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The Senior Class of 1951 Presents


From the time we were freshmen, we all at one time or another have sought the guidance of Mr. MacMurray. Many of us found the answers to questions of the future which had been bothering us. College deans and future employers all seek his advice about prospective candidates. Our parents too have felt free to call on him to discuss post graduation plans.
So, to Mr. MacMurray who has been both friend and counsellor to our class, we wish to express our most sincere thanks; his personal guidance and kind advice have been most helpful to us during all our years at Valley.

## Dand C.Mac Munay

The years pass so quickly! It seems so short a time ago that you came to us as eager freshmen. And now you are about to leave; older, wiser, and better prepared to meet your responsibilities in the years ahead. I trust that you will carry with you many pleasant memories of the days spent at Passaic Valley.
1 extend to you my congratulations and my best wishes for every possible success in your future endeavors.
E.T. Schueider

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Miss Ruth Kane, our senior English teacher, also was with us for our senior year. We all owe her our appreciation and gratitude for directing our Senior Play. She took care of the magazine sales and is also responsible for a lot of the senior's ideas. To Miss Kane we extend our utmost appreciation for working hard and making our senior year a successful one.


Mrs. Agnes Ryan was with the class of 1951 during the four years of our stay at Passaic Valley. Under her able supervision we worked into a successful class. She worked with us on all our dances, and every dance was a success. The Senior Class of 1951 appreciates the fact that Mrs. Ryan was so ready and willing to help us when we needed help. We all wish to express our sincere thanks.

## Art Technicians



The senior class of ' 51 has chosen as their theme "The Best Years of Our Lives" because they feel this title best portrays the four happiest years they have known. The following pages show some of the various activities which have taken place during these years, as well as the faculty, student body, and other school employees who have helped to make the time spent at Passic Valley so enjoyable.

To carry out this theme the yearbook staff has been divided into two main categories: the layout staff headed by Mr. Chester Kuziora and the literary staff headed by Miss Ruth Kane. Co-editors are Joan Davidson and Jerry De Falco.

The following are the various committee heads: Art, Marlene Sooy; Photography, Joyce Johnson; Seniors, Joan Tomforde; Literary, Marie Egan; Music, Elaine Dabaghian; Faculty, Joyce Johnson; Business, Jane Ackerman; Organization, Dot Carioti; Underclassmen, Betty Lou Shamberger; and Sports, Don Lazar and Grace Hutting.


## Jerry DeFalco

## President

"Where there's a will, there's a way." Besides serving as our most capable president, "Jer" was co-editor of the Valley Green and had a lead in the Senior Play. He was a member of the Commercial service Corps, was an S. G. A. representative, to attend Seton Hall and wants to repay his parents for all they have done for him.


Joan Tomforde

## Secretary

"A sport who likes sports."
"Blondie" was a member of the Chorus, Choir, and Glee Club She was manager of the Hockey Club and very active in girls sports. She also served as an attendance checker and as usherette and of course was our most efficient class secretary.


## Anthony Losco

Vice President
"All the world is his stage."
Since "Tony" has come to Valley, he has become one of our most popular students. This year he was Vice President of our class, quarterback on the varsity football team, an S. G. A. representative, and held a lead in the Senior Play.


Dolores Cronin
Treasurer
"A true lover of sports."
"Cronin" can usually be found in the Girls' gym shooting baskets. She has participated in Valley Varieties, Commercial Service Corps, and girls' sports. This year she was White Chief and our class treasurer.


## Jane Ackerman

"Musical-ambitious-industrious."
Jane was very active during her four years in high school. She was a member of the All State Chorus, Band, and Orchestra. Jane was Green Chief, Co-Edi-tor-in-chief of the Valley Echo, Honor Society member, and had a lead in the Senior Play. She hopes to study to be a drama-
tics teacher. tics teacher.


## Frederick Bailey

"The show must go on." "Fred" was quite active in our Dramatic Club. He was also a member of the Public Speaking Club and the Assembly Committee. Fred's hobby is performing the art of magic, but he hopes to become a chemist.


Paul Alesandrelli
"Ever-present grin."
"Curly" was a member of the Art Service Corps and the Stage and Lighting crew. He also took part in valley variecontractor after he graduates from Passaic Valley.


John Babcock
"A Fisherman at heart."
"Johnny" hasn't taken part in many school activities, but he likes to fish and hunt. He would like to be a stock car racer after he graduates.


## Class History

In the fall of 1947, the body that was to be the class of 1951 first entered Valley.

We went late to our classes because the seniors told us the elevators weren't working and soon encountered the first hardship of our career at Valley -how to get our lockers open.

We had just conquered our schedules and located the rooms, when we attended our first dance. What

## Lenore Baut

"Friendly, artistic, hard-working."
Lenore belonged to the Art Service Corps for four years. She took part in the was on the girls' the Girls' Show, and senior, she worked hard on the Valley Green. Lenore is interested in skating and art and hopes to be a good secretary.


## Niles Bergstrom

"Silence is more eloquent than words." Niles has been a library aid, a member of the chorus, dance committees, ticipated in


## Doris Beach

"Always a moment to be merry."
"Peaches" was a member of the PreNursinz Club and the Girls' Glee Club She also took part in the Girls' Show on the White Team. Her pet peeye is boys with new cars. Doris' ambition is to graduate.


## Gregory Beach

"Sunny disposition."
"Gregory Peck" was an S. G. A. Representative in his junior year and was a member of the Dramatics Club. He can be remembered as an admiral in the Senior Play. He is usually seen with "the guys." After oraduation Greg hopes to become a machinist and then retire.


## Edward Book

"His good nature always travels with him."
"Ed" is one of our new students. He has participated in class committees. "Ed" likes to ride in hot rods.

## George Brown

"A witty fellow is a treasure."
George is a member of Masque and Sandal and has participated in class committees. He is usually seen with his pal, Paul.

## Margaret Bottomley

"3 strikes-your out."
"Peggy" has participated in Valley Varieties: she is a member of the Art Service Corps, Commercial Club, and Dance Committees. "Peggy" also participated widely in girls' sports.


Robert Burns
"Give him bop and more bop."
"Bob" is a new student at Passaic Valley. He was a member of the Valley Echo staff and participated in the Science
Department of Valley Varieties. Bob has been active in dramatics and in various musical presentations at Passaic Valley.


## Dorothy Carioti

"Assets in beauty."
"Dot" has been a member of the Commercial Service Corps, Usherettes, Girls Glee Club, Dance Committees, Masque and Sandal, and a Leaderette. She has also participated widely in girls' sports. This year she was Basketball Manager for the Greens.

## Harry Brown

"With a smile for everyone."
"Brownie" for the past two years was usually seen in the back of the cafeteria washing dishes. He served on Class Com Lighting Crew and the Corps, Stage and Lighting Crew and the Valley Green Staff


Betty Lynne Carlson
"She chatters, on and on."
"Betts" has been an active member of the Music Department, She participated in girls' sports, Valley Varieties, and Masque and Sandal, and this year she be"Betts" hopes one day to be a teacher.

"Let's Dance"
a memorable evening that was, the boys stood on one side and the girls on the other.

Then the days began to fall into successive patterns, and cheerleaders and football players became a necessity in our young lives.

Politics entered the scene, and we put on our first election campaign. Of all the worthy candidates, Joe Puliccichio became president, with Ronald Denker, Shirley Newbold, and Joe Santelli as vice-president, secretary and treasurer, respectively.


## John Carson

"Sink or Swim."
John was a member of the swimming club, Masque and Sandal, and treasurer of our junior class. He was also in boys' glee club, choir, malequartet, and band. John was also a member of the Honor Society.


## Marie Chesney

"And those of quiet manner, have dreams above the rest."
Marie has been known to all of us as the quietest person in our class. She could always be seen busy in art class and hopes one day to be a commercial artist, and with her quiet way she will btain her goal. Marie was voted one of the best dressed girls in the class.



## Sally Carson

"As likable as lookable."
"Sal" was a member of the Dramatics Club, Art Service Corps, Commercial Service Corps, President of the Usherettes, and a color guard for two years. As a senior she was G. A. A. treasurer. She hopes to become a secretary.


## Robert Cheterkin

"A fun loving personality."
"Turk" has participated in the Senior Play, Valley Varieties, and has served on the various class committees. His biggest moment was the Senior Play party.

## Grace Chadwick

"A good heart is worth gold."
Grace took part in Valley Varieties, chorus, Valley Echo, Art Service Corps, and Dance Committees. She also participated in girls' sports. Grace hopes to become a teacher.


## Lillian Clark

"Frank, friendly, feminine."
"Clarkie" has been more than active. She has been in tumbling, modern dance, Girls' Show, Glee Club, and Valley Variefies. This year she managed to find time or cheer-leading, and to be on the Clas Night committee.



Mary Corrado
"A smile that is always pleasant."
Mary has been a member of the Girls' Glee Club, and a Library Aid. She has also participated in Valley Varieties. She hopes to enter the business field after graduation from Valley.


## David Crossley

"His aims are high."
"Crockett" can usually be seen driving around in his car. He has taken part in boys sports.
Valley Varieties. His ambition is to join the Navy.


Sondra Corry
"Who could be friendlier?"
"Sandy" has been active in the Masque and Sandal Club, Art Service Corps, Class Committees, Hockey and Basketball Clubs. She is also a member of the Yearbook Staff. After graduation she hopes to attend art school.


Beatrice Crosby
"A lively little girl."
Bowling, baseball, speedball, pre-nursing, usherettes, Valley Varieties, Girls' Show, attendance checker, and class committees are among "Bea's" many activities. Her ambition is to be a nurse.

"In a Lonely Place"



## Ethel Crothers

"Interested in everyone and everything." "Ethel" is one of our new students who has become well-known for her pleasant personality She is a member of the
G. A. Al, the manager of speedball, and G. A. A., the manager of speedball, and took part in class activities.


## Ronald Denker

"Play ball!"
Known to us all by his active, participation in Varsity Baseball, "Ron", has also been active in the Art Service Corps, Spanish Club, Stage and Lighting Crew, S. G. A. and also was a member of the Honor Society. He hopes to attend Ohio
State.


## Elaine Anne Dabaghian

"A sociable person."
"Elaine Ann" was a member of the chorus, Girls' Ensemble, choir, Masque and Sandal, Usherette Club. Participated in girls' sports, and worked on the Valley Green and Valley Echo. She was an Honor Society member and was in the Senior Play. Elaine plans to attend Trenton State Teachers College.


## Paul DePaola

"An engaging smile and friendy manner."
"Chappy," our ever-smilin' trombonist. played two years in All-State Band and Senior Band and also displayed his dramatic talents in the Senior Play. Paul plans to attend Seton Hall College. His main ambition is "to make my parents proud of me."

## John De Stephano

"Don't fence me in."
John has participated in class committees. We have all been entertained in those assesmblies in which "Tex" participated singing his Western songs.

## Robert De Visser

"Mark my word this boy will make good."
"Bob has been a member of our S. G. A. for three years.. He has participated in Valley Varieties and was a member of our Varsity Basketball Squad.


## Joan Davidson

"Sweetness of face and thought."
"Joanie's" big assignment this year was her job as co-editor of the yearbook. She was also an active member of the Swimming Club, Basketball, Usherette Club, was president of Art Service Corps in her junior year, and was elected to the Honor Society. Joan hopes to attend Bates where she wants to study for social work.


## Paul DePiro

"Big person-big heart."
"Fat" enjoyed his four years at Passaic Valley. He took part in the Art Service Corps and also in the chorus. When Paul graduates from Passaic Valley, he plans to go to work and be successful.



## Carmeline DeVito

"A friendly disposition."
To become a good secretary is "Carm's" ambition. Well-liked by everyone, "Carm" was active in the Usherettes, G. A. A. Valley Varieties, and was also a member of the choir.


## Brian Duffy

"An all around athlete and school citizen." "Duff" was elected President of the S. G. A. in his junior year, and of his class in his sophomore year. He played varsity basketball for four years and took part in intramural sports. Brian's ambitio is to be happy and successful in life.


## Willian Dodds

"Next stop, Kentucky Derby." "Bill" was a hall monitor who likes horses and girls. He dislikes teachers who don't make their subjects interesting. Bill's ambition is to graduate this year.


Albert Drew
"An outdoorman."
"Al" took part in golf and likes fishing and hunting. His pet peeve is "Choppers." He, like so many others, wants to graduate in June.

"Make-Up!"

Bergen Band Festival; and our twirlers placed first in competition at Ramsey.

Spring and Valley Varieties came and went and June was upon us. We left Valley, no longer the shy little freshmen we were when we entered in September.

In September of 1948 we came back as sophisticated sophomores, knowing our place in the Student Body. Under the leadership of Brian Düffy


## George Dusoe

"All for the love of bowling."
"Duse" likes to bowl, hunt, and play golf. He was a member of the band, chorus, and Boys' Bowling Club. His main ambition is to bowl a three hundred game.

## Henry Enoch

"What is ambition?"
"Eggy" didn't take part in many school activities. He is usually seen with Johnny, driving. Henry's biggest moment is yet to come. His ambition is to become a draftsman.
 His biggest moment is ye -


Robert Edwards
"Quietness is a virtue few have."
"Shad" is quiet and you hardly ever hear him. Bob likes to swim and belonged to the Swimming Club. His ambition is to attend the Virginia Military Institute College.


## Roy Fagan

"Why live if not to be merry and gay."
"Fagan" has been active in Valley Varieties and the Roller Skating Club. Stock cars hold great interest for Roy, and he hopes to drive one someday.

## Joseph Faline

"A mightv man was he."
"Joe" has been a member of our Varsity Football, Basketball and Baseball Squads. "Joe's" ambition is to go to Montclair State Teachers College.

## Thomas Faxio

"Happy go lucky."
"Fazz" participated in baseball, basketball and Valley Varieties. He was also a member of the Class Night Committee. Tom's ambition is to go to college.


## Marie Egan

"Ambitions and capable of accomplishing great things."
"Egan" was a member of the Valley Echo Staff, Assembly Committee, Spanish Club, Leaderettes, Attendance Checkers, Dance Committees, and Tri Hi Y. She has also participated in sports and is a member of our Honor Society.


## Joan Falco

"Cute and friendly."
"Falc" was on our twirling squad for three years. Joan was a member of the Commercial Club, choir, and girls' ensemble. She participated in Valley Varieties, and this year held a part in the Senior Play.



Barbara Fink
'It's nice to be natural when you're naturally nice.'
"Barb" has taken part in the Art Service Corps, the Basketball Club, the Girls' Show, and has participated widely in girls" sports. Her main interest is "Frank," and she hopes to travel.


## Barbara Fritschie

"The kind of girl it's pleasant to have for a friend.'
"Barb" has been active in girls' sports. She was on the basketball team and took part in the Girls' Glee Club. Another of her interests was the Dramatic Club.


John Fitzgibbons
"A good-natured lad who will never lack friends."
"Fitz" has done a great deal for our class by being president in our junior year. He also has been in the choir and has taken part in Valley Varieties. "Fitz" left in the second semester to serve this country as a United States Marine.


## Sherman Francisco

"A day never completed without a laugh." "Sherm" has played varsity basketball and had an active part in the Senior Play. He has been a member of the Dramatics Club and was President of Intramural Sports. He hopes to become an engineer and is planning to attend Virginia Military Institute.

"Pretty Baby"
as class president, we chose the theme for our dance as the "Winter Carnival." Other class officers were Jane Ackerman, vice-president; Elaine Vislotsky, secretary; and Barbara Tawpash, treasurer.

The student body conducted the first magazine campaign which was an overwhelming success; and from the profits we purchased a sound movie projector. The intramural basketball contest was won by our class.


## Catherine Giannetti

"Angles are scarce, so the bad folks claim, but devils are plenty and who's to blame?"
"Pat" was a member of chorus, Masque and Sandal, and Valley Varieties. She was also a participant in hockey, tumbling, and basketball.


## Dolores Gorski

"Never a dull moment."
"Dell" has been active in girls' sports and the Girls' Show. She has been an S. G. A. representative and a member of the Social Committee. "Dee", is usually seen with "Dot" and "Carm."


## Salvator Giannetti

"Work is a necessary evil."
"Sal" has been a member of our basketball Squad for three years. He has also participated in Class Committees and been active in Valley Varieties.


## Mary Ellen Grant

"I live in a world of jollity."
Mary Ellen was a member of Masque and Sandal, Pre-nursing, Usherettes, Valley Varieties, Girls' Ensemble, Glee Club, and Chorus. She also participated in sports.

## Barbara Goldey

"What care have I"
"Goldey" was a member of Masque and Sandal Pre-nursing, Usherettes, Choir Girls' Ensemble, and 'All-State Chorus. She has also participated in Girls' Athletics and Valley Varieties.


## Ronald Greiner

"Not all great men are famous."
"Ron" entered our school from Garfield. His chief interests are fishing and swimming.


## George Hackes

"He was sure and steadfast."
George has participated in Valley Varieties, the Christmas Play, Class Committees and was a member of the Boys' Bowling Club.

## June Hammond

"A red head with a swell personality." June was a member of the Girls' Bowling and Swimming Clubs. She also was a member of the Girls' Glee Club. Her ambition is to become a bookkeeper.


Thomas Hanley
"Men of few words are the best men."
Tom participated in Valley Varieties and was a member of the Football Squad. He represented the winning swimming team in the intramurals.


## Raymond Haycock

"Patience is the remedy for every trouble."
"Ray" was a member of our Basketball Squad and participated in Valley Varieties. Ray also played for the Seniors in Intramural Basketball.


## James Hansen

"Who is mischievous, not $I$." "Jim" has taken part in intramural sports, was a member of Masque and Senior Play, and also took part in Valley Senior Pl
Varieties.


## Ted Harper

"Knowledge is the fruit of labor."
"Ted" is a new member of our school this year. He made his mark on our school immediately by becoming in our Senior Poll "the most likely to succeed" and "pride of the faculty." What was California's loss was our gain.

"The Breaking Point"

Brian Duffy was elected President of the S. G. A. and Shirley Vander May, Secretary; (both were from our class) Alan Bleecker, Vice-President and Marion Blysak, Secretary; all of whom assumed their duties in September.

The twirlers placed first again in the competition at Ramsey. The Greens won the Girls' Show, Valley Varieties came and went, and June was again upon us.


## Grace Hutting

"Sincerity in everything she attempts." "Gray" usually is seen with Joan and Sally; She has taken an active part in Girls' Sports, was secretary of the Tri-$\mathrm{Hi}-\mathrm{Y}$, and a member of the social committee and yearbook staff. Grace intends to be an office worker.


Joyce Johnson
"She was a lady all through." "Jerce" was a member of the Valley Echo Staff, Class Committees, Valley Varieties, Attendence Checkers, Spanish Club and participated in Girls' Sports. This year she was head of the Faculty and Photography for the Valley Green. Joyce was also head of Green Tickets for the Girls' Show.



## Jo Ann Ink

"Her hair and complexion are her treasures."
"Inkie" has participated in Girls' Sports, Masque and Sandal, social and yearbook committees, and the Senior Play. She intends to go to William and Mary. College upon graduation; after which she hopes to be a writer.


## William Kosachook

"A newspaper man at heart."
"Kos" is mainly interested in sports. He played varsity golf and was an associate editor of the Valley Echo Staff. He is usually found where there is news. Bill hopes to attend Upsala to become a teacher.

## Ray Kosloski

"Humor at its best."
"Koz" is usually seen with Puget and Faline. His main interest is sports, particularly football. He likes movies when he doesn't have to pay. His biggest mo ment was when Valley Upset Caldwell $4-0$

## Donald Kuyper

"All his fortune lies beneath his hat."
"Don" was a member of the Lighting Crew, Valley Echo Staff, President of Hi-Y and a library aid. He participated in Band, Valley Velveteers, Glee Club, Roller Skating Club and Swimming Club. He was also a member of All-State Band and Orchestra.


James Jeffreys
"Every man has a fault and honesty is his." "Jim" participated in Valley Varieties for three years, was a Hall Monitor, and a member of the Band.


## Lorraine Kosko

"With the voice of an angel."
Most of all we remember "Lou" for her singing ability. She did a lot of other things too: Twirler for three years, Valley Varieties, All-State Chorus, Girls' Glee Club, Girls Ensemble, S. G. A. representative, Commercial Service Corps. After graduation she hopes to be a secretary.



## Martha La Bruto

"One's manners make one's fortune."
"Mart" has been a member of the Commercial Club, Chorus, Class Committees, and Valley Varieties. She also has been a twirler for three years, and this year was our head twirler.


## Donald Lazar

"Constant cheerfulness is a sure sign of a wise man."
"Don" has been a member of the Band, Class Committes, Masque and Sandal, Bowling and was the head of Boys Athletics for the Valley Green. He also participated in the Valley Varieties and the Christmas Play.


Alfred La Neve
"Fun and fancy free."
Valley Varieties, Senior Play, Masque and Sandal, Senior Social Committee and Commencement Committee are some of the activities "Barnes" participated in. His biggest moments was the Senior Play party. He hopes to secure a job with a future after graduation.


Richard Lawther
"Let me but do my work from day to day.'
"Dick" has participated in Valley Varieties, been a hall monitor for two years and been an active member of our class.

"Little Women"

In September we came back to Valley for at last we had reached the exalted rank of upper classmen. We were surprised to find most of the classrooms painted in pastel shades.

We started right at work on our big dance, the Annual Christmas Cotillion.

Under the leadership of John Fitzgibbons, Jane Ackerman, Elaine Vislotsky, and John Carson, the year for us was brought to a successful climax.


## Robert Leah

"His smile spread from ear to ear."
"Red" can usually be seen riding around in that "car" of his. He has been an active member of the band and had taken an all around interest in anything concerning the school.


## Anthony Marino

"A valuable asset to his class."
"Cook" has been a very active member of the student body and of our class. He had been in the Band, Choir, Glee Club, was an S. G. A. representative, and has taken an active interest in Intramural Sports.


## Barbara Lucas

"Her heart is as big as the world."
"Bonnie" has been an active student around Valley. She has been in Masque and Sandal, Girls' Athletics, Chorus, Choir, Band, Girls' Ensemble, Attendance Checkers, and all Senior Class Committees. She also 1950 . Valley Green this year Seniors for the Valley Green this year.


## Louise Marino

"To have a friend is to be one."
"Lou's" main interest has been music; she was in the choir and the Girls' Glee Club. She has also been in the Usherettes' Club and served on class committees.

## Audrey McCurdy

"Good words are like a string of pearls."
"Aud" has been in quite a few activities during her four years in P.V. She has been in the Commercial Club, chorus, and Girls' Glee Club, in addition to serving on class committees.

## Joan McKinnes

"Always good humored, good natured, and free."
Joan was a member of our Cheerleading Squad this year. She has participated in Valey Varieties, Band, Class Committees, and Pre-nursing.


## Abraham Mamary

"Honest Abe."
"Abe's" man interests in high school have been divided between baseball and music. If he's not catching flies on the diamond, the ningin play the Glee Cluber He is also noted for his boxing.


## Daniel Marchisen

"Deep voice is an outlet for a great mind." "Moose" has become well known in the past two years, and he displayed more than his share of school spirit. Dan has taken part in the Choir, Valley Varieties, Football Team and the Senior Play.



Edward McNulty
"'Tis only a virtue to be good.'"
"Ed" has been a member of the Assembly Committee, Band, Masque and Sansembly Committee, Band, Masque and San-
dal, Class Committees, and Valley Velveteers.


Nicholas Mirowsky
"Speech is great, but silence is greater."
"Nick" has participated in Valley Varieties for four years, been on Class Comcommittees, in the Christmas Concert and was a valuable addition to our class.


Jack Metzler
"Kreisler, Sousa, Toscanni-piffle!"
Jack has been very active in the music department. He has also participated in Valley Varieties and has been our Drum Major for two years. He was also active on the Swimming Team as a diver.


## Lawrence Mirowsky

"He is backward in coming forward."
"Larry" has always been active while in high school, for three years as a member of the S. G. A. and for two years as president of his homeroom. He has had other interests in intra-mural sports and played on our championship golf team.

"Dancing in The Dark"

A lot of other things happened around the school that year, too. The magazine campaign again exceeded the goal and the S. G. A. put the down payment on the P. A. system and paid for the fencing on the new field. The Varsity Basketball Team won the Conference Jamboree, the golf trophy was brought home to Valley, permanently; intramural swimming competition was won by our class; the Greens won the Girls' Show, tying the score at five


Victor Moncato
"A merry and fond heart."
"Vic" has been a member of our Varsity Baseball Team. Hee also has participated in Valley Varieties and Boys' Bowling.


## Alex Monid

"A boy is but what he knoweth."
"Alex" has participated in Valley Varieties ; this year he was voted Class Lover. His chief interests are fishing and hunting.


## Ruth Newby

"Never trouble trouble till trouble troubles you."
Ruth has participated in Valley Varieties and is known to us all for tooting away on her trumpet in the Band. She hopes to be a nurse after graduation.

## Conrad Palumbo

"Whatever he's done he's done well."
"Connie" has been a member of the Varsity Football Squad, Golf Team, Class Committees, and has participated in Valley Varieties.


## James Morano

"Good nature is worth more than knowledge."
"Jim" has been a member of the Valley Velveteers for two years. He had also been a member of the chorus and participated in Valley Varieties.


## Alice Oppelaar

"Always good natured and good humored." "Ally" has been a member of the Chorus, Choir, Attendance Checkers and participated in Valley Varieties., She has also participated widely in Giris Sports and $\stackrel{\text { this }}{ }$ Whites.

## Jeanne Passarretta

"Her ways are ways of pleasantness" "Jeanne" has been a member of the Chorus and Choir. She has been an acthive member of the Music Department and tive member of the Music Department and
has participated in the Chistmas Concert and Spring Concert.


## Caroline Pelliterri

"Happy and careless as the day was long."
"Carol" has been a member of Girls' Glee Club and Chorus. She has also participated in Class Committees and Valley Varieties.


## Joseph Phalon

"A happy jester, a likeable lad"
"Mopey Joe" has been known to this class for his constant pranks on teachers and friends. He can usually be seen playing on intramural speedball and basketball teams or on the varsity football team. He has joined the Air Force.


## Raymond Pikaart

"His winning ways are unforgetable."
"Ray" as President of the S.G.A. this year helped bring it to one of its most successtul years. He plans to attend coldent body and old cars.


## Louis Porco

"So full of fun and pep."
"Porky" enjoys athietics and music. If he isn't seen playing with the band, then he must be competing with the golf team, or taking part in intramural football and
basketball.


## Rebecca Pirillo

"A little girl, yet mighty too."
"Becky" is the shortest member of our class. She likes music and sings in the chorus and Girls' Glee Club. In her Junior year she was "mascot" in the Girls'" Show for the Greens.


## Helena Pohlman

"Worrying is not her trouble."
"Dutch" can usually be seen with Alex. She takes an active interest in basketbali and sings in the choir. She participated in Valley Varieties and wants to be a beauty culturist.


## Richard Purves

"Am I seeing double."
"Purv" played varsity basketball and took part in intramural sports during his reshman year. He was a member of Masque and Sandal Dramatics Club and took part in the Senior Play.

## Robert Purves

"I thought I just saw you."
"Bob" has participated on Class Committees, Valley Varieties and was a member of the Senior Play. He likes dancing and can usually be seen at all the dances.

## Loretta Randazzo

"Always seen smiling."
"Lorett" was a member of the Girls' Glee Club and Chorus. She served in the Usherette Club. She is interested in fine clothes, and her ambition is to get a new car, travel, and get married.



## Lenore Ratzer

"Purposeful and athletic."
Lee" was an S.G. A. representative, gym class captain, served on the yearbook committee, took part in Valley Varieties and the Girls' Show. She was also in the
chorus, choir, and for two years she served as a color guard. Her ambition is to become a secretary.


Gloria Renne
"She extends her friendship to all."
"Frenchy" has been pretty well known by everyone. She has been an attendance checker, a freshman home officer, and a member of the Chorus and Usherette Club.


## Alfred Reda

"Don't worry about it." "Al" has participated in the Commercial Service Corps, Commercial Club intramural sports, and has been an S. G. A. representative and football manager. He hopes to attend Upsala College to study Business Administration.


## Richard Reda

"Richard is never, never sad; He really is a likeable lad."
"Dick" has had mostly musical interests in Valley, and the band was grateful to him for his work in the money raising drive this year. He was a member of the Senior Band for three years and the Marching Band for one yeary He has also par ticipated in Valley Varieties.


But time moved quickly and October brought the Senior Play, "My Sister Eileen." It starred Mary Ellen Grant, Jane Ackerman, Tony Losko and about thirty-five other members of our class.

Fifteen of us became Honor Society members. Jane Ackerman, Don Kuyper, and Paul De Paola were all-state band members for four years.

The Valley Green got under way, headed by Joan Davidson and Jerry De Falco.


## Catherine Restuccia

"A slight girl with a large voice."
"Kate's" been anything but quiet these past four years. However, she takes an interest in girls' athletics, including hockey and swimming. She also took an active part in the Girls' Show.


## Aftan Romanczak

"Judge not a man by his height." "Arch" was a member of the Commercial Service Corps and was Vice-President of the Hi-Y. Aftan also took part in the Senior Play. He is a member of the Honor Society, and after graduation he hopes to go to Rutgers to study Business Administration.


## Barbara Sawyer

"Sweet and sympathetic-a friend to all." Barbara has participated in class committees. She has been Mr. Gatti's "right hand" this year and intends to be a secretary after graduation.


## Ronald Rose

"A happy-go-lucky person."
"Ron" seemed to find himself involved in athletics since he was a freshman. He played varsity football and this year was co-captain. He was also a member of the varsity baseball team and played J.V. Basketball.


## Hermine Shaediger

"A penny for your thoughts."
Hermine was active in Commercial Club and Commercial Service Corps. She was a feature writer on the Valley Echo, and had a part in the 1950 Christmas Concert. She took part in the archery and bowling clubs and the girls' show.

## Alice Schmitt

"Happiness is contagious."
" $\mathrm{Al}^{\prime}$ " was a member of the chorus, choir, and Girls' Glee Club. She participated in Valley Varieties, Girls' Show, and worked in the office. She was on the literary committee of the Valley Green. Alice's ambition is to get a good job and be happy.

## Audry Schneider

"Huh, what!"
"Aud" has participated on Dance Committees. She is interested in the Roller Derby but after graduation wants to become a secretary.


## Betty Lou Shamberger

"Full of pep and energy."
"Bett" has been a member of Masque and Sandal. Usherettes. Chorus and Choir. She has also participated in Girls' Sports, and was a member of the Valley Green staff.


## Ruth Snider

"Always the last word."
"Ruthie is usually seen at the football ames carrying the school flag. She has been in many events in school; such as, the Girls' Show and Valley Varieties, and has participated in the choir, baseball and hockey.


## Eleanor Sietsema

"Sweet and kind."
"El" has been a member of Tri-Hi-Y, band, class committees and participated in Valley Varieties. She is also a member of the Honor Society.


## Raymond Sisco

"Ray has a personality of gold; about his nice way, we've often been told."
"Ray" was active in sports while in high school. His interests were in in tramural football and basketball and bowling club. He played varsity baseball for three years and took part in Valley Varieties.

"Break Through"
On

The Roller Skating Club was started under the sponsorship of Miss Annabelle Welliver.

Jerry De Falco, Tony Losko, Joan Tomforde and Dolores Cronin, listed in the usual order were our class officers.

Raymond Pikaart was President of the S. G. A.; Albert Weite, Vice-President; Joan Falco, Secretary; and Aftan Romanczak, treasurer; the magazine campaign was again a success with the money


## Marlene Sooy

"What's his name?"
"Chop-chop" is usually found in the art room. She has served four years in the Art Service Corps. Marlene was manager of the Archery Club, has taken part in the Girls' Show and has done art work for the Valley Green. She hopes to be an artist.


Jessie Steed
"What now?"
"Scotch" has participated in all music department activities, having a final record Gis a member of the choir, Girls' Ensemble, Girls' Glee Club and band.



## Max Speizer

"Silence is best."
"Max" is interested in basketball and girls. He is usually found trying to ride the giris home in his car. Max is well known for his shirts, and his ambition is to graduate.


## William Strys

"Likes mischief and fun."
"Bill" can usually be seen with a basketball and with the girls. Bill played varsity basketball for two years. His one and only ambition is to graduate.

## Lorraine Suhoke

"There's mischief in the girl!"
"Lu" was a member of the Usherettes, Chorus, Class Committees, and Hockey. She has also participated in Valley Vari-
eties. eties.


Robert Stanish
"Git out."
"Pete" is usually seen riding in his "hot rod." His favorite activities are hunting and fishing. If the Navy or Air Corps doesn't get him first, his ambition is to be a carpenter.


## Frank Studio

"He goes his own carefree way."
"Stooge" finds one ambition to seegraduation. Usually, he can be seen hanging around with his fellow friends, looking for a push, or trying to find someone who did his homework.

## Barbara Tawpash

"See whom we have with us."
Barbara was a Library Aid, Treasurer of our Sophomore Class, a member of the Girls' Glee Club and Class Committees. She has participated in Valley Varieties.


## Dayid Terranoya

"Tall plus strong equals Dave."
"Dave" was a member of our Varsity Football and Baseball Squads. He is also a member of the S. G. A.


## Isable Van Ness

"Her voice was ever sweet, gentle and low." "Is" has been a member of Masque and Sandal, S. G. A., Usherettes, Secretary of the G. A. A., and head of Cheerieading. She has also participated in Girls' Sports.

## Joan Turner

"There is always a smile." "Sunny" was new to our school this year; however, she managed to belong to the baseball club. She hopes to $g \circ$ to secretarial school after graduation.


Shirely Vander May
"What a personality!"
"Shirl" was secretary of the S. G. A. in her Junior year. She was a member of the chorus, choir, and girls' ensemble, and the Honor Society. Her ambition is to become a kindergarten teacher.


Neil Van Der Stud
"In a manner all his own."
"Neil" joined our class late in his junior year. He came to Valley from Butler High where he belonged to the Printing usually seen with Rich ambition is to graduate.


## Albert Weite

"Usually seen but not heard."
"Al" has been an all-around student. He played varsity football and was Vicepresident of the S. G. A. Al has taken the Valley Velveteens and the band.


## Elaine Vislotsky

"No limit to her activities."
If we ever mentioned all "E's" activities, we would take the whole page. To $V$ manley Echo, President of co-editor of the Tri-Hi-Y, secretary of our sophomore and junior classes, and a member of the Honor Society.


## Janet Wirths

"Huh? Did you say something?"
"Jan" has taken part in Valley Varieties Masque and Sandal, Commercial Club, Girls' Sports, and Yearbook Committee.


Elizabeth Vogtman
"So calm so quiet."
"Betty" just came to us, but she is very well known and liked around the school. She can usually be seen in Joan Turner's car" and participated in Valley Varieties.


## Ronald Kola

"His kingdom for a car, that worked."
"Ron" was a member of the Commerdial Service Corps and Band and participated in Christmas Play and Valley Varieties.

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## George Zwerver

"The first million is the hardest."
"Zwerve" has participated in Valley Varieties and the Senior play. He served on the Stage and Lighting Crew and was a member of the Masque and Sandal Club. George also served on various class committees. His ambition is to make a million.











## Prompters

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Under the excellent leadership of Martha La Bruto, Passaic Valley High has organized a wonderful squad of twirlers. The squad, consisting of Joan Falco, Lorraine Kosko, Helen Farley, Peg Carnegie, Francis Carnegie, June Weite, Marlene Pombo, and Dolores Verderame, took an active part at activities such as football games, twirling contests, band concerts and also Valley Varieties. We are proud of this high strutting group of girls who add color and action to many events with their flashing batons.






Happy Holidays

April sixth this year found the Greens, led by Jane Ackerman, and the Whites, led by Dolores Cronin, once again ready for a battle royal to win the trophy. With the score standing at $5-5$ this year's show was to decide who was going to maintain the lead.

Ushered in by the theme of "Happy Holidays" with the Greens as Christmas and the Whites as Easter, there followed a series of highly competitive sports and skills including: entrance, songs and cheers, tumbling, relays, and basketball.

The non-competitive events included square dancing by the Freshmen; pushball, a new game, by the Sophomores; and rhythmic exercises by the Juniors.

Perhaps the highlight of all the non-competitive sports was Indoor Football; in which the G. A. A. and the Senior Girls clashed. Even with many a bruised shin and bumped head the score remained tied at 6-6.

The finale brought forward all the members of the G. A. A. and the committee-heads for each team, who did so much to put on one of the best Girls' Shows in Valley's history.

Miss Betsy Ross and Miss Grace Maffey guided the activities for the Girls' Show and Elaine Vislotsky was President of the G. A. A.

This year's Green victory put the Green team out front with a score of 6-5.

## ARCHERY

This year's archery club had a successful year under their manager, Marlene Sooy and their capable adviser Miss Vera Tompkins. The club consisted of about twenty active members.


## SOFTBALL

Three Strikes, You're Out was the familiar cry this year in the Softball Club. Peggy Bottomley led this group very successfully. The girls held their meetings twice a week and played against Caldwell and Wayne High Schools.

## SPEEDBALL

Speedball was introduced for the first time this year and was managed by Ethel Crothers. The club met every Friday afternoon during the fall and had approximately thirty active members.


## BASKETBALL

The basketball club was very successful this year under the leadership of Mickey Dorer. The freshmen and sophomores played on Tuesday afternoon and the juniors and seniors on Friday. They had several games with Wayne, Caldwell, and Montclair College High School. They also played between classes.


## Intramurals

## "Combat"

Going through an undefeated season, this year's Intramural Homeroom Basketball Champions were Ed Book's quintet.

The Freshman class made their mark in their debut at Passaic Valley by taking the honors in the three game all-star series, by beating the Sophomores in the second game, and the next week by defeating the Seniors in a close 8-7 ballgame.

As usual, the annual Student Faculty Basketball game was won by the students. The score of the game was 31 to 19. Mr. Anthony Suglia was high scorer for the faculty, and James Murray was high scorer for the students.


Foul shooting contest.





President Ray Pikaart, along with Vice President, AI Weite; Secretary, Joan Falco; and Treasurer, Aftan Romanczak; has worked hard to produce an effective Student Government Association. The backbone of the student body, this group has been very successful in helping out around the school. By being well organized this organization has made gains which the students themselves would not have been able to make. With Mr. Gatti as adviser the student government has shown it can handle problems in a democratic way and solve them. The Student Government Association of Passaic Valley High School deserves the thanks and cooperation of every student in the school.


## HONOR SOCIETY

The coveted key which denotes admission to the Honor Society, represents outstanding scholastic achievements, service rendered to the school, and participation in school activities for the owner. Membership in the society is granted only at the end of either the Junior or Senior years to successful candidates.

HI-Y
With Mr. Charles Templeman as their adviser, the $\mathrm{Hi}-\mathrm{Y}$ this year created, maintained, and extended high standards of Christian character throughout the school and the community. They are of service to the school as well as to the community and have had a most successful year in 1950-1951. Officers for this year were Don Kuyper, president; Aftan Romanczak, vice-president; Joe Dabaghian, secretary; and Pete Struss, treasurer.


## ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE

This committee, under the able leadership of Miss Helen Merselis, has the responsibility of selecting films and shows for the entertainment of the student body.

Once a year they hold a talent show in which any student having talent may participate.



## TRI-HI-Y

The Tri-Hi-Y is a club made up entirely of girls. Their most recent idea is to collect the addresses of the boys overseas and write to them. During Christmas they wrapped gifts and sent them to the Paterson General Hospital. This able organization is very well advised by Miss Adra Tiessen. The girls meet at eight a.m. every other Tuesday morning before school. The group met the Wednesday of Easter Week with other Tri-Hi-Y's to try to find a way to raise money. To join this organization you must have a C average and be approved by the present members. The club is a service group, and any girl should be proud to be a member.


## STAGE AND LIGHTING CREW

This year's beautiful stage and lighting effects, which were seen in various productions such as the Senior Play and Valley Varieties, were made possible by the boys on the stage and lighting crew and through the hard work and skill of Mr. Chester Kuziora, Mr. James Worden, and Ronald Vander Schaaf. The boys will remember their visit backstage to the Rose Tattoo and Kiss Me Kate.


THE ROLLER SKATING CLUB
The Roller Skating Club is a new organization which was started this year. The group goes to the Paterson Recreation Center every other Wednesday afternoon.

Skating is a pleasant, healthful form of recreation and the group, containing about forty-five members, really enjoys themselves. Miss Annable Welliver sponsors the group and has brought a much wanted sport into the hearts of a lot of eager Valley students!

## COMMERCIAL CLUB

The Commercial Club is made up entirely of business students. Every year they present a play to the student body. This year the play was entitled "Career Girl." They went to the County Courthouse this year for their annual trip. It is a well functioning organization advised by Mrs. Helen Williams.


## LIGHTING CREW IN ACTION

The Projection Crew sets the spot lighting on all major events at Valley High. Left to right are: Leigh Kolhaas, John Pacilio, Mr. Kuziora, Tony Kolb, and Fred DeGenero.


## LIBRARY AIDS

The Libray Aids, under the direction of Miss Mae Miller, is a service organization which is very interested in library work. Students who are interested devote one or more study periods a week to this group. Besides helping the librarian, they are shown how to repair books, to straighten shelves, to arrange bulletin board displays, and to do numerous other jobs. By being a Library Aid it is possible to earn as many as eight extracurricular points.

## MASQUE AND SANDAL

The Masque and Sandal Dramatics Club had an unusually active season during 1950-1951. December saw eighty would-be Thespians travel to Madison High School to see the Drew Foresters' presentation of Shakespeare's Twelfth Night.

January 27, the Masque and Sandalers presented "Behind the Footlights," an evening of plays: a melodrama, She Was Only a Farmer's Daughter; a comedy, Oh, Say Can You Sing?; and a tragedy, The Darkest Hour.

The President was Jane Ackerman; James Vanden Berghe served as vicepresident; Joan Pulford was treasurer; and Gerry Gillen was secretary and acting president first semester.


## HALL MONITORS

Peace reigns throughout the halls during fourth and fifth period lunches due to the efficient work of this group of boys. Under the direction of Jimmy Jefferies they keep us noisy students from roaming the halls and disturbing classes.

## ART SERVICE CORPS

The Art Service Corps is a group of students whose main job is to paint the scenery for the school plays, to design the stage settings, and make posters for local organizations. The group is advised by Mr. Chet Kuziora. Recently the group sold decals of the Passaic Valley shield to raise money. Our Senior Play and other plays were a success mainly because of this hard working organization.

## SPANISH CLUB

This language club is under the able leadership of Mr. Victor Konopka. Its purpose is to provide knowledge of the Spanish language, culture, and customs to the students studying Spanish. This year's members have enjoyed movies and discussions about Spanish-speaking countries. The officers were: president, Lorraine Turpstra; vice-president, Janice Banno; secretary-treasurer, Lois Brown.


## LE CERCLE FRANÇAIS

The singing of French songs, outside speakers on different things about France including the people, their clothes, foods, and customs as well as a series of films about France all helped make this club one of the most active in school. Their Christmas program, all about the way France celebrates Christmas was another outstanding feature. The officers were: president, Edward Hazel; vice-president, June Forsythe; secretary, Doris Blauvelt; and treasurer, Libby Offhouse.



## USHERETTES

To greet our guests efficiently and courteously is the aim of the twentyfive girls who compose this club. Under the advisership of Mrs. Thelma Stamm, they have done a wonderful job at all entertainments.

## PRE-NURSING CLUB

The pre-nursing club, under the sponsorship of Miss Helen Dougherty and Mr. David MacMurray, was organized in 1947. Its purpose is guidance for girls interested in nursing and allied professions. Officers for this year were: Joan Hawthorne, president; Beverly La Venture, vice-president; and Faith Kosachook, secretary.


In place of its usual mid-winter dance, the 1950-51 Masque and Sandal Dramatic Club presented on January 28, an evening of dramatic talent, consisting of three oneact plays. To give the audience variety and to display different types of talent, a comedy, melodrama, and drama were presented, the titles being respectively; "Oh, Say Can You Sing," "She Was Only a Farmer's Daughter," and "The Darkest Hour."

The theme of the show "Behind the Footlights" was chosen from over one hundred entries submitted in a contest for that purpose. Nancy Banks was the winner.

The competition ran high in the contest to choose the best actor and actress of the evening. The judges finally selected Gerri Jones and Frank Rinaldi for their outstanding performances.

Mr. Johnson sponsored the production assisted by Miss Tiessen and Mr. Callam and student directors, Jane Ackerman, Gerri Gillen, and Ruth Teller.

The Dramatic Club hopes that "Behind the Footlights" will become an annual event well supported by the student body.

# Show of Shows 

## Stage Hands





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