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Be Wise: Soar Not too High to Fall: But Stoop to Rise.

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American Beauty Rose

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Neil D. Mathews

MEMBERS OF THE CLASS OF JANUARY, 1944

Throughout most of your high-school life the world has been at war. It is difficult for us to think about anything else. Often, however, we lose sight of the things for which we are fighting, and often we take for granted the blessings which we have in this America of ours. Most of the people of the world today are hungry, underclothed, and lack shelter and other advantages which we consider essential to decent living. Lack of sacrifice on our part easily could place us with that majority. Our ambition should be to do all in our power during and after the war to keep the desirable elements of our own way of life and to help the less fortunate people of the world improve the conditions under which they now are forced to live. To this end, I extend my best wishes to each of you. May you do your share.

Sincerely,

NEIL D. MATHEWS



Ensign Andrew Moran

By dedicating this Year Book to Ensign Andrew Moran, we, the Class of January, 1944, wish to show our appreciation for all that he has done to aid us. Once coaching our boys on the football field and the basketball floor, he now fights shoulder to shoulder with some of them on another victorious team.

ART A. ADAMOWITZ
"Butch"
 Stagecraft Foreman



GEORGE BRANDT
"Bibs"
 Track, Cross Country



ALFRED AIELLO
"Vera"
 12B-12A Class President, Boys' Leaders Club Vice-President, French Club, Delta Hi-Y, Senior Band, Varsity Football, Varsity Basketball, Track, Varsity "R"



RICHARD BRIGHT
"Dick"
 Visual Aids Club, Track, Cross Country



VERA ALBERS
"Fritz"
 French Club, Girls' Leaders Club President, Sr. Friendship Club, Boosters' Club, Head Drum Major, Senior Social Committee, Sports



MARJORIE GRACE BROWN
"Geebie"
 National Honor Society Secretary, Masque and Gavel Society, Work and Win Club, French Club, Senior Social Committee, Choral Club, Glee Club, Triple Trio, A Capella Choir



HELEN A. AMBROZI
 Girls' Leaders Club, Jr.-Sr. Friendship Club, Choral Club, Boosters' Club, Sports



DANIEL A. CANUTE
"Danny"
 National Honor Society Vice-President, Work and Win Club, Senior Class Treasurer, A Capella Choir, Boys' Leaders Club



RUTH M. ARNOLD
"Benny"
 Girls' Leaders Club, Sr. Friendship Club, Senior Year Book Committee, Boosters' Club, Sports



ALICE JANE CASEY
"Allie"
 Nature Club, Sr. Friendship Club, Senior Class Flower and Color Committee, Boosters' Club



ROBERT W. BOLTZ
"Bolts"
 Boys' Glee Club, Boys' Leaders Club, Senior Social Committee, Boosters' Club, Varsity Football



MARTHE CEPIS
"Mutts"
 Orchestra, Sports



VERONICA CINKOTA
"Ronnie"

Junior Foreign Affairs Club, Sr.
Friendship Club, Boosters' Club



EILEEN MAEBETH DUBOIS
Glee Club, Boosters' Club

GORDON A. COX
"Red"

Senior Class Vice-President,
Boys' Leaders Club, Glee Club,
A Capella Choir, Cross Country
Captain, Track



ELVA MAY FENRICH
"Alve"

Choral Club, Senior Yearbook
Committee Chairman, Boosters'
Club

GEORGE W. CUNNINGHAM
"Speed"

Track, Cross Country



JEAN M. GOSS
"Jeannie"

Latin Club, A Capella Choir,
Choral Club

ALICE DANCHUK
"Allie"

Sr. Friendship, Choral Club



JOYCE ALINE GRAFF
"Jay"

Nature Club, Choral Club, Sr.
Friendship Club, Boosters' Club

RICHARD DIERKER
"Derk"

Boys' Leaders Club, Varsity
Football, Basketball, Varsity "R"



EVELYN GLADYS GRAPENTIN
"Evie"

Glee Club Vice-President, Chor-
al Club, Jr. Friendship Club,
Boosters' Club, Sports

RUTH DOPSLAF
"Ruthie"

Choral Club



JACK PRESTON HELD
"Jackson"

Masque and Gavel Society Pres-
ident, Homeroom Radio An-
nouncer

MARTHA K. HNAT
"Marty"

Choral Club, Sr. Friendship Club,
Boosters' Club, Sports



SUSAN JOHNSON
"Bus"

Rhodes Review Photographer



GERTRUDE M. HOFFMAN
"Gert"

National Honor Society, Masque
and Gavel Club Vice-President,
Latin Club Secretary, Jr.-Sr.
Friendship Club, Girls' Leaders
Club, Rhodes Review Typist,
Commencement Announcement
Committee, Boosters' Club,
Sports



PEARL C. KAMMERER
"Bunner"

Glee Club A Capella Choir,
Girls' Leaders Club, Jr. Friend-
ship Club, Boosters' Club, Sports



JAMES E. HUEBNER
"Shorty"

Boys' Leaders Club President,
Varsity Football, Varsity Basket-
ball, Varsity "R"



JOHN KANE
"Killer Kane"

German Club



EMMA JAKABCIC
"Em"

Home Economic Club, Choral
Club, Boosters' Club, Sports



DOROTHY KELLER
"Dotty"

Masque and Gavel Society, Dra-
matics Guild, Junior Journal,
Home Economics Club, Home-
room Radio Announcer, Boost-
ers' Club, Sports



WILLIAM FRED JANKE
"Bill"

Ducis Hi-Y



LOUIS L. KEPPLER
"Louie"

National Honor Society, Varsity
Football



DONALD R. JERMANN
"Don"

Wrestling



JEANNE KESTNER
"Casey"

Boosters' Club, Sports



EVELYN A. KLEPITCH
"Evie"

National Honor Society, German Club Secretary, Class History Committee, Boosters' Club



SALLYBELLE LONGLEY
"Sally"

Jr.-Sr. Friendship Club, Jr. Foreign Affairs Club, Boosters' Club, Sports

GERTRUDE M. KNERLY
"Gertie"

Jr. Foreign Affairs, Choral Club, Sr. Friendship Club, Studio Art Club, Boosters' Club



ROY E. LUTHARDT
"Shoulders"

National Honor Society, Masque and Gavel Society, Visual Aids Club, A Capella Choir, Chem Lab Assistant, Golf, Commencement Announcement Committee Chairman

JAMES KRATKY
"Jim"

Boosters' Club



ELMER JOHN MALINOSKY

JOHN KULNITSKY
"Nitz"

Varsity Basketball, Track



JAMES A. MARES
"Jim"

ESTHER LANDBERG
"Es"

Choral Club, Glee Club, A Capella Choir, Boosters' Club



MILDRED V. MARTIN
"Milly"

National Honor Society, Masque and Gavel Society, Girls' Leaders Club, Sr. Friendship Club, Nature Club, 12B-12A Social Committee, Rhodes Review Editor, Boosters' Club, Sports

JAMES LANGE
"Character"

Glee Club, Boys' Octette, A Capella Choir, Senior Band



MERLIN J. MASON
"Moe"

BETTY J. McCRAY
"Mac"

Choral Club, Junior Red Cross,
Boosters' Club



RICHARD A. NOVAK
"Nose"

Studio Art Club, Senior Class
Social Committee, Epsilon Hi-Y
Vice-President

MARGARET E. McKENNA
"Peggy"

German Club, Jr. Foreign Af-
fairs Club, Glee Club, A Capella
Choir, Sr. Friendship Club,
Boosters' Club



RALPH B. PALSHA
"Wolf"

Visual Aids Club President, A
Capella Choir President, Boys'
Leaders Club, Cross Country
Track

NEIL H. MUEHLHAUSER
"Slim"

German Club Vice-President, A
Capella Choir, Commencement
Announcement Committee,
Boosters' Club



RUTH PANSEGRAU
"Pansy"

Jr. Friendship Club, Choral Club,
Boosters' Club, Sports

LUCILLE MULLIN
"Lou"

Choral Club, Boosters' Club



EVELYN MARIE PETERS
"Pete"

National Honor Society, Masque
and Gavel Society, Latin Club,
Homeroom Radio Announcer,
Jr. Foreign Affairs Club

MILDRED MURRAY
"Milly"

Choral Club, Boosters' Club



VERNA ROSE PINCH
"Vern"

Sr. Friendship Club, Choral
Club, Boosters' Club

RUTH M. NAUMANN

Jr.-Sr. Friendship Club, Senior
Band, Boosters' Club, Sports



DOROTHY PRICE
"D P"

Glee Club, A Capella Choir,
Senior Class Secretary, Sports

HERBERT G. RATH
"Dumbo"

Varsity Football, Varsity Basketball, Track, Varsity "R"



CAROL ROMWEBER

Latin Club, Sr. Friendship Club, Studio Art Club, Boosters' Club, Sports

BARBARA LOUISE RAY
"Babs"

Choral Club, Glee Club, Triple Trio, A Capella Choir, Boosters' Club



ELEANOR RUDNICK
"Ellie"

National Honor Society, Masque and Gavel Society, Girls' Leaders Club, Senior Class Last Will and Testament Com., Sports

DOROTHY ELLEN REICHEL
"Rickey"

Glee Club, A Capella Choir, Choral Club, Girls' Leaders Club, Jr. Friendship Club, Commencement Announcement Committee, Boosters' Club, Sports

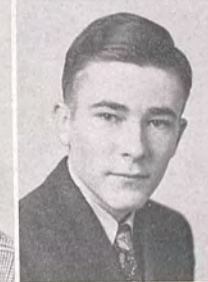


MARION RUNG
"Duke"

Choral Club, Boosters' Club

RICHARD RENKER
"Jr"

A Capella Choir, Varsity Football, Varsity Basketball, Track, Boys' Leaders Club, Varsity "R"



HOWARD C. RUPPENDER
"Howie"

Latin Club, Jr. Foreign Affairs Club

MILDRED E. RICHARDS
"Millie"

Jr. Foreign Affairs Club, Studio Art Club, Sr. Friendship Club, Glee Club, Girls' Sextette, A Capella Choir, Boosters' Club, Sports



EDWARD F. RUSS
"Eddie"

Nature Club, Metal and Woodwork Foreman, Radio Operator

WILLIAM ROBBINS
"Red"

Latin Club, Boys' Leaders Club, Varsity Football, Varsity Basketball



CLARA SCHIFLER
"Clare"

12B-12A Social Committee, Boosters' Club

ROBERT H. SCHROEDER
"Hose Nose"

Epsilon Hi-Y, Senior Year Book Committee, Track, Reserve Football, Boosters' Club



MARGARET CATH-
ERINE STRUNG
"Marge"

Sr. Friendship Club, Glee Club President, Triple Trio, A Capella Choir, Boosters' Club, Sports

LEONARD E. SKOWRON
"Stubby"

National Honor Society, Masque and Gavel Society, German Club, A Capella Choir, Student Council Treasurer



AUDREY RUTH TROESCHER
"Terrie"

Sr. Friendship Club, Jr. Foreign Affairs Club, Boosters' Club, Sports

DOLORES SPIDLE
"Dory"

Sr. Friendship Club, Choral Club, Glee Club, A Capella Choir, Boosters' Club, Sports



CAROL JEAN TUBESING
"Red"

Latin Club, Sr. Friendship Club, Little Symphony, Orchestra, Senior Band, Glee Club, Triple Trio, A Capella Choir Secretary, Boosters' Club

HAROLD S. STACIK
"Harry"

Alpha Hi-Y, Nature Club, Senior Class Flower-Color Committee, Metal Foreman, Track, Cross Country



GRACE H. URBAN
"Urbi"

National Honor Society, French Club, Sr. Friendship Club, Senior Yearbook Committee, Sports

MARTHA LOUISE STARR
"Marty"

Jr. Friendship Club, Boosters' Club, Sports



ADOLPH J. WICHMAN
"Bubbles"

Glee Club, Mechanical Drawing Foreman, Metal Foreman

ANN ELIZABETH STRING
"Liz"

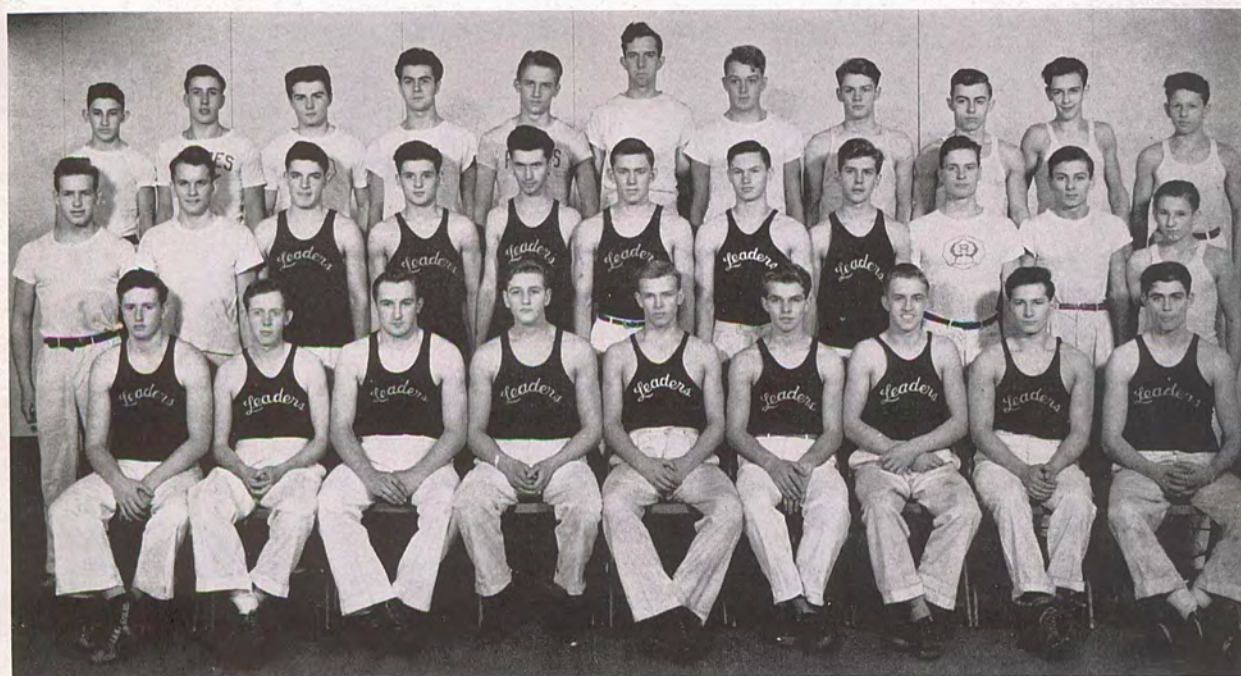
Choral Club, Sr. Friendship Club, Jr. Red Cross, Boosters' Club, Sports



JEAN L. WICK
"Honey"

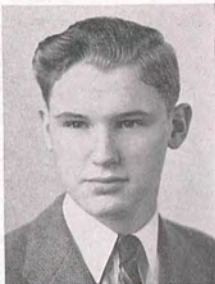
Jr.-Sr. Friendship Club, Boosters' Club, Sports

GIRLS' LEADERS



BOYS' LEADERS

CHESTER S. WILCZYNSKI
"Ches"
Track



HOWARD G. WITTMER, Jr.
"Howie"
National Honor Society, Visual Aids Club, Latin Club Vice-President, Senior Yearbook Committee, Head Noon Movie Operator, Chem Lab Assistant, Boosters' Club

LOIS M. WILDMAN
"Ogee"
Studio Art Club, Rhodes Review Associate Editor, Boosters' Club, Sports



WILLIAM T. WOIKE
"Willie"
Boosters' Club, Intramural Sports

GLENN WILLIAMSON
"Cuddles"
Senior Band, Alpha Hi-Y



OLGA ZAYAC
"Ollie"
Jr.-Sr. Friendship Club, Choral Club, Boosters' Club, Sports

WESLEY JOHN WITTICH
"Herman"
Studio Art Club, German Club, Alpha Hi-Y, Senior Band, Orchestra, Dance Band



RAY G. ZEP
"Flash"
A Capella Choir, Varsity Football

SUMMER SCHOOL GRADUATES

JOSEPH J. ASSAFF



ELEANOR GREBE



LAVERNE BACHMAN



DOROTHY KOBYLAK



JUNE BAUER



ELSIE LACK



STUART COLLINGWOOD



RUSSEL PAZDERSKI



PVT. EDWARD CONTOFALSKY



MYRON J. RITTENHOUSE



PVT. HERBERT GARDNER



EDITH SCHWAB



CLASS PROPHECY

Fellow Angels, we are gathered here today for the conduction of a most solemn ritual. As heavenly bodies, we find it necessary from time to time to vote on a group of earthly characters, who, having been recently deceased, must be appointed to our realm of Eternal Paradise or to—to—well—er—you know where....

As Chief Recorders in the Book of Judgment, we have discovered that a group of new arrivals, totaling ninety-two, wish admittance to our Happy Hunting Grounds. As yet, they are still awaiting our verdict outside Pearly Gates Numbers A and B. It is only fair to them, therefore, that we dispense with the usual formal voting by raising the right wing of each Angel, and complete the judgment as quickly as possible.

As I call each character by name, will he please rise, face the Pearly Gates, and remain standing at his seat while I read a short description of him—and the assembled Officers of Judgment look him or her over. Now don't be nervous, there can be nothing in these thumbnail biographies that could possibly lead to blackmail. We've checked! All they will contain, however, is simply what your occupation consisted of during your stay on earth.

Ready? Here we go....

And first on the list is Character Number One.

- Adamowitz, Arthur - - Bouncer in Pop's Slop House on the Slope.
- Aiello, Alfred - - - Published a number of books, his best, "All This and Vera Too."
- Albers, Vera - - - - Spent a lifetime collecting someone's medals.
- Ambrozi, Helen - - - First woman to teach bareback riding at Yale.
- Arnold, Ruth - - - - Voted Champion Worrier at height of her career as an aerial artist.
- Boltz, Robert - - - - Esteemed bartender at The Graecian Room; has world record for carrying 75 glasses of beer on one arm.
- Brandt, George - - - Celebrated track star; only human ever to keep up with Eleanor Roosevelt.
- Bright, Richard - - - Invented an earmuff which stopped the ring around the bath tub.
- Brown, Marjorie - - - Pounds out that boogie for Joe Tatchik and his hungry five.
- Canute, Daniel - - - Multi-millionaire who made his fortune from the pigeon-peanut profits on Public Square.
- Casey, Alice - - - - Led an expedition of Zombies to the South Pole.
- Cepis, Martha - - - Nurse who identifies babies in the maternity ward.
- Cinkota, Veronica - - Set the styles in ladies wear at Davids, that exclusive Cleveland shop.
- Cox, Gordon - - - - With his sturdy, speedy legs was a floorwalker at "Goldberg's Second Hand Store."
- Cunningham, George - The Stella Walsh of James Ford Rhodes.
- Danchuk, Alice - - - After traveling the roads, she came back to Rhodes.
- Dierker, Richard - - - Football coach at Mansfield Reformatory; his team bagged 40 games, killed 92 players!!!
- Dopslaf, Ruth - - - - She posed for Popeye's gal — "Olive Oyl."
- Dubois, Eileen - - - - Housewife who raised storks for a hobby.
- Fenrich, Elva - - - - Manufactured wigs for bald-headed men.
- Graff, Joyce - - - - She invented the "gutter ball" in bowling.
- Goss, Jean - - - - - Hard-boiled matron at Cleveland's Institute for Bad Girls.
- Crapentin, Evelyn - - - First graduate of the Class of '44 to be married.
- Held, Jack - - - - - Spent his entire life going to his doctor asking what those lumps on his arms were; finally discovered they were muscles.
- Hnat, Martha - - - - Voted the "Esquire Girl" by the inhabitants of the Newburgh Heights Home for the Insane.
- Hoffman, Gertrude - - Thinking this was an awful cruel world she took to testing parachutes.
- Huebner, James - - - Devoted his life to the study of people who devoted their lives to the study of people who devoted.
- Jakabcic, Emma - - - Co-owners of the "Zags' Mansion," a home for respectable old maids.
- Keller, Dorothy - - - - maids.
- Janke, William - - - - Chemist who, after years of research, discovered the formula FL. 8690 to be his telephone number.

ANNE SEMAN



ELEANOR WEGRYN



EDWARD J. SWINTEK



RALPH WIGHTMAN



DOROTHY TREMMEL



CECELIA WRONKE



LOWELL W. BELL

MICHAEL HRICZ

LAWRENCE LUCIANO

CARLTON BLAHA

WILLIAM KOVACS

NORMAN METZGER

LEONARD BLUHM

LOIS KRAVA

DONALD OWENS

RAYMOND VLASUK

DOROTHY WIRES

CLASS HISTORY

Dear Rhodes High,

Graduation at last! After twelve long years, free from the unmitigated torture of teachers, tests, and homework. While celebration seems appropriate, the past has instead recalled those memories which chronicle the history of the Class of '44.

January 28, 1941, brands that fateful day when one hundred sixty-seven of us, representing Wm. Rainey Harper, Benjamin Franklin, and Our Lady of Good Counsel, first embarked on our quest for knowledge within your walls. The ill-fated faculty members sentenced to suffer our companionship were Miss Davis, Miss Lanese, Mr. Baker, and Mr. Henderson. Unlike preceding "flats" not even a 9B party graced our entrance into the perilous years ahead.

Destined to win every competitive game which saw their participation were Jeanne Kestner, Dorothy Price, Eleanor Rudnick, Dorothy Reichel, Eleanor Wegryn, Ruth Arnold, Anne Seman, and June Bauer of 103. Typewriters and powder puffs constitute no relationship; however, 216 fashioned contrary notions.

Sophomores and three more years. As such, a select group of students, of whom Gertrude Knerly and Dorothy Kobylak were but a few, found geometry so captivating as to spend subsequent semesters in its clutches. With those famous words "Wouldn't that grab ya," Dan Canute visited the *Rhodes Review*. Half-days-off joined the list of missing privileges. The "Baker Brats" slaughtered the "Henderson Hot Shots" in the 10B championship baseball game. At the Greater Cleveland Junior and Senior Music Contest, Vera Albers and her baton twirled their way into first honors, while Carol Tubbesing captured first place in the tuba and third in the vocal solo.

Juniors, oh boy! Rhodes' four-mile relay team, two of the runners being Bud Gardner and Gordon Cox, bore victoriously from the West Tech Relays, the Western Reserve Trophy. Ed Jirik and Dick Renker saw action on the basketball floor; Dick Dierker, Herb Rath, Jim Huebner, Mike Hricz, and Alfred Aiello won jerseys on the varsity squad; and George Cunningham caught up with Coach Holden's tracksters. Minstrel Show, plus trumpet, plus Wesley Wittich, equal fame. What patriotic individuals gallantly rendered their services for the Rhodes vs. Parma scrap drive (incidentally, we placed second)? Answer: Lawrence Luciano, Ed Contofalsky, Dick Dierker, Carl Blaha, Bob Boltz, and Herb Rath. Virtually non-existent were Evelyn Peters, Marjorie Brown, Ruth Bugay, Evelyn Klepitch, Dan Canute, and Jack Slaby, as congratulations stood in order for their induction into the National Honor Society. A combined American History and English class enjoyed a brief life. Under the leadership of our 11A officers Ed Jirik, Ed Contofalsky, Margaret McKenna, and Gordon Cox, we 44's legally united. Our class had its first picnic during this term. Since meat rationing had not yet been introduced, we had an oversupply of hot dogs.

With the advent of our 12B term, Rhodes encountered many unprecedented occurrences. It was during this semester that Mr. Henderson departed for the Marines. Because many of our boys would register under the eighteen-year-old draft bill and be in the service before January, we decided to have a premature senior prom. The day was set for June 5. 'Mid the rustle of grass skirts and 'neath the spreading palms of the Hawaiian scenery, we danced for several never-to-be-forgotten hours. Though Military Preparedness Training was the title for the boy's gym course, "Physical Ruin," was a far more descriptive epithet. Terrific is the adjective for Don Owens, Alfred Aiello, and Lawrence Luciano's portrayals as females in Uncle Sam's Serenade. Promotion to track captain of the '43 team was handed Ed Jirik. Walking on air were Cecelia Wronko, Eleanor Rudnick, Howard Wittmer, Grace Urban, Mildred Martin, Gertrude Hoffman, Leonard Skowron and Roy Luthardt as they joined the rank and file of the National Honor Society.

Then, the home stretch. For the second consecutive term, Alfred Aiello presided as class president. Millie Martin held the editorship of the *Rhodes Review*, and senior exams exhausted our brain supply. Jean Goss, Jean Wick, John Kane, Ralph Palsha, and Jack Held were inducted into the National Honor Society.

And now the finish. Ninety-two of us, four years older, and supposedly four years wiser, taking leave of your hospitality with the sigh on our lips, "It was a tough fight, Mom, but I won."

Thankfully yours,
A REMINISCENT SENIOR

- Jermann, Donald - - - 29th consecutive Republican Presidential Candidate defeated again by Eleven-Term Eliot, successor to his father, Fifteen-Term Franklin.
- Johnson, Susan - - - She took pictures of little boys and girls as they sat on a pony.
- Kammerer, Pearl - - - Director of Music at one of the local high schools.
- Kane, John - - - - Brilliant successor to Father Divine; he predicted the end of the world for January, 1944.
- Keppler, Louis - - - Revolutionized the world of fashion by doing away with clothes.
- Kestner, Jeanne - - - In an all-girl milking contest, this lovely lady won a trophy as the fastest goat-milker.
- Klepitch, Evelyn - - - Employed as a 1000 pound weight lifter by Barnum and Bailey Circus; and substituted for the fat lady on lunch hours.
- Knerly, Gertrude - - - Happy, contented housewife. Finally mastered a tenor sax man out of that dozen and a half of offspring.
- Kratky, James - - - - Well-known baker who improved those little five-cent pies by inserting a filling between the crusts.
- Kulnitsky, John - - - Famous clothes designer, has designed a new type of filled sweater for girls.
- Landberg, Esther - - - Finally got on Broadway (and East 55th street).
- Lange, James - - - - Better known as the "Man Who Came to Breakfast, Dinner and Supper."
- Longley, Sallybelle - - President of the Ohio Sallybelle Telephone Co.
- Luthardt, Roy - - - - Cosmetician at Fanny's Facial Shop. Made greatest discovery since Edison's electric light bulb — a non-tell-tale lipstick.
- Malinosky, Elmer - - - Auto mechanic, invented motorless car that was very speedy on a down grade. Died of a broken back from pushing it up hills.
- Mares, James - - - - With his hairy legs, modeled Men's snappy garters.
- Martin, Mildred - - - Editor-in-Chief of "Wild Confessions" magazine. Note, every story true. (Boltz, copy boy.)
- Mason, Merlin - - - - Shell-shocked Admiral who survived the V-12-test.
- McCray, Betty Jane - - - President of the McCray Makes You Marvelous, the last of Charm courses.
- McKenna, Margaret - - - Leading model for those "Skinny, nervous, rundown and irritable advertisements.
- Muchlhauser, Neil - - - Too bad about him, while employed as a window washer he had a bad habit of stepping back to admire his work.
- Mullin, Lucille - - - - Leader of "Lu Mullin's All Boy Orchestra," including Tuma player.
- Murray, Mildred - - - Haunted the air waves with that early morning melody hour, "It's Time to Groan." (She did the vocals.)
- Naumann, Ruth - - - - Why 2,500 cars leave the roads daily.
- Novak, Richard - - - - Great engineer — built a bridge across the Atlantic Ocean. Also completed an underground Railway from New York to Moscow.
- Palsha, Ralph - - - - Celebrated author of the book "How to Lose Friends and Influence Them to Stay Lost."
- Pansegrau, Ruth - - - She taught the rhumba at Sing Sing.
- Peters, Evelyn - - - - Chief barker at Siffron's Side Show.
- Pinch, Verna - - - - Manufactured Pinch's Little Tummy Tacks — gosh they sure did pinch.
- Price, Dorothy - - - - Operates the panel at hubby's speak-easy joint.
- Rath, Herbert - - - - An undertaker. Got all his business after Seedhouses gym classes.
- Ray, Barbara - - - - Better known as the "Sunshine Girl," a door-to-door saleslady.
- Reichel, Dorothy - - - Runs a day nursery for babies, makes like they're all hers. (To those who don't know.)
- Renker, Richard - - - Curtain puller at the "Roxy Burlesque Theater."
- Richards, Mildred - - - Entered the delightful career of being a nun.
- Robbins, William - - - Inspector of women's lingerie in the Red Robin Stores.
- Romweber, Carol - - - A highly devoted Sunday-school teacher. (Amen, Brother.)
- Rudnick, Eleanor - - - Ran the "Wolverine's Skating Rink." Special rates to single, good-Rung, Marion - - - - looking gentlemen.
- Ruppender, Howard - - - Scientist who proved that there is positively nothing in a vacuum. . .
- Russ, Edward - - - - The brave man on whose head scientist Ruppender made his experiments.
- Schifler, Clara - - - - Invented the bugo-bird, latest fad in ladies' junk jewelry. Made millions, I hear.
- Schroeder, Robert - - - Famous pipe collector, already has a collection of some 1000 pipes, all galvanized.

~ FACULTY ~



And here we present — the faculty, smiling, no doubt, at the thought of our mass departure.

Seriously speaking, however, it is with regret, and the hope that nothing but pleasant memories of our sojourn here remain with them, that we take our leave.

NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY



Character, scholarship, leadership, and service are the four fundamental principles of the National Honor Society and form the basis upon which membership into the organization is determined. The highest conceivable honor awarded any student is induction into this association; a representation of attainment unequalled in praise or esteem. The National Honor Society symbolizes a successful accomplishment of ability and effort during ones high-school career.

- Skowron, Leonard - - - Lady's man — went around with more girls than the revolving doors at Higbee's.
- Spidle, Dolores - - - Modeled boy's sport jackets in one of the leading downtown department stores.
- Stacik, Harold - - - Beloved sympathizer of the "Back to the Moron" movement, who organized the "Stacik's School for Stupid Students."
- Starr, Martha - - - Owns the Blue Star Sausage Company, originator of those famous "little pig sausages" sold without ration points if you bring the pig.
- String, Ann - - - Inventor of the "strings" that are used to move the bodies of miniature puppets.
- Strung, Margaret - - - Lost her voice a few years back — can you imagine that?
- Troescher, Audrey - - She took over the sound effects on the Hermit's Cave program after the death of the hermit...Rumors say he died from fear of one of his own stories.
- Tubbesing, Carol - - - Our prima donna who has collected drawers of awards for her Champion Hog Calling Technique.
- Urban, Grace - - - She delivered many Kellogg's samples to our homes.
- Wichman, Adolph - - - In an effort to conserve rubber he invented a truck without wheels. P.S. It wouldn't run.
- Wick, Jean - - - Madame Wick — Child Psychologist.
- Wilczynski, Chester - - Originator of *three*-part harmony for "Pistol Packin' Mamma."
- Wildman, Lois - - - Our beautiful cover girl who has modeled for such exclusive magazines as Time, Popular Science, The American Observer, and, oh yes, Field and Stream.
- Williamson, Glenn - - - Was a dare-devil. Accomplished a hand-stand on the Empire State Building, but lost his balance when a naughty fly sat on his nose.
- Wittich, Wesley - - - Still blowing his horn, while riding up and down the street selling fish.
- Wittmer, Howard - - - Republican candidate for the presidency of the National Street Cleaner's Association.
- Woike, William - - - Famous Washington meat-dealer who collected ration stamps from everyone, including Congressmen.
- Zayac, Olga - - - Was a slinger of hash at the "Greasy Spoon."
- Zep, Ray - - - Sniffer Zep, operated a seeing-eye dog institution.

This completes the reading of our list of new candidates. And now we shall begin the voting. All those angels present who are eligible voters will please show their approval of the candidates by their applause.

Then it appears that the candidates are qualified and duly accepted for admittance into Heaven. Congratulations, people; you are now and will henceforth be known as Angels First Class, until you finally *earn your wings*, when you will be recognized as Flight Lieutenants of the Flying 92!

LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT

This concoction of mirth plus solemnity is the last will and testament of us the Senior Class (small as it is) of James Ford Rhodes, drawn up on the first month of the year 1944, A.D. It is our final endeavor to put on paper our attitudes toward the future and our recollections of past experiences. Though our class has been disrupted to a large extent by the war, we shall earnestly try to recapture the spirit of our original class.

We seniors, grown wise in our four years of cerebrum-disturbing school life, being approximately eighteen years of age and possessing sanity (we think, or better, we hope), do hereby devise, bequeath, and otherwise donate (or shall we say, dispose of) the following project to our underclassmen and to our faculty, who have been very understanding with our patience-challenging class.

Section I

MUSIC

Article I

When we seniors bid adieu, Miss Keller and Mr. Gerkowski will find many unoccupied places left them in their various musical organizations.

Article II

To the A Capella Choir we leave vacant places amid the soprano, alto, tenor, and bass. Being twenty in number, the names are too numerous to mention.

Article III

Of the nine voices now in the Girls' Triple Trio, five will be gone after Margaret Strung, Marjorie Brown, Carol Tubbesing, Mildred Richards, and Barbara Ray graduate.

Article IV

The Glee Club will also consider themselves unlucky, because thirteen of their songsters will depart in January '44.

Article V

When Vera Albers graduates, she leaves her job as "leader of the band" to anyone capable of stepping as high. Six other players leave their "reserved seats" at the football games and other musical programs.

Article VI

Who will take Howie Wittmers place as head noon-movie operator? Could it be his "up-and-projecting" kid brother?

Section II

ATHLETICS

Article I

The athletic senior girls, most of them already graduated from summer school, made the enviable record of winning every contest that was offered them by the sport department, and thus leave behind an unbeatable record.

Article II

To Mr. Vannorsdall we leave the hopes, worries and pleasures (?) of future grid teams. We also leave him the task of filling the nine well-worn uniforms of Rath, Renker, Aiello, Huebner, Boltz, Keppler, Robbins, and Dierker, Zep.

Article III

To the school, we leave fond memories of Rhodes's first undefeated grid season (1942).

Article IV

To the up-and-coming grid stars, we leave the pleasures of spending many hours in the "dust bowl."

Article V

To Mr. Holden we leave vacancies (and that's about all we leave him) in both track and cross country. He will have to find new boys to replace the lettermen Brandt, Bright, Cox, Cunningham, Palsha, Schroeder, to whom Uncle Sam will soon be a favorite relative. If nothing else, we will leave him his retreaded tires, and a few likely looking prospects.

Section III

SOCIALLY SPEAKING

Article I

Jim Huebner and Alfred Aiello don't especially mind leaving school, after all Ruth Arnold and Vera Albers are graduating, too.

Article II

We seniors leave behind pleasant memories of having participated in the innovation of having had the traditionally 12A formal held while still 12B's.

Article III

When graduating, we seniors will leave behind a jinx that seems to have been following us all through our school years, that is, the jinx of always having been used as "guinea pigs" for the teachers. As soon as our class reached a certain level, it seemed as if just then the teachers wanted to try somethin new in that course.

Article IV

In parting, we seniors must admit that school hasn't been too hard to digest. In fact, we have really enjoyed every particle of it.

Having fulfilled all requirements to the best of our ability, we humbly bequeath this last will and testament to our school.

THE SENIOR CLASS

Rhodes Hymn

Dear old Rhodes High,
Thy wisdom lights our paths,
Thy friendships true stay with us to the last.
We stand united in thy purpose true,
Loyal and faithful to the White and Blue.

Rhodes Marching Song

Let's sing to the sky
The song of Rhodes High;
"We're all for one and one for all,
Our motto is to do or die.
Come on Blue and White,
Keep up the good fight,
Raise high the colors, all will see,
We march right on to victory.

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