam Sanderson, Ilene Johnson, Marilyn Heister, June Stevenson, Norma Warner, Dorothy Brokaw, Ruth Corley, Jewell Mason, Charlotte Ople, Emmy Lou Scharf.

SECOND ROW (left to right)—Marlyse Bricker, Doris Kemp, Norma Mickie, Margaret Nolan, Arthur Stevenson, Kenneth Peterson, Max Carner, James Gibson, Robert Neff, James Hess, Anna Lee McMillan, Doris Dixon, Frances Jones, Mr. Meyer.

TOP ROW (left to right)—Patty Sanderson, Betty Philbrick, Bonnie Jeanne Clark, Roxanna Mae Boyd, Gale Lant, Dick Sanderson, Otto Arnold, Edward Brooks, Charles Gibson, Dykeman Shook, Sarah Taylor, Betty Bowen, Darlene Wilcox.

SCHOOL MUSICIANS

The vocal staff of the School Musicians also met on August 30, 1943. Many students enrolled in the chorus, and we had lots of fun the first few days exercising our vocal chords.

Our first performance was held at Christmas time when we presented, under the direction of Mr. Meyer, the Cantata, "Child Jesus." Betty Bowen, Sarah Taylor, James Gibson, Otto Arnold and Edward Brooks, did wonderful jobs with the solos.

Since gas is rationed and tires are scarce, we didn't enter any contests. Nineteen of the group did, however, participate in the bi-county festival at Kirkwood, April 14, 1944.

FOOTBALL LETTERMEN

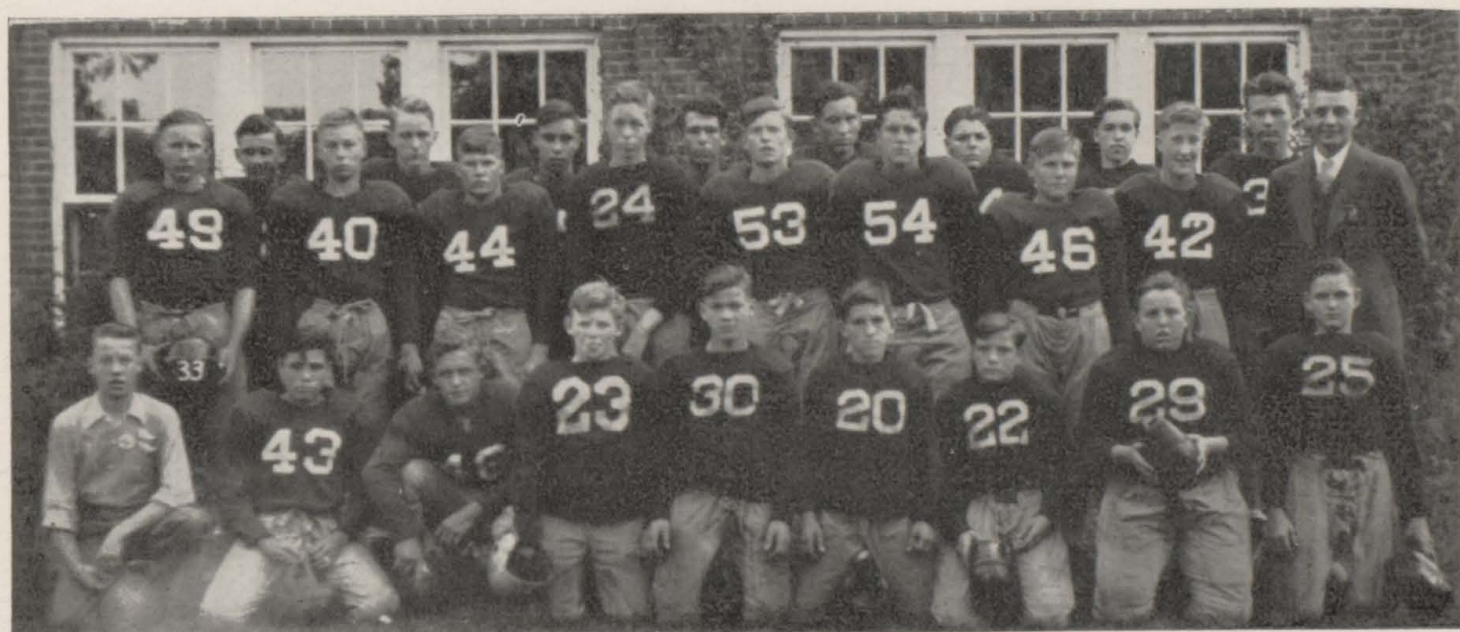


BOTTOM ROW (Left to Right)—Mr. Mekemson, Lawrence Johnson, Robert Duncan, Donald Bricker, Gale Lant, Paul Schroeder, Paul Hartman, Dick Sanderson.

TOP ROW (Left to Right)—Kenneth Peterson, Freddie Cargill, Edward Foresman, Carl Bowen, Dean Kemp, Bill Hartquist, Robert Bjork, Charles Avery.



FOOTBALL SQUAD



FIRST ROW (Left to Right)—Kenneth Peterson, Charles Avery, Freddie Cargill, Russell Davison, Junior Stevenson, Lee Anderson, Lee Avery, Richard Stimpson, Charles Ferguson.

SECOND ROW (Left to Right)—Bob Bjork, Bill Hartquist, Dean Kemp, Otto Arnold, Paul Schroeder, Gale Lant, Donald Bricker, Charles Gibson, Harold Mekemson.

THIRD ROW (Left to Right)—Edward Foresman, Dick Sanderson, Robert Duncan, Carl Bowen, Paul Hartman, Wayne Stimpson, Archie Shoemate, Milton Pearson.

FOOTBALL

Early in the year, the reporters of the SPORTING NEWS turned in the scoop which started the Trojans' 1943 football season. The first game was played at Abingdon under lights. The Abingdon "Commandos" got off to an early start in the first half, leading Stronghurst 13-0. The Stronghurst Trojans played a tough next half, but were unable to overtake the opponents. Licking their wounds after the Abingdon game, the team defeated the Roosevelt Academy 6-0. In the next game the Stronghurst eleven met the undefeated Roseville team. The Trojans played bravely, but the odds were too much. Roseville went home with a 24-6 victory. After this defeat came Stronghurst's big game of the season, the Home Coming Game. The year before the Stronghurst eleven came out victorious, and thus again they came out victorious by defeating the big La Harpe team. During the rest of the season Stronghurst won three (Blandinsville, Burlington, and Alexis), lost one (Industry), and tied one (R. A. of Aledo), games.

Scores of the 1943 football season:

Stronghurst:	Opponents:
Stronghurst..... 0	Abington13
Stronghurst.....19	Blandinsville6
Stronghurst..... 6	R. A. of Aledo.... 0
Stronghurst..... 6	Roseville24
Stronghurst..... 6	La Harpe 0
Stronghurst..... 7	Burlington 6
Stsonghurst.....34	Alexis 7
Stronghurst..... 0	Industry 6
Stronghurst..... 0	R. A. of Aledo ... 0
Total.....78	Total.....62

FOOTBALL LETTERMEN

The season opened with 28 boys out for practice. There were nine lettermen from last year's team: Bowen, Duncan, Foresman, Hartman, Johnson, Kemp, Lant, Sanderson, Siens. There were sixteen letters given this year and a manager's letter.

Paul Hartman

Senior

Tackle

Paul came from last year's team to fill his position. He played his position as well as anyone could ask. Paul's place will be a hard one to fill for the coming year.

Paul Schroeder

Senior

Tackle

Paul broke into the varsity football lineup for the first time this year. He played a good game on both defense and offense. This is Paul's last year with us; he will be missed next year.

Robert Duncan

Senior

Guard

This was Bob's second year on the team and he handled his position well. Bob was known for getting through the line before the ball-carrier was able to get started. Bob carried tackle when one of the tackles was absent from the lineup.

Edward Foresman

Senior

Guard

Edward was the "handy" man of the team. Whenever the coach needed a backfieldman, he would call upon Edward. But Edward saw most of the action at center. He was chosen captain of the team.

Arnold Siens

Senior

Quarter Back

Although Arnold did not participate in every game, he played good ball when he was in the line-up. Arnold played his best game against the Roosevelt Academy of Aledo.

Carl Bowen

Junior

Full Back

Carl, the captain of the last year's team, was the power man of the backfield. Whenever there was a cry for a small gain over center, Carl was always called upon. He usually did what he was asked to do. Carl had a little trouble with his leg, and was unable to play in one game. He will be with the team next year.

Lawrence Johnson

Junior

End

Lawrence is another letterman back from last year. Lawrence was known for his ability to catch passes. We are fortunate in being able to look forward to having him with us again next year.

Dick Sanderson

Junior

End

Dick, a letterman from last year, showed great improvement this year. He played a consistent game on both defense and offence. If Dick keeps on improving, he will come in handy for the coming year.

Gale Lant

Junior

Guard

"Bulldog" (the name given to Lant on the Football Field) lived up to his name. He played both guard and center, playing center when Forsman was called into the backfield. He will be back with us next year.

Dean Kemp

Dean was the field general in the huddle. He was also handy in the backfield, his position being right half. Dean was the passing star of the team.

Bill Hartquist

Sophomore

Left Half

Bill was the only sophomore to earn a football letter this year. This was Bill's first year on the varsity line-up; nevertheless, he played his position with a great deal of skill. Bill should be quite a football player in the two more years he has left to play.

Charles Avery

Senior

Charles was ready to play whenever one of the first team ends was out of the line-up. Chuck is small, but the opponents never came too big for him. Although he has been out for football every year he has been in school, this was the first year Avery won a letter.

Freddie Cargill

Freshman

Freddie was the only freshman to win a letter, and he won it because of his aggressiveness. He has three more years of football left and should do all right.

Bob Bjork

Senior

Bob played his first game of the 1943 football season as quarterback. He also played end when he was needed. This is Bob's first year to earn a football letter.

Donald Bricker

Junior

Donald, who transferred from Media last year, showed us that he had the makings of a football player. He should do all right next year.

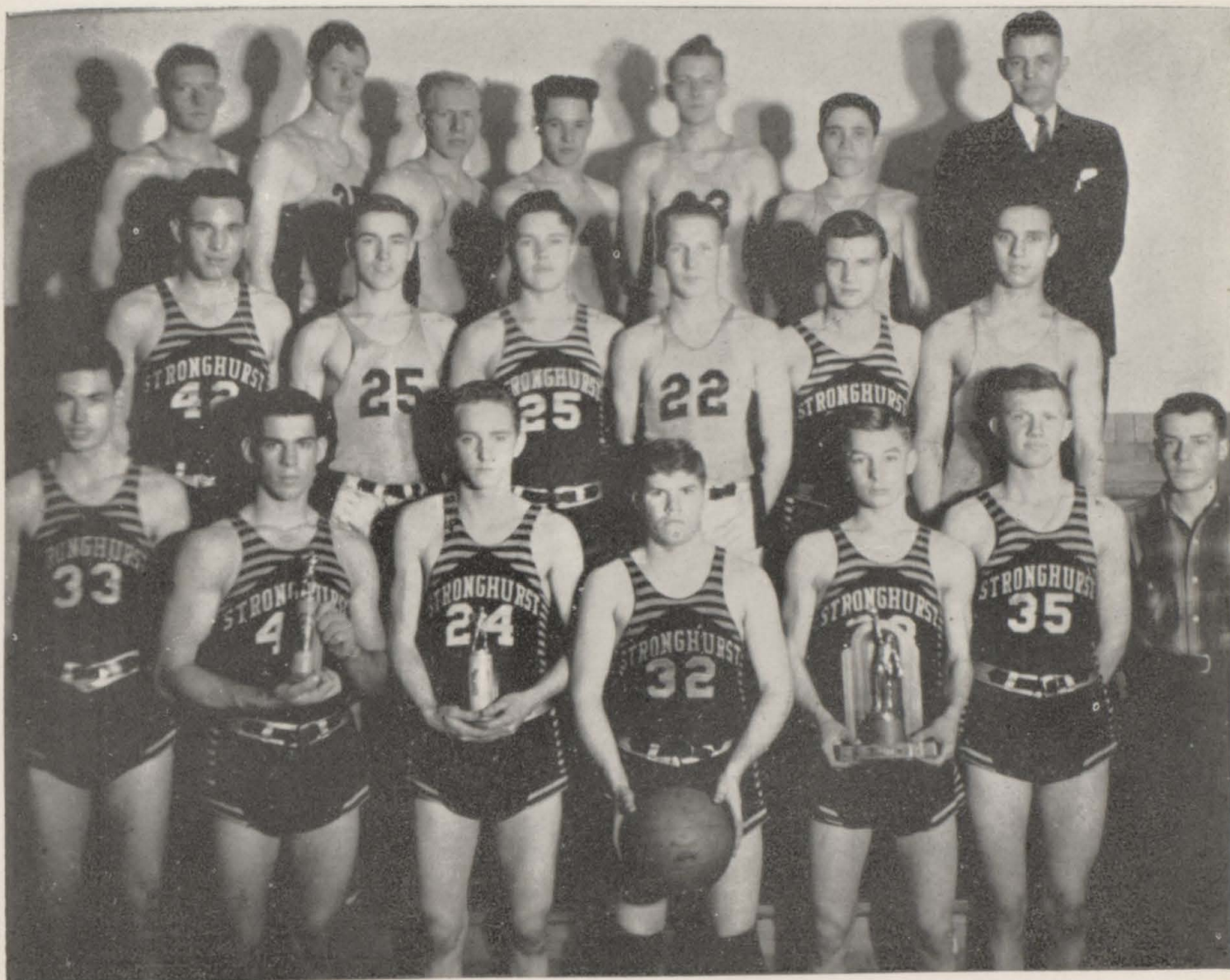
Kenny Peterson

Senior

Manager

"Pete" the last but not least of the lettermen, was manager. He took care of the boys' suits and did a swell job of carrying out the various orders of Coach Mekemson.

BASKETBALL SQUAD



FIRST ROW (Left to Right)—Lawrence Johnson, Carl Bowen, Dick Sanderson, Dean Kemp, Bill Hartquist, Murray Anderson, Kenneth Cooper.

SECOND ROW—Paul Hartman, Archie Shoemate, Gale Lant, Bob Bjork, Edward Foresman, Robert Duncan.

THIRD ROW—Paul Schroeder, Otto Arnold, Ralph Tatge, Lyman Pendleton, Bob Shult, Charles Avery, Harold Mekemson.

The SPORTING NEWS reviews the 1943-44 basketball season. The season started out with three varsity lettermen back from last year—Bowen, Johnson, and Kemp. There were 34 boys out for practice the first night; however, the number gradually dwindled.

The varsity won twenty-two and lost five games. They won three first place trophies in the Bi-County, and two second place trophies (one in the KMBS, and the other in the District).

There were six varsity letters given this year in basketball—Anderson, Bowen, Hartquist, Johnson, Kemp, and Sanderson.

GAMES AND SCORES

S.H.S.....24	Roseville19
S.H.S.....57	Alexis25
S.H.S.....42	Kirkwood33
S.H.S.....22	Media19
S.H.S.....32	Kirkwood33
S.H.S.....63	Terre Haute..42
S.H.S.....39	Nauvoo33
S.H.S.....66	Biggsville27
S.H.S.....41	La Harpe26
S.H.S.....33	Augusta25
S.H.S.....19	La Harpe32
S.H.S.....62	Media41
S.H.S.....28	R.A. of Aledo.36
S.H.S.....34	Dallas City ...42
S.H.S.....40	Kirkwood27
S.H.S.....41	Roseville22
S.H.S.....55	Biggsville28
S.H.S.....50	Dallas City ...40
S.H.S.....47	Nauvoo30
S.H.S.....56	Media28
S.H.S.....39	Biggsville19
S.H.S.....70	Terre Haute..46
S.H.S.....43	Kirkwood34
S.H.S.....30	Roseville23
S.H.S.....63	Blandinsville .20
S.H.S.....56	Good Hope ...31
S.H.S.....46	Bardolph52

} KMBS

} La Harpe

} Bi-County

} District

BASKETBALL VARSITY



LEFT TO RIGHT: Dean Kemp, Bill Hartquist, Dick Sanderson, Lawrence Johnson, Carl Bowen, Murray Anderson; Coach, Harold Mekemson.

Carl Bowen—Junior—Guard.

Carl played a fine defense and passing game. He always played a steady and cool floor game. He ought to do all right next year.

Bill Hartquist—Sophomore—Guard.

Bill, a sophomore, was the only letter man outside the junior class. This was Bill's first year with the varsity. He played good ball this year, and we look for him to do even better next year.

Lawrence Johnson—Junior—Center.

Lawrence was the center of the team, and he did a great deal of the scoring. Lawrence proved to be better in shooting than in defense. He was chosen captain of the team.

Dean Kemp—Junior—Forward.

Dean was known for his ability to steal the ball away from the opposing team. His favorite shot was a one-hander. Dean was one of the varsity lettermen back from last year.

Dick Sanderson—Junior—Forward.

Dick always kept the other team in suspense, because of his left-handed technique. Dick had some bad luck early in the season and was unable to play in two of the games, but when he did come back he boosted the team along.

Murry Anderson—Junior.

Murry took the place of any of the first five who were not able to start in the lineup. He played most of the time as forward.

Cooper—Senior.

Kenny won his letter by being manager. He had a hard time getting used to the job, but when he did, he did a good job of it.

BEACON CLUB



FIRST ROW: Keith Johnson, Jewell Mason, Dean Kemp, Lawrence Johnson, Miriam Sanderson, Miss Watson.

SECOND ROW: Miss Rodenhouser, Gale Lant, Otto Arnold, Frances Jones, Roxanna Mae Boyd, Edward Brooks.

TOP ROW: Charles Gibson, Sarah Eileen Taylor, Ruth Corley, Marilyn Heisler, Anna Lee McMillan, Norma Mickle.

S. H. S. "BEACON" AND "TATTLER"

At the beginning of the school year all of the students of S.H.S. who were interested in journalism were invited to become members of the staff for a school paper. At the first meeting several students came, and nominations were made for officers. The faculty selected the editor from the nominations. The rest of the staff members were elected by the club.

Editor--Miriam Sanderson
Associate Editor--Lawrence Johnson
Business Manager--Keith Johnson
Sports Editor--Dean Kemp
Social Editor--Norma Micklo
Class Editor--Frances Jones
Columnists--Charles Gibson and
Lawrence Johnson

The following reporters aided the staff: Otto Arnold, Edward Brooks, Ruth Corley, Russell Davison, Gale Lant, Jewell Mason, Anna Lee McMillan, Sarah Taylor, and Darlene Wilcox. Miss Rodenhouser was appointed faculty sponsor for the S.H.S. TATTLER, as the new paper was christened.

To help us become good reporters, Mr. Bell asked us to write the Neighborhood News. We each took a turn at writing this for several weeks.

Our paper staff got together and discussed the possibility of having an annual. After locating films and paper, we decided that we could publish one. The paper staff took over the job of getting an annual out. Jewell Mason was added to the staff as art editor and Edward Brooks as picture editor. Miss Watson was appointed as assistant sponsor of the newly organized BEACON staff.

In order to make money for our BEACON we had a scrap drive in which we offered a prize to the class bringing in the most scrap. In this drive we got about eight tons of scrap and made seventy-five dollars. The sophomore class won the prize for having collected the most scrap.

The next money-making scheme was a paper drive during which three tons of paper were gathered. The BEACON staff also sponsored the sale of popcorn at basketball games and took charge of the check room.

We now had a considerable amount of money, but we were still out to make more, so on the tenth of March, we gave two short plays entitled "Grandmother Nick" and "No Greater Love." Those plays concluded a successful money-making season--the prelude to publishing the 1944 BEACON.

F. F. A.



BOTTOM ROW: Paul Hartman, Bob Bjork, Edward Foresman, Bob Duncan, Paul Schroeder, Ralph Tatge, Milton Pearson.

SECOND ROW: Mr. Bunt, Max Carner, James Johnson, Lyman Pendleton, Kenneth Cooper, Kenneth Peterson, Dean MacIntyre.

TOP ROW: John Neff, Junior Stevenson, Elmer Hedden, Wayne Stimpson, Ray Marshall, Richard Stimpson, Charles Avery.

FUTURE FARMERS OF AMERICA

The FFA held its monthly meetings this year in the Agriculture room with Mr. Hunt as advisor. The principal aims of the FFA are to teach members how to buy and sell cooperatively; how to solve their own problems; how to conduct a meeting; and how to assume civic responsibility.

Officers selected for the year were:

President	--	Edward Foresman
Vice-Pres	--	Bob Bjork
Secretary	--	Kenneth Peterson
Treasurer	--	Ralph Tatge
Reporter	--	Arnold Siens
Watch Dog	--	Paul Hartman

The annual initiation for new members was held in January in the high school gym. It was decided to hold one meeting each month, a part of which was held in connection with the FHA. When each organization had completed its separate business meeting, the two organizations got together for refreshments and entertainment. Many different games were played and enjoyed by all.

F. H. A.



BOTTOM ROW (left to right): Miss Mehrhoff, Eileen Taylor, Emmy Lou Scharf, Alice Annegers, Ilene Johnson, Betty Bowen.

SECOND ROW: Norma Mickle, Elsie Foresman, Bonnie Jean Clark, Pauline Strand, Darlene Dalton, Marilyn Heisler, Doris Hicks, Doris Kemp, Jane Bigger.

THIRD ROW: Edith Annegers, Ruth Corley, Betty Philbrick, Marlyse Bricker, Emma Jean Hetrick, Anna Lee McMillan, Nancy Carlson, Roxanna Mae Boyd, Margaret Nolan, Jean Keith.

TOP ROW: Darlene Wilcox, Jewell Mason, Bonnie Jean Peterson, Mable Good, Dorothy Ann Burnett, June Stevenson, Charlotte Opie, Frances Jones, Miriam Sanderson, Joyce Chipman.

FUTURE HOME MAKERS OF AMERICA

The FHA (an organization of which the purpose is the development of cooperation and understanding among high school students and the fostering of better home and community life) held its monthly meetings this year in the Home Economics Room with Miss Mehrhoff as advisor.

Officers elected for the year were:

President -- Alice Annegers
Vice-Pres -- Betty Bowen
Secretary -- Emmy Lou Scharf
Treasurer -- Ilene Johnson

Initiation for new members was held in December, in the Home Economics Room.

It was decided at the beginning of the year to have a joint meeting once a month with the members of the FFA. After each club had had its separate business meeting, the two came together for recreation and refreshments. We usually played volley ball, the boys standing the girls. We had some very close and exciting games. An added feature at one meeting was ice cream, which the girls made and the boys froze.

The joint meetings with the FFA members proved to be very successful. We plan to continue them in the future.

G. A. A.



FIRST ROW: Miss Mehrhoff, Eileen Taylor, Roxanna Mae Boyd, Betty Bowen, Alice Annegers, Frances Jones.

SECOND ROW: Norma Mickle, Elsie Foresman, Bonnie Jean Clark, Pauline Strand, Darlene Dalton, Marilyn Heisler, Doris Hicks, Doris Kemp.

THIRD ROW: Edith Annegers, Ruth Corley, Betty Jane Philbrick, Marlyse Bricker, Ilene Johnson, Emma Jean Hetrick, Anna Lee McMillan, Nancy Carlson, Emmy Lou Scharf.

TOP ROW: Darlene Wilcox, Jewell Mason, Bonnie Peterson, Mable Good, Dorothy Ann Burnett, June Stevenson, Miriam Sanderson, Charlotte Opie.

OUTDOOR GIRL

The GAA (Girls Athletic Association) is a nation-wide club for high school girls. The purpose of the organization is to teach sportsmanship and fellowship. All members are obliged to go by the rules of the club which are fair and not too strict. This club gives the girls a chance to meet fellow members and also gives them the opportunity to take part in different social and recreational affairs. We are proud to say that almost all of the Stronghurst High School girls are members of the GAA.

Our program for this year was made out at the first of the social year by the GAA officers--President, Betty Bowen; Vice-President, Frances Jones; Secretary, Roxanna Mae Boyd; Faculty Sponsor, Miss Mehrhoff.

In November the GAA girls sponsored a box social in which almost all of the girls took part. The boys were good sports in buying the boxes and even the faculty took part. It was fun for everyone and in the end the GAA treasury smiled upon seventeen dollars.

In December a date party was planned and the "gals" got their best beaux rounded up and had a "bang-up" party in the school gym.

The initiation for the new members (Edith Annegers, Violet Babcock, Nancy Carlson, Bonnie J. Clark, Ruth Corley, Elsie Foresman, Jean Keith, Doris Kemp, Jewell Mason, Charlotte Opie, Bonnie J. Peterson, Betty Philbrick, Patty Sanderson, Naomi Sions, and Pauline Strand) took place in January. The fifteen new members were the center of attraction all the school day. All of the girls were obliged to dress in strange costumes. The S.H.S. beauties didn't quite look themselves. The older members gave a party that evening for the new members at which the girls were doomed for an evening filled with breath-taking experiments conducted on them. After the girls had been put through their paces, they were given blue and white GAA ribbons during a short formal ceremony in which all the girls took the GAA oath. The ceremony came to a close with the GAA song and the girls made a dash for the Home Economics room where refreshments were waiting. After the girls had satisfied their appetites, Sarah Taylor entertained with some blood-curdling ghost stories.

The GAA girls honored the basketball and football boys with a banquet. The boys were given their certificates during the meal after which three short reels on sports were shown. The rest of the evening was spent in dancing.

The month of April brought to light an all-school party. That was a big event. Our final fling took the form of an overnight hike. H-m-m-m --- sure was fun.

STUDENT COUNCIL

The Student Council this year was composed of one member of, and the president of each class. The members were Jane Bigger, Betty Bowen, Roxanna Mae Boyd, Warren Pendry, Betty Philbrick, Patty Sanderson, Junior Shoemate, Bob Shult, and Eileen Taylor. Mr. Pogue was our sponsor.

The officers elected were:

President -- Betty Bowen
Secy.-Treas- Eileen Taylor
"Tattler"
Reporter-- Roxanna Mae Boyd

We got a fine start by appointing fifteen committees with a chairman for each. These committees included every member of the student body. The purpose of these committees was to perform different duties at the school such as inspecting lockers, sending cards to shut-ins, improving the lawn, and seeing that the lights in the building were turned off when they weren't in use.

The Student Council sponsored a Lawn Clean-Up Day and everyone really pitched in and worked. After the work, there came fun, so we enjoyed it after all.

The students sold magazine subscriptions in the fall and the commission received from them was used to buy a sound movie projector for the school. We decided to present a movie every Wednesday noon. The Student Council aided in the selection of the films, some of which were educational, and some recreational.

The Student Council this year proved to be a successful organization in our school life.

HOMEcoming

The annual SHS Homecoming, one of the biggest affairs of the school year, was indeed a tremendous success this year largely because of a victorious afternoon on the gridiron and a delightfully different celebration in the evening.

Our "Purple and White" gridgers caused everyone's spirits to soar into a gay holiday mood by defeating a powerful La Harpe eleven 6-0. Although everyone anticipated a fast open-field running game, the encounter proved to be a contest between the two strong lines for every inch gained by either team. Dean "Roxie" Kemp provided the one and only talley of the afternoon with a driving smash through center late in the first half.

The Seniors sponsored a "Stunt Show" in the evening which took the place of the usual "Penny Carnival." Each class and several prominent organizations in the school body presented group stunts, and a contest was also held for individual acts and stunts. Added zeal was put into the competition when it was made known that cash prizes were to be awarded.

The group stunts provided the basic hilarity of the evening. The Freshmen presented a one-act comedy "Quiet Please"; the Sophomores carried us back in history with an artistic Grecian Dance; the Juniors gave a well-worked-up, joke-filled minstrel show that had the audience "rolling in the aisles"; and last but not least, the Seniors presented a "Gay Nineties Review" which took us all back into the fond days of yesteryear.

The band, under the baton of Mr. Leland Meyer, presented their interpretation of how Stephen Foster's classic "Swanee River" would be played in various sections of our country. The Beacon Club did its bit in the form of a one-act comedy "In Reverse."

After much debating the judges declared the sophomore stunt, "To the Glory that was Greece," the winner by a fraction of a vote. Runner-up for the blue ribbon was the SHS band stunt. In the individual stunts the judges indeed had a difficult task choosing between the many songs, instrument solos, and various other acts. Their decision favored the "Golden-voiced" songstress, Eileen Taylor. In second place was Joyce Chipman, another talented vocalist.

An added thrill was given to the winners and runners-up as they received the distinction of presenting their acts at the "Rest Haven Follies" held in the Burlington Memorial Auditorium, October 15, before an audience of 2,100 people.

The king and queen were chosen for the dance which followed the Stunt Night program. Betty Bowen and Edward Foresman were elected to reign over the festivities of the 1943 Homecoming.

TIME

AUGUST

- 29 - Beginning the march of TIME was the first day of school which was an event to pupils and faculty members alike. Everyone had a grand time the first week getting acquainted!

SEPTEMBER

- 6 - The Faculty got together today for a discussion. No doubt we students were the unsuspecting topic of "cussion."
- 17 - Starting things out with a bang, the seniors planned the first assembly of the year which consisted of a veritable "Battle of the Sexes." Sad to say, the male contestants won. Come on, girls, sharpen your wits for the next official session.
- 23 - "The SHS Tattler," official paper of Stronghurst High made its debut today. The most popular column seemed to be "Off the Record" by J. & G.

Another event---Mr. Rose of the Crowell-Collier Publishing Company gave a pep talk to start off the magazine subscription contest, the benefits of which go to help buy a movie projector for our education and entertainment. This has all the earmarks of a successful campaign. It would be a lot of fun to have movies right here at school.

- 24 - A crashing victory, our boys defeated the tough Roosevelt Military Academy eleven on the home fields, thus starting out the football season with a 6-0 triumph.
- 25 - Pedestrians beware! It seems that Bob Duncan is on the loose. Last seen on the sidewalks of Media! The only safe place is the right-hand side of the road, the one place where Bob doesn't drive.
- 28 - All the co-eds of Stronghurst High turned out for the annual wiener roast sponsored by the GAA. A community sing brought to a close this "doe" party.

OCTOBER

- 1 - The Sophomore Class was host to the Freshmen Class at the Freshman-Sophomore Party. Also entertained were two junior boys who took a trunk ride to Gulfport.
- 2--- Another football game was held on the home gridiron, this time with the Burlington Reserves. Today also climaxes a very successful magazine sales campaign and quite a sum went toward the new Movie Projector.
- 14 - The football boys met La Harpe in our homecoming game. An added attraction was the clever routine by the marching band and drum majorettes. In the evening everyone attended Stunt Night where Betty Bowen and Eddie Foresman were crowned King and Queen of Homecoming. The Sophomore Class carried off the \$10 prize for their unusual stunt, "The Glory that was Greece." The band won second with a novelty number. Winners in the individual contest were Eileen Taylor and Joyce Chipman, first and second prizes respectively. To round out the evening, hot music for dancing was "dished out" by records and the Home Economics girls dished out ice-cream to hungry customers. Laurels to the Senior Class for planning this big event.
- 15 - As a result of Stunt Night, all the winners added their talents to the benefit presented at Memorial Auditorium for the purpose of supporting Rest Haven, U.S.O. center of Burlington.

- 21 - The second team played Roseville substitutes on their field this afternoon and lost.
- 22 - Our gridiron team again met opposition with Burlington Reserves at Burlington.
- 23 - The GAA Club held a Fall Play Day for some of the neighboring schools. Because of unfortunate conditions only La Harpe and Kirkwood girls were able to attend. Everyone enjoyed herself regardless and we are looking forward to the next play day which will be held in the spring.
- 29 - Another Assembly "Take It or Leave It" was presented for the student body today. Alice Annegers squeezed two cents out of the Junior treasury and was the only winner. It seems to us, the wise spectators, that the whole thing was a "frame-up." Could it be otherwise?
- 30 - A bang-up football game was fought at Alexis this afternoon. The boys did a really neat job and the final outcome was a smashing victory for dear old SHS.
At this time we are sorry to say that Mrs. Hauber has left our faculty but we welcome Miss Brook as a new member. An assembly was held in Mrs. Hauber's honor and a gift was presented to her from the student body.

NOVEMBER

- 1 - Clean-up day for our campus and our schoolyard soon resulted in a conspicuous absence of leaves that had accumulated here and there. All the student body were willing workers, and pitched in and raked and burned. The preferred perfume among our co-eds for that day was "Leaf Smoke" ---- if you get the drift.
- 2 - Despite rumors and unkind remarks of broken cameras, the Senior Class all looked pretty "at the birdie" when they had their class pictures taken. Several members of the aviation class took an unexpected mud bath while visiting the airport.
- 4 - Stronghurst citizens went all out for defense when the Beacon Club launched its Scrap Drive and more money accumulated in the Beacon treasury to finance our annual.
- 8-12 - Numerous parents were seen in the halls this week, or haven't you heard? It's American Education week. A program was held on Friday evening by the band and various other classes which showed to the audience the real inside of our school.
- 19 - To celebrate the end of the second six weeks, the GAA held a box lunch social during the noon hour. More fun and more boys fooled by the owners of the boxes!
- 24 - "For Pete's Sake!" Don't tell me you missed the Junior Class Play? We laughed till we cried at the antics of Pete and his pals. Thanks to the Junior Class for a splendid evening of entertainment.
- 25-26 A welcome vacation appeared on the scene and everyone stuffed himself with Thanksgiving turkey.

DECEMBER

- 7 - The third anniversary of the attack on Pearl Harbor and every member of the student body and faculty bought extra defense stamps to help speed victory.
- 16-17 The Home Economics girls entertained their mothers at a tea which they prepared and served as part of their course.

Stronghurst suffered defeat in Kirkwood's hands in the KMBS Basketball Tournament. However, we closed in a close second and our hopes are high for the coming Bi-County Tournament.

- 18 - The monthly FFA-FHA meeting was held tonight. The boys furnished the food and the girls supplied the ideas for recreation.
- 20 - Our boys met the Terre Haute team on their home floor and gained another victory!
- 23 - This is a big day today--the beginning of Christmas Vacation! The GAA sponsored an all school party and a festive spirit reigned. The mixed chorus presented its Christmas cantata, "The Child Jesus" tonight to an appreciative audience.
- 29 - Pine boughs decked the gym when the Senior Class held its annual Christmas dance with Rolland Swartz and his orchestra giving out the hot licks.
Holiday festivities held full sway all this week with NO studies. The chief source of recreation was ice-skating at Fort's Pond.

JANUARY

- 3 - TIME MARCHES ON! Time and tide wait for no man and neither does the tardy bell. So back to school and so begins 1944.
- 5 - Another joint meeting of the FFA and FHA was held at the school house tonight with both clubs having a grand time.
- 8 - We added another feather to our already befeathered headgear. Our basketball squad crushed a tough La Harpe team on La Harpe's home floor.
- 12 - A dinner was served to the faculty by home economics students without ill effects to either party.
- 13-14-15 - Dallas City emerged victorious from the La Harpe Tournament. La Harpe dealt our morale a blow by defeating our boys.
- 19 - New members were initiated into the GAA Club tonight. We are glad to welcome so many good sports into our club.
- 20 - Roosevelt Military Academy repaid us in full for their defeat by winning over our basketball team.
- 22 - A spine-tingling game was battled on our home floor between our varsity and the fast-working Dallas City Quintet. In the last minutes of the game the Dallas City team pulled ahead and won the basketball game by a slight margin.
- 26-27 - Stronghurst basketball squads won high honors at the Bi-County Tournament at Roseville, carrying off trophies for the varsity and free-throw divisions. Incidentally we also won the GRAND TROPHY, thanks to Coach Mek, the boys, and a large cheering section.

FEBRUARY

- 1 - We congratulate our varsity team! Tonight for the first time this season, the hitherto invincible Dallas City five was defeated and by none other than us. Are we proud!
- 2 - The FFA Club held another of their monthly meetings tonight at the school house.
- 4 - Another victory when we defeated the Nauvoo team on their home floor after a good game.
- 7 - Our old rival, Media, played our boys on our floor tonight, but our high morale, coupled with the ability of the team won the game for us.
- 11 - Another basketball game, this time it was held at Biggsville and again we held all the aces.

- 12 - Red and white streamers decorated at the Valentine's Day dance sponsored by the seniors. Rolland Swartz and his orchestra again gave forth with dance music.
- 14 - Our return game with Terre Haute was played tonight with our Trojan team the victors.
- 16 - The GAA held a party tonight, the long awaited date party. Not very many couples attended but all those present had a fine time.
- 18 - Our worst rival, Roseville, played us tonight on their floor. A hard battle and well won.
- 23-24 - We were host at the District Tournament this year. Bardolph won the tournament at a close-matched game but well-deserved first place. We held the honor of second place.
- 25 - We honored one of our favorite faculty members today. Mr. Meyer is about to leave to join the Army. We shall surely miss him and our band will lack his sure baton. We hope that he will find as many friends where he goes as he has among the student body.

MARCH

- 10 - Two one-act plays were presented tonight by the Beacon Club in order to raise money for publishing the annual. One was a comedy entitled "Grand-mother Nick" and the other, "No Greater Love" was a patriotic drama with a good lesson in it. Eileen Taylor played convincingly the part of a selfish old lady who finally realized her love for this country.
- 13 - Bi-County chorus practice was held today at Kirkwood. Though a bit ragged at first, the numbers we practiced, will, with a little polish, be very effective.
- 23 - Commercial students journeyed to Biggsville today and gained second place in the contest held there.
- 24 - The GAA Club held a banquet in honor of our athletic boys. After the banquet which was prepared by the girls a movie on sports was shown and everyone danced afterward.

APRIL

- 4 - The Home Economics class gave a dinner for the board members and their wives tonight. The theme was an Easter theme with painted eggs serving as clever place cards.
- 5 - The FFA boys again held their monthly meeting. These boys are really social minded or at least they seem to have a lot of meetings.
- 12 - Our movie for this week was at the same time educational and entertaining. "Catherine the Great" is taken from true history and made a lasting impression on our minds.
- 14 - In spite of pouring rain, the Bi-County Festival at Kirkwood had a large audience. No one's spirits were dampened except those of the snare drummer which accounted for the soggy solo during the march number. Aside from this minor incident, everything went well, and it even stopped raining before it was over.
- 21 - After weeks of reading books on polite manners, "Miss Jimmy" made her first public appearance tonight. We seniors enjoyed putting on this play very much and want to thank everyone who helped make it a success.

- 29 - The Junior Class was host to the Senior Class, board members and faculty at the annual Junior-Senior Banquet held in the school Gymnasium. The theme was "deep" and all present joined the fishes for the evening. After the banquet was over, a prom was held for the juniors and seniors and their guests. Thanks to the juniors for a lovely banquet to remember always.

MAY

- 2 - The Carthage College Choir entertained us this afternoon in an impressive program. They are really a nice organization.
- 10 - The annual GAA Banquet was held tonight in honor of the departing senior members. The new officers took over their duties for this event and made it another lasting memory.
- 11 - Our favorite speaker made his annual visit to talk to us about his hobby, birds. We always enjoy his speeches and feel no school year is complete without Dr. T. E. Musselman from Gem City Business College at Quincy.
- 14 - Our Baccalaureate services were held in the gymnasium with beautiful decorations by the Sophomore Class. Reverend Williams of the Methodist Church delivered the address and a fitting one filled with good advice to the graduating class.
- 15 - The audience was given a brief glimpse of heaven tonight, when the "Pearly Gates" swung wide open to admit the class of 1944. Some members of the class became dizzy from the journey into space but smelling salts were applied by the obliging St. Peter.
- 18 - An all-school picnic was held at home this year due to the war and no one seemed to miss not going away at all. The food was plentiful until the hungry students began to fill their plates. After that an evening of recreation was supplied and planned by the hosts, the freshman and senior classes.
- 19 - Today was our last visit to school and then it was only to receive our report cards and to make plans for the summer vacation. So ends this, my calendar of this school year. My best wish for the next person who writes this calendar is that he (or she) may have as much fun as I have had in my four years in Stronghurst High.

With due pomp and ceremony, the senior class of 1944 marched between aisles of relatives to receive their diplomas. Tonight is an eventful night, long-awaited and we are both sorry and glad that it has come as we hate to leave so many friends but are eager to start making our ways in the world.

APPRECIATION

Your copy of the Beacon could not be presented to you on time this year because of the difficulty of securing proper paper, engravings and labor. We know you consider the importance of the war effort first, and your patience is deeply appreciated. By waiting, it has been possible to give you better paper, and more and better engravings. We have also added several blank pages in the back of the book for your convenience in keeping addresses and possibly clippings from "The Tattler".

The fine co-operation of Miss Rodenhouser and the Beacon Staff is sincerely appreciated. They have done an excellent job under difficult situations. May this Beacon be a permanent source of satisfaction for every reader, and may the next edition record Victory for our beloved country.

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