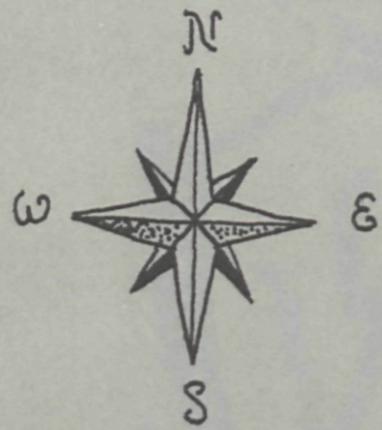


# VALLEY GREEN



1954



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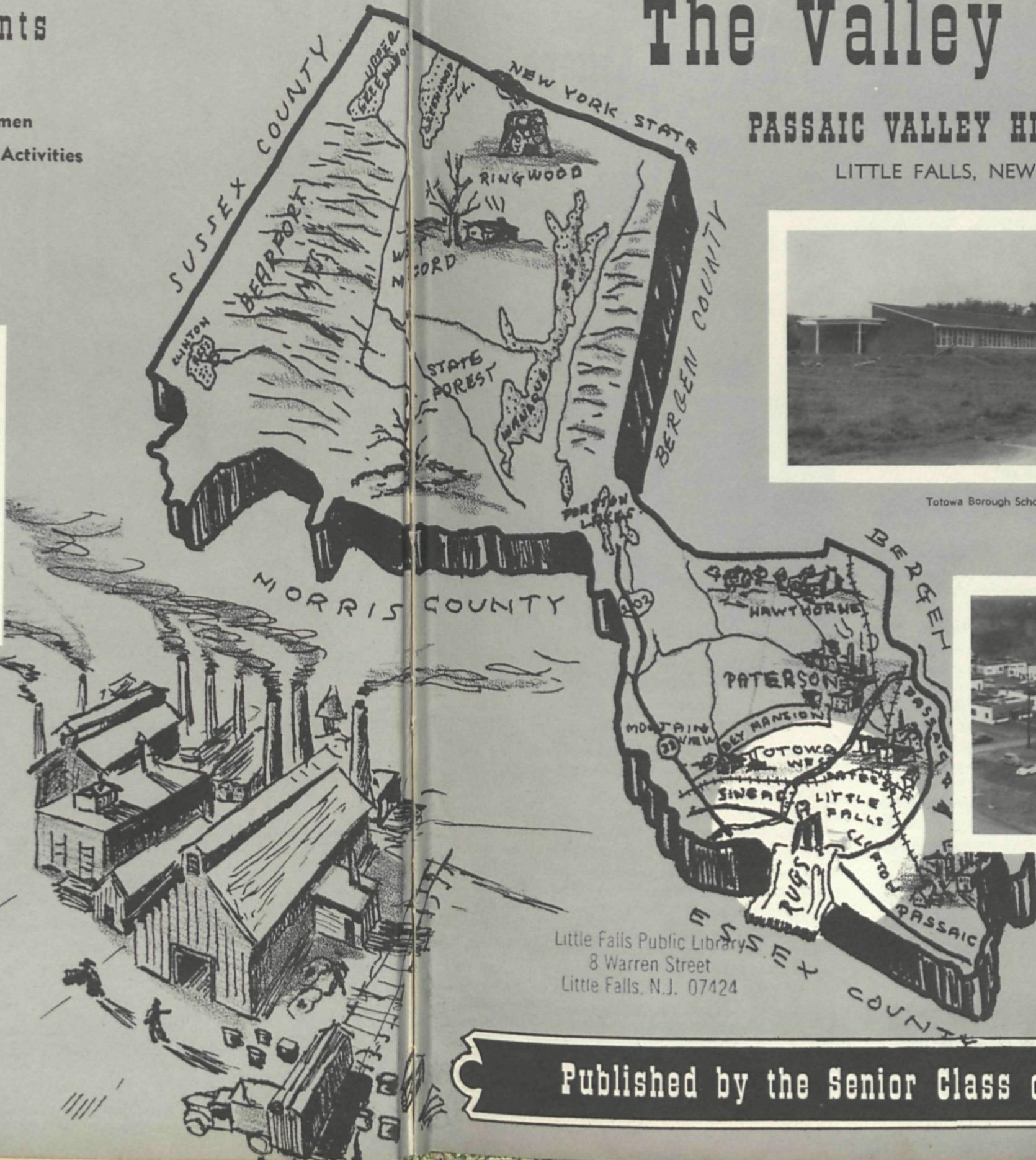
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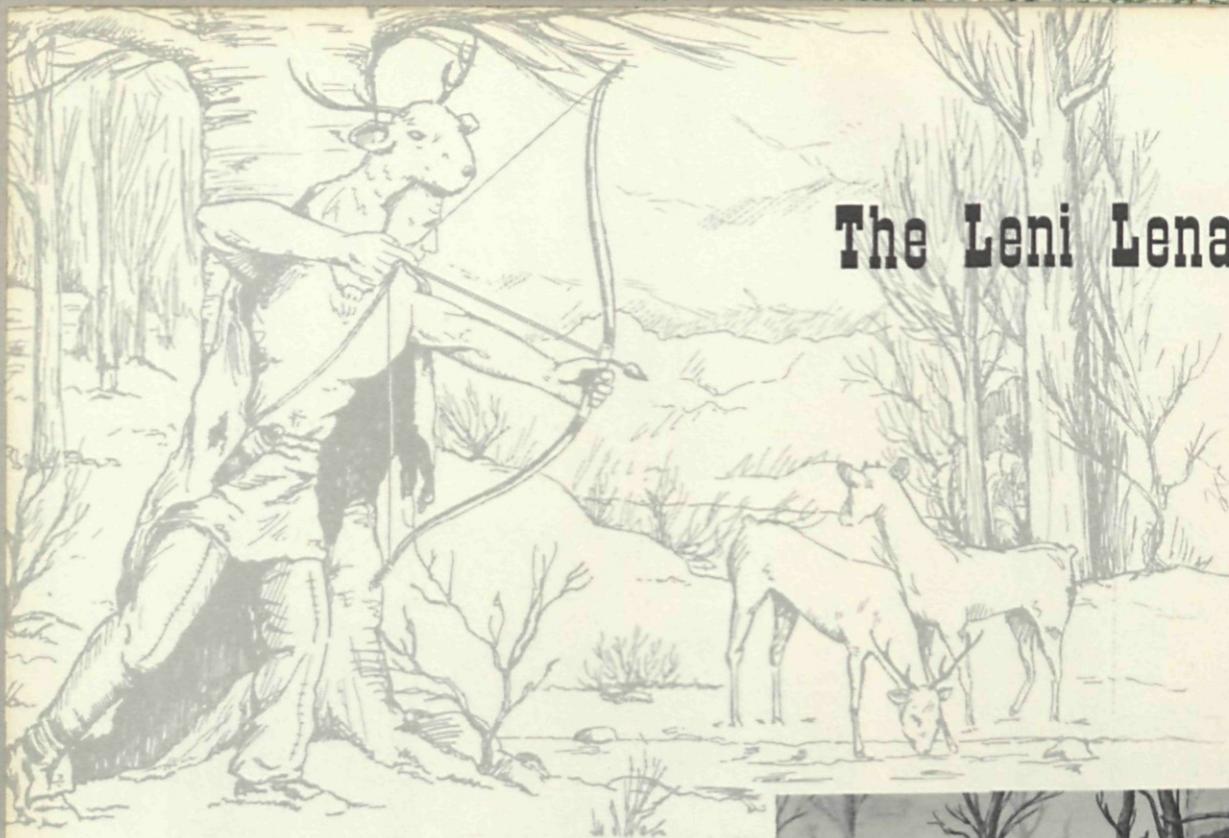


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## The Leni Lenape

**T**HE New Jersey Indians belonged to the Delaware tribe of the Algonquins, and were known as the Leni Lenape.

Other tribes called them "Grandfather" and acknowledged their ancient origin. It is supposed that they settled in this region as early as the eighth or ninth century.

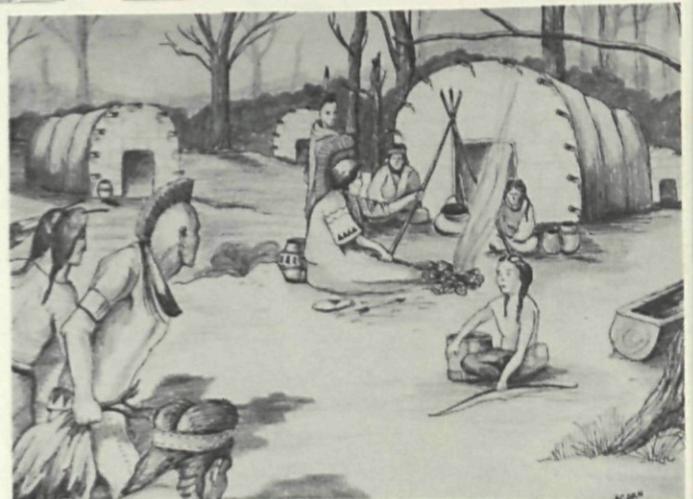
The principal sub-tribes of the Lenape were the Unami, the Unalachtigo, and the Munsee, the last being the clan which inhabited our area. The totem of the Munsee was the wolf.

The Delaware, a peaceful nation, had been well known as courageous and powerful allies. They were seldom at war with any nation, and while not easily provoked to strife they were relentless enemies and were greatly feared by other tribes.

All accounts agree that in their own affairs, the Lenape showed a judgment both accurate and deliberate. In public meetings they were orderly and spoke one after another, the rest keeping silent, not even whispering. The Lenape were scrupulously honest, never broke promises, their faithfulness and hospitality were unquestioned, they observed unusual decency in speech and daily life and strictly conformed to rules of justice and equity.

### Dwellings

The Lenape woodland people lived in a wigwam, a house about three times the length of its width, made of sticks set in the ground about thirty inches apart opposite each other and bent over at the top



Coming home from the hunt.

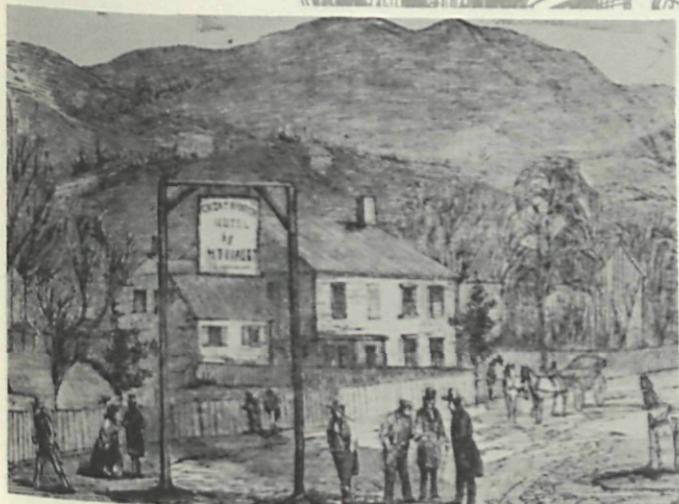
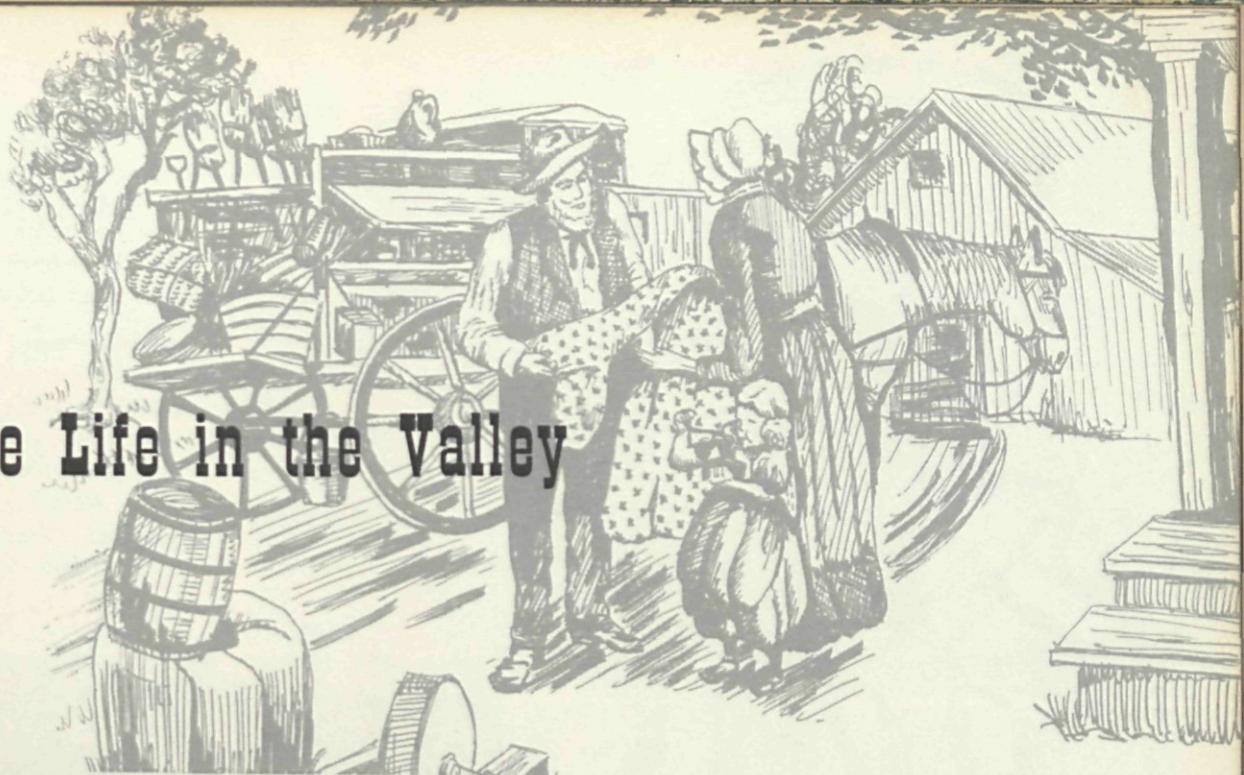
to make a vaulted roof. There were cross bars on the sides and a covering of chestnut bark overlapping like weather boards.

### Livelihood

While the Lenape Indians, who roamed over New Jersey before the white men came, were great hunters, they also were good agriculturists. They grew corn, beans, tobacco, sunflowers, melons, pumpkins and squash. The fields and patches were planted and attended by squaws, children and the old men; while the young braves did most of the hunting and fishing.

Although the traceable descendants of the Leni Lenape now number less than one hundred and are located in Kansas and the Indian Territory with the Cherokees, their influence is still felt in the names where they once abode.

# The Life in the Valley



Great Notch Tavern

**A**s the Indians receded further and further west, the whites followed eagerly, anxious to secure the most available land.

In 1711, 28,000 acres of farmland were purchased by eight Acquachanonk farmers. Our three communities were included in the land purchased.

## The First Inhabitants

The original settlers were plain, hardworking farmers. As time went on the artisans of such lines as weavers, blacksmiths, carpenters, masons, or leather workers started moving to this area, and thus a community was started.

## Dwellings

The first common dwellings in this area were the small log huts scattered along the river. Soon after, these were followed by stone huts which did not prove to be much better. As better means of transportation permitted, mortar and lime were brought in to build the sandstone houses, many of which we see standing today.

## The Country Store

What a farmer lacked in provisions he secured at the country store. These stores sold the farmer his salt, sugar, tea, coffee, molasses, tobacco, and other necessary supplies that he could not raise on his own land.

Since currency was scarce and trade was carried on by barter, the storekeeper became the local banker handling notes and credits of nearby farmers.

## LIFE OF THE EARLY DWELLERS

### Younger Days of a Child

When a birth occurred in the settlement, the whole female portion of the population would turn out to visit the mother and see the baby. The newborn was dressed in homespun linen and laid in a cradle.

By the time the child was two, he had to yield possession of the cradle to a newcomer—another rule of a well regulated family at the time. He took his place in the trundle bed which was rolled out of sight under the high four poster bed during the day. As the trundle bed was filled, the older boys were banished to the attic.

The older boys went to the fields to work with their fathers. For the girls, there was sewing and cooking to be done, and sometimes, they labored in the fields.

### Festal Days

Life, indeed, was full of toil, but they all, especially the children, looked forward to holidays.

The most important holiday was New Year's. Easter ushered in spring. Pinkster (Pentecost Whitsuntide) and later the Fourth of July were observed as holidays.

Spinning bees, quilting bees, corn husking, and singing also added to life's interest in the settlement.



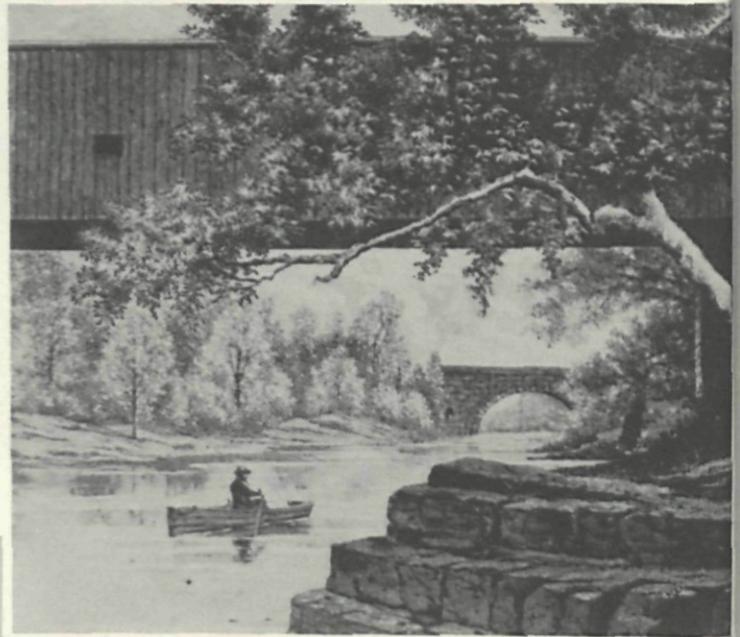
Covered Bridge

### Wedding Days

After a wedding, a three day celebration followed. The day was spent with the bride's parents, the next with the groom's parents, and the last at the couple's new home. The newlyweds were then left alone for the rest of their honeymoon.

### Funeral Customs

When a death occurred, the news was spread at once. The corpse was dressed in his funeral clothes, which were always on hand, and buried in a wooden box constructed by the nearest carpenter. Clocks were stopped and mirrors were covered with cloth in the house of the deceased. After the funeral, the mourners returned for food and drink.

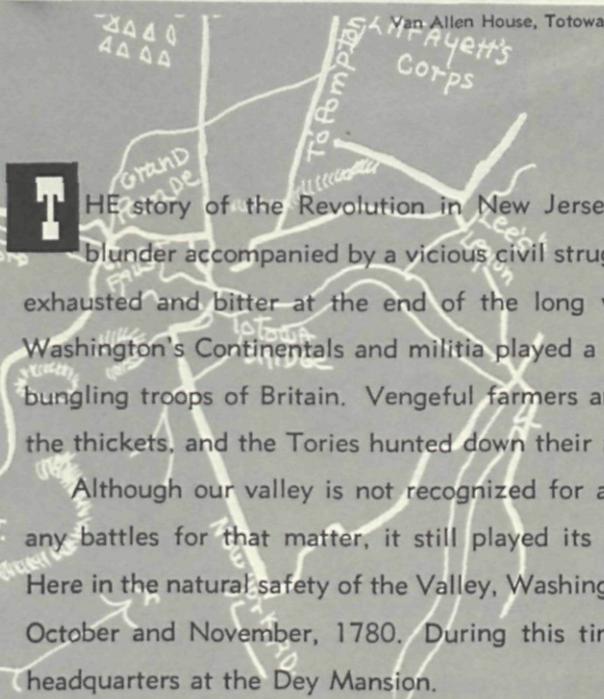
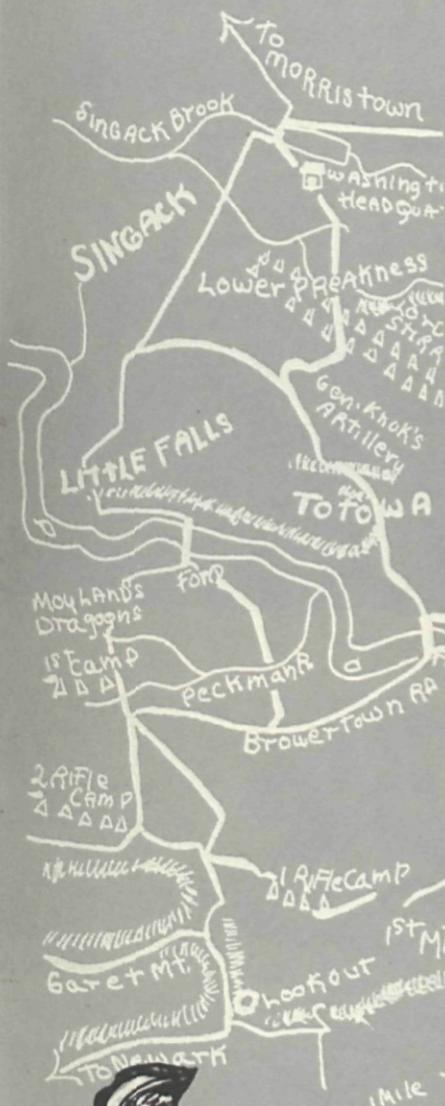


Morris Canal

# Revolution



Van Allen House, Totowa



**T**HE story of the Revolution in New Jersey is a story of tactical blunder accompanied by a vicious civil struggle that left the people exhausted and bitter at the end of the long war. For several years, Washington's Continentals and militia played a guerrilla game with the bungling troops of Britain. Vengeful farmers ambushed Loyalists from the thickets, and the Tories hunted down their rebel neighbors.

Although our valley is not recognized for any great battles, or for any battles for that matter, it still played its part in the Revolution. Here in the natural safety of the Valley, Washington's men rested during October and November, 1780. During this time Washington had his headquarters at the Dey Mansion.

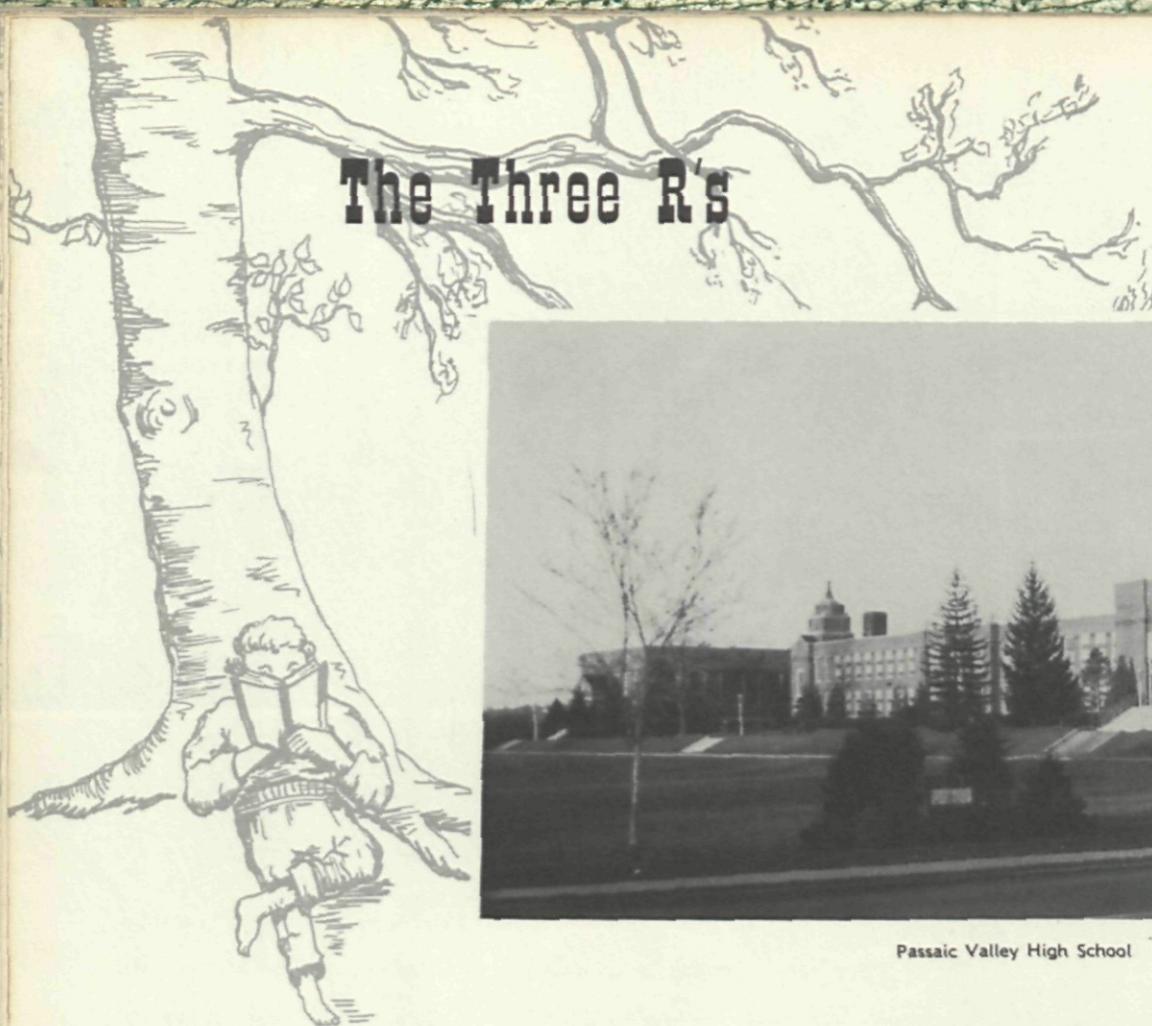
Every move of the British was watched during this time by lookouts on the mountain near Great Notch. The Notch itself was guarded by rifle corps. Col. Stephen Moylan's Dragoons were encamped in Little Falls. Brig. General Knox was camped with his artillery corps in Totowa Borough near the Van Allen home which still stands today at the corner of Totowa Road and Crew Street. Lord Sterling camped nearby. Other units were camped within five or six miles of the Van Allen House.

The troops were in need of food when they came to the valley. Van Allen supplied Washington's troops with their needs.



American Armies in Fall of 1780

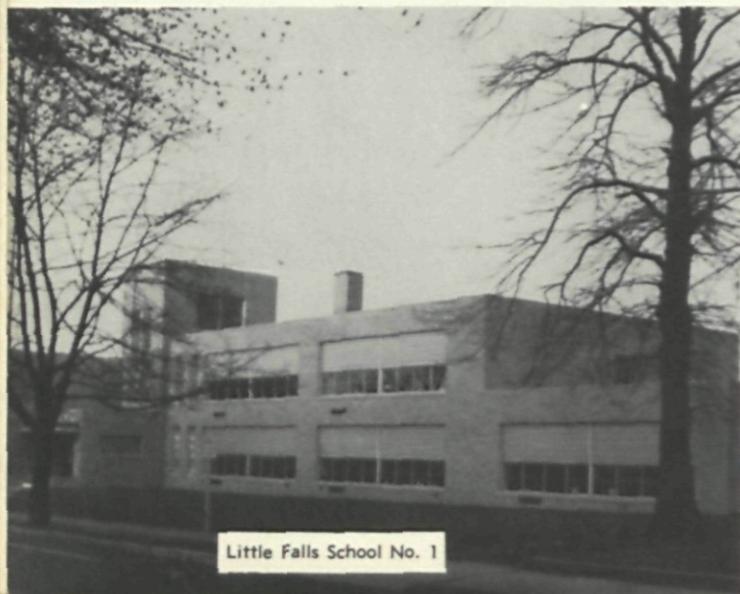
## The Three R's



Passaic Valley High School

**T**HE history of education is an important factor in any local history. Our educational facilities, as they have progressed since the founding of our respective communities make an interesting resume'.

Education began in Little Falls Township under an apple tree near Beattie's Mill. After the tree died schools continued to grow as the township grew, until now, in 1954, three well equipped grammar schools serve Little Falls Township.

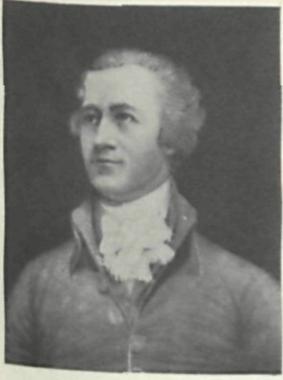


Little Falls School No. 1

Since the Board of Education in the Borough of West Paterson began functioning in July 1914, elementary school education has been considered to be one of the primary parts of Borough activities. Schools No. I and No. II were opened in September, 1914. School No. IV was dedicated on November 11, 1927. Today only schools No. I and IV are completely in use.

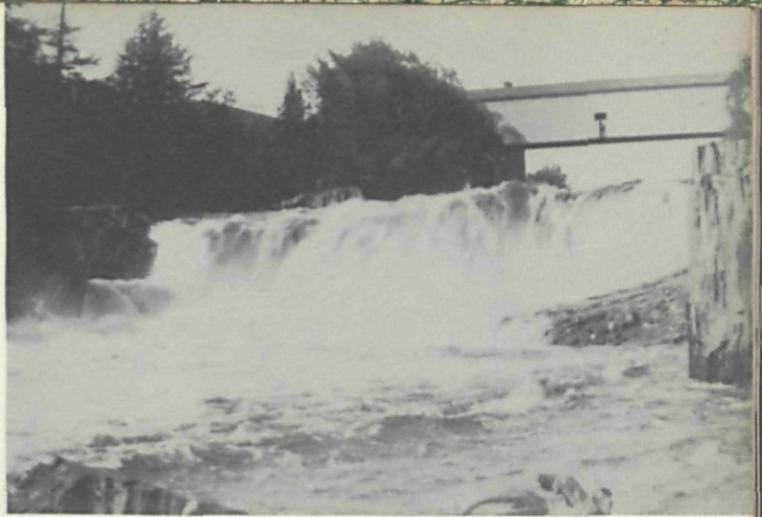
The Totowa Memorial School is the result of two additions to an older building erected soon after the turn of the century. The building was enlarged in 1920 and 1926. A new school will be completed by September, 1954.

Passaic Valley Regional High School, serving Little Falls, West Paterson, and Totowa was constructed in 1939 and opened in September 1940. Since P.V. was first opened it has established itself as a vital educative agency in this area. Since its founding, Passaic Valley has always been on the approved list of high schools, and since November, 1945, it has been accredited by the Middle States Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools.



ALEXANDER HAMILTON  
Founder of Industry in Paterson

# Industrial Development



The little falls

**W**ITH the coming of the early settlers to this area their first efforts were confined to securing an existence. Aside from food products the only other products raised were for making clothes. As the settlements grew, small towns developed, making a demand for craftsmen of different trades. The mason was one of the earliest artisans to find employment. He was soon followed by the carpenter,

the blacksmith and wheelwright, and the shoemaker.

The first mills were saw mills and grist mills. In time, mills were set up where the women could have their loom products dyed, fulled, and pressed. At this time industry started full swing.

### Water Power Spurs Industrialization

The natural power source of the Passaic Falls and the smaller Little Falls helped industrialize this area. As early as 1772 a foundry and mill was erected by Thomas Gray, where the present day Beattie Mill now stands.

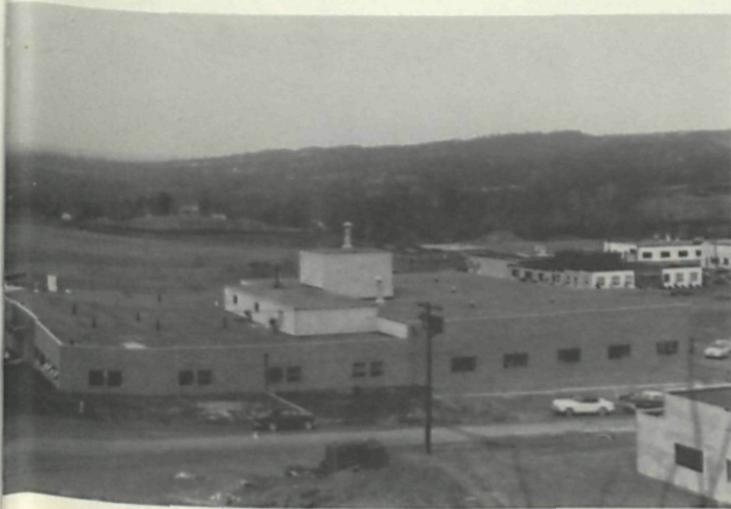
### Transportation Increases Activities

The Morris Canal encouraged industry in Little Falls. In 1846 Robert Beattie established his rug and woolen factory where it now stands. The famous Little Falls brownstone quarries were dependent on good means of transportation in order to operate successfully.

### Recent Trends

In the past few years a new trend of industrial growth has developed here. It all started with the industrial village in Cedar Grove, which is the first of its kind in the country.

Instead of the large factories, so common in Paterson, the new factories that are springing up are small shops—machine shops, foundries, sheet metal works, tool making shops, and the like. At a quick glance, one may see any number of new factories going up in our three communities.



New Industry



# ADMINISTRATION



**Dr. Edward T. Schneider**

Superintendent

You have spent four years with us in preparation for many other years which lie ahead. We hope that you have enjoyed being with us and that the many bits of wisdom which you have gained will be of real value in your future endeavors.

May good fortune and happiness always brighten your paths.

*E. T. Schneider*

**Mr. David C. MacMurray**

Assistant Principal

The most important job you have in this world is the running of your own life. I trust your experience at Passaic Valley High School has left you with the knowledge that wisdom must be combined with consideration. In all your human affairs cultivate the habit of thinking of others—this will be rewarding.

*D. C. MacMurray*



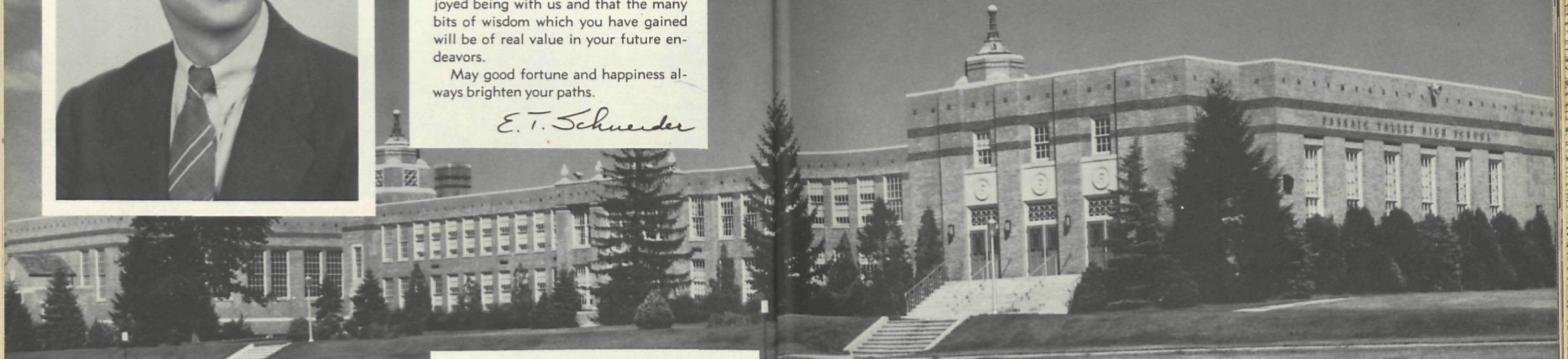
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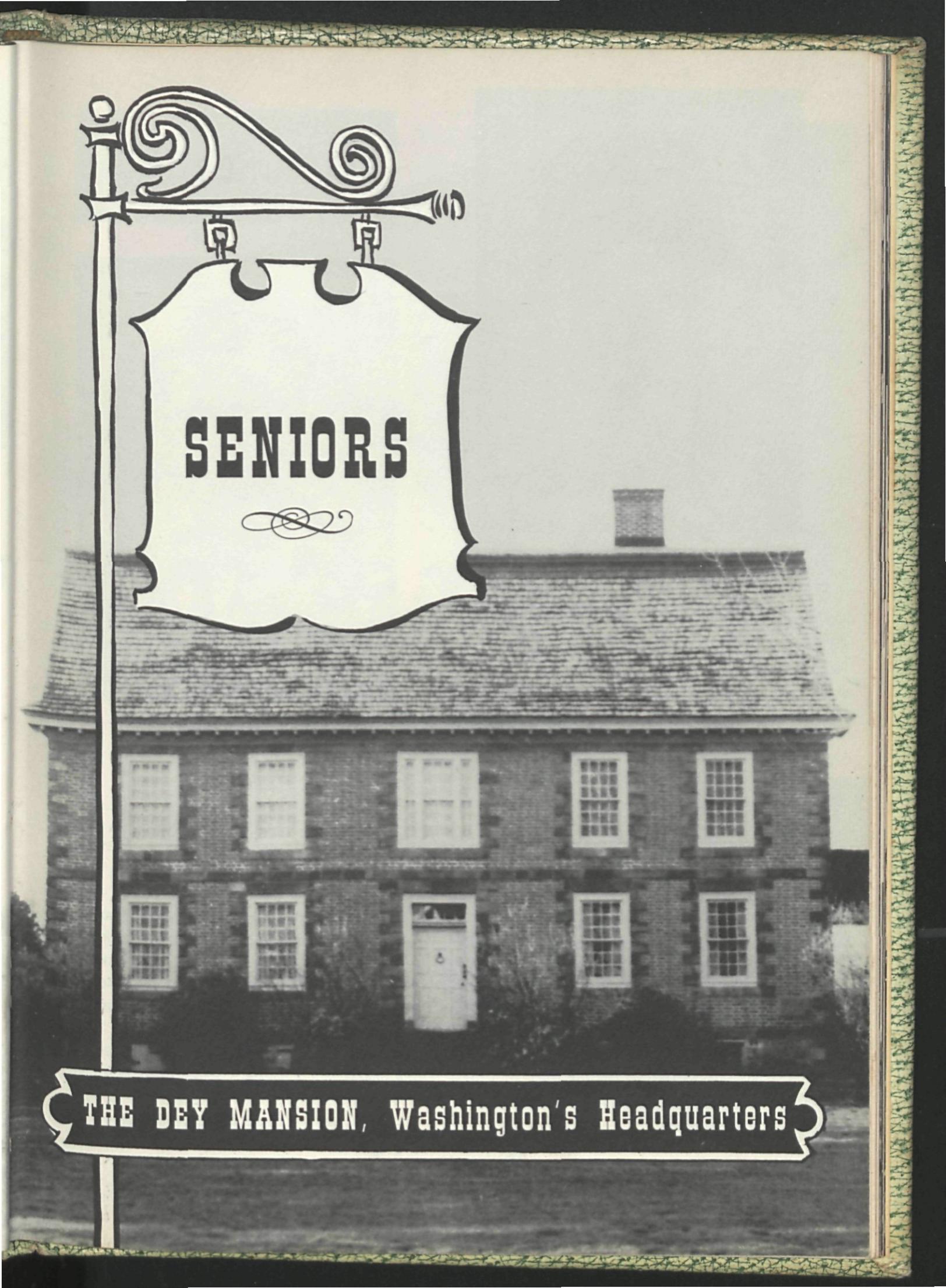
## Yearbook Staff



The yearbook staff, under the leadership of Mr. Chester Kuziora and Mr. Boyce was divided into two main divisions, literary and layout.

The co-editors were Don Butterworth and Bud Booth. Working with them were the following committee heads: Jean Coschignano and Debby Pikaart, Literary; Sandra Capalbo, Layout; Eugene Fazio, Robert Matthews, John Acorn, Art; Ethel Dancho, Typing; Priscilla Baldwin, Business; John Teller, Photography.





**SENIORS**

**THE DEY MANSION, Washington's Headquarters**

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This year's Senior class wishes to extend appreciation and thanks to Miss Annabelle Welliver and Mr. Michael Gatti.

Even though we have been caught coming into homeroom late through the wrong door or missed doing an assignment on Communism, we are still sincerely grateful for the guidance and help Mr. Gatti has given our class this year.

Miss Welliver has been a very capable and sincere adviser during our four years at Valley. Her efforts have been unlimited in the management of our social activities and other class projects.

# Dedication



**Annabelle Welliver**

For the helping hand she has extended to us and the wealth of knowledge she has made available, we the Class of 1954, dedicate this yearbook as a symbol of our appreciation to Miss Annabelle Welliver.

During our four years at Valley, she has followed our activities with unlimited enthusiasm and has contributed greatly to the success of the class. As seniors, looking into the past years, we can, at this point, fully appreciate the significance of her contributions.

We shall, therefore, endeavor to show recognition of her influence in the following pages of this annual.

# Class Officers



**SAMUEL RAGUSA**

Senior Class President, Swimming Club, Art Service Corps, Christmas Choir, Intramural Basketball.

A guy who just about enjoys everything . . . Tiny, who seems to breed smiles, will always remember the day he put his arm through the hall door. He can be heard telling a girl, "Let me see you smile, doll." He plans to enlist in the Armed Forces.



**VINCENT DePALMA**

Senior Class Vice President, S. G. A. Representative, Senior Play.

Vince has been active in a great deal of activities, particularly those involving the Velvetones. As Vice President of the Senior Class and an S. G. A. Representative, Vince has contributed highly to the success of both organizations. His future intentions include college.



**FAITH KOSACHOOK**

Class Secretary, Twirler, S. G. A. Representative, Secretary of G. A. A., Girls' Show, Girls' Sports.

Pretty, witty, and intelligent, Faith will make a good nurse at Mountainside. She is usually seen with the "kids" saying, "for Pete's sake" or else getting stuck in trash cans. Faith this year was our competent secretary.



**JULIET CITRO**

Class Treasurer, G. A. A. Treasurer, Valley Varieties, Commercial Club, Girls' Show.

Wherever one finds the girls from West Paterson one can be sure "Jul" will be near, and far from fifth period study. Capable and competent, she has done a successful job as Class Treasurer. A career as a beautician will be Jul's next step forward.





**JAMES ACKERMAN**

Friendliness throughout . . . "Jim" enjoys going to parties and being with people in general. He looks forward to the day of graduation after which he plans to take up landscaping. Jim dislikes "stuck-up" girls.



**LYNN ACKERMAN**

Never again will these halls echo with the magnificent laugh of such a personality . . . "Mm boy" having a good time is "Leon's" weakness. She will always remember the theme Neptune's Kingdom. Her future plans include attending Mountainside Hospital to train for the nursing profession.

Green Chief, Honor Society, Tri-Hi-Y, Girls' Sports, Band.

**RUTH AEHLICH**

A quiet manner accompanied by consideration . . . Ruth is planning on a career in nursing. She looks forward to the day she will be capped. Ruth has given a great deal of time to Girls' Sports and the G. A. A. Council. Pre-Nursing Club, G. A. A., Archery Club, Girls' Sports.



Frontier Rifle

**THERESA ALESANDRELLI**

"Energetic" Theresa is found amidst the girls from West Paterson. "Are-you kidding?" and admit slips to Mr. Gatti's class are consistent companions of "Tree". Theresa's interest in the Commercial Club may lead to a successful career as a secretary. She is looking forward to graduation.

Commercial Club, Girls' Show, Valley Varieties, Class Committee.



**DONNA ALLBEE**

Horses and science . . . Donna is looking forward to continuing her education at the University of Kentucky. She dislikes conceited people. Donna has been active in many school clubs and activities.

Girls' Sports, Math Club, Modern Dance.



**RICHARD AMERMAN**

An enthusiastic member of the Golf team, "Dick" will undoubtedly be missed by the team next year. To find him one has only to go to the golf course, where he may usually be found improving his game. Dick is looking forward to graduation and becoming a mechanic.

Golf, Valley Varieties.

**NICHOLAS ANDREWS**

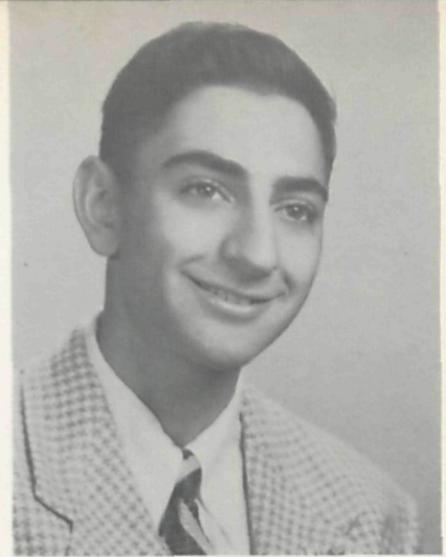
"Man, that's crazy!" "Nick", a transfer student, has made a great number of friends among the "car-lovers of Valley". He is seen with Larry Burns. Nick considers graduation to be his biggest moment. He intends to become a draftsman.



**ALBERT ANTHONY**

"Antnee" is looking forward to graduation and then hopes to become a commercial artist. He has made many contributions to the school through his active participation in the Art Service Corps. "That's the lowest" can be heard when "Antnee" wishes to describe something he dislikes.

Art service Corps, Treasurer of Stage and Lighting Crew, Yearbook.



**JOHN BABA**

Although "Ali" is a newcomer to Passaic Valley he has been active in school life. "Man, that's great!" was John's expression when he received Enos Slaughter's and Stan Musial's autographs. He plans to go to college and then enter the dental profession.

Hi-Y, Bowling Club, Varsity Basketball, Math Club.



**PRISCILLA BALDWIN**

Happy "Cleo" always has a cheerful expression on her face and something funny to say. The day isn't complete without Priscilla saying, "Anyone do the office practice homework?" To be a secretary and to get married are her goals in life.

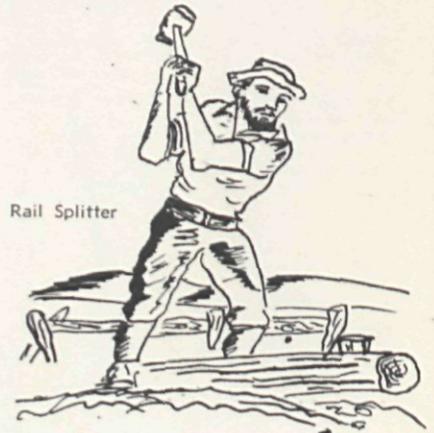
Girls' Sports, Yearbook, Christmas Concert.



**ROCCO BARBIERI**

Six-foot-two Rocco had an advantage for getting the rebounds in the basketball games, and this inspired his fine playing ability. His achievements in other classes compensate for his dislike of English. The Borough Boys are constant companions of "Roc", who is looking forward to June 15, 1954.

Varsity Basketball, Baseball.



Rail Splitter

**JANET BECKER**

"Martha wasn't a very good housekeeper!" Janet shall long be appraised for her splendid performance in the Senior Play. "Jan" plans to attend Montclair State where she will major in English. Ever notice those dimples when Pat's nearby?

Senior Play, Valley Varieties, Art Service Corps, Attendance Checker, "Valley Echo".





**MARION BELL**

Friendly and sincere . . . Marion, generally seen with Debby, avoids conceited girls and boys. Marion wants to attend a Fashion School to prepare to become a buyer. She has been active in many fields.

Girls' Sports, Commercial Club, Christmas Concert, Girls' Show.



**FRANK BENDER**

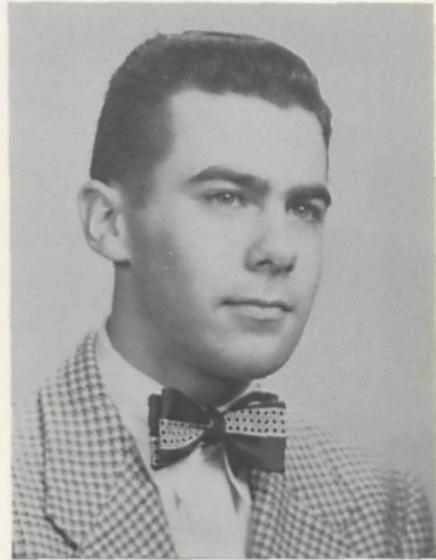
"Where's the party this week?" "Walt" and his Mercury are two inseparable bodies. This interest in cars has induced Frank to become a mechanic following graduation. He, by nature, is quiet and dislikes "loudmouths."

S. G. A., Stage and Lighting Crew, Projector Operator.

**LEONARD BERDAN**

Deserving of high teenage compliments . . . Len finds the freshman girls unique in many ways. His natural character made his portrayal of Uncle Stanley in the Senior Play highly enjoyable, and will also help him to become successful. How about a Corona, Corona, Uncle Stanley?

Senior Play, Valley Varieties.



Early Settlers

**FRANK BERGMANN**

"I went wild!" Frank's bonanza is his car which he spends most of his time fixing. Witty with a genuine sense of humor . . . At the present, Pierre's pet peeve is the Lancers. As yet, he is undecided which career he will follow.

Senior Play, Art Service Corps, Christmas Concert.



**ARTHUR BOOTH**

Everything he does, he does well . . . Serving as Co-Editor of the "Valley Green", "Bud" has met with considerable success along literary lines. He has been recognized for his perseverance in regard to the "Valley Echo". Bud hopes to attend Rutgers University after graduation.

Vice President of Hi-Y, Honor Society, Band, Masque and Sandal, Associate Editor of "Valley Echo".



**NANCY BROWN**

Nancy, like so many other seniors, is looking toward the day she receives her diploma. "Nance" is particularly interested in music as has been shown by her fine singing voice. "What a panic!" is an expression frequently attributed to Nancy. Her pleasant ways will be remembered.

Choir, Band, Masque and Sandal, Senior Play, Valley Varieties.

**NANCY BUCHER**

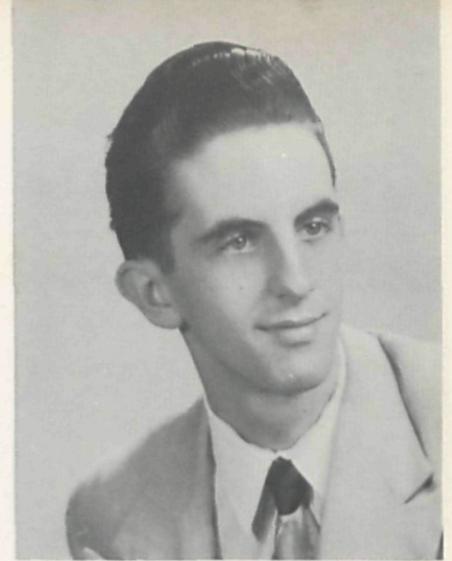
Well, she's a blonde and . . . Nancy has participated widely in Girls' Sports, the results of which have been seen in the Girls' Show. "Blondie", quite understandably, dislikes conceited people. She is seen with the gang from West Paterson.

Commercial Club, Art Service Corps, Usherettes, Girls' Show, Leaderettes.



**ALLAN BURGHARDT**

He is quiet from nine till three . . . Al has a rather intense dislike for sixth period study. One must take time to interpret his sly(?) smile. Teachers, alas, have not this knack. Al is looking forward to graduation.



**LAURENCE BURNS**

"That band needs you, boy!" Larry's most intense interest at Valley was centered on the band. Second to this, came his participation in dramatics. Larry plans a future in commercial piloting.

Band, Masque and Sandal, Movie Operator.



**DONALD BUTTERWORTH**

Ambitious and dependable . . . Don spends a great deal of his time working on the "Valley Echo" and the Yearbook. Becoming the co-editor of the "Valley Echo" was the highlight of Don's four years at Valley. His mathematical ability will be a factor in his desire to become an engineer.

Co-Editor of "Valley Green" and "Valley Echo", Math Club, Photography.



**ANGELA CACCIANIGA**

"A laugh for everything", 'Angie' is usually seen joking with Carol and Priscilla. She is against the use of "Arrowsmith" in senior English Classes. Angie is looking forward to graduation.

Commercial Club, Girls' Sports, Valley Varieties, Art Service Corps.



Trappers

**SANDRA CAPALBO**

With regard for others . . . Sandra has participated widely in extra-curricular activities in Valley. Her biggest moment was being inducted into the Honor Society. Sandy looks forward to getting a good job and being happy in the future.

Associate Editor of "Valley Echo", Honor Society, Girls' Sports, Tri-Hi-Y, Yearbook.





**ANITA CASTILE**

Anita came to Valley in her junior year from North Carolina. Her immediate success and popularity may be attributed to her sociability. "Rebel" is looking forward to attending Concordia Collegiate where she will endeavor to prepare for the teaching profession. Soft southern drawl.

Secretary of S. G. A., Girls' Sports, Honor Society, Girls' Show, Tri-Hi-Y.



**GEORGE CATTINY**

"What—you have a haircut?" . . . Nick is looking forward to graduation after which he intends to become a mechanic. Following the gang and avoiding those "wheels" are principles associated with George.

Football.

**WILLIAM CHAMBERS**

"Bill" can many times be found with the gang from Signac. "So, Alright Already" is an expression attributed to Bill. His fine trumpet playing has been an asset to the Band. Bill says that his biggest moment was his coming to P. V.

Band



Weaving

**IRENE CHESNEY**

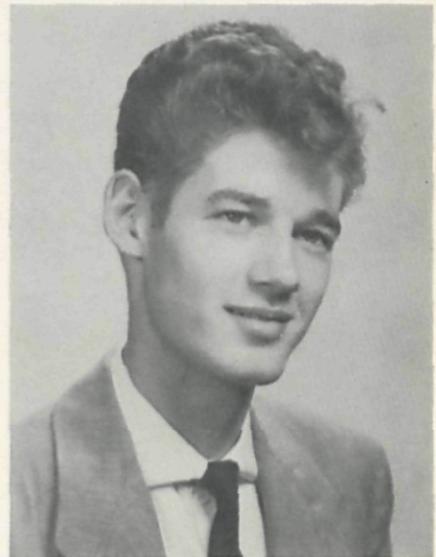
Quiet with a good taste for clothes . . . Perhaps the reason for Irene's title of "Class Dreamers" is the fact that her pet peeve is school. The latter accounts for her ambition to graduate. Irene will be remembered by us as the well-dressed blonde, usually seen dreaming in Miss B's.



**BARBARA CLARK**

Happy and fun loving . . . Her cheerful disposition will help her in obtaining a good job. The expression "Savage" is usually heard when Barbara is taking one of Mr. Gatti's history tests. She is anxiously awaiting graduation.

Girls' Show, Commercial Club, Yearbook, Valley Varieties, Girls' Sports.



**EDWIN CLARK**

Good looking and carefree . . . When one passes the "Four Corners" in Singac, Ed is sure to be seen. His interests include golf, which he plays whenever possible. "Are you kidding?" is the way Ed describes school. He is looking forward to graduation.

Golf, Basketball.



**JOHN CLEGG**

Truly one of P. V.'s best athletes and one of its outstanding personalities . . . Jack can be seen with Frank, Ed, and Joe, asking, "seen Duke?" He has been a very active school citizen, especially on the football field. He hopes to enter college in the fall.

S. G. A. Representative, Varsity Football, Baseball, and Basketball.



**FRANCIS CODISPOTI**

Friendly and inquisitive . . . "Code" would be happy if third period study hall were abolished. He can be heard moaning, "I'm hungry" to Jack and Ed. After graduation Frank plans to further his education.

Art Service Corps, Intra-Mural Basketball.



**ALBERT CONFORTI**

A friendly smile . . . When "Al" gets paid, "Yeah, that's it", can be heard. An enthusiastic member of the band, Al will undoubtedly be missed by the drum section. He is looking forward to becoming an engineer.

Hi-Y, Band Christmas Concert.



**CHRISTINA CONOSCENTI**

Let's have a little fun . . . Chris is noted for an over-active smile, which is sincere. Her informal phrase, "I'll kill you!", should, by no means, be taken to heart. "Shortie's ambitions include marriage and happiness.

Commercial Club, Class Activities.



**VINCENT CORRADO**

Quiet and sincere . . . Vinnie can be found amidst the Borough Boys usually discussing sports. He has been a valuable pitcher on our varsity baseball team and this will undoubtedly help him to attain his desire to become a professional baseball player.

Varsity Baseball.



Circuit Rider

**JEAN COSCHIGNANO**

Industrious, amiable, and well liked . . . Jeannie is known throughout the school for her scholastic achievements, as well as extra-curricular activities. This year she has served capably as Co-Editor of the "Valley Echo". Jean will undoubtedly be a worthy addition to the teaching profession.

Tri-Hi-Y Secretary, Honor Society, Yearbook, Girls' Show, Girls' Sports.





**FRANK CROMMELIN**

"That's about the size of it" is the way Frank describes freshmen. "Hot Rod" has a keen interest in cars and he will spare no rubber to fulfill his ambition to go to California. His participation as a member of the Stage and Lighting Crew has been a great factor in many of the school shows.

Stage and Lighting Crew.



**EMMA CURIOTTO**

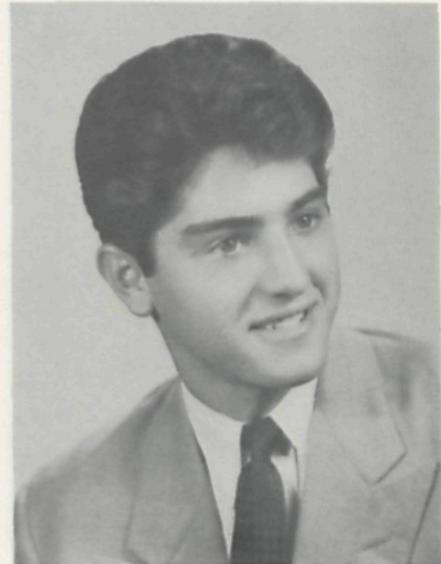
Courteous and cooperative . . . "M", who is usually seen with Ann Merchant, hopes to become a nurse. Since her pet peeve is extensive smokers, she will undoubtedly advise her patients to give up the habit.

Art Service Corps, Pre-Nursing Club, Girls' Show, Library Aid, Girls' Sports.

**FRANK CURTO**

"Curto" is seen most often with the gang discussing the latest in cars. He is interested in mechanics and intends to pursue this interest following graduation. Frank is looking forward to the Senior Prom.

Baseball, Art Service Corps.



Surveyor

**ROSEMARIE CURTO**

"Sis" has been a very active member of the Commercial Club. She avoids conceited people and spends her time with the "kids". As a medical assistant, she will probably be heard advising patients, "all that glitters isn't gold!"

Vice President of Commercial Club, Girls' Show.



**ETHEL DANCHO**

"Good things come in small packages" . . . Two of Ethel's predominant features are her blonde hair and blue eyes. "Max" describes the moment she met Brain as "just great". Upon graduation she plans to attend college to major in business.

Girls' Show, "Valley Echo", Girls' Sports, Commercial Service Corps, Yearbook.



**PHYLLIS DeGENNARO**

A friendly disposition . . . "Phyl" is most often seen listening to Rose Marie's troubles. She has done a great deal of work in the Art Department. Phyllis intends to go into the secretarial field after graduation.

Girls' Show, Valley Varieties, Art Service Corps, S. G. A.

**ROSE MARIE DeLUCA**

One to watch behind the wheel . . . Ree's favorite pastime is thinking up excuses for sixth period English. She's usually seen wandering about the halls during this time. "Windy" is very much in favor of Louie. She would like to train at St. Vincent's.

French Club, Valley Varieties, Girls' Show.



**CAROL DePOZE**

P. V.'s band will be losing an ardent member when Carol graduates. Her usual comment to Nancy and Betty is "Hey, Gavolt". Carol is almost always smiling except when she hits one of her few sour notes on the baritone.

Band, "Valley Echo", Art Service Corps, Christmas Concert.



**ANNETTE DeSENZO**

You can probably hear "Dee" saying, "Oh, I'm not in the mood!", which is her way of expressing her pet peeve, history. Annette is one of the best dressed girls in our school. She plans to attend St. Joseph's School of Nursing upon graduation.

Girls' Sports, Leaderette, Commercial Club, Usherette.



**ELLEN DORR**

"Who's got money for gas?" . . . Ellen likes wearing Bermuda shorts, but dislikes other car owners. Riding around in her car with Ginny is one of her favorite pastimes. She intends to follow the footsteps of Florence Nightingale.

Senior Play, Christmas Concert, Pre-Nursing Club, Girls' Sports.



**ROBERT DRANSFIELD**

Bob, an avid criticizer of "hot rod" conversation by Crommelin and Bender, is usually seen in God's Country (Singac). He can be heard asking people for pencils or talking about his acceptance into Ma's social and elite crowd. An excellent golfer . . . Bob plans to become a physical education instructor.

Golf Team.



Post Rider

**JULIA DROL**

Julie, a regular member of "the Savage", is usually heard complaining about her pet peeve—homework, or quoting those infamous words—"What a savage!" She is looking forward to graduation and then hopes to find a good job.

Girls' Show, Valley Varieties, Commercial Club, Girls' Sports.





**PAUL DVORETSKY**

A consistent smile . . . "Lew" has participated actively in football and baseball. He dislikes eighth period study hall. Paul is generally seen in the West Paterson area playing basketball.

Football, Baseball, Class Activities.



**MARLENE DZAMA**

"Mar" has been efficient in helping with extra-curricular activities which include being one of Mr. Gatti's many secretaries. She enjoys being with Arline, Jean, and Sandy as much as getting out of Sten Class. After graduation "Mar" intends to major in bookkeeping at Sherwood School of Business.

Senior Play, G. A. A. Council, Valley Varieties, Usherette, Yearbook.

**VIRGINIA EDWARDS**

Full of fun and zany . . . Ginny can usually be seen with Ellen and the "kids", talking about two of her ambitions; going to the prom, and putting a stop to Ellen's complaining. She probably would like to hurry graduation by spurting out her favorite saying, "For Pete's sake, hurry up!"

Girls' Show, Christmas Concert, Valley Varieties, Girls' Sports.



Town Crier

**LEE ERHOLM**

A calculating debater . . . Lee is looking forward to attending Susquehanna University to help her achieve success. Telling Carol, Jean, and Lem about the Republicans is one of her favorite pastimes. Her dramatic ability has been an asset to Masque and Sandal.

Girls' Sports, Treasurer of Masque and Sandal, Assembly Committee, Girls' Show.



**GILBERT FABER**

"Don't worry; it shortens your life . . ." "Gil" can frequently be found in "God's Country", Singac of course. Health Ed holds no particular fascination for him. Gil hopes to be a leader in whatever occupation he decides to make his life's work.



**KATHERINE FARACE**

Carries out a job pleasantly and efficiently . . . As treasurer of the S. G. A., Kathy has the characteristics of a future accountant. One of her most difficult jobs is getting to school on time. Dave and the girls find her a nice person to have around.

S. G. A. Treasurer, Commercial Club, Honor Society, Girls' Show.



**GENE FAZIO**

Talented Fazio, one of the finest artists we have, has contributed his ingenuity to innumerable school projects. His ambition revolves around "that immense globe" of interior decorating. Jokes and humor are present when Fazio is at the "Nanree".

Varsity Basketball, President of Art Service Corps, Class Committees.



**GERALDINE FINEGAN**

A great sport . . . Being president of the G. A. A., she has displayed great sportsmanship. "You know about it", is Gerry's answer to gossipers who are her pet peeve. Her initiative will most likely help her to attain her goal of becoming an airline stewardess.

G. A. A. President, Girls' Sports, Pre-Nursing Club, Commercial Club.



**RICHARD FINK**

A natty dresser . . . "How come?" can be heard at the "Nanree" when "Fink" is around. He has a keen interest in cars and this accounts for his ambition to become a mechanic. Dick is looking forward to graduation.

Band, Valley Varieties.



**JOSEPH FRITZ**

All around athlete . . . Joe likes all sports, his favorite being football. Being a car owner himself, he dislikes "big-wheel" hot rods. The gang and "when ya shove" are associated with Fritz. After graduation he will embark on a college career.

Varsity Football, Basketball, Golf.

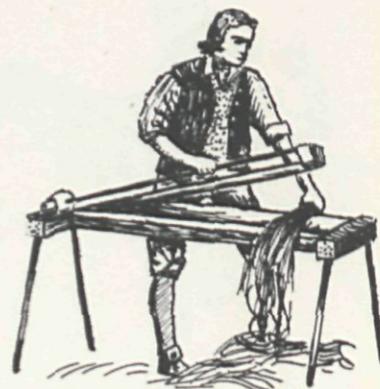


**ANNA MARIE GIATA**

Anna is a sport's lover of the first order and is also an active participant. This year she has been the capable leader of the White Team. Mount Olympus will always be remembered by "Rocky". To be the owner of an Oldsmobile convertible is one of her many desires.

Girls' Sports, White Chief, Twirler, Commercial Club.

Flax Brake



**JOHN GARBE**

A sharp character . . . Jack always wants to go to Kay's with the gang. His biggest moment will be receiving that wonderful diploma. Jack's over all pet peeve is school, as he'd much rather be driving a car. After June he hopes to get a good job.

Valley Varieties, Intra-Murals, Basketball.





**HOWARD GASTON**

Howard entered P.V. in his junior year. Tough mathematical problems don't phase him in the least. "Don't volunteer for anything!" is advice Howard gives to Larry and Nick. Because of his interest in math he hopes to become an aeronautical engineer.



**ANNA GEITNER**

One of P.V.'s most enthusiastic cheerleaders . . . Her sincerity will undoubtedly be a big asset in her ambition to become a teacher. "Let's face it, that's life" is an expression Willy is usually telling Bet and Nancy.

Pre-Nursing Club, Head Cheerleader, Library Aid, Girls' Show, Christmas Concert.

**MARY GOLDEY**

"Gregarious Goldey" will be remembered for the many parties she has given. "Oh, that went over big!" is her favorite way of expressing Vince Gorski's jokes. Mary will enter Trapagan Fashion School to study dress designing upon graduation.

Girls' Show, Christmas Concert, Girls' Sports, French Club, Masque and Sandal.



Glassmaking

**VINCENT GORSKI**

His theme—"Achievement" . . . "Success", his goal . . . After graduation Vince will go to the University of Pennsylvania to study for his M.D. Degree. He will be remembered for his many contributions to "las escuela superior"; and his sense of humor shall never be forgotten—especially in the Senior Play.

Senior Play, Vice President of S. G. A., President of Hi-Y, Yearbook, Honor Society.



**BEVERLY GRIECO**

Personality Plus . . . Bev's senior year in Valley was highlighted by her performance in the Senior Play. She dislikes the wording used by Mr. Gatti in his history tests. Bev has participated widely in dramatics, as well as in other extra-curricular activities.

Yearbook, Senior Play, S. G. A., Masque and Scandal, Valley Varieties.



**ELEANOR HACKES**

"Fight, Hornets, Fight!!!" Eleanor's biggest moment while at Valley was making the cheering squad. She is seen with Debby and Margaret and dislikes conceited people. "Tootsie's" main ambition is to be happy.

Cheering, Girls' Show, Modern Dance, Valley Varieties.

**THEODORE HANDOGA**

His virtue is silence . . . Ted is usually seen at the "Nanree" discussing cars. Following graduation, he plans to join the Navy. Ted has participated in intramural and jayvee sports. He is looking forward to receiving his diploma.

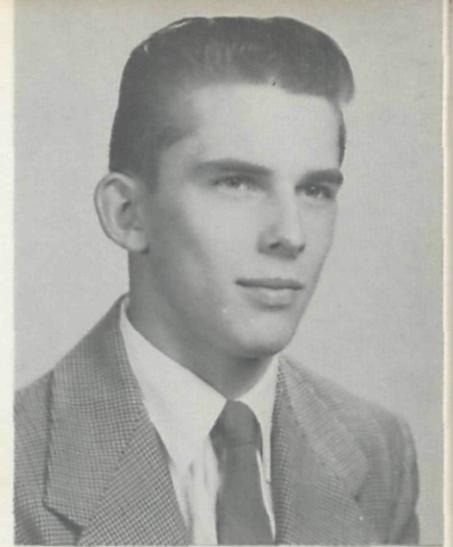
Boys' Sports, Class Activities.



**ELIZABETH HANLEY**

Likes mischief and fun . . . "Bet" is often seen with Nancy and Anna exclaiming, "Where's Teddy?" The prom will be the highlight of Betty Ann's high school experiences. After graduation she plans to enter the nursing profession.

Christmas Concert, Girls' Sports, Library Aid, Girls' Show, Attendance Checker.



**PETER HREBENAK**

Pete is one of P.V.'s star football players. He is constantly saying, "Go ahead". Beverly or Hladych are usually seen with him. Pete's big ambition is to own his own business.

Football, Senior Play.



**WILBUR JASSMA**

Bill is one of the taller members of the class. His swimming power is one of outstanding achievement. Shakespeare seems to be his pet peeve. Bill intends to go to college and study engineering.

Hi-Y, Swim Team, "Valley Echo", Band.



**ROBERT JARDINE**

Smiles and personality . . . Bob, Catherine, and his M.G. are P.V.'s "Three Musketeers". Panza College will be pleased with Bob, as he is going there to become a Physical Education Teacher.

Football, Baseball, S. G. A., Senior Play, Valley Varieties.



Tanning

**GERALDINE S. JONES**

Gerry is an active member of the class. She is very good in all sports. Her convertible can always be seen with the gang. Gerry's ambition is to become a secretary.

Commercial Club, Yearbook, S. G. A., Girls' Sports, Girls' Show.





**CAROL KAY**

The possessor of an easy laugh . . . Carol is well known as one of P. V.'s peppiest cheerleaders. Dancing and having a good time are some of Kay's pastimes. Upon graduation she hopes to own a red Ford convertible.

Cheerleader, Girls' Show, Commercial Club, Commercial Service Corps, Art Service Corps.



**ROBERT KANE**

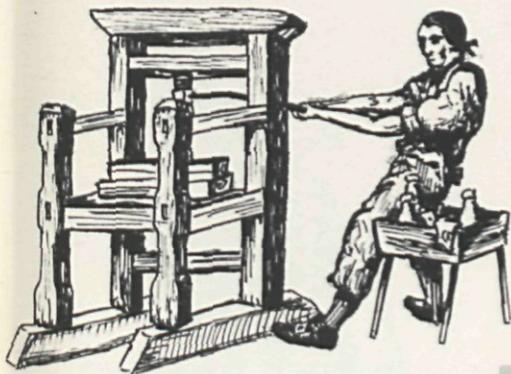
Bob has attained outstanding recognition for his swimming, and for his performance in the senior play. Bob is usually seen with Will and Tiny swimming at the Y. After graduation Bob will attend Rutgers University to prepare for an engineering career.

Senior Play, Swimming Team, Christmas Concert, Lighting Crew, "Valley Echo".

**ARLINE KOSKO**

Sincerity to the utmost . . . Arline has been active in many phases of "la vie scolaire". She can usually be seen with Jean, Sandy, and Marlene. Her unselfish contributions will aid "Ar" in accomplishing her desire as a teacher, after she attends Montclair State.

Honor Society, Tri-Hi-Y, Yearbook, Christmas Concert, Girls' Sports, Choir.



Printing

**JOHN KRISON**

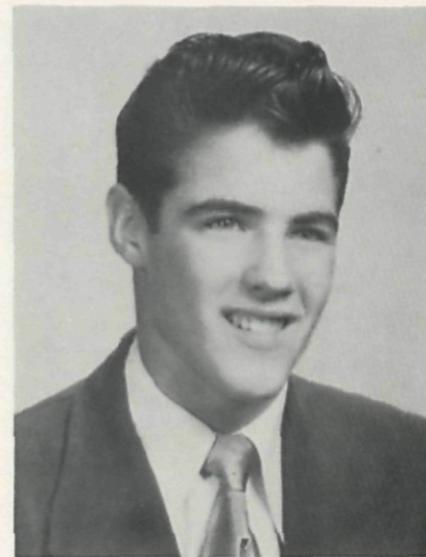
This kid gets flat tires at the strangest times! "Kris" just likes talking and it's not often that we hear him complain, even about Mr. Worden, his pet peeve. John's main interest appears to revolve around cars, and he is forever willing to race the next driver. His most cherished possession? His license, of course!



**CAROLEE KRUM**

Laughter and fun . . . Seriousness is not an attribute of "Red!" Carol finds it hard to get up for school in the morning. "Let's go down the shore" is a suggestion she always has for Maggie and Priscilla. After graduation she would like to travel.

Girls' Show, Girls' Sports, Valley Varieties.



**MARVIN KUYPER**

An active and conscientious student. Butch had done an excellent job as president of the S. G. A. He has a versatile personality and is sincere in whatever he does. He can be heard practicing on the drums with Harold and John. He wants to attend Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute in the fall.

President of the S. G. A., Honor Society, Hi-Y, Band, Stage and Lighting Crew.

**MARGARET KYPERS**

"Maggie", full of fun in a quiet manner, is always with Krum. She was chosen to be a cheering slave girl for the Whites this year and upon this, she bestows the title "Biggest Moment". To be happy is Maggie's goal and there is no doubt that she'll reach it.

Bowling Manager, G.A.A., Ping Pong and Badminton Club, Valley Varieties, Girls' Show.



**MILDRED LaBRUTO**

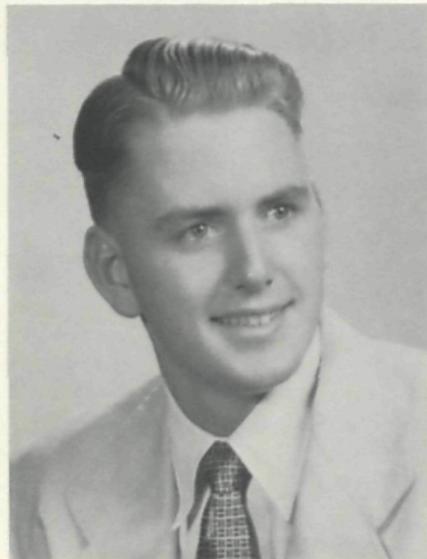
"Millie", Debby, and Eleanor make up a frequent trio. Does she dislike phonies and conceited boys? "You know it!" Millie is headed for the secretarial field. Perhaps she'll land a job such as the star of the T.V. Show, "Meet Millie".

Commercial Service Corps, Honor Society, Senior Play, Girls' Sports, Girls' Show.



**JoANNE LANGDON**

Calm and collected "Jo" is frequently advising, "Don't get excited", but she probably failed to remember that, when she lived her biggest moment, "Going Steady". She wouldn't miss seeing DA's and pegged pants, but being with Joe can't be eliminated. She's planning on a trip in to the business world.



**GEORGE LATTIMORE**

"O. K. G. L.," twelve laps around the field!" George has learned to avoid riding in Harry's Chevy with the "crew" from Singac. He has been active in both football and baseball. George is interested in success and plans on attending college as a step in attaining this.

Football, Baseball.



**CHARLOTTE LYONS**

After the graduation exercises, if you hear a pleasant voice calling out "Yea!!", it will probably be Lottie's. She is a pleasant addition to Chele Be Rodem's. In the future Lottie will be seen carrying the familiar pad and pencil of a successful secretary.

Girls' Show, Commercial Club, Valley Varieties, Girls' Sports.

Hat Maker



**RALPH MARRA**

Ralph has been a big help to P.V. by being in charge of the lighting at school activities. Quite often he can be seen with Albert Anthony saying, "I don't know". Upon graduation Ralph plans to become a tile mechanic.

Art Service Corps, President of Lighting Crew, Senior Play, Valley Varieties.

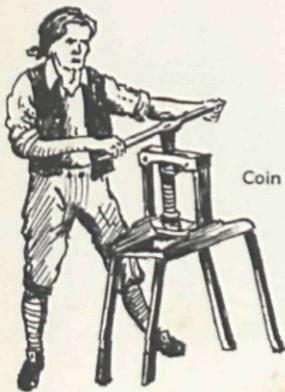




**GAIL MARTENIS**

Her neat appearance is one of Gail's most predominant qualities. "Babe" can often be heard telling Anita and the kids how fantastic Rocco's math brain is. She plans to make her career that of a Secretary, after attending Sherwood School of Business.

Business Manager of "Valley Echo", Girls' Sports, Choir, Yearbook, Valley Varieties.



Coin Minter

**MARY MASSAR**

Quiet and reserved . . . Mary wants to attend business school and enter the secretarial profession after graduation. "It's amazing" is her favorite quotation when talking to Lucille, June, Joanne, and Janet. Roller skating and dancing are Mary's favorite out-of-school activities.

Girls' Show, Chorus, Pre-Nursing Club, Tumbling.



**ROBERT MARTENSON**

A Senior . . . Ah, this is the life! Bob's main interest at Valley lies with the band. Teamwork is used when he and John begin contradicting Mr. Hoover. A hard worker, especially on decorations for class dances . . . Bob plans to go on to college after graduation.

President of Bowling Club, Treasurer of Hi-Y, Band.



**ROBERT MATTHEWS**

Master of Art . . . One of Bob's biggest thrills was winning the Valley Hornet Contest. Since he is artistically talented, he hopes to become a commercial artist. Silence is one great art of conversation . . . Bob is most often found with Lenny and Skippy.

Basketball, Baseball, Yearbook, Art Service Corps.

**MANUEL MARTIN**

Cool and Crazy . . . "Chick" can be heard talking to Bean Mauro and Frank Kellogg bemoaning Joe Fritz's combing his hair with his fingers. Being artistically inclined, he has been of service to the school in the field of art.

Art Service Corps, Christmas Concert, Audio-Visual Aids.



**JOSEPH MAURO**

Among Bean's closest associates are Chick Martin and Frank Kellogg. He hasn't any definite plans for the future as yet, but whichever field of endeavor he decides upon, he wants to do his best to succeed. Certain girls fall into the category of Joe's pet peeve.

Valley Varieties.

**LORRAINE McALPINE**

Sports minded Lem has a good sense of humor and a laugh to match. Lem will be glad when she graduates so that she will be spared those four o'clock bus rides. She plans to prepare to become a Physical Education Teacher upon graduation.

Vice President of Pre-Nursing Club, Honor Society, Girls' Sports, Girls' Show, Band.



**DEBORAH McCALATION**

Debbie regards making the twirling squad as her most memorable achievement since she came to Valley. "Dreamy" can be seen with Marion participating in after-school activities. Her pleasing personality and ability to get along with others will be valuable traits in her desire to become an airline stewardess.

Girls' Sports, Girls' Show, Twirling, Valley Varieties.



**JOSEPH McLAUGHLIN**

"Buster" can be found with his constant companions, Jack and Warren, stirring up some sort of excitement. He hopes to attend Panzer College after graduation. "That's what they tell me" . . . The senior play and football season were the best times for Joe in the past school year.

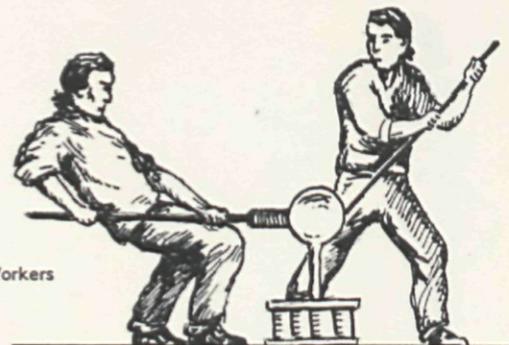
Football, Baseball, Swimming, Senior Play, Stage and Lighting Crew.



**JOAN McMANN**

"Mick" is looking forward to graduation so that she can get started on her life's ambition to make a million dollars. "You savage" is a standard with "Mick" and the gang. She has been particularly interested in sports during her four years at Valley.

Girls' Sports, Girls' Show, Valley Varieties.



Steel Workers



**ELIZABETH MELNECK**

Much wisdom often comes in a few words . . . "Liz" can be found with the gang discussing her particular dislike, "Big Wheels". Her greatest anticipation is to graduate and then to go to college to become a physical education instructor. Liz has been an active participator in all girls' sports.

Girls' Sports, Girls' Show.

**HARRIET ANN MERCHANT**

Ann is usually seen with Emma, saying, "Oh, for heaven's sake!" Hackensack General Hospital and nursing hold a special interest for her. This interest leads to her biggest moment, that of becoming a registered nurse.

Tri-Hi-Y, Band, Pre-Nursing Club, Girls' Show, Christmas Concert.





**JOYCE MIESCH**

Joyce enjoys all sports, especially basketball and has been a help to the White Team. She is one girl who has money on the brain. This explains "Greenbacks" favorite saying, "Daddy buy me one of those".

Girls' Sports, Girls' Show, Valley Varieties.



**RAYMOND MIESCH**

"Harpo", as of September, '53, is always seen with Jean. His pet peeve is any work he might have to do when he graduates. Ray's personality and laugh will long echo through the halls of our Alma Mater.

Sophomore Class President, Intra-Mural Basketball and Baseball.

**ROBERT MORRIS**

Bob is well known for his outstanding wit, which he likes to use on Debby and her barrettes. Of "Mousie's" four years in Valley, the moment that stands out in his mind was Miss Budde's double lunch. Bob plans to attend Stevens Institute of Technology.

Bowling Club, Hi-Y Treasurer, Math Club President, Honor Society, Yearbook.

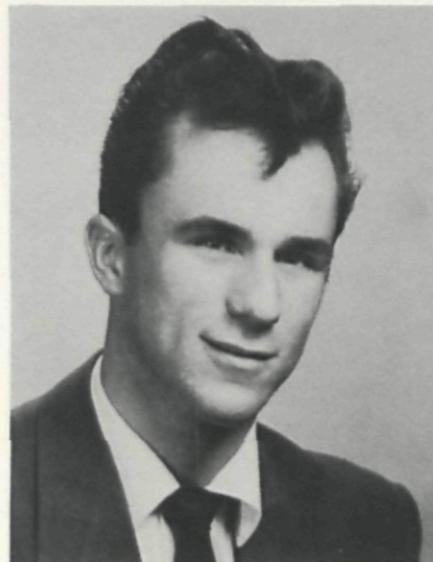


Toll House

**JAMES MURRAY**

Murray has a personality equal to his wonderful ability to play basketball. One of "Mur's" best assets is his arching set shot. Jim, Nann, and Rocco were a triple threat to the competing teams in the conference. Next on Murray's agenda is to get a job. "By the way, did you get a haircut?"

Varsity Basketball.



**EDWARD NANN**

Pensive with a sly smile . . . Ned has been recognized as one of the best basketball players in the area. He will be long remembered for his driving hook and his jump shot. Neat and well attired . . . His ambition is to get a job.

Varsity Basketball.



**WILLIAM NASIUTA**

Harry James of P.V. Although Basil hasn't been at Valley all four years he has become known for his good trumpet playing. He plans to go to Newark College of Engineering to become an electrical engineer.

Swimming Club, Band.

**NANCY NICHOLAS**

"Worry and I have never met" . . . Nancy can usually be heard exclaiming, "Alright already!" while talking to Mona Lisa at Ma's. "Nick's" desire at this time is to pass one of Mr. Gatti's history tests and as might be expected her pet peeve is homework.

Girls' Sports, Girls' Show.



**MARJORIE ODGERS**

"With a Song in My Heart" . . . "Midge" is well known for her singing ability. Her biggest moment was making All-State Chorus. When Midge becomes a professional singer, her ambition will be fulfilled. Joan, Pat, and Jean are Midge's constant companions.

Chorus, Christmas Concert, Talent Show, Commercial Club, Girls' Show.



**PATRICIA OHOSKI**

With dimples on her cheek . . . Pat is interested in the secretarial field as has been shown by her participation in the business offerings at Valley. She hails from West Paterson and can be seen with Joan and Jean.

Girls' Show, Commercial Club, Valley Varieties, Class Activities.



**WILLIAM OSBORNE**

Seems quiet—look again . . . "Will" can ordinarily be found saying, "Ain't that the thing?" to Bob Morris and Al Anthony. Upon completion of high school, Will plans to attend college and be a success.



**ANNA PARISI**

Anna can be found talking to Flo after first period English. Third period history is one of her few dislikes. She plans to follow a business career upon graduation. Anna is anxiously awaiting graduation day.



Colonial Militiaman

**JOAN PARROTTO**

A laugh can be heard . . . Joan will be well remembered in Valley for her lively laugh. Receiving the title of "Class Comedienne" was an honor well deserved. Joan can be found joking with Anita and Annette.

Commercial Club, Valley Varieties.





**JEAN PEARSON**

Her beauty is not hidden . . . Jean can be seen with Ray, her favorite person. She has participated widely in school activities, particularly girls' sports. Jean, when not with Ray, pals with Joan and Pat.  
Girls' Sports, Valley Varieties, Class Activities.



**JOSEPH PELLEGRINO**

Football, football, football . . . Joe, though a quiet person by nature, has gained a great many friends at Valley. He has actively participated in Varsity sports, particularly football and golf. Joe looks forward to graduation.  
Football, Golf, Class Activities.

**JUNE PELLOCK**

"Pete" can usually be seen saying, "Don't be silly, kids", to Mary Lou, Cookie, and Gloria. She will undoubtedly become a capable and competent secretary. She decidedly dislikes conceited boys.

Girls' Show, Commercial Service Corps, Girls' Sports.



Continental

**LOIS PHILPORT**

One of P. V.'s best . . . Lo has never found a dull moment during her four years at Valley, her biggest one making the cheering squad. With her initiative, Lois should be very successful at Mountainside Hospital.

Freshman and Sophomore Class Vice President, Girls' Show, Honor Society, Yearbook, Cheerleader.



**DEBORAH PIKAART**

Pretty, congenial, and intelligent . . . There is no limit to the talents possessed by Debby and this is shown by her active school life. Tiny Ragusa's smile seems to fascinate Pik. She hopes to get a Mary Baldwin scholarship and then major in psychology.

Honor Society, Senior Play, Yearbook, Masque and Sandal, Girls' Show.



**HONEYMAE PINDER**

"Let's have a party" . . . Honey, who is always on the go, is a girl with one ambition and that is to always be happy. Her warm and friendly disposition has won her many friends. She plans to attend Sherewood School of Business.

Valley Varieties, Yearbook, Library Aid, Girls' Show.

**LESLIE PRICE**

Sweetness is hers . . . She is looking forward to the day she receives her diploma. Bev Lotti, Bobby and Rosemarie never take seriously Les's pet expression, "Get Out". Sherwood Business School awaits her in the fall.

Senior Play, Valley Varieties, Girls' Show, French Club.



**JAMES RAFFERTY**

"Raff" dislikes history, at which time he'd much rather be in "God's Country", better known as Singac. He was a member of our varsity football team, and after leaving Valley, plans to spend much of his time trying to beat

—Good Luck Jim!  
Football.



**LUCILLE REJMANIAK**

Thoughtful and understanding . . . "Cookie" longs for the day when Cliff will come home. She does not appreciate hot rods and can be heard saying, "See what I mean, Jelly-bean?" Her ambition? To be a private secretary.

Girls' Show, Valley Varieties, Commercial Service Corps, Girls' Sports.



**ROSE BARBARA RINALDI**

Clothes mean a lot . . . Bobby can't wait till the day is over, or just plain Math Class is over. She was our efficient Freshman Secretary, and after graduation plans to attend Upsala for her degree in nursing.

Masque and Sandal, President of French Club, Girls' Show, Valley Varieties.



**EDWARD ROMEO**

Skippy, "Where's the party?", Romeo is usually seen with the crowd from Ma's or at a party. His biggest moment which is yet to come will most likely be the day Skip opens his dreamed-of restaurant.

Football, Valley Varieties, Art Service Corps, Intra-Murals.



Fireman

**JANET ROSENKOPF**

Shy and soft spoken . . . "Harry" is usually seen with June and Lucy. Her pet peeve is that long, long bus ride to West Point. Her ambition is to be a private secretary, success for which is prophesied.

Girls' Show, Hockey, Badminton and Ping Pong.





**DOROTHY ROSEVEAR**

"Dottie Mae", pretty and a friend to all, is usually seen with the "kids" knitting a certain pair of socks. Her pet peeve is Lois's laugh. Dottie would like to become an airline hostess or a secretary.

Girls' Show, Girls' Sports, Senior Play, Valley Varieties.



Policeman

**WARREN SCHNEIDER**

A great athlete . . . Duke is happiest when the three o'clock bell rings. Many times Warren can be found walking the halls saying, "Anybody see Clegg?" Warren's personality will undoubtedly be an asset in the future.

Varsity Football, Baseball, Art Service Corps, Stage and Lighting Crew, Swimming Club.



**DAVID ROTERT**

Dave, a born athlete, has played football, basketball, and baseball. He dislikes "big wheels" and is usually seen with Len and Bob. His biggest moment is yet to come and the future portrays a career as a successful engineer.

Football, Basketball, Baseball.



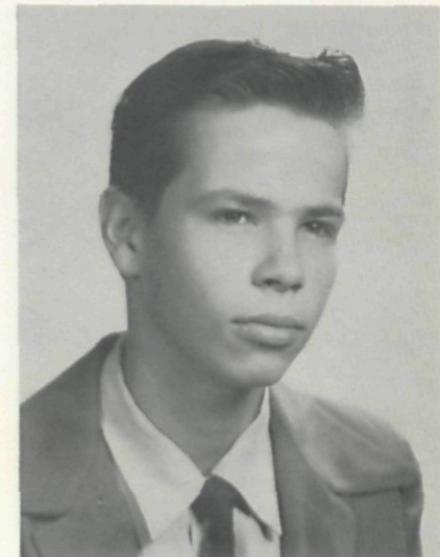
**HENRY SHERMAN**

"Worry and I have yet to meet . . ." "Sherm" can usually be found with Cattiny or working on his car. He is keenly awaiting graduation. This event will long be remembered by Henry. Upon completion of his high school education, "Sherm" plans to become a mechanic.

**HAROLD SCHAFFER**

Seemingly quiet, but oh boy! Schaf is usually seen with Marv and Turp complaining about homework. The Music Department is indebted to Schaffer for the fine work he has done. His ambition is to join the Navy, so Admirals beware!

Band, Secretary of Hi-Y, Basketball, Christmas Choir.



**WILLIAM SHERMAN**

Life is to live, not to think about . . . Bill's biggest moment was getting his motorcycle. Cars, motor scooters and motorcycles take up most of Bill's spare time. His future plans include a much anticipated trip to California. "Gossipers" make up the lowest form of human life in Bill's opinion.

**JOAN SIEDEL**

Never a dull moment when Joan's around. She is always seen laughing with Midge, Pat, and Jean. A car is her pride and joy, and working for it is her pet peeve. Joan's ambition is to become an office clerk.

Girls' Show, Valley Varieties, Commercial Club.



**GARRY SIGLER**

Garry is P.V.'s star quarterback. Molly, Ed, and Mike seem to be his constant companions. He is a popular companion, especially with the girls. Although short in stature he is quite mighty when it comes to running.

Football.



**NADINE SKUBY**

Skuby's lovely voice can always be heard in choirs or talent shows at P.V. Being in P.V. only two years she has proved outstanding in her scholastic achievements. Skuby plans to attend Montclair State Teachers College.

Tri-Hi-Y, Honor Society, Valley Varieties, Girls' Show.



**SHIRLEY STEWART**

Rah! Rah! Rah! Stew's biggest moment was making the cheering squad. Pep and energy go along with making her one of P.V.'s outstanding cheerleaders. She plans to attend Paterson State Teachers College.

G. A. A., Honor Society, Cheerleader, Girls' Show.

**MARY LOUISE SWEET**

Good natured and good humored . . . "Mick's" ambition is to enter the nursing profession and as might be expected, she is looking forward to receiving her nursing diploma. Many times Mary Lou can be found saying, "You goofed", to June, Jan, Gloria, and Lucy.



**JUNE CAROLE ST. PIERRE**

June came to Valley this year from Bloomfield High. Her interests range from teaching dancing to collecting souvenirs. June's good looks and figure will help her to realize her ambition to become a model.

**CAROL SWITHERS**

Her ways are ways of pleasantness . . . Carol has bright hopes of becoming a nurse and she has served as President of the Pre-Nursing Club for two years. Revealing the mystery voice was one of Carol's most exciting experiences.

Vice President of Masque and Sandal, Honor Society, Bowling Club, Band, Senior Play.





**JOHN TELLER**

"Muscles" can be found with Bob Martenson sounding off about his pet peeve, "glory boys". Attending the Senior Prom of 1953 was the high spot of John's high school experiences. His ambition is to attend an Agricultural College.

Hi-Y, Honor Society, Drum Major of Band, Yearbook, "Valley Echo".



**ANITA TEZA**

"Tez" can frequently be heard saying, "What a bug!", to Julie, Joan, Terry, and Nancy. Mr. Gatti's questions make up Anita's pet peeve. When Anita become an X-Ray technician her life's ambition will be fulfilled. Passing History II will be a momentous occasion for Anita.

Commercial Club, Valley Varieties, Girls' Show.

**DOMINIC TROUSE**

"Foggy" can most often be found at the "Nanree" discussing his ambition—namely entering the U.S. Armed Forces. "Let's eat" is an expression that is heard when Dom is around. "Foggy" is one member of the Senior Class who is keenly awaiting graduation.

Football.



**JOHN TURPIN**

"Ben" can often be found practicing on the drums or cruising around in his car. When "Get off my back!" is heard, Ben is probably near by. To be a dance band drummer is John's goal in life.

Hi-Y, Band, Christmas Concert.

**HAROLD VAN GUILDER**

Van, who dislikes being called Harry, is usually with Don, Bob, Bill and Len. His main interests are the theater and the Boy Scouts. Everyone will remember his splendid acting in "Behind the Footlights". After graduation he wants to get a degree from college.

Masque and Sandal, Christmas Choir.



**H. RODNEY VALENTINE**

Rod, who has been active in school activities and known for his wittiness, can be found with Al and Ralph. To attend Springfield College and to get away from Mr. Konopka's jokes are his ambitions. "How's the situation up in Yale, Raymond?"

Hi-Y, Masque and Sandal, Art Service Corps, Senior Play, Honor Society.



**GLORIA VICTORIO**

Enjoys humor in others . . . Gloria who is definitely anti-homework can be found with Carol, Jan, June, Mary Lou, and Lucy exclaiming "Oh for Pete's sake!" She has the quality to become an accurate bookkeeper after graduation.

Girls' Show, Girls' Sports.



**VERONICA WALKER**

"What, me noisy?" is a favorite expression Ronnie says to the Chele Be Rodemi's and to her teachers. She can't wait for graduation and next fall she plans to attend Sherwood School of Business to become a secretary. Girls' Show, Hockey, Yearbook.



**JAMES WEBB**

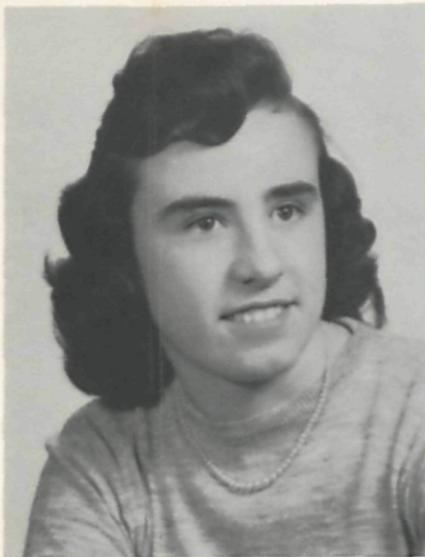
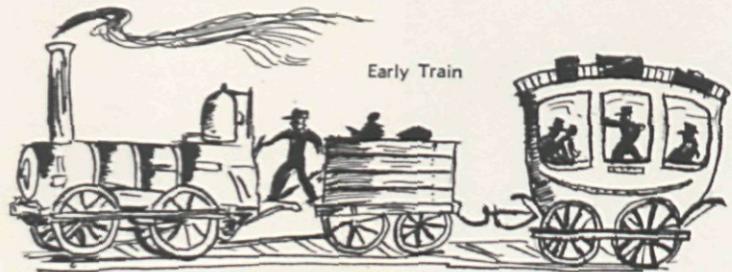
He walks among the treetops . . . Jim spends much of his time fooling around with his Chevy or attending National Guard meetings. His pet peeve is small girls! Jim's future plans include working for the telephone company.



**NANCY WEBB**

"Tall and full of grace" . . . Being artistically talented, she has worked on many of the school's art projects. She'll also be remembered for her fine dramatic ability. Her two ambitions are to attend Jersey Medical Center and also to find a tall boy. Good Luck, Nancy!

Art Service Corps, Masque and Sandal, Girls' Show, Girls' Sports, Library Aid.



**ELIZABETH WEIR**

Considerate and persevering . . . Betty appreciates punctuality in others. She plans to go to Paterson General Hospital School of Nursing, in preparation of becoming a nurse and the day she's capped she will consider it her biggest moment.

Band, Girls' Show, Pre-Nursing Club, Chorus, Christmas Concert.



**GEORGE WILKIE**

One can often see "Dutch" dashing toward the exit at the sound of the three o'clock bell. He is usually seen with Jim Webb and after graduation will take his chance with the draft board.



**SHIRLEY YANKOSKY**

Shirl's ultimate aim is to attend Rutgers to prepare to become a pharmacist. Besides maintaining one of the highest scholastic records, she has had time for many other interests. This year she was our terrific head twirler. "You know" is her reply to many a statement.

Honor Society, Tri-Hi-Y, Vice President, Girls' Show, Head Twirler, Valley Varieties.

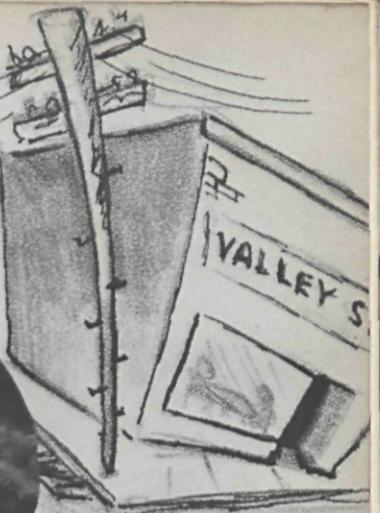
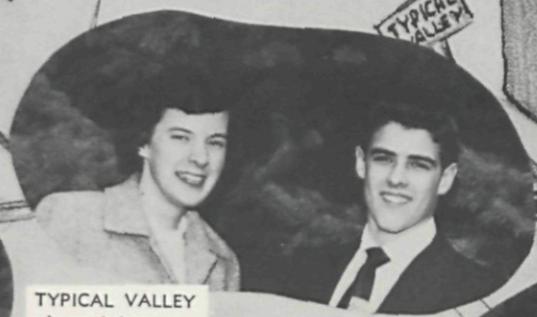
# Senior Poll

BEST DRESSED



**TYPICAL VALLEY**  
 Lynn Ackerman  
 Marvin Kuyper  
 Anna Geitner  
 Vincent Gorski  
 Carol Kay  
 Sam Ragusa

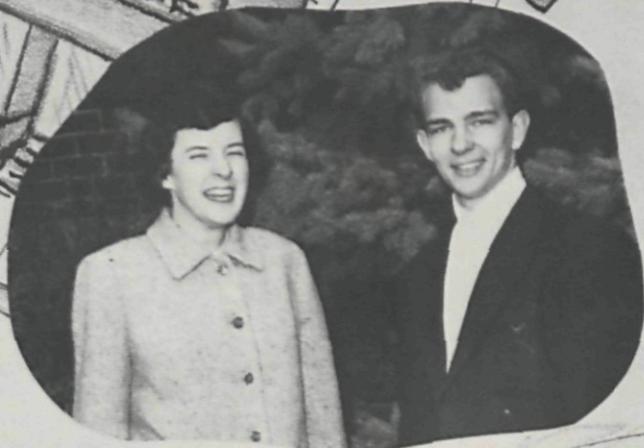
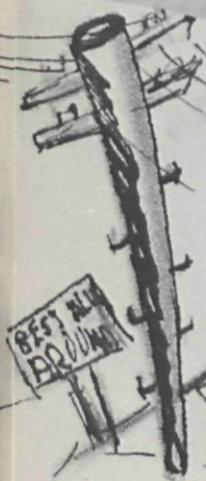
TYPICAL VALLEY



**BEST DRESSED**  
 Juliet Citro  
 Gene Fazio  
 Irene Chesney  
 Ned Nann  
 Annette DeSenzo  
 Robert Jardine



**MOST TALKATIVE**  
 Barbara Clark  
 Vincent Gorski  
 Mary Goldey  
 Gene Fazio  
 Juliet Citro  
 Robert Jardine

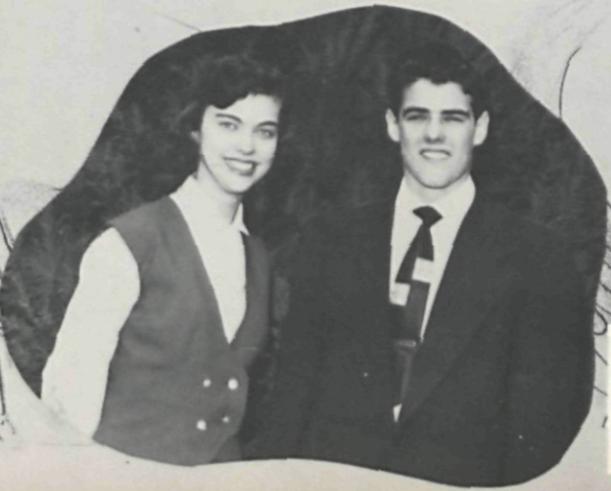


**BEST ALL AROUND**  
 Lynn Ackerman  
 Robert Jardine  
 Deborah Pikaart  
 Vincent Gorski  
 Anita Castile  
 Sam Ragusa



Boy AM  
 I CUTE!

BEST LOOKING



**BEST LOOKING**  
 Jean Pearson  
 Marvin Kuyper  
 Leslie Price  
 Edwin Clark  
 Anita Castile  
 Peter Hrebernak



**MILLION-DOLLAR SMILE**  
 Jean Pearson  
 Marvin Kuyper  
 Leslie Price  
 Robert Jardine  
 Anita Castile  
 Josephine McLaughlin

GENE FAZIO

# Senior Poll

## MOST ARTISTIC

Nancy Webb  
Gene Fazio  
Mary Goldey  
Robert Matthews  
Deborah Pikaart  
Manuel Martin

MOST ARTISTIC

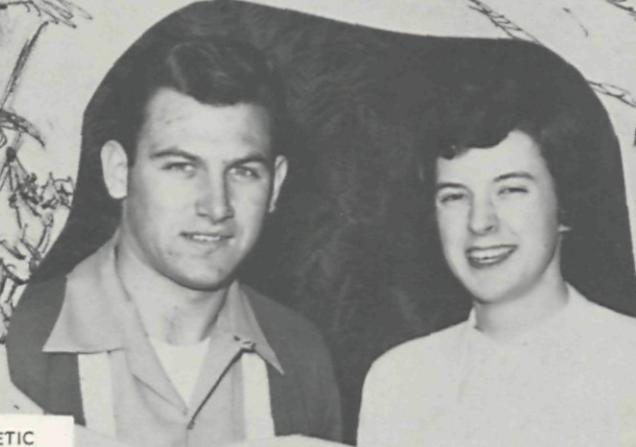
FAZIO

MOST ATHLETIC



## MOST ATHLETIC

Lynn Ackerman  
Joseph Fritz  
Joan McMann  
Ned Nann  
Deborah McCalation  
Jack Clegg



CLASS FLIRTS

## MOST FLIRTATOUS

Barbara Clark  
Gene Fazio  
Carol Kay  
Joseph McLaughlin  
Honey Mae Pinder  
Gary Sigler



BERGS

## BEST DANCERS

Carol Kay  
Raymond Meisch  
Angela Caccianiga  
Vincent Gorski  
Barbara Clark  
Gene Fazio



## CLASS COMEDIANS

Joan Parotto  
Robert Jardine  
Mona Gregg  
Gene Fazio  
Virginia Edwards  
Peter Hrebernak



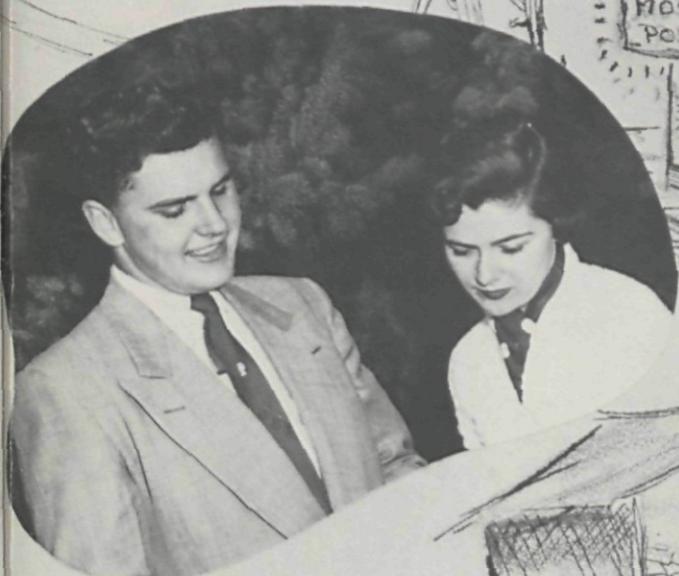
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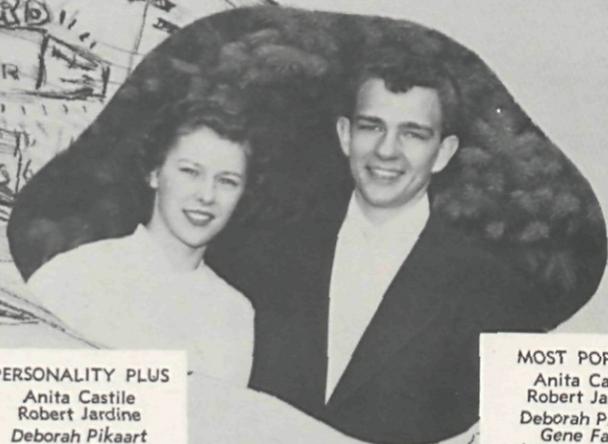
**DREAMERS**  
 Irene Chesney  
 Ned Nann  
 Deborah McCalation  
 Robert Matthews  
 Janet Becker  
 James Murray



**CLASS COUPLES**  
 Jean Pearson  
 Raymond Meisch  
 Beverly Greico  
 Peter Hrebernak



**MOST LIKELY TO SUCCEED**  
 Deborah Pikaart  
 Donald Butterworth  
 Nadine Skuby  
 Marvin Kuyper  
 Jean Coschignano  
 Vincent Gorski



**PERSONALITY PLUS**  
 Anita Castile  
 Robert Jardine  
 Deborah Pikaart  
 Vincent Gorski  
 Lynn Ackerman  
 Sam Ragusa

**MOST POPULAR**  
 Anita Castile  
 Robert Jardine  
 Deborah Pikaart  
 Gene Fazio  
 Lynn Ackerman  
 Marvin Kuyper



**MOST MUSICAL**  
 Nadine Skuby  
 Vincent DePalma  
 Nancy Webb  
 Marvin Kuyper  
 Nancy Brown  
 John Teller



# Senior Play



GEORGE  
WASHINGTON  
SLEPT  
HERE



**GEN. WASHINGTON  
SLEPT HERE**



NOVEMBER 6 - 7

*The Senior Class of '54*  
PASSAIC VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL

Scene 2 — June  
*Ten Minute Intermission*  
ACT II  
Scene 1 — A Friday in August  
Scene 2 — Sunday afternoon  
*Ten Minute Intermission*  
ACT III  
The following morning

**COMMITTEES**

**SETTINGS AND POSTERS:** Mr Chet Kuziora, Art Service Corps, Art Classes and Senior Class.  
**STAGE CREW:** Shop Classes and Mr. James Worden.  
**LIGHTING CREW:** Ralph Marra, Albert Anthony, George Fullard, Carl Gelschen, Ronald Gougouit, Ralph Cannito, George Wilkie, Larry Price, Warren Schneider and Mr. Kuziora.  
**PROGRAM ADVERTISEMENTS:** Senior Class and Miss Annabelle Welliver.  
**TICKETS:** Senior Class and Miss Welliver.  
**MAKE-UP:** Miss Tiessen.  
**USHERETTES:** The Usherette Club and Mrs. Stamm.  
**PROPERTIES:** Ellen Darr, Chairman; Marlene Dzama, Phyllis De Gennaro.  
**SOUND EFFECTS:** Shirley Yankosky, Chairman; Shirley Stewart, Anita Castile.  
**PROMPTER:** Mildred La Bruto.  
**FURNITURE:** E. E. Leach Sales Co., Verona.  
Cover design by Mona Liss Gregg





Get in there and fight.



Even though the bell has rung . . .

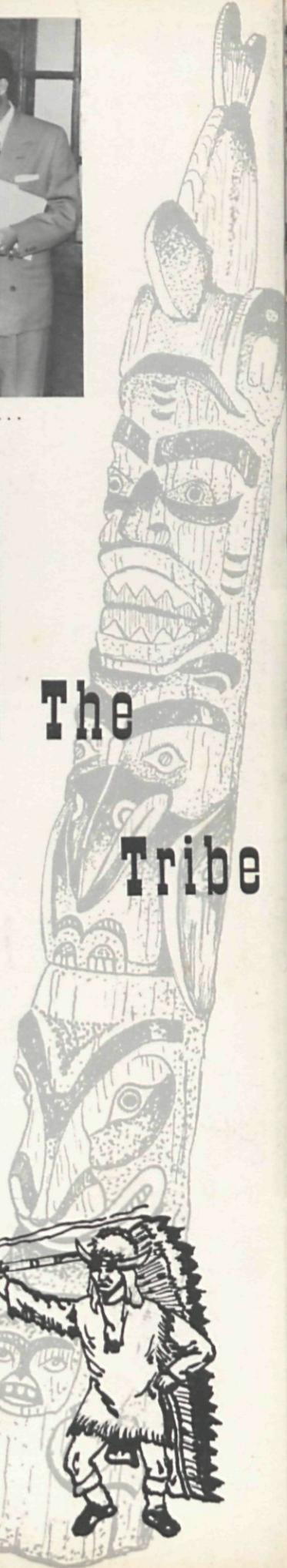


Hi there cuties.



Not quite the Copa but . . .

# The Tribe





The lunch line.



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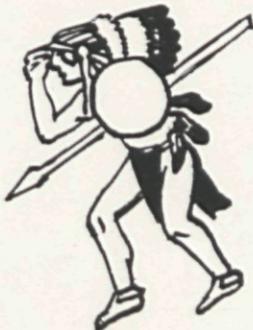
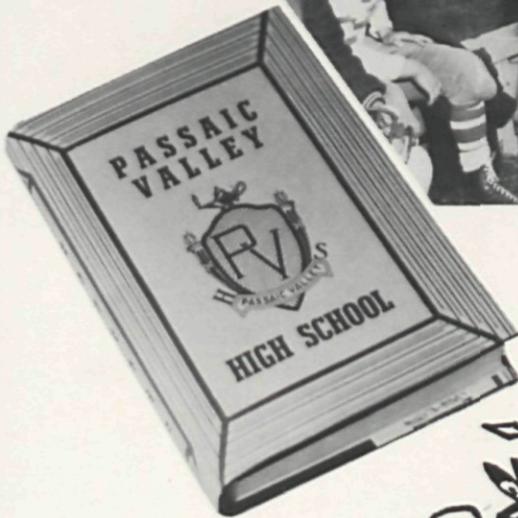
Wow!



Working a show.



Faithful backers.



# Class History

Can you remember Freshman Day? Truthfully now, were you scared to death too? Oh well, by the time football season was under way, the traditional jokes about freshmen had died off. Politics entered the scene as we held our first election campaign and chose Marvin Kuyper, President; Lois Philport, Vice President; Rose Barbara Rinaldi, Secretary; and Robert Morris, Treasurer.

Under the guidance of Miss Welliver, we presented our St. Patrick's Day Dance and called it the "Shamrock Shuffle". We followed the theme by using green and white crepe paper decorations representing the old sod. Our backdrop for the orchestra was a huge gold harp, while at the entrance there were two Irish flags.

To top the year off and to prove we had the makings of a great class we sold the most magazines and also won the intramural basketball championship.

In almost no time at all we became "sophisticated" Sophomores. This year we undertook the project of selling plastic bookcovers especially designed with our school picture, emblem and colors. The project ended in our Senior Year with the class making a very good profit.

Keeping with tradition, we crowned a king and a queen of the Sophomore Class at our dance. To fit this occasion we selected as a theme for our dance "The Cinderella Ball". The gym was decorated as a grand ballroom with pastel colored crepe paper and a castle as the orchestra backdrop. The evening was highlighted with the crowning of Edwin Clark and Deborah Pikaart, Prince Charming and Cinderella.

Another successful year ended for the class of 1954 and contributing to this success were Miss Welliver and the class officers who were: Ray Miesch, President; Lois Philport, Vice President; Barbara Clark, Secretary; and Shirley Yan-kosky, Treasurer.

Another September arrived and we came back to Valley as upper classmen. This year our officers were: Jack Clegg, President; Vincent Gorski, Vice President; Faith Kosachook, Secretary; and Juliet Citro, Treasurer.

Ordering our class rings and presenting the "Christmas Cotillion" were the outstanding events of the year. In each corner of the gym were gayly lighted Christmas trees. The orchestra backdrop was a winter scene. An old fashioned sleigh, brimming with packages, was the centerpiece. The Cotillion was one of outstanding social events of the year.

In the Spring, S. G. A. officers were elected and the results were as follows: Marvin Kuyper, President; Vincent Gorski, Vice President; Anita Castile, Secretary; and Katherine Farace, Treasurer. All the officers were membrs of our class and assumed their duties in September.

At last we were "Seniors". Our class was headed by Sam Ragusa. Assisting him were Vincent De Palma, Vice President; Faith Kosachook, Secretary; and Juliet Citro, Treasurer. In September twenty-five members of our class were inducted into the Honor Society.

Remember the fun we had producing our Senior Play "George Washington Slept Here". The play was successful and a great deal of credit is due to Miss Tiesen who directed it.

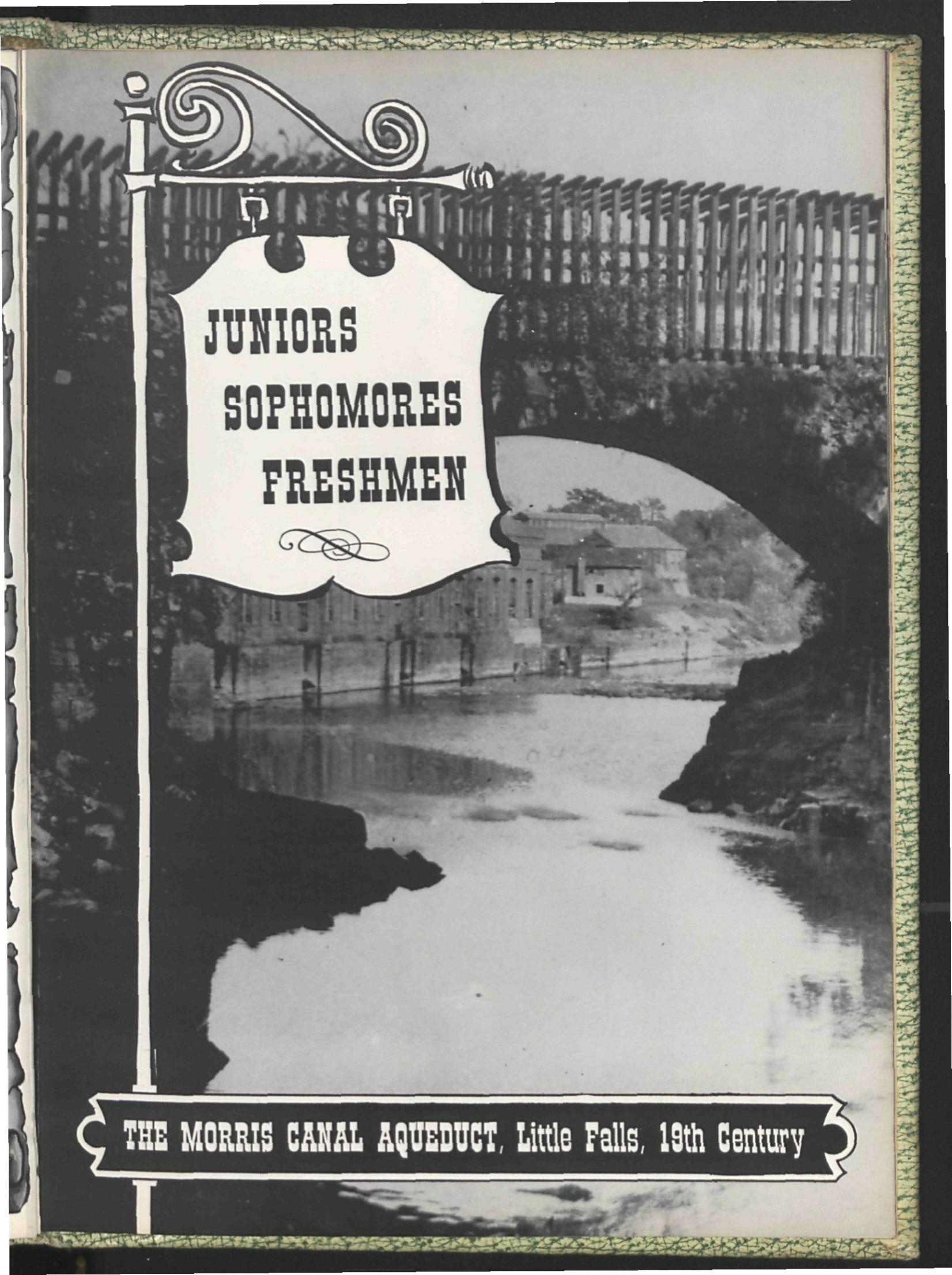
Then came our Senior Dance "Evening In Paris". The gym was decorated in blue and white crepe paper, while the orchestra backdrop was a colorful representation of Can-Can Girls.

The gaiety and splendor of the "Moonlight Gardens" of the Prom will long live in our memories. Then came Class Night, directed by Miss Licciardolo with all its songs, skits and jokes about our teachers.

Last came the most wonderful night of the year—commencement. It brought both tears and joy to all.

We have many pleasant memories to carry with us. We can look back on four years of success and achievement. A great deal of credit is due to our teachers, advisers, principals, and other school workers who have helped us in every way possible.

It has been fun looking back "Along The Valley Trail".



**JUNIORS  
SOPHOMORES  
FRESHMEN**

**THE MORRIS CANAL AQUEDUCT, Little Falls, 19th Century**



With Miss Budde as their adviser, the juniors started a successful year by the election of John Acorn, President; Larry Gabriel, Vice President; Regina Sandford, Secretary; and Patricia Coffey, Treasurer.

The important event of the year was the Annual Christmas Cotillion sponsored by the class of '55. The dance was held December 18, 1954, in the school gymnasium. The theme, having the holiday spirit, was completed by the decorations. Music was provided by the "Velvetones" and the dance was enjoyable.

After a successful year the juniors will enter Passaic Valley as ambitious seniors.



**Class Officers**

Sitting: Regina Sandford, Secretary; Patricia Coffey, Treasurer. Standing: Larry Gabriel, Vice President; Miss Budde, Adviser; and John Acorn, President.



That's dancing?



Speed is their aim.



# Junior Class



Boy! I feel sick!



I went to Valley. What's your excuse?



They get paid for this?



Well now!



Waiting for the bell.

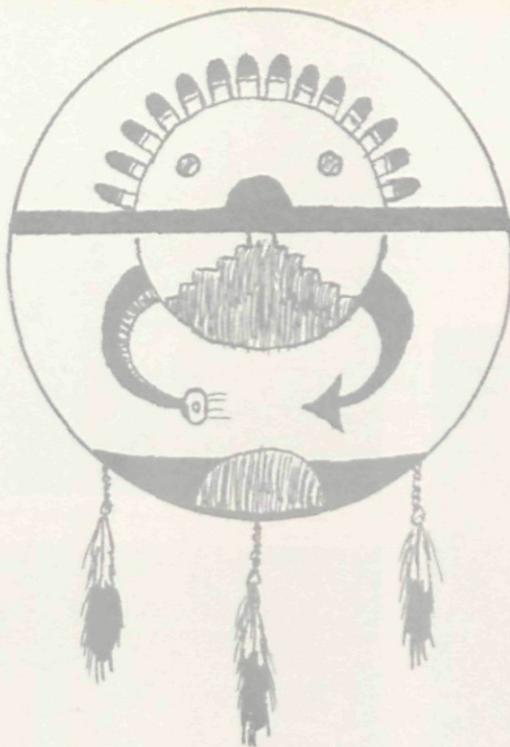


Students at work.



Beauties at play.

ED TEN HOEVE  
Custodian



This year's Sophomore Class was under the capable leadership of Randy Castile, President; Raeline Rydzik, Vice President; Betty Martin, Secretary; and Norma Vittorio, Treasurer.

The Sophomore Class of 1954 has the distinction of being the first class to hold a dance in the school cafeteria. The decorations kept with the theme "The May Coronation". The main attraction was the annual crowning of the king and queen.

The class along with their adviser, Mr. Suglia are looking forward to a successful Junior Year.

They have taken up the project of selling bookcovers and have had a very promising start in this undertaking.



**Class Officers**  
 Sitting: Raeline Rydzik, Vice President; Randy Castile, President. Standing: Betty Martin, Secretary; Mr. Suglia, Adviser; and Norma Vittorio, Treasurer.



Dining at the Astor.



Where's the teacher?



Smile pretty.

# Sophomore Class



What's so interesting?



Caught in the act!



School's out.



This year's Freshman Class has been the biggest class to enter Valley. In September they elected as their officers: Russ Kelly, President; Donna Stokes, Vice President; Barbara Geitner, Secretary; and Angela Trevisano, Treasurer.

Under the advisership of Mr. Nixon, the Freshman presented their Spring Dance, which was called "The Bunny Hop." The Easter Season created a motive for their decorations which included "Peter Cottontail as a centerpiece."

The Freshmen have proven themselves an outstanding class by making a high profit on the magazine sale. They are looking forward to continuing their success next year.



**Class Officers**  
Sitting: Barbara Geitner, Secretary; Russ Kelly, President. Standing: Donna Stokes, Vice President; Mr. Nixon, Adviser; and Angela Trevisano, Treasurer.



What's up?



Jewelry experts.

## Freshman Class



Freshman homeroom.



The jigs up freshmen. Here's your report cards



Miss Tiessen's crew.



Waiting for bus tickets.



Gentlemen, take notice.

# Valley Echo



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This year the Valley Echo became a charter member of the Scholastic Press Association of New Jersey and has been recognized by this organization.

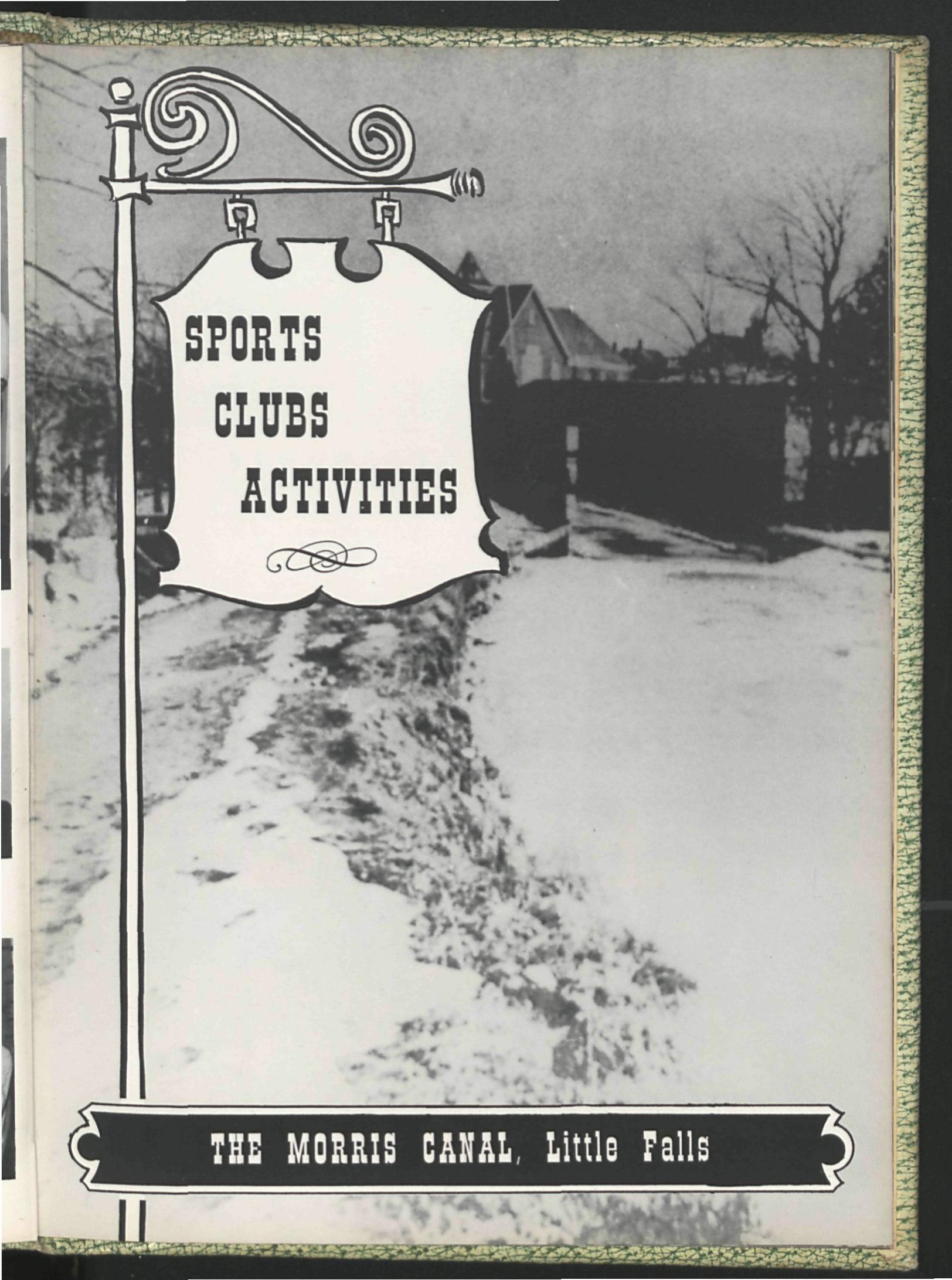
The Valley Echo has been under the capable leadership of Jean Coschignano and Donald Butterworth, Co-Editors; Arthur Booth, Sandra Capalbo, and Jack Wootton, Associate Editors; and Mrs. Lois Hunt, Adviser.

In addition to editing eight issues, the newspaper has carried out an extensive exchange system with numerous other schools.



LOIS HUNT  
Adviser





**SPORTS  
CLUBS  
ACTIVITIES**

**THE MORRIS CANAL, Little Falls**



VARSITY

# FOOTBALL

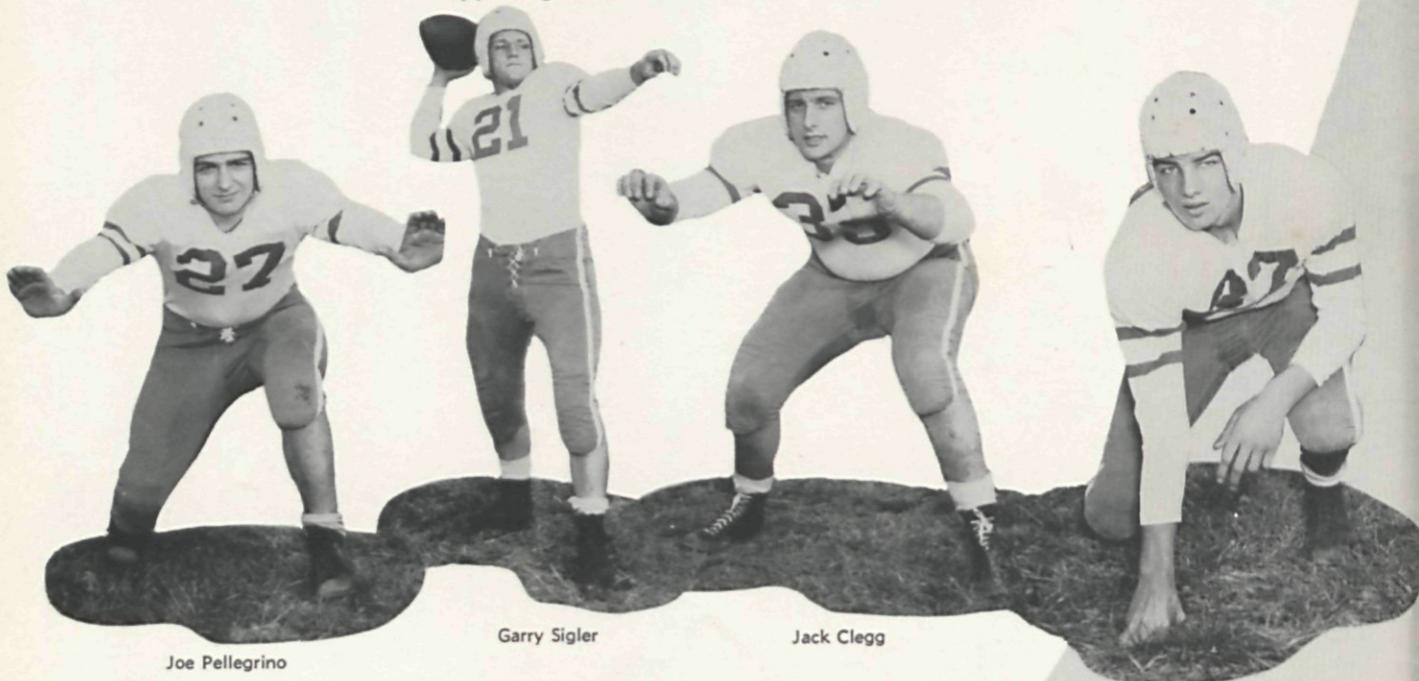


JOSEPH FARRELL  
Coach

With the start of the football season, Coach Joe Farrell began practices with an inexperienced group who were the candidates for the Passaic Valley Football team.

Leading the way for the Green and White eleven was Joe Fritz. Joe was selected for all-state back on the Group II honor squad and the all-conference team on the basis of his speed, pass receiving, and punting. Joe made starting berths on both these teams. Rounding out the backfield were Gary Sigler, steady quarterback, Pete Hrebenack and Jim Rafferty, fleet backs always ready to pick up the needed yardage.

Seniors on the line were Jack Clegg and Warren Schneider, a formidable couple to the opposing linemen. Clegg was picked as first-string on the all-conference team. Filling the other tackle position were George Lattimore and Joe Pellegrino, alternating to keep a freshman in the slot. Completing the line were Richie Wetzels, Mike Spada, Tobey De Nooyer, Joe McLaughlin, Jerry Fritz, Dave Rotert and Bob Jardine. Paul Dvoretzky proved to be one of the team's best defensive men, as he intercepted a number of passes and smashed opposing backs.

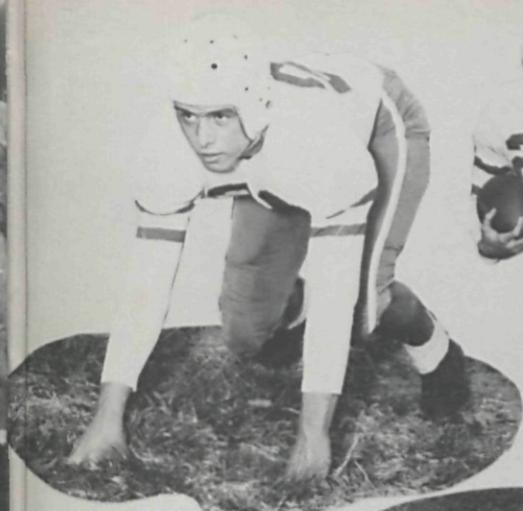


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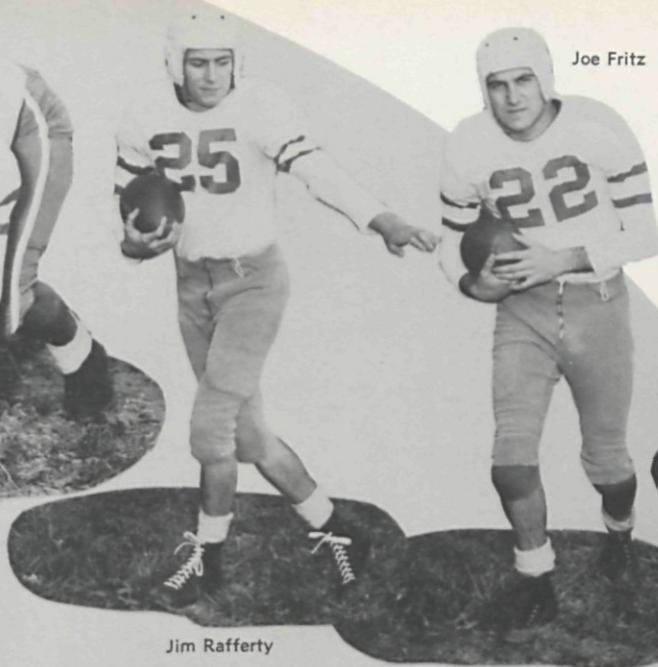
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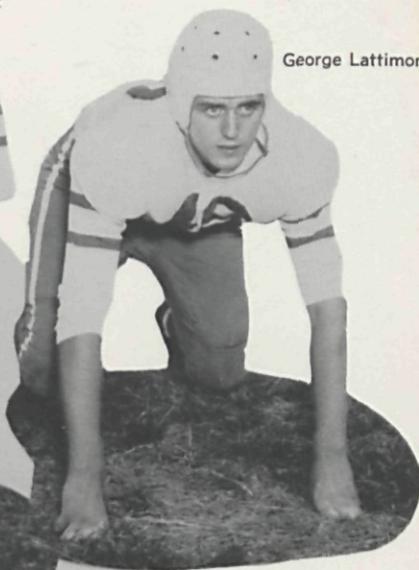
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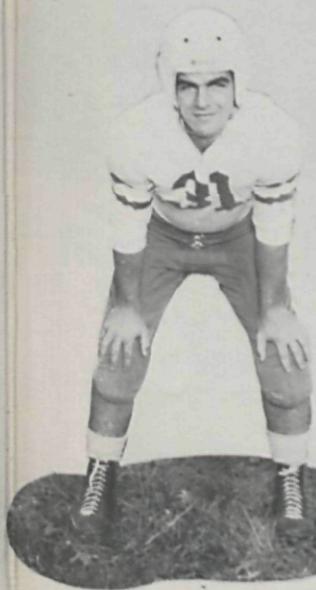
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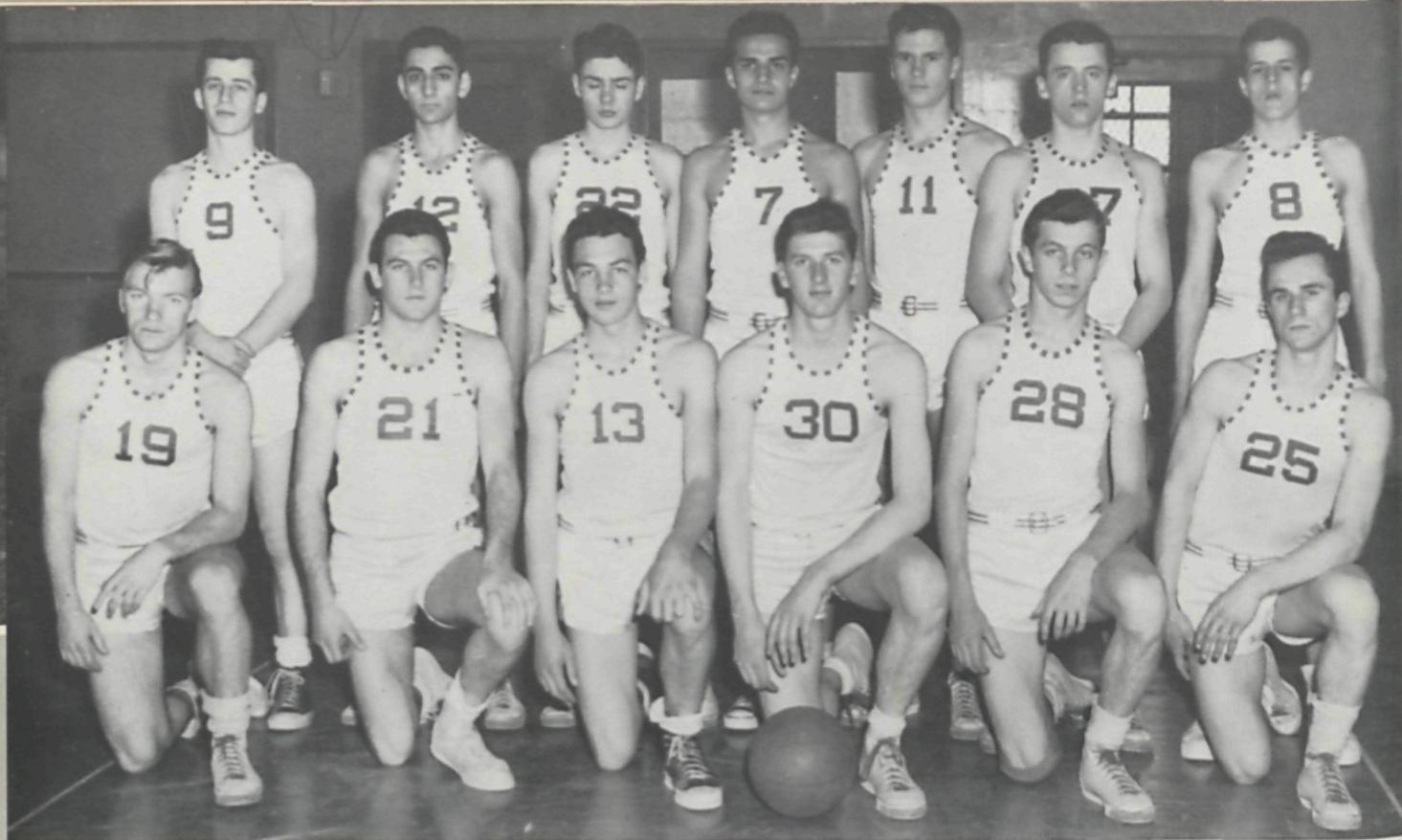
Toby DeNoyer



Pete Hrebenak

JAY-VEE





# BASKETBALL

This year's basketball team under the guidance of Coach Elmer Griswold closed the regular season with a terrific record of 16-2.

The Hornets ripped off to 12 straight wins only to be stopped by a very hot Hawthorne squad. The Hornets were handed their second defeat by the Lakeland Co-champions, Dover. The Green and White five tore opposing squads apart in the next four games.

In the post-season extravaganza, the Jamboree, the Hornets ripped into Boonton to emerge with a seven point margin at the buzzer.

In the final round the Hornets met Dover High to decide the Jamboree victors and unofficially the crown of conference champs as the teams shared the championship. The score for the final was Valley 65, over 49.

Spearheading the club through the '53-'54 season was Ned Nann; a hard driving corner man with a set to match his driving hook. Ned is known throughout the area as one of the finest ball players in the county.

Jim Murray is one that the team couldn't do without. His sparkling floor play is a constant threat to the opposition. His set and one-hander keep the opponents aware at all times. Watching a Valley game, you can expect to see a bullet from Jim into our bucket men across the middle.

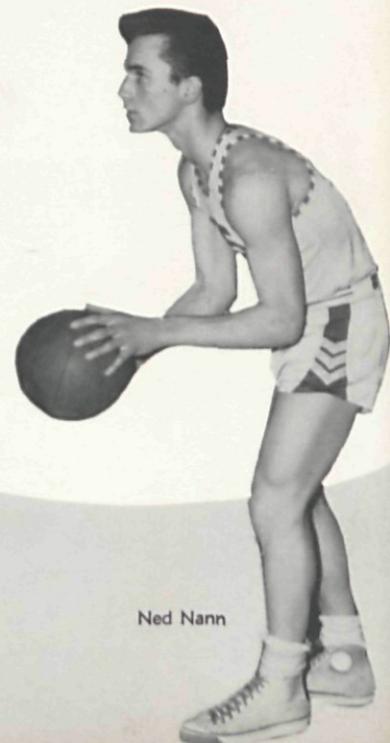
Rocco Barbieri is the last regular senior on the squad. He has proved invaluable with his ability to grab that loose rebound, and if the rebound isn't loose he gets it anyhow. Rocco slowed near the beginning of the season but burst into constant threat from his corner.

Hank Douma was our big man as he controlled the backboards in almost every contest. Hank will be back next year and turn in a terrific performance as he did this year.

Jerry Fritz was the fifth man on the varsity. Although he didn't average double figures, his over 50% shooting average stood up for itself. Jerry was the third man under the boards as the ball just wasn't knocked out of his extra big hands.



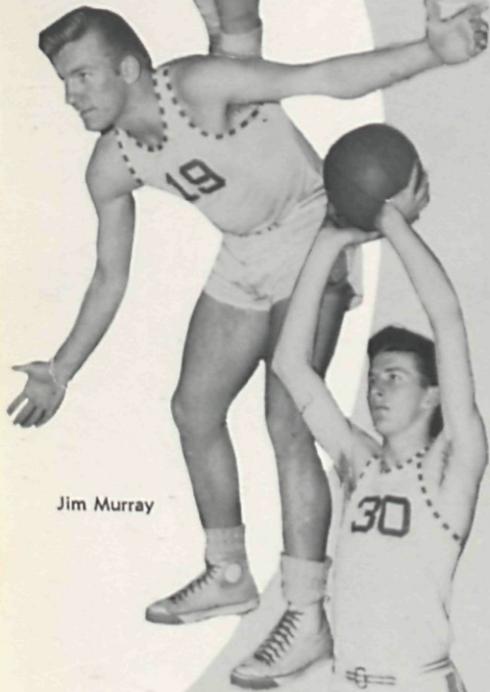
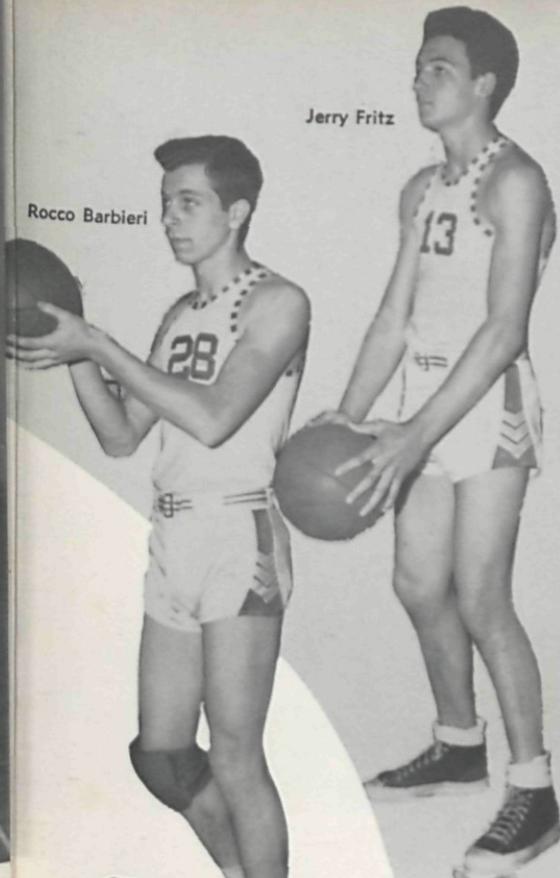
ELMER GRISWOLD  
Coach



Ned Nann

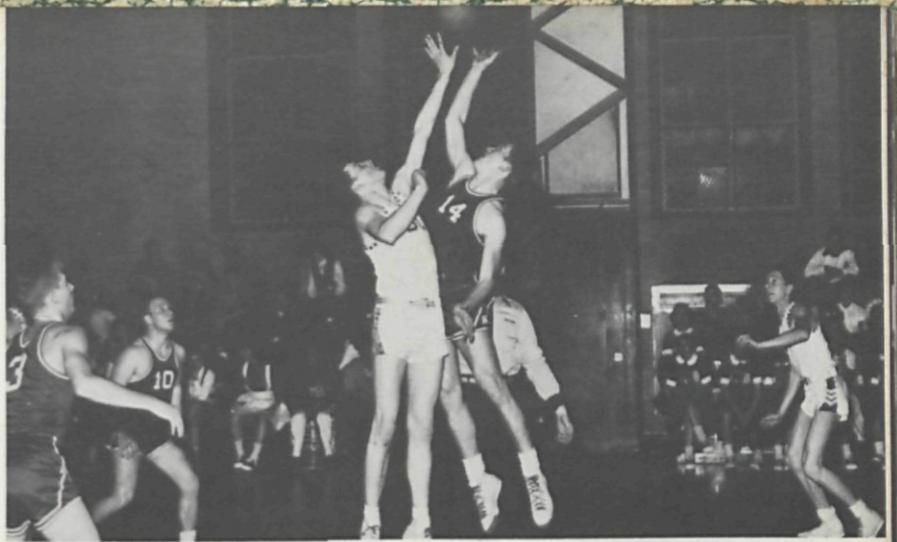
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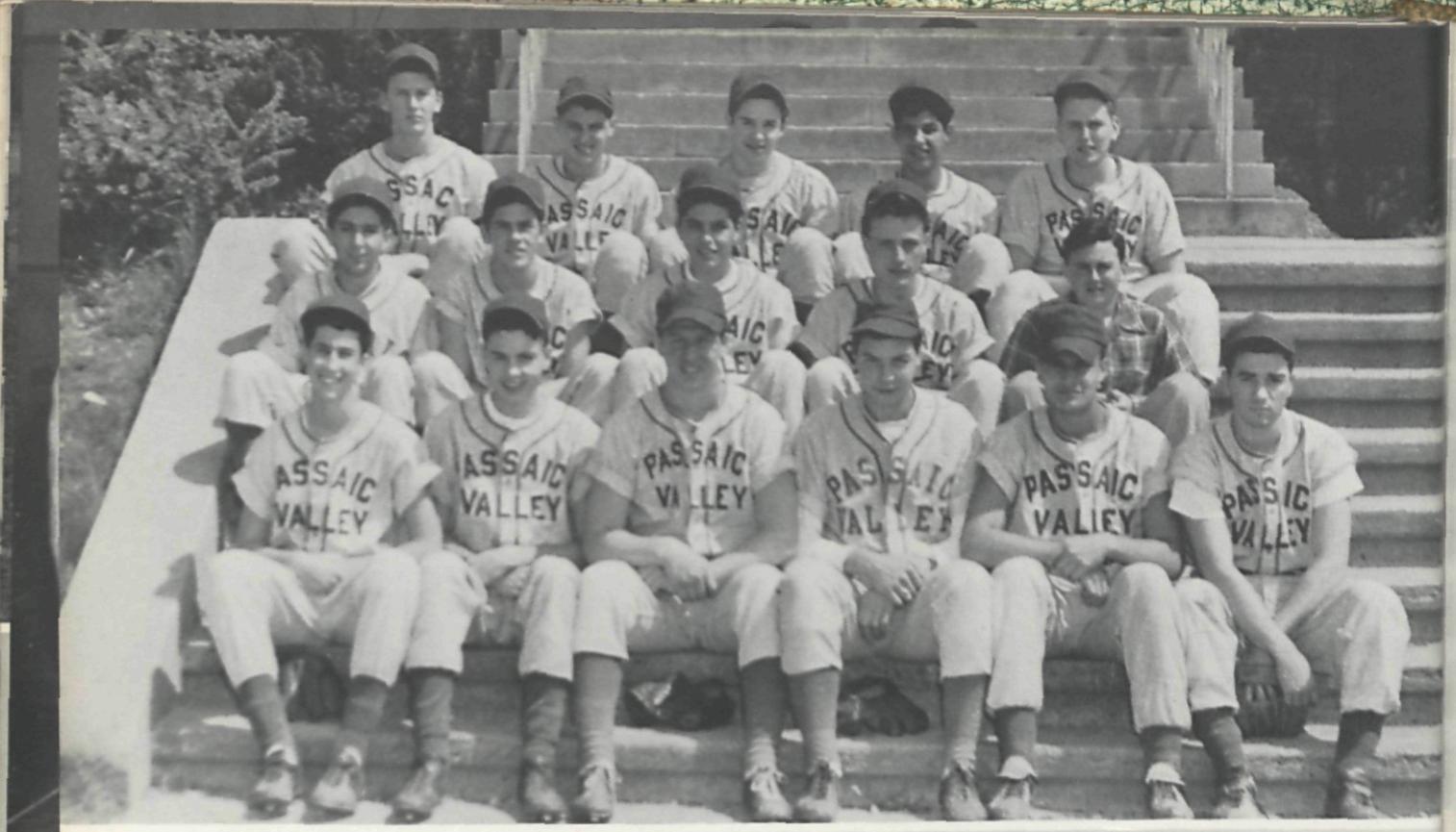
Rocco Barbieri



Jim Murray

Henry Douma





# BASEBALL

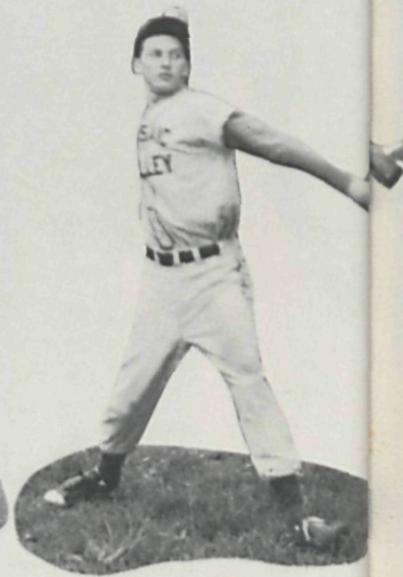
VARSITY

Inexperience has caused this year's Hornet nine not to have a very successful season. There was only one starting senior on the squad and five lettermen.

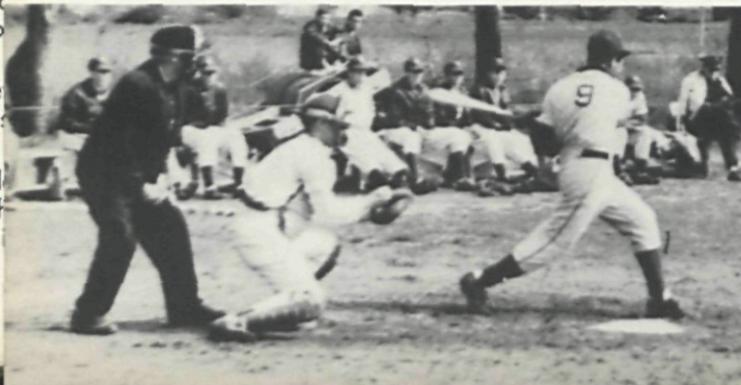
Leading the Green and White nine was Vinny Corrado. His superb pitching and powerful hitting made him well known to every team in the circuit. Another good hitter on the squad was the receiver, sophomore, Jerry Salvi. This was Jerry's first year behind the plate and he has progressed rapidly. Moving to first base we found Hank Douma, 6'4" junior. The keystone combo found freshman, Frank Michener at short tying up with either sophomore, Sam Theodora or Phil La Bruto, freshman. Don Leadbeater was the hot corner guardian, as Don turned out for his second year. As we turned to the emerald of green, known as the outfield, we saw three underclassmen in the personage of Dave Nochimson, sophomore; George Lattimore, senior; Jack Donnelly, junior; and Dick Wetzel, also a junior. Valley's pitching reserve duties were placed upon the shoulders of Bob Citro and Dick Wetzel. Tony Ciccone was the frosh part of the battery as he was substitute catcher.

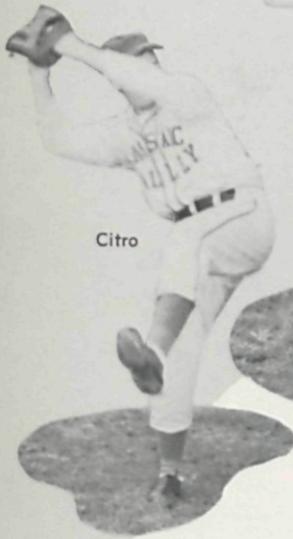


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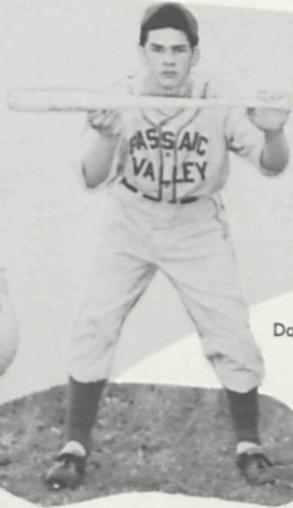


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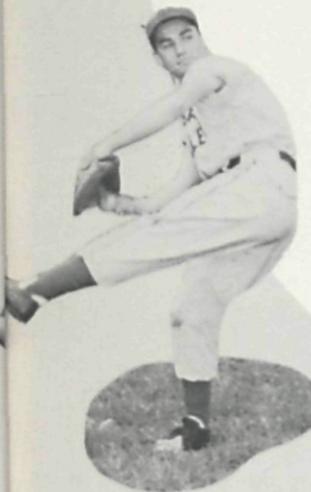
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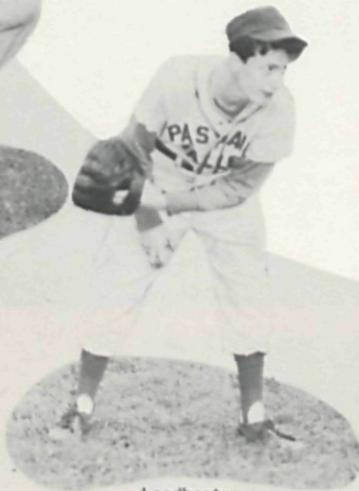
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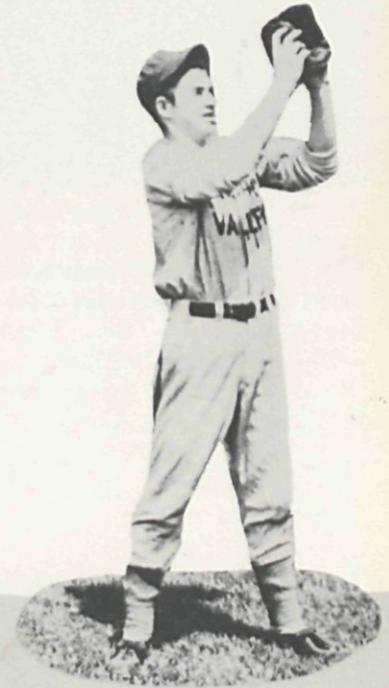
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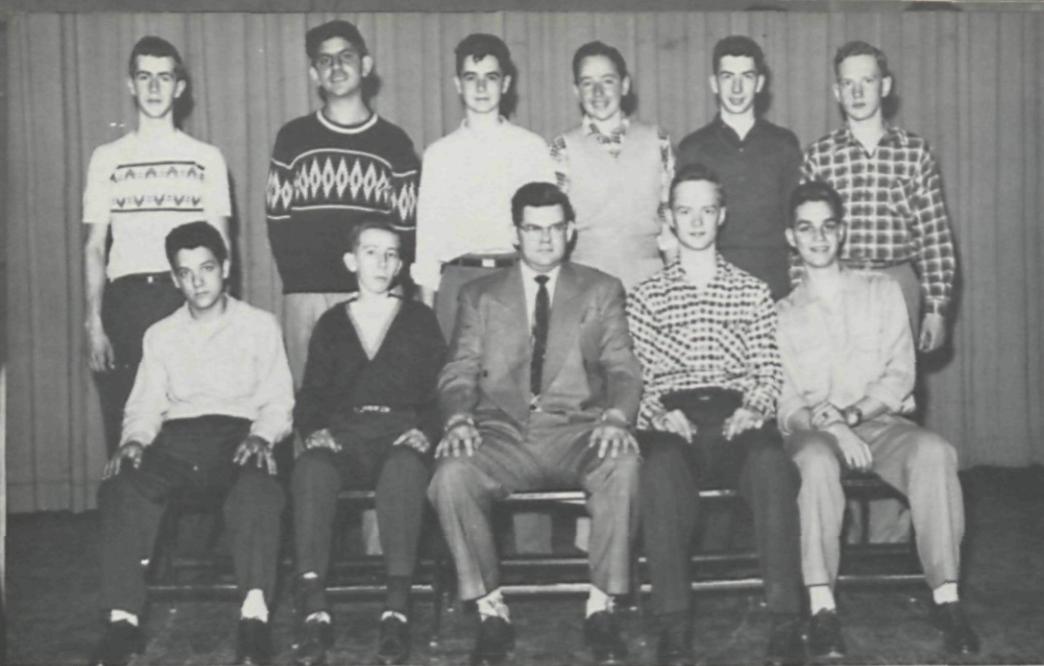
Wetzel



## BOWLING CLUB

Under the leadership of Mr. Brandt the Boys' Bowling club met at the local alleys after school on Monday days. On Wednesdays after school, the team bowled against other schools affiliated with the North Jersey Interscholastic Bowling League.

This year's officers were Bob Morris, President; Bob Martenson, Vice President; Charles Pullara, Secretary; Craig Daniels, Treasurer.



## GOLF

This year's golf team under Mr. Kean, golf coach, has met with notable success. They participated in the North Jersey Golf League. Joe Fritz, Bob Dransfield, Jerry Fritz, Al Gaita, Ed Clark, Dick Ammerman and John Baba made up this year's squad.



## SWIMMING CLUB

Under the able sponsorship of Mr. Chester Kuzio, adviser, and co-captains Sam Ragusa and Bob Kane, the Swimming Club met with considerable success in the season. The club meets at the Y.M.C.A. Special recognition has been given to some of the members of the team.



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# G. A. A.

The G. A. A. has witnessed a highly successful year under the leadership of President, Geraldine Finegan and the guidance of Miss Ilaria and Miss DeLeyer. Truly living up to its motto of "A Girl in every sport, a sport for every girl," the G. A. A. sponsored the following clubs: hockey, basketball, softball, tumbling, modern dance, archery, bowling, swimming, badminton, and ping-pong. This year the officers were: President, Geraldine Finegan; Vice President, Rosemarie Pentland; Treasurer, Juliet Citro; Secretary, Faith Kosachook; Green Chief, Lynn Ackerman; and White Chief, Anna Marie Gaita.

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Lynn Ackerman, Green Chief, Geraldine Finegan, G. A. A. President; Anna Marie Gaita, White Chief.

# TWIRLERS



This year's twirling squad made a fine showing at the football games and the various events of the school year. This was the first year that the girls twirled with two batons and they did a fine job. Under the guidance of Miss Lorraine Ilaria and the leadership of head twirler, Shirley Yankosky, they added color and liveliness with their strutting and flashing batons.

The squad included: Shirley Yankosky, Anna Marie Gaita, Faith Kosachock, Deborah McCalation, Nancy Van Splinter, Lorraine Cobiانchi, Frances Hermanoski, Beatrice Reda, Lucille Santaloci, and Raelene Rydzik.



SHIRLEY YANKOSKY  
Head Twirler





## CHEERLEADERS

With Miss Tiessen as adviser and under the leadership of head cheerleader Anna Geitner, the Passaic Valley Cheerleaders met with considerable success. This year they purchased new green and white uniforms which they used during basketball season. Loud cheers and flying skirts added much pep and color to our football and basketball games.

The squad, consisting of Anna Geitner, Carol Kay, Shirley Stewart, Eleanor Hackes, Rosemary Pentland, Muriel Muse, Pat Byrne, Loretta Trione, Lois Philport and Janet Book, has done much in supporting our teams and keeping the spirit of the fans high this year.



## BASKETBALL

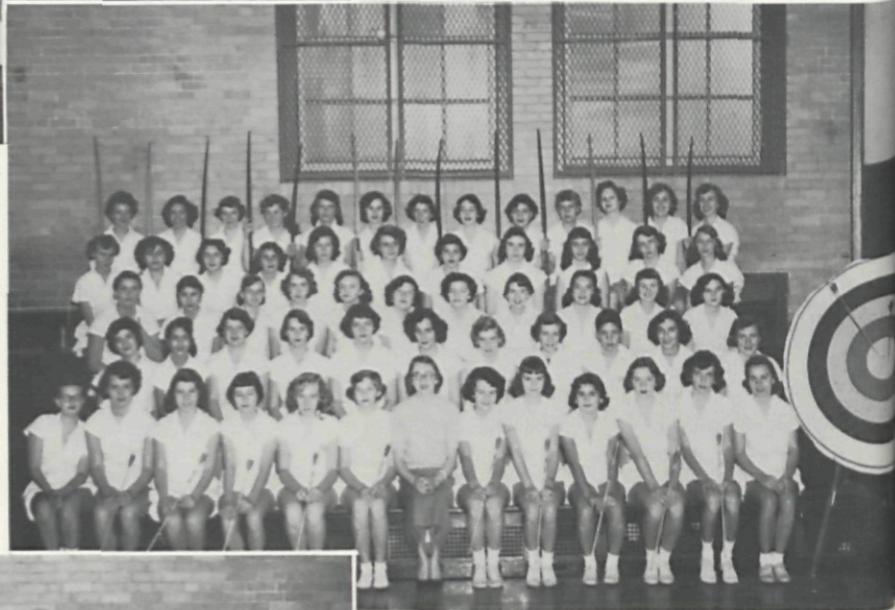
MISS ILARIA  
Adviser

CATHERINE CROSSLEY  
Manager

## ARCHERY

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RUTH AEHLICH  
Manager



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MISS DeLEYER  
Adviser

JOYCE MIESCH  
Manager

## SOFTBALL

MISS DeLEYER  
Adviser

BEVERLY ZESTER  
Manager



## REFRESHMENT COMMITTEE

MISS DeLEYER  
MISS ILARIA  
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MARLENE DZAMA  
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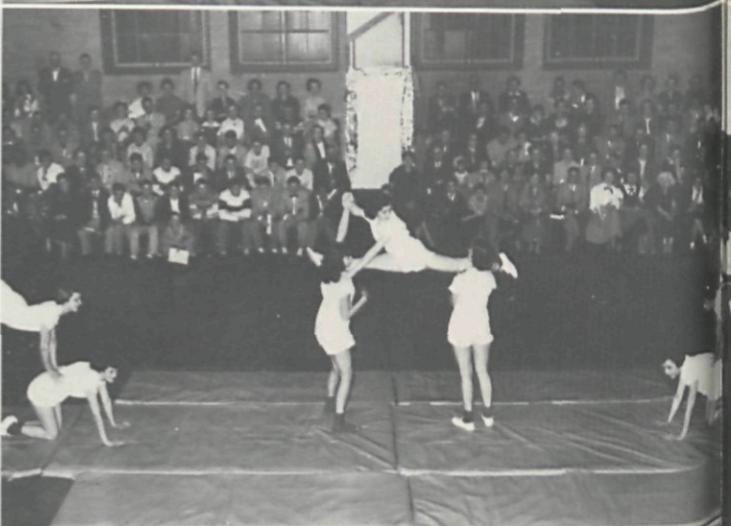
MISS DeLEYER  
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## LEADERETTES

MISS DeLEYER  
MISS ILARIA  
Advisers





# 14TH ANNUAL GIRLS' SHOW

Mount Olympus and Neptunes' Kingdom were the themes for this year's Girls' Show, which was presented on April 2. The Greens, under the leadership of Lynn Ackerman carried out the marine theme while the Whites, lead by Anna Marie Gaita followed the theme of Egyptian Gods and soldiers.

The Whites won entrance, and tumbling while the Greens took cheering, relays, and basketball. The Greens were victorious and therefore have two wins over the Whites.

The chiefs, along with the committee-heads and all the girls did a great deal to make this one of the best Girls' Shows in Valley's history.

Miss Ellen DeLeyer and Miss Lorraine Ilaria guided the activities and Geraldine Finegan was President of the G. A. A.



## Student Government Association

The Student Government Association under President Marvin Kuyper; Vice President Vincent Gorski; Secretary Anita Castile; and Treasurer Katherine Farace continued its fine work. With the guidance of Mr. Michael Gatti and the co-operation of the student body, the organization was able to successfully carry out the year's business.

The officers participated in the Lakeland Conference Student Council, which is striving for better relations between the Conference schools.



## HONOR SOCIETY

Membership in the Honor Society is the highest honor that can be bestowed on any student in the school.

When a student is admitted to this organization, he receives a coveted key. This honor represents outstanding scholastic achievements, service rendered to the school, and participation in school activities.

A student is admitted to the Honor Society at either the end of the junior year or the end of the senior year.



## TRI-HI-Y

This able organization is well advised by Miss Adra Tiessen. The club, made up entirely of girls, is a service group. Its aims are to promote better citizenship and Christian character throughout the school and the community.

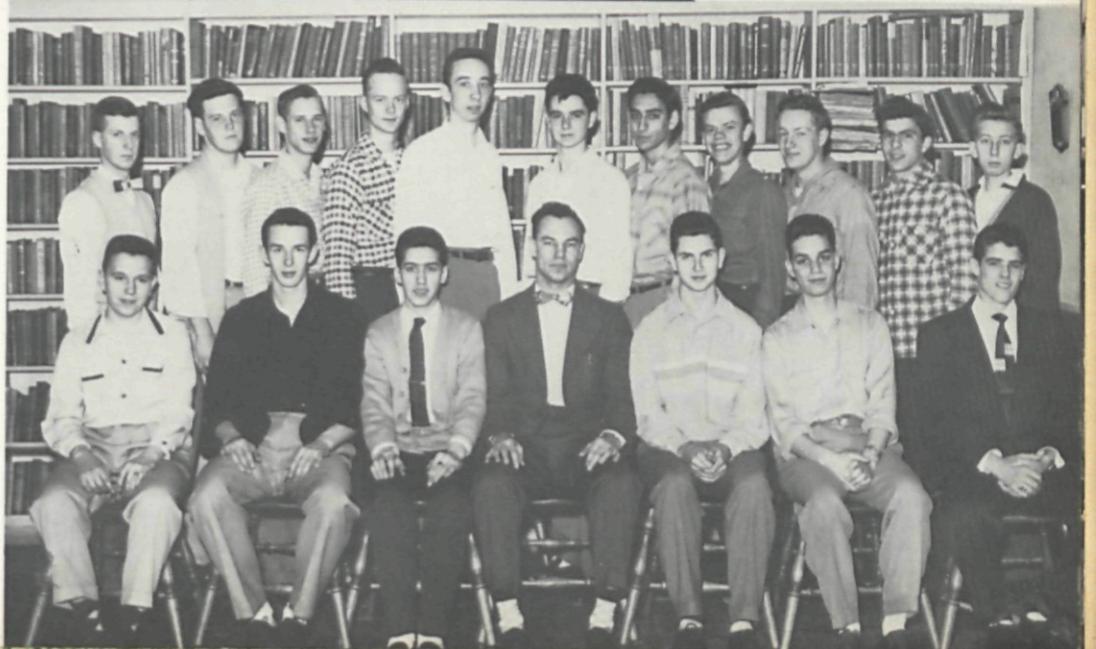
The officers for this year were: Nadine Skuby, President; Shirley Yankosky, Vice President; Jean Coschignano, Secretary; Frances Hermanoski, Treasurer; Patricia Coffey, Chaplain; and Marlene Dzama, Historian.



## HI-Y

The Hi-Y is an organization which promotes service to the school and the community. With Mr. Kean as their adviser, the Hi-Y has had a very successful year.

Officers for this year were: Vincent Gorski, President; Arthur Booth, Vice President; Harold Schaffer, Secretary; Craig Daniels, Treasurer; Rodney Valentine, Chaplain; and Marvin Kuyper, Historian.





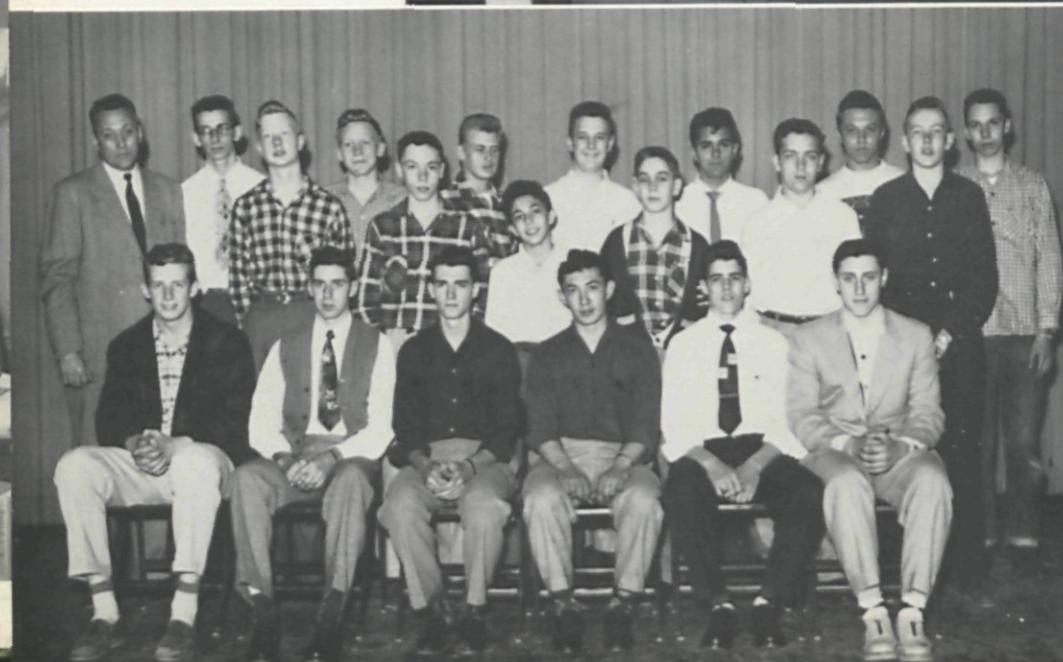
### ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE

This committee, under the guidance of Mrs. Chiocca, had the responsibility of selecting films and preparing shows for the entertainment of the student body.

Their annual production is a school talent show for which prizes are awarded.

### THE LIBRARY AIDS

The Library Aids, under the direction of Miss Miller, render a distinctive service to the school by repairing books, straightening shelves, arranging bulletin board displays and performing many other tasks in the library. By participating in this organization it is possible to earn as many as eight extra-curricular activity points.



### STAGE AND LIGHTING CREW

The beautiful lighting effects seen in various presentations of the year were made possible through the effort and skill of the Lighting Crew under the direction of Mr. Kuziora. Sets and props used in Valley Varieties and Senior Play were provided by the Stage Crew, assisted by Mr. Worden.

Officers for this year were: Ralph Marra, President; Marvin Kuyper, Vice President; Albert Anthony, Treasurer.

## ART SERVICE CORPS

Under the direction of Mr. Kuziora, the Art Service Corps of Passaic Valley has provided the necessary art work for a great number of presentations held throughout the year. This organization consists of students who are interested in the field and who are willing to devote time and effort toward producing work used in the various activities.

The officers were Gene Fazio, President; Sam Ragusa, Vice President; Nancy Webb, Secretary; Mona Gregg, Treasurer.



## MASQUE AND SANDAL

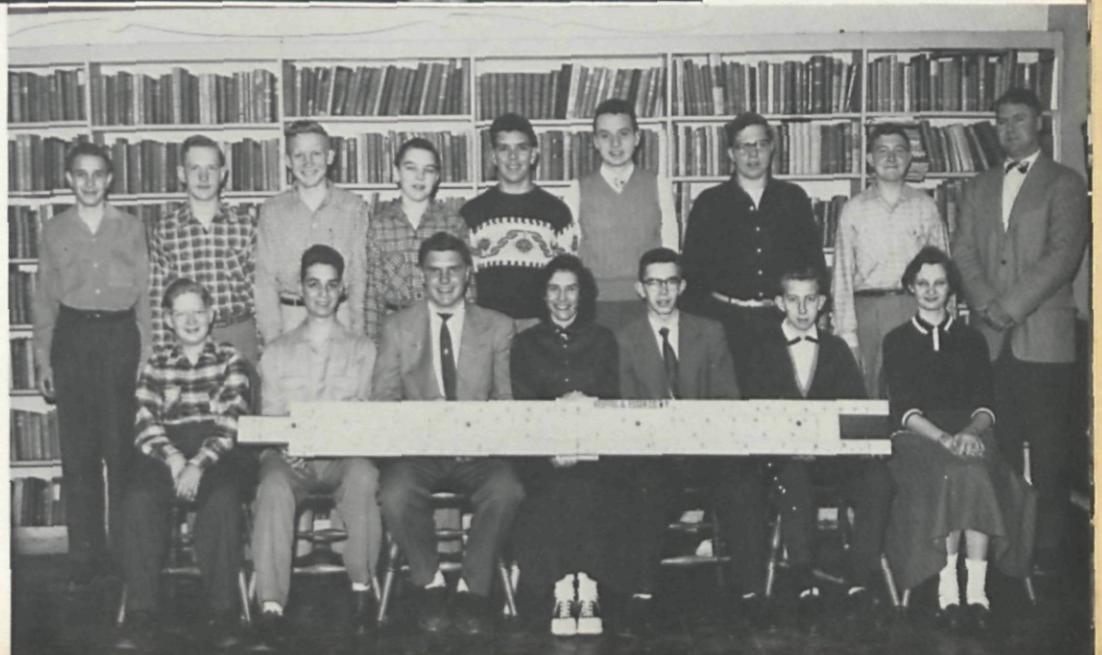
The Masque and Sandal, an outstanding organization of Valley, provides students with a closer understanding of the dramatic field. Assisted by Miss Tiessen, they present annually a group of one-act plays for the sole purpose of acquainting students with theatrical productions.

They have had a successful year under the leadership of Jack Wootton, President; Carol Swithers, Vice President; Joan Seugling, Secretary; Lee Erholm, Treasurer.

## EiII

The newly organized Math Club, EiII, under the direction of Mr. Hoover, has met with considerable success. The members acquaint themselves more fully with mathematical procedures. The opportunity for further knowledge is offered to students taking Math in this organization.

This year's officers were: Shere Sundra, President; Donald Butterworth, Vice President; Randy Castile, Secretary; and Craig Daniels, Treasurer.





### COMMERCIAL CLUB

The Commercial Club, consisting of students in the business curriculum, provides opportunity to familiarize members with commercial procedures.

The members have taken field trips to places where business methods are applied.

The officers are: Geraldine Jones, President; Rosemarie Curto, Vice President; Jean Pearson, Secretary-Treasurer.

The organization is under the guidance of Mrs. Williams.

### COMMERCIAL SERVICE CORPS

The Commercial Service Corps provides some excellent opportunities to apply information taught in the business curriculum of Passaic Valley. The members of this organization serve teachers in typing, filing, or running off a ditto or stencil. Under the guidance of Mrs. Griswold, the group has successfully carried out its purpose.



### AUDIO-VISUAL AIDS

Under the supervision of Mr. Kean, the Audio-Visual organization of Valley has provided the student body with many fine films of entertainment and education. This group works with the projectors and acoustics in the presentation of motion pictures throughout the school year.

## PRE-NURSING CLUB

This club is composed of most of the girls who intend to enter the nursing profession. The objectives of the club are to acquaint the students with the requirements necessary to enter nursing and to aid them in their selection of a hospital. They had a very successful year under the guidance of Miss Helen Angel, Adviser; and under the leadership of Carol Swithers, President; Lorraine McAlpine, Vice President; Patricia Coffey, Secretary; Barbara Cropco, Treasurer.



## ATTENDANCE CHECKERS

These girls perform a valuable service to the school by collecting attendance slips and helping out in the office. They are selected by the office and work during their study periods. These girls are given credit for their work and it is appreciated by the office staff.



## JUNIOR POLICE

This year, as in the past, the Junior Police have rendered an outstanding service to the school by assisting at all school events and directing traffic on school grounds. Their adviser for the year was Mr. McGuirk.





Christmas Choir

## Music Department

The music department is the largest functioning organization in P.V. and always has had a high standard to uphold.

We have enjoyed the fine singing of our chorus and choir at our assemblies and other performances. During the course of the year the choir and chorus have had much rehearsing and hard work to do. This year Passaic Valley was represented by students in the All-State Concert held in Atlantic City.

The Christmas Choir is open to all members of the student body. This year marked the participation of more students than in any previous year. The concert was very enjoyable and successful.

A great deal of thanks and appreciation should be given to Mr. Sirch for the fine work he has done as head of this department.



Choir



## Band

This year our P. V. Band has shown the school what it is really capable of achieving. Under the very able leadership of Mr. Peter Sirch, our band put on many well organized shows at the half-time during football season. These shows did much to keep school spirit high and were thoroughly enjoyed by all present.

Aside from football season activities the band has remained continually active throughout the school year by performing in pep rallies, marching in parades, and presenting a very successful Concert.

We at Passaic Valley are proud of our band and appreciate the work it has done and is doing for our Alma Mater.



PETER SIRCH  
Director

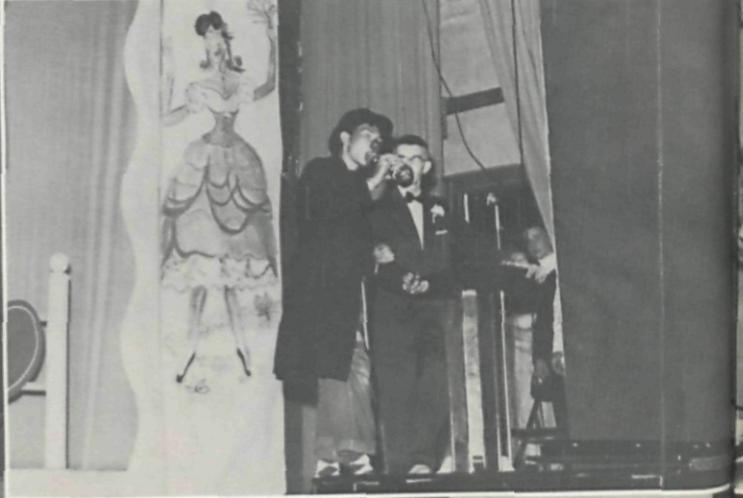


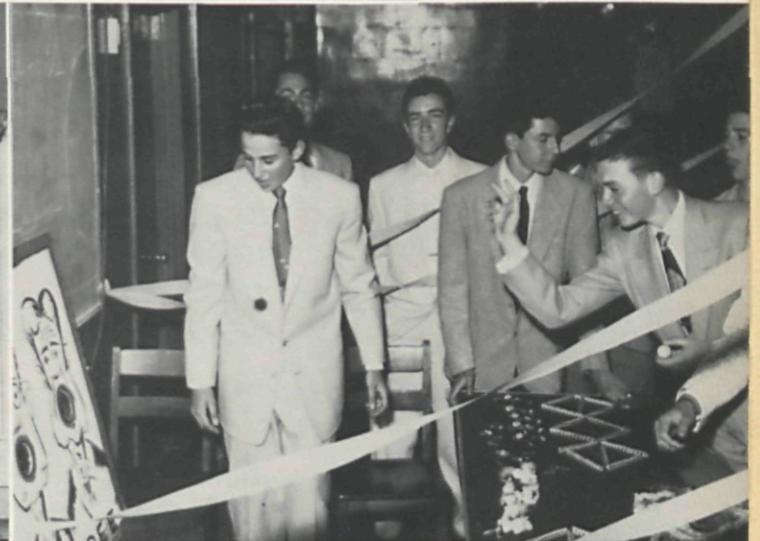
**Valley Varieties**  
 "How To Propose"  
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 7:30 - 2 SHOWS - 9:00  
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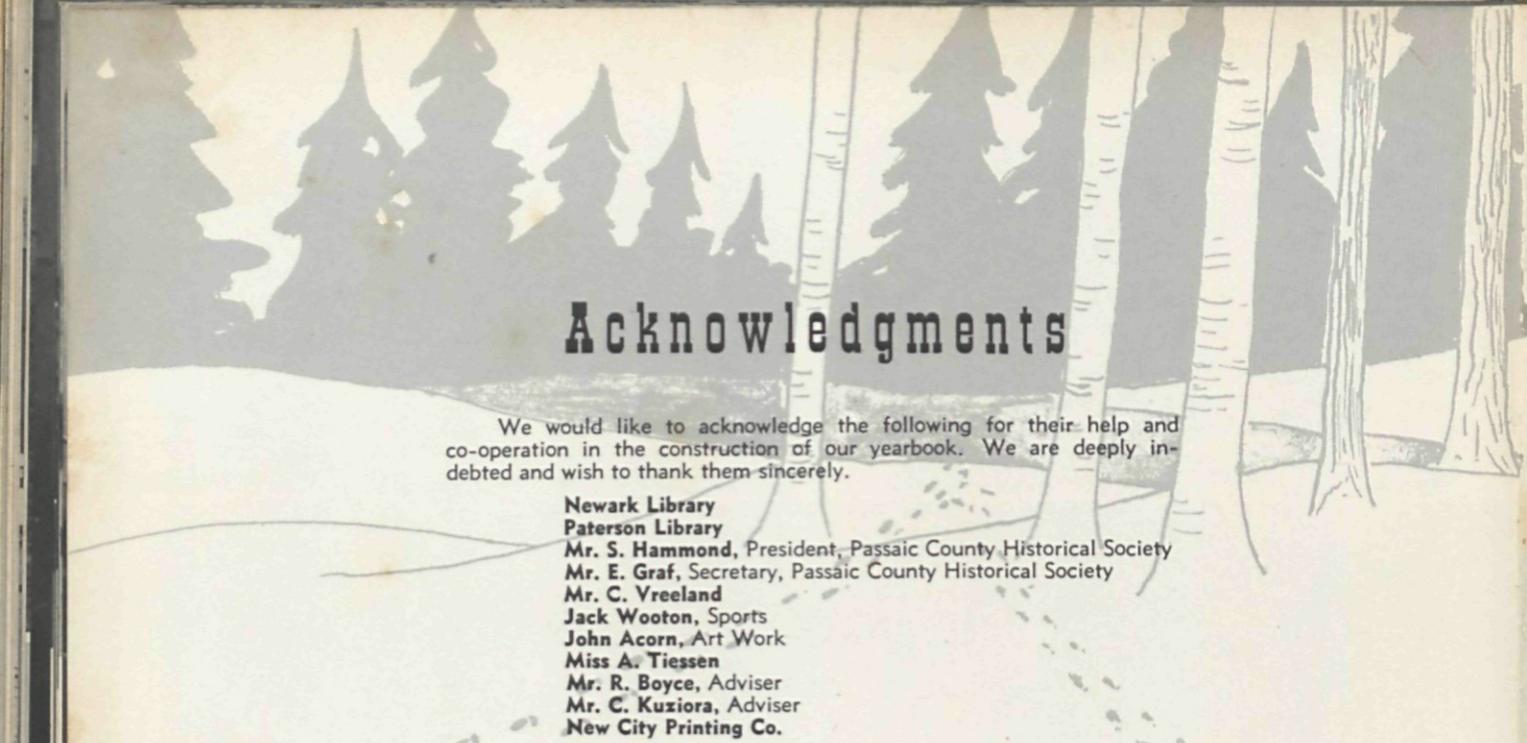
On April 30, 1954, the annual Valley Varieties was presented. The auditorium show, "How To Propose," which depicted in musical comedy the proposals of man through the ages, was under the direction of Miss Adra Tiessen and Mr. Peter Sirch.

A buffet supper was served in the cafeteria. Two films were shown in the library; games were played in the gymnasium; and refreshments, flowers, pictures, and other gifts were sold.

The grand finale was held in the gym and the highlight of the evening was the crowning of Marvin Kuyper and Anita Castile, King and Queen of Valley Varieties.



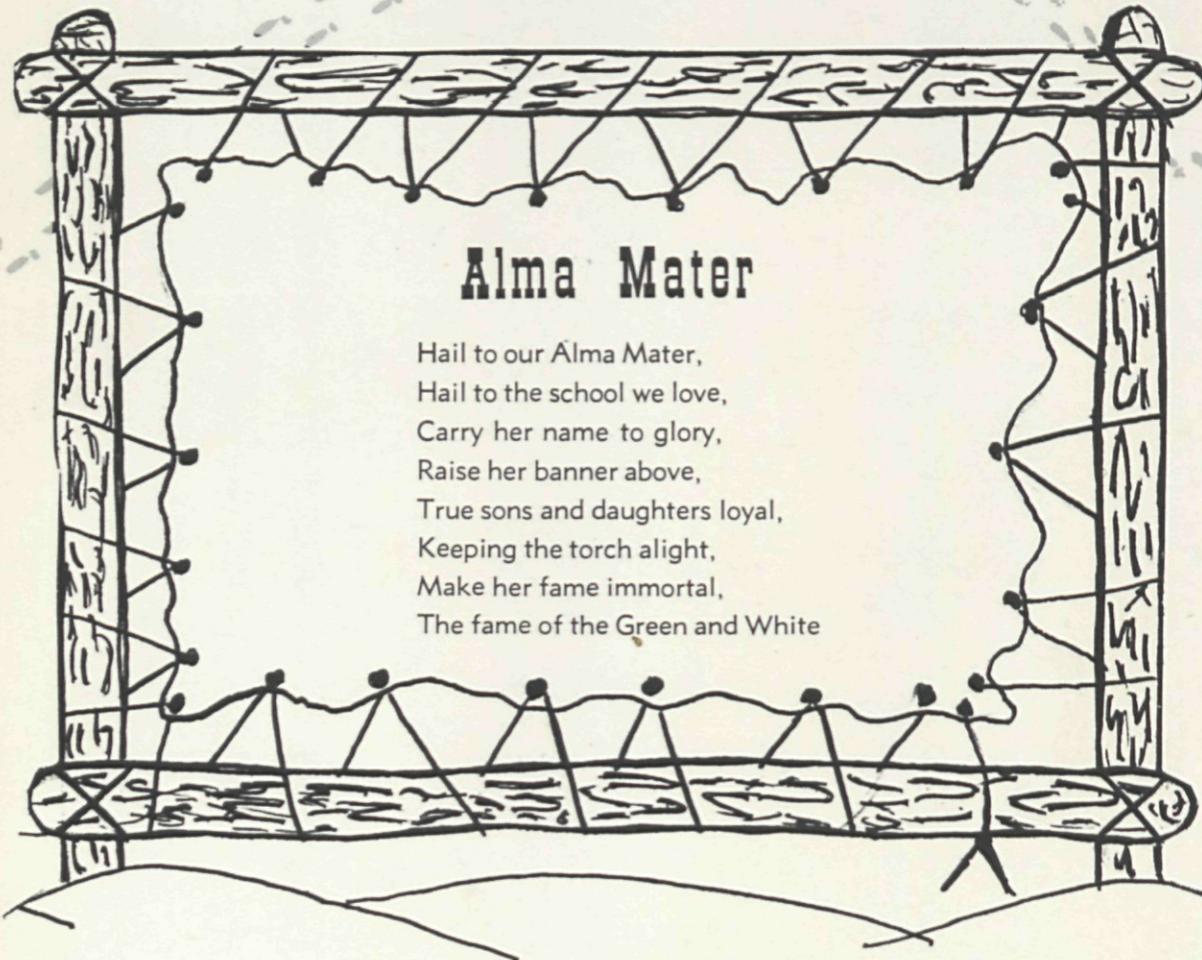




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## Alma Mater

Hail to our Alma Mater,  
Hail to the school we love,  
Carry her name to glory,  
Raise her banner above,  
True sons and daughters loyal,  
Keeping the torch alight,  
Make her fame immortal,  
The fame of the Green and White

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