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City Hall
Christmas 1947

HAPPY HOLIDAYS TO OUR GHS ALUMNI FAMILY !!

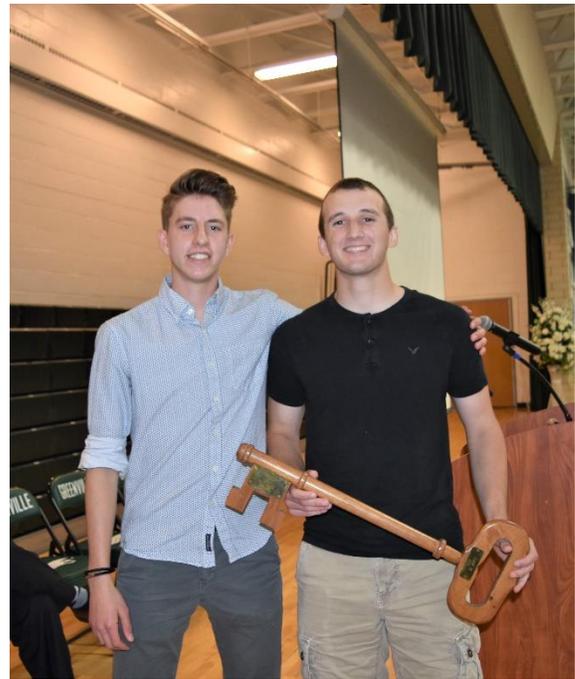
Getting ready for Christmas.

The Old City Hall in 1947, at today's Traffic Circle, five years before its demolition.



The Senior Processional at Harmon Field (above)

Dylan Snyder, President of Class of 2019, passes
The key to Ethan Flanery, 2020 Class President. >>



Andrew Bonfiglio, GHS 2021, Junior Class leader, heads the Senior Processional in front of the
“New Green Brick Wall” in front of the expanded cafeteria (left above).

The Seniors throwing their caps at the end of the Commencement ceremony (above right).

A full stadium of family and friends
enjoy the 145th Greenville High
School Graduation, on a beautiful night
June 1st.

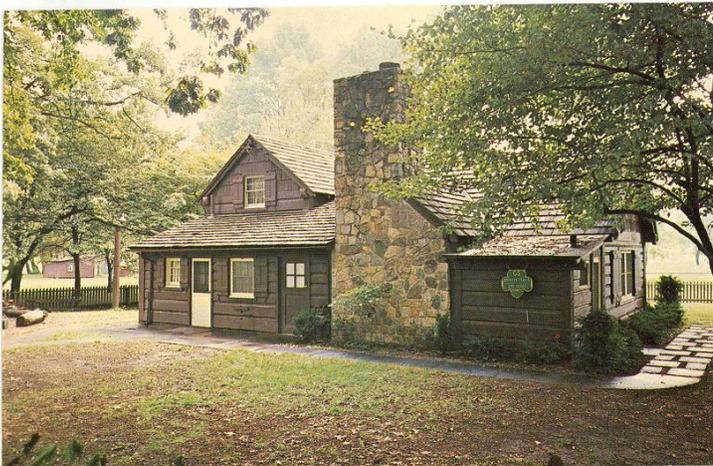


1951 Greenville Girl Scouts

In 1951 over 300 local Greenville girls were part of the Girl Scout troops, including Brownies and Girl Scout members. They posed for a picture at the Health Camp in the City Park which at that time was near the swimming pool, and this picture shows most of those over six years old who were members at that time. The photo was enlarged and mounted on plywood, then varnished to be preserved. Some faces of some of the individuals have faded but many can still be identified. Water damage and 60+ years of wear have made the picture weaker. When the original Girl Scout Little House that was built in 1942 was torn down, a new Little House was built in 1993. This picture is an invaluable piece of local history and was rescued from a trash dumpster by our former GHS Alumni Association President **Nancy Arens Parker**, GHS 1962. Before her death she passed this on to her classmate **Georgia Swab Young**, GHS 1962, and now it belongs to **Shirley Cohee Hughes**, GHS 1955.



Original 1942 Girl Scout House in 1971 (below) and new House built in 1993 (below right)

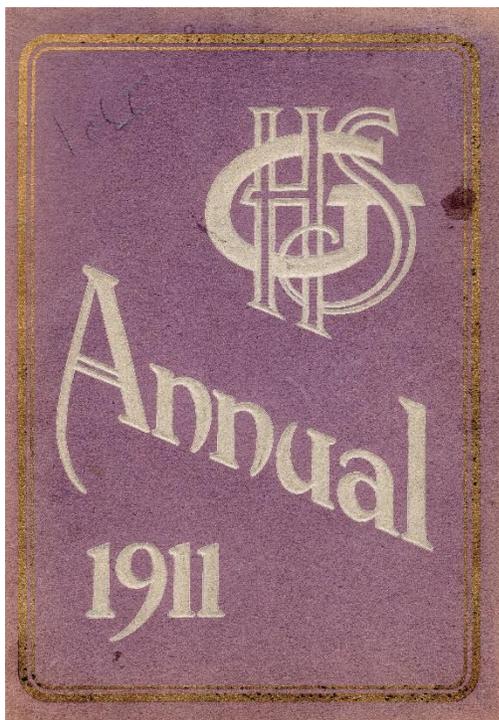


1916 Class Song Sheet Music

Common to many of the older classes at G.H.S. and at other high schools of that era, was a “Class Song” written for that class by one of its classmates. This “1916 Class Song” was written by **Agnes Trainor**, GHS 1916, and this copy was donated to our Alumni Association by **Martha Grim Warvel**, a Palestine H.S. grad. Martha’s husband, **Devon Warvel**, GHS 1940, was a cousin of **Elizabeth McCabe**, GHS 1916, who originally owned this sheet music copy. Elizabeth was an English teacher at GHS from 1921 to 1926 and later taught in Chillicothe and Columbus. Elizabeth and her sister **Mary McCabe**, GHS 1923, never married. The Warvel family has been a longtime GHS family, with three children: **Joyce Warvel Travis**, GHS 1966, and her late husband **Jerry Travis**, GHS 1971, **Debbie Warvel Begoon**, GHS 1972, and Debbie’s daughter **Charlene Begoon Wright**, GHS 1991, and **Tim Warvel**, GHS 1977, and wife **Kathy Young Warvel**, GHS 1977, and their children, **Whitney Warvel Cole**, GHS 2006, and **Chad Warvel**, GHS 2003, and wife **Deven Rademachir Warvel**, GHS 2003. Thank you, Martha, for making us aware of an art lost in history.

Over a hundred years ago, the city of Greenville had a distinctively different look. Classes chose colors and songs to be unique to their class. The “purple banner ‘gainst the gray smoke of the sky” mentioned in the song was either the class colors or the school colors at that time. These colors were present on the cover of the first GHS Yearbook in 1911 and possibly represented the school colors then. This music ended with, “Old G.H.S. Your walls with praise will ring”. The building which housed GHS at that time (1916) was the old red-brick West School building (1868-1923) before the Central Avenue yellow brick building was built in 1923 at the same location. The city was not spread out as much as it is today and with commercial activity focused around the central business district. The author of this class song, Agnes Trainor, lived about three blocks northwest of the school on Vine Street. Here is a 1912 postcard of that school and the cover of the first GHS Yearbook. It is hard to imagine anyone or any class writing their own “class song” in today’s world.

There will be a history of the Trainor family in the Spring, 2020, Alumni Newsletter.



<<< The first GHS Annual Yearbook 1911, cover is purple

The West School High School, 1912 postcard (below):



1916 Class Song

AGNES TRAINOR

Spirited ♩ = 108

Our school-days now are o - ver, Our
The pur - ple of our ban - ner, Re -

life's work just be - gun, No oth - er class like
veals the roy - al bent, The Lon - don smoke be -

us you'll find Be - neath the set - ting sun. Fling
hind - us, With mod - es - ty in - tent. Then

high our pur - ple ban - ner, 'Gainst the
fling it up be - fore us, Let it

gray smoke of the sky, Oh, - class of nine - teen
float - - proud and free, Oh, - class of nine - teen

rall.

six - teen, We will write your fame on high. -
six - teen, A fit em - blem for - - thee. -

CHORUS
Espressione

All Hail to you, Oh class of nine-teen six-teen, Our
All Hail to you, Oh class of nine-teen six-teen, Our

hearts are true, Right loy - al - ly we sing, Old
hearts are true, Right loy - al - ly we sing, Old

G. H. S. Your walls with praise shall ring.—
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A program from one of **Agnes Trainor Keehan's** music recitals dated June 6, 1967, was loaned to us by **Jeanette Funk Patton** GHS 1954. The Master of Ceremonies was **Clarence "Clancy" Plessinger**, GHS 1936. Clancy's daughter **Helen Plessinger Miller**, GHS 1966, sang two of the performances at this recital. **Clarrissa Westerman**, GHS 1969, was a current G.H.S. student at that time and also sang two songs. **Karen Hoover Henninger**, GHS 1959, recalls taking voice lessons from Mrs. Keehan for a couple years when she was in junior high school (mid 1950s), and **Cathy Buell Cornell**, GHS 1966, took voice lessons for a year while in high school (mid 1960s).

Annual Song Recital

by the Pupils of

Agnes Trainor Keehan



Tuesday Evening June Sixth

Nineteen hundred and sixty-seven

Seven - thirty o'clock

Henry St. Clair Memorial Hall
GREENVILLE, OHIO

Program

PART I

My Heart Ever Faithful, Sing Praises *Bach*
Just Awearyin' For You *Carrie Jacobs - Bond*
- REV. LOURAINÉ L. HOLSINGER

If I Could Tell You *Firestone*
Like As A Father *Scott*
MRS. HAROLD E. KETTERING
absent

I Feel Pretty - (from *West Side Story*) *Bernstein*
Somebody Bigger Than You and I *Lange, Heath, & Burke*
SUSAN E. BROWN

A May Morning *Denza*
How Are Things In Glocca Morra - (from *Finian's Rainbow*) *Lane*
LINDA McDONALD
absent

When The Red, Red Robin Comes *Woods*
I Believe *Stillman et als.*
JACK SMITH

The Sweetheart Tree - (from *The Great Race*) *Mancini*
Four-leaf Clover *Huerter*
LINDA WILT

Song Of The Robin *Case*
September Song - (from *Knickerbocker Holiday*) *Weill*
HELEN PLESSINGER

If You Feel Like Singing, Sing *Warren*
Ecstasy *Rummel*
CLARISSA WESTERMAN

Morning *Speaks*
Gossiping *May and John Dodge*
MRS. JOE MANGAS

The Shadow Of Your Smile - (from *The Sandpiper*) Mandel
 Without A Song - (from *The Prodigal*) Youmans
 HAROLD HAWLEY

g.
 Intermission

PART II

Sea Shanty :
 Shenandoah Traditional

Appalachian Mountain Folk Ballads :
 Little Willie arr. J. Niles
 He's Gone Away arr. J. Niles
 The Farmer's Curst Wife Cecial Sharpe
 MRS. WILLIAM S. PATTERSON, GUEST

aria - Son Vergin Vezzosa - (from *I Puritani*) Bellini
 Fluttering Birds Mana - Zucca
 MARJORY GOOD

New Haven, Conn.
 aria - Una Furtiva Lagrima - (from *L'Elisir d'Amore*) Donizetti
 Serenade - (from *The Student Prince*) Romberg
 CARL KONING

scene and aria - Ritorna Vincitor! - (from *Aida*) Verdi
 Danny Boy - (*Old Irish Air*) arr. Weatherly
 MRS. HAROLD P. ROY

g.
 Alleluja von Mozart
 Go 'way From My Window arr. J. Niles
 MRS. WILLIAM S. PATTERSON

aria - Avant de Quitter Ces Lieux - (from *Faust*) Gounoud
 If She Walked Into My Life - (from *Mame*) Newman
 RONALD RICHARDSON

Im Fruhling Fesca
 Granada Lara
 GABRIELIAN CAMPBELL WALTZ

aria - Seguidilla - (from *Carmen*) Bizet
 Always In My Heart Lecuona
 MRS. WALTER C. LANDESS

aria - Di Provenza Il Mar - (from *La Traviata*) Verdi
 Georgy Girl - (from *Georgy Girl*) Springfield
 WILLIAM WALTZ

Duet - La Ci Darem La Mano - (from *Don Giovanni*) von Mozart
 MR. and MRS. WILLIAM WALTZ

Mr. Clancy Plessinger, *Master of Cermonies*
 Agnes Trainor Keehan, *at the Piano*
 Sean O Keehan, *Stage Director*

The Spring edition of the AlumNews will share a history of the Trainor family, with some accompanying pictures.



Starting this newsletter with the 1947 photo of City Hall at Christmas, this year's Christmas photo shows the decorated Traffic Circle at the same location that the City Hall occupied in 1947. The new City Hall (to left) was built in 1966 and is also tastefully decorated. Mayor **Steve Willman** GHS 1971 and the Greenville City Administration have done a great job of expressing the City's Holiday Spirit.