

GRADUATING CLASS OF 1940

Class Motto: "Onward and Upward"

Class Colors: Pink and blue

Class Flower: White rose

Class Night---May 31, 1940

Baccalaureate---June 2, 1940

Commencement---June 3, 1940

HIGH SCHOOL FACULTY

Mr. LeRoy Bell.....	Superintendent
Mr. Nicholas Musselman.....	Principal
Mrs. Joy Clemow.....	Commerce
Mrs. Edith Bearup.....	Social Science
Miss Marie Paulic.....	Mathematics
Miss Tana Magnotta.....	Language
Miss Verna Stark.....	English
Miss Esther Gowan.....	Science
Miss Ethel Lewis.....	Home Economics
Mr. Clare McDurmon.....	Social Science
Mr. Thomas Kerrey.....	Agriculture
Mr. Kenneth Barnhill	Physical Education

OUR LAST GOOD-BYE

Day in, day out
The same old feeling will follow
us about
"So Many Memories" sometimes we
think we'll cry,
So many thought of you that simply
will not die.
Although we have gone,
Our dreams linger on
Of school days that are gone
Like the leaves that have blown away.
Our thoughts back to you will often
stray
And we'll remember this moment
And wrap this picture in a drem,
For engraved in our hearts sincere
and true
We say our "Last Good-bye" to you.

---Gerry Schubel

SENIOR FACTS

ESTHER WHITMYER "WHITY"

Pet Peeve: Bossy people
Disposition: Quick tempered, jolly
Ambition: To be J. P. Morgan's secretary
Glee Club '37 Class treasurer '39
H. E. Club '37, '38 Tennis '38
Commerce Club '39, '40 Operetta '38
Commerce Club V. Pres. '40 Student Council '40

RUTH HOSKINS "RUTHIE"

Pet Peeve: "Too good" people
Disposition: Enthusiastic
Ambition: To be a good secretary
Commerce Club '39, '40 Junior Play
Glee Club '37, '39 Declamations '37, '38
H. E. Club '37, '38, '39, '40 Operetta '37, '39
Principal's secretary '40

ROBERT HITCHCOCK "HITCHIE"

Pet Peeve: Student teachers
Disposition: Quiet
Ambition: To be a detective
Golf '38, '39, '40

DON TYLER

Pet Peeve: None
Disposition: Humorous
Ambition: To own a farm
Dramatic Club '38 Junior & Senior Plays
F. F. A. '37 Debating '37, '38, '39
Class Vice President '39

GERRY SCHUBEL

Pet Peeve: Irrksome people
Disposition: Good natured unless irked
Ambition: To be a success
Athletic Association Pres. '40 H. E. Club '37, '38
Student Council '40 Operetta '37
Tennis '37, '38, '39 Librarian '37
Junior Play Girl Scout '37
Commerce Club '40 Debate '39
H. E. Play '38 Class Poem '40

CHARLOTTE PAGE "CHAR"

Pet Peeve: Not having red hair
Disposition: Depends on people & weather
Ambition: To be a "career gal"

MURREL LARNER

Pet Peeve: People who lie, brag, quarrel
Disposition: Swell
Ambition: To work in a machine shop
F. F. A. '37, '38, '39, '40 Track '38

MARJORIE CHRISTIAN "MARG"

Pet Peeve: Conceited people
Disposition: Flighty
Ambition: To be a voice teacher
Glee Club '37, '38, '39, '40 H. E. Club '37
Operetta '37, '38, '40 Commerce Club '40

RODNEY WATERS "ROD"

Pet Peeve: Arguing people
Disposition: Very adaptable
Ambition: To get the most out of life
Science Club '38 Football '38, '39
Tennis '38 Baseball '37, '38
Junior Class V. President '38 Student Council '39
Basketball '37, '38, '39 Class Will '40

MARJORIE CHAPMAN "MIDGE"

Pet Peeve: Fakers
Disposition: Willful
Ambition: To be a good social worker
H. E. Club '37, '38, '39, '40 Operetta '37, '39
Commerce Club '39, '40

LOUISE VAN DYKE "WEZIE"

Pet Peeve: "Snotty" people
Disposition: Quiet
Ambition: To have a happy home
Glee Club '37

MARY ANN EDGAR

Pet Peeve: Arguing with one as stubborn as herself
Disposition: Bright with intermittent dumb streaks
Ambition: To have a nice soft job after college
H. E. Club '37, '38, '39, '40 Senior Play
Student Council Sec. '40 Industrial Arts Club '38
Class Treasurer '37 Commerce Club '39, '40
Class President '39 Glee Club '37
Assembly Committee '38 Operetta '37
Debating '39 Golf '39, '40
Tennis '37, '38, '39, '40 Salutatorian '40

ROBERT McKANE "FLASH"

Pet Peeve: "Know it all" people

Disposition: Wild and wooly

Ambition: South America or bust!

Football '38, '39	Chieftain Editor '40
Basketball '37, '38	Band '37
Junior & Senior Plays	Class President '40
Jr-Sr. Banquet Toastmaster '39	

ESTHER BECKER "BECKY"

Pet Peeve: Purple

Disposition: Stubborn

Ambition: To be a lawyer's private secretary

Class Secretary '39	Commerce Club '39, '40
Class Treasurer '40	Industrial Arts Club '38
Librarian '37, '39, '40	Class History '40

WAYNE HOKE "BUTCH"

Pet Peeve: Okemos High

Disposition: Quiet; understanding

Ambition: To see the world (not the navy!)

Football '38, '39	Class Treasurer '38
Basketball '38, '39	Class Vice-President '40

DOROTHEA BROWN "DOT"

Pet Peeve: Fair weather friends

Disposition: Quiet

Glee Club '37	Commerce Club '39, '40
H. E. Club	Class Prophecy '40

CHARLES NATHAN GREENE "NATE"

Pet Peeve: Fickle women

Disposition: Happy-go-lucky

Ambition: To be a farmer & rural mail man

Football '37, '38, '39	Operetta '37, '38, '39
Football Captain '40	Glee Club '37, '38
Basketball '37, '38, '39, '40	Drum Major '38
F. F. A. '37, '38, '39, '40	Student Council '40
F. F. A. President '40	Class Prophecy '40

PAULINE LANG "POLLY"

Pet Peeve: Conspicuous people

Disposition: Conscientious

Ambition: To be an efficient office girl

Girl Scouts '37	Class president '38
Glee Club '37, '40	Assembly Comm. Chairman '40
Commerce Club '39, '40	Operetta '40
H. E. Club '37, '38, '39, '40	Class History '40
H. E. Club treasurer '38, '40	

RUBY ALLEN "RED"

Pet Peeve: Nagging people

Disposition: Quiet; determined

Ambition: To own my own home

Student Council '40

Glee Club '37, '40

H. E. Club '37, '38, '39

Librarian '39, '40

Commerce Club '40

Operetta '40

BETTE MINGUS "MINGY"

Pet Peeve: English people thinking they're royalty

Disposition: Friendly; moody

Ambition: Singer; commercial artist

Glee Club '37, '39, '40

H. E. Club '37

Glee Club Librarian '40

Industrial Arts Club '38

Commerce Club '39

Operetta '37, '39, '40

BARBARA VAN HALST "BARB"

Pet Peeve: Student teachers

Disposition: Depends on surroundings

Ambition: To work on the staff of the "New York Sun"

Glee Club '37

H. E. Club '37, '38

Debating '37, '38, '39

Class Prophecy '40

Junior & Senior Plays

PEARL HARMON "BLUE EYES"

Pet Peeve: Jealous people

Disposition: Peace-loving

Ambition: To be a good homemaker

H. E. Club '37, '38, '39, '40

Glee Club '37, '39, '40

Commerce Club '39, '40

Glee Club treasurer '39

Commerce Club treasurer '40

Class Secretary-Treasurer
'37

MARY ELIZABETH SHIPLEY "BETTY"

Pet Peeve: Jealous people

Disposition: Happy; stubborn

Ambition: To be a good wife

H. E. Club '37, '38, '39, '40

Glee Club '37, '38

GERALD MILLER

Pet Peeve: Being called Jerald

Disposition: Solitary

Ambition: To have nothing to do but tend bees

F. F. A. '37, '38, '39

Student Council '39

Junior Play

Class History '40

DON CUDWORTH

Pet Peeve: Hecklers

Disposition: Varies

Ambition: To get through college

Football '37, '38, '39, '40

Glee Club '37, '38

Track '38, '39, '40

Tennis '38, '39, '40

Basketball '37, '38, '39, '40

Junior Play

Golf

Athletic Association '38, '39

Class Will '40

ROBERT PHELPS "BOB"

Pet Peeve: Crabby people

Disposition: Happy

Ambition: To get steady work

Band '38, '39

Operetta '40

Golf '38, '39, '40

ANNE MANDENBERG

Pet Peeve: None

Disposition: Amiable

Ambition: To be a chemist

Orchestra '39

Assembly Comm. Sec'y '39, '40

H. E. Club '37, '38, '39, '40

Junior & Senior Plays

H. E. Club President '39

Glee Club '37

Assembly Committee '39, '40

Valedictorian '40

TOM SHIELDS

Pet Peeve: None

Disposition: Carefree

Ambition: To become as independent as possible

Glee Club '37, '38

Operetta '37

Football '37

F.F.A. '37, '38, '39, '40

Basketball '37, '38

CHARLES STACK "CHUCK"

Pet Peeve: None

Disposition: Very good

Ambition: To be a good pilot, and make lots
of money

Basketball '37, '38, '39

Football '37

Track '38, '39

F.F.A. '37, '38, '39

MARIAN JEAN HOGLE "JEAN"

Pet Peeve: Conceited people

Disposition: Irresistible

Ambition: To be a good homemaker

Glee Club '37, '39, '40

Commerce Club '39, '40

Glee Club Sec'y '40

Commerce Club Sec'y '40

H. E. Club '37, '38, '39

Class Secretary '40

H. E. Club Sec'y '37

Senior Play

KENNETH DAVIS "KEN"

Pet Peeve: Shaving so often

Disposition: Fair

Ambition: To be a good farmer or to play
baseball in a good league

F.F.A. '37, '38, '39, '40

Baseball '37, '38, '39, '40

F.F.A. treasurer '40

CONSTANCE HOKE "CONNIE"

Pet Peeve: Meddling teachers

Disposition: Temperamental

Ambition: To be a nurse

Library Club '37

Glee Club '39

H. E. Play '38

Operetta '39

Class Sec'y '37

Senior Play

Dramatics Club '38

DOROTHY HUBER "DOT"

Pet Peeve: None

Disposition: Happy-go-lucky

Ambition: To be a good housekeeper

Glee Club '36

Commerce Club '39

DUANE HONSOWETZ

Pet Peeve: College prep

Disposition: Semi-serious

Ambition: To be a professional trapper

F.F.A. '37, '38, '39

Baseball '38

Band '38, '39, '40

Junior Play

Football '39, '40

SALUTATORY

The Senior Class of 1940 wishes to welcome you to its commencement exercises. As the word implies, we are commencing. What each of us will be commencing will be entirely up to us; some continuing in school, others starting in entirely new fields, some varying but little from their present pattern of life.

For you who are attending this commencement to feel that you are going to give these and other graduates a hearty welcome into their different surroundings should produce a feeling of immeasurable satisfaction; more so if you can see direct results of your help.

Students graduating in earlier days had several opportunities waiting for them. Now there may be opportunities but people need a little assistance in locating them because they are increasingly hard to find.

All of you are in daily contact with the world of business and can see these opportunities. If you use these opportunities, fine; but not to enable someone to take advantage of them is indeed a mistake.

To stifle the enthusiasm that these students are experiencing tonight, is the wrong thing to do and to say that you received no help, why should they?, is the wrong attitude to take. You may sit down and say, "Let the government take care of them". That is the lazy way. True, the government is doing all it can, but it needs your support and every individual doing his part. Its such oppression that leads young Americans to radical thoughts and to the path of degradation which so many young people, in desperation, follow.

The students of today are the lawmakers of tomorrow. And education, whether it may come by experience or further schooling, is still one of the best ways to insure our civilization.

For you to give confidence and inspiration to the graduate is to mold the future citizen of the best nation in the world.

Mary Ann Edgar

VALEDICTORY

EDUCATION AND DEMOCRACY

For a decade the democracy of the world has been confronted by a crisis. One of the major effects this crisis has had on the character and policy of democratic nations is the revival of nationalism and an increasing awareness of the essentially democratic things. The most important of these things is education.

The purpose of schools and education is to preserve the individual. Education along any line must create in a person an awareness of himself. Awareness of oneself certainly cannot be understood as awareness of height and weight. There is an awareness of more fundamentals than that.

The Americans have been going on now for a good many years taking pretty much everything in the way of government and democracy for granted. That is because the individual freedom, the theory of democracy is natural to us. We have always had it. When the United States of America was established, the constitution granted freedom of speech, religion, and press to its citizens. Now everything so long taken for granted is being challenged. We are forced to rethink the meaning of our government. We have gone on for years thinking of government as a sort of factual arrangement of mere convenience. But now we find that government in our democracy is instituted that we may regard ourselves as an individual more fully.

The difference between an educated and an uneducated person is not a mere difference of one being armed to make a living and the other not. The educated person the world over is now more aware of his inner self. This is amply indicated in the world today. The allies and the neutrals have been slow to fight and unwilling to throw away democratic systems and ideals. They have been reluctant to adopt weapons, treacheries, and the regimental discipline of their opponents. They hope to create peace by maintaining democracy and its rights.

These countries have been educated to democracy. They deny that the state is everything and the individual nothing. They believe, as we Americans do, that each person individually and severally is a great consideration. Yet others believe that the state is everything. Why? Because they have not been educated; they are not aware of themselves as individuals.

VALEDICTORY (concluded)

Because of this, we democratic nations must not stop our education now. For our future safety we must keep on thinking and contributing our best thoughts and energies to bringing about democracy in the whole world. We must realize that education improves and preserves it.

Anne Mandenberg

GIFTATORY

Tonight brings our high school days to an end. I am sure you will all cherish fond memories of the pleasant times you have had. To make these memories even more real and lasting I wish to present each of you with a little gift.

It wouldn't be Ruby Allen without red hair, so to her we give this bottle of red hair dye---for her old age.

To Marjorie Chapman, our second "Ann Page" and "Ida Jean Kane", we bequeath this box of bicarbonate to relieve her stomach after her "well" planned meal.

Seeing Wayne Hoke tries so very hard to grow a mustache, we would like to present him with one that will stay with him for a while.

To Bob Phelps who ~~yearns~~ to own a new car we present this key which belongs to a certain 1941 Packard, more power to you to find the car.

Tom Shields once said "I'll always be happy as long as I'm not broke" seeing he takes this optimistic attitude we give him this piggy bank with a savings account attached.

Since Esther Becker plans to attend college next fall-----here is a list of bachelors at Western State, Becky.

To Dortha Brown we present this cedar chest. As long as she obtains this her outlook on the future will not be hopeless.

Seeing Murrel Larner simply adores red---here is a red lantern to remind him of Ruby.

Anne Mandenberg, we hear they have no tardy slips in M.S.C. classes, so we would like to give you an alarm clock to check upon your promptness.

To Marian Hogle, our recipe hunter----you know Marian hasn't been the same since the Ladies' Home Journal has authorized those delicious meals--we would like to give her a cook book.

I'm telling you, if you all don't know by now, that Barbara VanHalst is a great imitator. We would like to present her with this book of animal and bird calls.

GIFTATORY (continued)

To Don Tyler, our great athlete, we present this book of outdoor games. I'm sure he'll have a "jolley" good time.

Among every group there is that certain touch of glamour. To Charlotte Page we give these artificial eyelashes.

In our midst we have a future baseball player--to Kenneth Davis we present this pencil to sign a big league contract.

Robert McKane has facination for policemen; to him we present this police badge.

To Ruth Hoskins, our efficient little secretary, we give this eraser for typing errors.

To Nate Greene, our future farmer of America, we present this chicken. This is one means of a start for that much longed for farm.

Pearl Harmon always wanted to build a house. To her we bequeath this set of building blocks.

Everyone knows Bette Mingus is always missing the bus, so to her we present this means of transportation, a bicycle. No reason why you should be absent now.

Louise Van Dyke has a mania for poems. To her we give this book of verse.

Seeing that Esther Whitmyer is a perfect whizz at Bookkeeping, we wish to present her with a bottle of red ink. Just in case it gets you in the red, throw it away.

It is evident that Charles Stack is an up and coming aviator so to him we give this parachute to use in case of emergency.

To Rod Waters, our sports enthusiast, we present this ping-pong ball. If you can supply a couple of paddles, a fast game of ping-pong is in store for you.

In hunting season Bob Hitchcock, is nowhere to be found but out in the open spaces tracking down rabbits. Just in case his gun proves useless, we present him with this sling-shot.

To Donald Cudworth, our Izzac Walton, we give this ruler so no mistakes can be made when you have that fish on the hook.

GIFTATORY (concluded)

To Gerry Schubel who plans to be a dramatic actress, we present this picture of Shirley Temple.

I am sure everyone has seen more or less of Dorothy Huber's big Oldsmobile. Just in case there comes a day when she doesn't have it--here's something that will keep a memory of it for her.

To Mary Ann Edgar we give this package of pancake flour. No reason why you should smuggle pancakes now!

Pauline Lang readily deserves this reporters' tag. She reports all the news to the State Journal.

To Bette Shipley we present this bathtub. May it recall many pleasant memories.

Though these gifts prove of little money value, may they prove a great value to your memories of our high school days at Okemos together.

Connie Hoke
Duane Honsowetz

CLASS WILL

We, the Senior Class of Okemos High School, class of 1940, being sick of these books, boredom, and bunk, but sound of mind and body, wish to bequeath our last will and testimony in the year of our Lord, One Thousand Nine Hundred and Forty.

I, Tom Shields, will my winning smile to Milton McKellan.

I, Ruth Hoskins, will my position as the class "model secretary" to Ruth Woodworth.

I, Gerald Miller, will my ability as a "master craftsman" to Edward Smith.

I, Wayne Hoke, will my curling iron to Frank Rogers.

I, Connie Hoke, will my temperamental attitude to Violet Richey.

I, Mary Ann Edgar, will my amiable disposition to Opal Martin.

I, Anne Mandenberg, will my marks to Erwin Cooley.

I, Ruby Allen, will my ability to keep a steady boyfriend to Jessie Amiot.

I, Robert McKane, will my presidency to Temple Tenny.

I, Marjorie Christian, will my ability as a "warbler" to Norma Aldrich.

I, Louise Van Dyke, will my quiet, sentimental ways to Helen Stack.

I, Pearl Harmon, will my ability to get my man to Esther Larkins.

I, Don Cudworth, will my typing ability to Marian Edwards.

I, Rodney Waters, will my ability to get along with teachers to Wally Guile.

I, Pauline Lang, will my dignity to Letty Lou Travengo.

I, Bette Mingus, will my "Kate Smith" ability and figure to Renee Scott.

I, Bette Shipley, will my dancing ability and love for the Bath village to Mary Cooper.

CLASS WILL (concluded)

I, Barbara Van Halst, will all my good habits to Grace Van Alstine.

I, Esther Becker, will my ability to get along with Mrs. Clemow to Lois Jolley.

I, Bob Phelps, will my Model "A" to Ken McMannus.

I, Charlotte Page, will my gift of gab to Katherine Trute.

I, Dorothy Huber, will 40 lbs. to Dale Burch.

I, Esther Whitmyer, will my laugh to Laura Hitchcock.

I, Marian Hogle, will my love for chubby people to Tom Paton.

I, Nate Greene, will my athletic ability to Dan Hovanesian.

I, Robert Hitchcock, will my "good looks" to Lasrence Shepherd.

I, Duane Honsowetz, will my ability to get a girl friend to Berkley Edwards.

I, Charles Stack, will my ability to interrupt student council meetings with an airplane to Carl LaFarge.

I, Marjorie Chapman, will my meekness to Rex Brenner.

I, Gerry Schubel, will my frankness to Nelson Davis.

I, Don Tyler, will nothing to Nobody.

I, Ken Davis, will my reputation as class "wooer" to Orville Counterman.

Donald Cudworth
Rodney Waters

Witnesses:

CENSUS OF NINETEEN-FIFTY

I, Barbara Van Halst, have been commissioned by Roosevelt's fifth term administration to read to you a report on the 1950 census of the class of forty. This report has been carefully compiled by Dortha Brown, Nate Greene, and myself.

RUBY ALLEN--LARNER, resident of Lansing, mixing successfully two careers; that of instructor of a beauty academy, and making a home for her husband, Murrel Larner, who is employed at Okemos spraying trees.

ESTHER BECKER, successful career woman of Chicago. Her profession is planning budgets for young newly weds.

DORTHEA BROWN--GREENE, R.D. #3 Lansing, married, wife of Nate Greene and mother of four boys. Her husband is an experimental farmer for the college.

MARJORIE CHAPMAN, of Lansing, employee of the State Journal. She collects ads---help wanted, males only.

DON CUDWORTH, resident of Hollywood, star of two current hits, "Micky Mouse" and "Dead End Kids". Twice arrested for Income Tax Evasion!

MARJORIE CHRISTIAN, metropolitan Prima Donna; known in private life as Mrs. Stanley Pierce.

KENNETH DAVIS, route #4, Mason; Occupation--farmer. Owner of a very modernly equipped farm; does most of his work with a team of mules.

MARY ANN EDGAR of Chicago; employed with a traveling agency with a RE-ceeding salary.

PEARL HARMON--HEINISER, citizen of Lansing; homemaker, mother of two boys and three girls.

WAYNE HOKE, Lansing, Michigan. Clerk at the Market Basket---confronted with the problem of how the holes get into Swiss Cheese.

MARIAN HOGLE of Lansing. Is said to have the world's largest and most complete collection of cooking recipes ever known. She may be heard over the radio every morning at ten o'clock on a local station, where she conducts a radio cooking class.

CENSUS (continued)

DUANE HONSOWETZ, world's greatest animal trapper. His name ranks with Frank Buck. He has recently invented the latest thing in mouse traps.

RUTH HOSKINS, resident of St. Louis. First, the perfect secretary, now the perfect wife. She married her boss.

PAULINE LANG of Lansing; doing Civil Service work, active supporter of the Old Age Pension.

ANNE MANDENBERG, now traveling in Europe. She is employed as Mrs. Vander bilt's private interpretro of foreign languages.

ROBERT MCKANE, mayor of the town of Okemos; very famous speaker---usually begins with "well".

GERALD MILLER of Hickory Corners, a quiet keeper of bees. He says it puts the "sting" into life.

BETTE MINGUS, resident of New York. Commercial artist for a leading magazine; is said to be on a diet to gain fifteen pounds.

CHARLOTTE PAGE, author of the book, "WHY I LIVE ALONE AND DON'T LIKE IT". She is now playing in a Broadway hit, "YOU CAN'T TAKE IT WITH YOU".

BOB PHELPS of Walnut Hills Golf Course. He is employed there caring for the grounds. He is the owner of a station wagon, in which he still hauls everyone around.

GERRY SCHUBEL, living in Chicago; greatest dramatist of the century; star of the play, "WHAT PRICE GLORY".

ELIZABETH SHIPLEY of St. Johns, the mother of five boys and a leader in the Child Study Club of that community.

THOMAS SHIELDS, resident of Detroit; owner and manager of Detroit's largest Burlesque Theater.

CHARLES STACK known as "Ceiling Zero". He is the "Wrong Way Corrigan" of the century.

DON TYLER of Okemos, employed at Brown's Super Service Garage.

CENSUS (concluded)

LOUISE VAN DYKE, living in Lansing---still singing "Oh Johnny".

RODNEY WATERS of New York. Is said to have taken the place of the once famous sports commentator, "Clem McCarthy".

ESTHER WHITMYER, resident of Lansing; chief operator of the Bell Telephone Company.

CONNIE HOKE, citizen of Detroit; soul owner and operator of a thriving business, "The Hoke Escort Bureau".

DOROTHY HUBER of Lansing, owner of today's fastest Oldsmobile.

Barbara Van Halst
Dorthea Brown
Nate Greene

CLASS HISTORY

PRESENTING THE HISTORY OF THE 18TH CLASS TO RECEIVE DIPLOMAS IN THIS AUDITORIUM!!!!

Gerald Miller, Pauline Lang, and myself have dug here and there finding interesting scoops about this group. Of course, there have been many others on our class roll, but they proved to be only visitors, going elsewhere to continue their book-learning. Tonight I invite you to look back with me on the events that have been stepping stones to this, our graduation.

When the doors of the "old red brick" swung open on Sept. 6, 1927, a new life dawned in the existence of several of my friends. Among the 17 wide-eyed babes who marched in to meet Miss Barr, their kindergarten teacher, were Mary Ann Edgar, our deserving salutatorian, Gerry Schubel, Tom Shields, Don Cudworth, Ruth Hoskins, Marian Hogle, Pauline Lang, and Esther Whitmyer.

In the first grade no permanent additions were acquired, but it was during the second year that Barbara Van Halst and I joined the ranks. By the way, we were the first class to initiate the new teacher, Miss Hull. That year marked the first real romance in our midst. How well we remember Miss Hull's problems concerning those persistent admirers, Don Cudworth and Mary Ann Edgar.

No one else chose to stay with us until we became third graders. Then we welcomed our studious, book-loving valedictorian, Anne Mandenberg.

Marjorie Christian and our red headed Ruby Allen were listed among our new comers in the fourth grade. I might add that Marjorie left us, but, as the saying goes, bad pennies always return----so she's here too!

Nate Greene answered the 6th grade roll-call which was in charge of Miss Niebling. Nate left us for two years after that, but evidently he discovered that we weren't so bad after all, for here he is tonight.

The day we really arrived to stay on the third floor was certainly a joyous one. We really possessed the land---but not for long. Those much-older eighth graders soon punctured our false pride, and we were only "7 B babies".

In that G R E A T B I G assembly room we greeted our new eighth graders, Wanda Kaiser, Bette Shipley, Pearl Harmon, and Charlotte Page, our snappy Southerner.

HISTORY (continued)

The past was insignificant when we enrolled as the greenest freshmen in existence. Now, under the direction of our sponsor, Miss Noble, we welcomed fourteen new acquaintances who have stuck with us and are graduating here from O.H.S. They are Dorthea Brown, Marjorie Chapman, Kenneth Davis, Bob Hitchcock, Duane Honsowetz Murrel Lerner, Robert McKane, our president with the flashy blue trousers, Gerald Miller, Bette Mingus, Robert Phelps, Don Tyler with the long sweeping eyelashes, Louise Van Dyke, and Charles Stack. The girls weren't half as ridiculous looking as those made-up boys on the day of Freshmen Initiation. The whole ordeal was fun, and I think we were all secretly disappointed that the Sophomores didn't administer more torture that night.

In the tenth grade our sponsor, Mrs. Clemow, took the reins and has since then tried to direct our rambling activities. Connie and Wayne Hoke joined our gang in the Sophomore year, but not until the last year did we have the opportunity to welcome Dorothy Huber and Rodney Waters. Maybe we saved the best till the last----suppose????

Now you know when these 34 members of the class of '40 got together, so let me tell you about our activities. First, I would like to say that we, as a class, pride ourselves on being different, and introducing new ideas. That, along with the valuable foresight of Mrs. Clemow, has enabled us to do things without going in the red financially. The fact is, we are finishing our senior year with quite a surplus. We think that's something to brag about, don't you?

School-mates first recognized us because of the gay and successful high school parties we sponsored.

Our Junior year dawned and we suddenly came to the realization that big thing were expected of us--so we got busy. Right away we elected our officers who were: Mary Edgar, president; Don Tyler, vice-president; Esther Becker, secretary; Esther Whitmyer, treasurer; Gerald Miller, student council representative; and Don Cudworth, athletic association member. In the spring we presented under the direction of Miss Stark, the comedy, "Very Untruly Yours", starring Don Cudworth, as the frantic young professor endeavoring to finish a magazine feature story, and finally getting himself in jail to escape the turmoil of life. But alas! all was in vain for Gerry Schubel acting the part of his future mother-in-law, Mrs. Mormonby, caught up with him. The play was a success and plans were soon under way for a

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grand Junior-Senior Banquet. The theme, Moonbeams, was carried out through the blue and silver decorations--and even the speeches. Following the dinner, students and friends danced to the tunes of Bob Dyer's orchestra under the beams of the moon overhead.

Something new; something different--that was the spring election at which we chose our senior class executives: The returns from the polls were as follows: President, Robert McKane; Vice-president, Wayne Hoke; Secretary, Marian Hogle; Treasurer, Esther Becker; Student Council representative, Pauline Lang; and Athletic Association member, Gerry Schubel, who was later elected as president of that organization. So ended a busy, eventful Junior year.

The summer passed and September rolled around--our last September in high school. The first thing was our senior party, a welcome to the freshmen. Cider and wafers served as refreshments---the cider being served from spigotted barrels. A good time was had by all, and the social whirl had begun. The next event on our calendar was the senior play. Spectators filled the auditorium to see the presentation of "Don't Darken My Door". The stars were Barbara Van Halst assuming the role of Jane Perkins, a writer of romance, and Robert McKane, our president, as bachelor Roger Kent. Our last performance given, we settled back to consider our last good times as dignified seniors at Okemos.

The senior's hay ride of March 16th turned out to be a hilarious fling and how we did stow away the chili at Christian's afterward!!&

To climax a very happy four years in high school, the Juniors honored us at a lovely banquet with "Star Dust" as its theme. Dancing to the music of Bob Coy's orchestra followed a tasty dinner and a clever program. I am sure that this banquet will be one of the foremost among our happy memories of O.H.S.

This concludes the high-lights of our past. Now for an instant let me peep into our immediate future. The school board has been very generous in granting us the use of a school bus as a means of transportation to and from Detroit for our senior trip. We're anticipating a heap o' fun on our three day excursion to Niagara Falls which begins the morning of June 5. This trip includes a day at Niagara and two nights on a large D & C boat, spending the remaining time in Detroit---perhaps taking in a Tiger ball game.

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It's been a pleasure looking back with you on the high-spots of our school life, but now the experiences of our high school days are behind us. We have the future to look to, dim as it may seem to some of us. But with our ambitions and hopes we're determined to measure up to our motto, "ONWARD AND UPWARD".

Pauline Lang
Esther Becker
Gerald Miller