



Our one and only Tillie never failed to see us safely across to school.

The 1953 SWISSVALIAN shows school days at Swissvale High from the time Tillie guided us safely across the street to the time Mr. Sylves closed up for the day.

It portrays THE PEOPLE who are Swissvale High, THE PLEASURES that made us enjoy Swissvale High, and THE PLAYERS who brought fame to Swissvale High.



Co-editors Elaine and Page begin work on the 1953 SWISSVALIAN

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A friendly place, through whose doors pass the future leaders of our community.

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## THE PEOPLE



B.S., Washington & Jefferson

It is hard to express the appreciation we feel for Mr. Baily's kindness and helpfulness during the past years. Completely openminded to new ideas, he has always been willing to cooperate with students and teachers alike.

When we have graduated and look back over the years, we will remember him and be greatly indebted to him for his discipline, influence, and guidance.

Although there were many of us who did not come in personal contact with him, we knew that he was always there, backing us up and willing to help us.



CARL S. BAILY Superintendent of Schools

## The Administration

JOHN C. WEICHEL Principal of Swissvale High School



JOHN C. WEICHEL B.S. in Ed., Geneva College M. in Ed., University of Pittsburgh

Mr. Weichel, friendly and sincere, has the interest of the student body at heart. Friend of student and teacher alike, his success is attributed in part to a thorough understanding of both, as he has worked in the field of education for a number of years.

A busier man than we may know about, our principal has jobs ranging from making out schedules to seeing that necessary repairs are made to the building.

Two ideals which Mr. Weichel believes in are loyalty to the school and school spirit, two essential qualities for a good student and a good school.



Keeping a watchful eye on the conduct of the schools, and busy attending to the many details of their operation, is this group of men who have a whole-hearted interest in seeing to it that Swissvale's schools are efficiently and constructively administered: Charles C. Thomas; Howard W. Barnett; President of the Board of Education, Robert W. Yearsley; Secretary, Miss Peggy Graf; Vice-president, Clarence H. Lewis. Standing: Solicitor, John R. Smith; Henry J. Baumgartner; Arthur Hodder; W. Clyde Smitley.



Miss Estelle Gray, Mr. Baily's capable secretary, is shown making out a working permit for Don Marlowe. Although this was one of her few direct contacts with the students, her services were known throughout the school system.



Miss Helen Hyvarinen, Mr. Weichel's versatile secretary, is pictured at the ditto machine. She was known as "the voice of Swissvale High School" for her daily broadcasts of announcements over the new inter-communication system.



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#### VINCENT A. ACRI

If you're looking for someone tall, dark, and handsome, Vince is your man. This guy enjoys all sports, but his favorites, and the ones he excels in, are baseball and basketball. Spending all the pennies he has collected will aid him in becoming a handy machinist.



Dud loves sports, especially basketball, and as manager of Swissvale's team he no doubt cheered them on to many victories. This little senior wants to become a chef, and with that smile of his we are sure that not one of his customers will ever complain of indigestion.

#### JOAN MARION BAREFOOT

Have you ever seen Marion sock a volleyball? Believe me, she's terrific! But on the other hand, she's mighty smooth on the dance floor and a sweet singer in choir. Her cute giggle attracted us here at SHS and will no doubt attract her boss while she is hustling around the office.

#### MAUREEN BERRY

Someday Renie's pleasant voice will be heard over long distance, but recently we have heard it coming from behind the ticket booth at the Washington Theater. She was an energetic member of the Y-Teen, Dramatics Club, and Bowling League, as well as an accommodating receptionist.

#### JANE ANNE BISHOP

"Janie," as she is known to many of her friends, has a delightful, yet quiet, charm. In all her spare time she collects stamps and reads many books. If you are ever sick, be sure to call for Janie, because this lass plans to make a career of nursing after graduation.

#### CAROL BOGOVICH

The halls of Swissvale High are going to seem hollow after "Bogie" has gone, for she was forever seen and heard in them. Carol was happiest when playing basketball, and what a good forward she made! With your winning ways, Bogie, you can't miss being a good secretary.



















#### KATHRYN AGNES ADAMS

Kate is one of the best basketball guards ever known to play on the floor of SHS. If you ever run out of postcards, just call on Kate, as col-lecting them is her hobby. The nursing profession or secretarial work will claim our Kate's time after graduation.

#### JAMES T. ANDERSON

A "Kool Kid" with a red "convert"-that's Jim. He can't decide whether music or a steak dinner appeals to him most, but the combination is unbeatable. There is no doubt, however, as to his ambition -to get married, to travel, and to get rich!!!

#### ELLEN BERRINGER

"Betty" is a whiz at brushing those worries away as well as at making friends. She's one of those 'almost late HILLTOPPERS" who is always TRYING to beat the late bell. When this future elementary teacher isn't practicing her piano lesson, her time is taken up painting figurines.

#### VIRGINIA MARY BILLINGS

"Ginger" is one of SHS's few (???) blondes, who has a finger in almost every pie. Ginny can be found at the Barn almost every Friday night, as dancing is her hobby, along with any type of dramatics. Her pep is sure to chase the blues in her boss's

#### ROBERT BISS

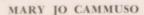
If you want to see Bob when he is really enjoying life, then see him armed with a camera, clicking away. Or perhaps you'd see him with rod and reel, as he is an ardent fisherman. In the meantime, however, he is making plans to become an electrician.

#### JERRY BONACCI

"Boon" should really go in for selling men's clothing, for his taste in haberdashery is keen and he always looks sharp. We expect Jerry to use his bright smile to bring him as much success in the sales field as it brought him while a football manager for the Gold Flashes.

#### MARLENE L. BOOHER

A good combination has Marlene, with her blonde hair and winning smile. She has discovered a certain yen for secret service work after graduation, since she's been viewing those "whodunits" on TV. At the present time, "Tubby" will settle for lots of popular records and ice skating.



Jo isn't hard to please—her only ambition is to have a good job and own her own car! While working around the house, she just loves to sing popular tunes and listen to them on the radio. When the opportunity arises, Mary Jo is always ready to pat someone on the back and give him a compliment.

#### ROBERT WILLIAM CARTS

Bob, an avid bowling fan, was one of the cheerful, quiet (???) boys of Swissvale High. He was usually seen riding in his light blue Ford—toting the girls around. If he learns as much about how to make money as he has about cars, he's bound to get ahead in this world.

#### MARIE CHIRUMBOLO

Mary, the girl with the big smile and that beautiful black hair, enjoys jitterbugging and is good at it, too. "Mimi" likes cars—any kind, just so long as they run! Her assets, neatness and ability, are what she needs to fulfill her ambition—to be a good homemaker.

#### ELAINE COOPER

Our own Luella Parsons of SHS possesses a sweet disposition. She has every quality needed to become an A-1 secretary. Playing tennis and dancing will always be activities of special interest to "Coop." We have no doubt that her graceful hands would make a beautiful Revlon ad. Hails from Seven-th Heaven.

#### JOSEPH F. DESIMONE

Joe is a happy-go-lucky fellow, with plenty of spirit and pep. As a sportsman, he is interested in both hunting and fishing. This fellow could be counted on to rack up points for his team during intramurals. When not engaging in his hobbies, Joe hopes to study engineering.













#### DONALD BOYLE

"Bishop" was one of our sharpest seniors, all the girls will agree. Sporting a big-g-g smile, he charmed everyone who knew him. As for the future, it may be college, but now it's just plain fun. That includes driving his keen car—and we do mean keen—and taking a few turns now and then around the dance floor.

#### MARION H. CAREY

"Canary bird" should be Marion's first name, for she very definitely has the singing quality of our fine feathered friend. Not only does she sing well, but she also plays a wicked game of volleyball and basketball. The future "Mr. Carey" will no doubt be fed well, as Marion plans to study dietetics.

#### DORRIS ANN CHAMBERS

"Sis" is the small miss with the most get-up-and-go we've ever seen. Her artistic ability enabled her to make those attractive posters advertising dances and drives at SHS. Dorie is also a shutterbug and does right well at this hobby. Her one aim, that most folks don't care for, is to grow old (????).

#### ELIZABETH COLLINS

Bea, the girl with the gleaming black hair, neat appearance, good looks, and pleasing smile, made a lasting impression on all of us. Intramural games, dancing, and skating are several of her favorites. This girl will be flying high in the future, as she hopes to become an airline hostess.

#### DONNA J. DAWSON

Donna can be seen perpetually going or coming from somewhere. A real live wire, with endless energy, she spends lots of her time in Wilkinsburg or at the Barn. A nice looking steno Donna is destined to be. Orchids, (Hupple's orchids, of course), go to Donna for her ability as a dancer and swimmer.

#### ELIZABETH DOCHERTY

Another would-be airline hostess is our Betty. Although she's a neat dancer (and that's her favorite past-time), skating and swimming also help to keep that happy smile of hers. Her rich contralto voice has added much to the beauty of the choir's performances during the past two years.

#### JAMES DONNELLY

Where sports are being talked about, you will hear "Meat's" name. For all his sportsmindedness, however, he also enjoys dancing and good music. To manage a big firm and make oodles of money is Jim's ambition. His good looks and pleasing personality are sure to make him land on top.

#### NANCY LOUISE FISH

"Mutt" is one of those quiet but cheerful scniors upon whom you can always depend. We all wish that we could have Nancy for a nurse in case of future tummy aches or broken bones. She might even sing for her patients, for Nan has a melodious alto voice that was prized by the choir.

#### JEAN FOSTER

"Beaner," as you can see from her picture, is a good-natured girl. When you want to see her, just drop around to Isaly's, where she spends her spare time working. Although she keeps busy, she still has time for her hobby of letter writing. What better medicine could a patient want than her cheery smile?

#### KATHLEEN FRANTZ

"Tootsie" was one of our nicest senior girls. A "hum-dinger" at bookkeeping, Kathleen was also at home in a swimming pool or perched on a horse. Her many interests include photography and bowling, where she makes a "striking" appearance. Bookkeeping interests "Tootsie" for the future.

#### GUY F. GEORGE

"Gee" is one of our personality boys, who looks quiet, but OH BROTHER!! He likes to collect "jump" records and has quite an assortment. As yet he has no plans for the future, but if we know Guy, we're sure that sooner or later he'll come up with some brainy idea.

#### CHARLES P. HALL, JR.

"Hands" is the little boy you see dashing around the basketball court or spiking those volleyballs. When he isn't singing or playing in a game, he is usually practicing his hobby, perspective drawing. To attend Duquesne is his desire, and Charlie has a knack of getting what he wants.























#### JANET M. EBER

Just having Janet around seems to lift everyone's spirit. "Ebe" cuts a mean figure on the tennis court as well as in the pool and on the dance floor. After graduation she plans to attend college, where she will develop further that beautiful soprano voice of hers.

#### HELEN FORD

"Peanuts" is a friendly Swiss Miss who gets along with everyone. If her plans for the future work out, she will someday be an F.B.I. agent, or perhaps a pharmacist. Her ambition is what most of us would like to do—make plenty of money and try to save it!

#### PATRICIA ANNE FRANK

Pat is one of our petite gals, whose hobby is working at G. C. Murphy's. (Did you say hobby, Pat?) Nevertheless, her winning smile wins over the customers! Dancing rates high with Pat. Her future boss will be very pleased when he hires Pat as his secretary.

#### ELLISON GAMBLE

A conscientious and hard working fellow is "Doc." Anything scientific appeals to him, but his chief hobby is raising different species of fish. Many a hamster he contributed to Room 19 as evidence of his love for animals. We expect Ellison to become a fine farmer one of these days.

#### PAGE W. GLASGOW

Have you ever met anyone more fun-filled than Page? Terrific . . . ask any one of his acquaintances. Dependable . . . as he was in his job as basketball manager for two years, along with being an excellent year-book co-editor. Good looking . . . just ask the girls! A guy with a lot of appeal.

#### LILLIAN HALL

If a pleasant smile, a nice personality, and a neat appearance make a good nurse, then Lillian will be a fine one. Of course, you've noticed those stylish skirts she made in home ec, for "Sis" is a wonderful seamstress and could easily make that her career.

#### NATHANIEL HALL

Anytime you go to a football or basketball game, you're sure to see Nate there, for sports are his hobby as well as his skill. To be a singer is his ambition, and if the reaction of his classmates at Swissvale High is an indication of future success, he is sure to reach the top.





## If you're ever having car trouble,

ALBERT C. HANCHEY

Al is the fellow to see, for he likes mechanics and hopes to operate his own garage one of these days. With his know-how, and with his ability to get along with people, he ought to make good. Just to vary things a little, Al enjoys sports and various other activities.

#### THOMAS J. HARDER

"Push," as he was dubbed by some joker in his class, is strictly an outdoor man. His main interests are fishing, camping, and swimming. One of the brave souls who made the long trek from the Square each morning. A future engineer, Tom's employers will find him an efficient





#### WILLIAM E. HARTZFELD

Remember the "dead man" in the junior play, "Aunt Cathy's Cat?" That was Bill. But he's very much alive in the halls of SHS! Someday you may find Bill behind the counter of a drug store, for he hopes to be a druggist. Hunting, fishing, and selling rare coins take up his spare

#### JANE GRETA HERMANSON

Jane is one of our soft-spoken lasses who has a special talent as a seamstress. This was smartly displayed in the fashion show given by the home economic students. Along with her sewing, Janie also enjoys reading good books, which might have given her the urge to travel after graduating.





#### ESTHER HUBA

"No, it's not a mirage; there are two Hubas." This one is Esther, a nice girl to know with a knack for getting along with people. "Ezie's" favorite pastime is traveling and meeting new friends. She feels that wanting to be a secretary isn't enough; she wants to be a good one.

#### ETHEL N. HUBA

"Twinner," as many of her friends know her, is a peach of a girl. Her sparkling personality and "twinnish" look give her away to her scores of pals. At the moment, although music is a prime favorite, she pictures the secretarial field as inviting for the future. "To be or not to be?"



### JUDITH ANNE HUGO

Short, sweet, dependable, and very blonde-these are the things that describe Judy to a "T." Many activities in SHS keep her on the go. and in addition she enjoys dancing and all sports. Her natural liking for sports should help her in the future when she is a phys ed teacher.

#### DONETTE BELLE HUMPHREYS

Whether it is playing the marimba or the bells, Donette is tops. She is a likeable girl with fashionable clothes and a warm smile. Included in her many hobbies is music, which she would like to make a career after graduation. Dancing also rates high with Donette.



## RAY IRVING

"Rufus" practically eats and sleeps automobile engines; being under the hood or under the chassis is when he's at his happiest-unless you count basketball and volleyball. At both of these sports he was a good performer while a member of Swissvale High's Blue and Gold.

#### HARRY W. JAMISON

In school "Spike" was a success in everything he did, and that included many things. He enjoys playing his trumpet—and how we enjoyed listening to him! When he goes to Tech in the fall, his personality and ambition will push him far ahead in chemical engineering.





#### DONALD G. KANN

"Hot rod," as he is known to many of his friends, is one of SHS's boys who eats and sleeps automobiles. In addition, he's a great shutterbug. Don plans to go to Tech to study industrial selling, a field he should succeed in, judging by his ability to "win friends and in-fluence people."

#### EMILY KARAS

"Babe" is our fun-loving Jackie Gleason. We shall never forget her sweet tactics and the inevitable "away we go!" Being such a smooth dancer, Emily is sure to glide through life with ease. To be a good wife is her ambition, and with her cheerful disposition we believe that she will be tops.

#### DONALD KOONTZ

The Class of '53 will remember Don as a star quarterback and as an efficient president in '52. A tall, handsome, all-around boy, Don was at home on the gridiron, diamond, basketball court, or even in assembly programs. Although he loves to drive, the electrical field appeals more to him than mechanics.

#### LOIS MARGARET KRAMPERT

To be a costume designer Lois's ambition, which may explain the attractive and original styles she wore in school. A girl of many hobbies, Lois enjoys collecting miniature glass animals and painting in oils. She is one of those persons whose good nature and love of fun can be counted on.

#### ANNETTE LAFFEY

Half of a terrific twosome, our Annette is extremely fond of intramural sports, swimming, and just plain gabbing. A charming girl and a real true friend, Annette will be a great asset to the secretarial field. Who can ever forget the hustle and bustle caused by this lass in Room 21?

#### MARTHA JANE LANEY

Everyone will agree that Marty is a girl with a quiet but charming personality. A well-known giggle is one of the reasons she is liked by all of us. Theatrical dancing and skating are among her many interests. Her well groomed appearance, her musical talent, and her pleasant voice endeared her to us.

#### CAROLYN ANN LINDBERG

A walking fashion plate-that's "Lindy." This active lass could always be seen dashing to a football or basketball game or to a dance. You can thank Carolyn for those attractive figures on the division pages of this book. Can't you just see her adding to the scenery in some office as a receptionist?























#### BARBARA KELLY

"When Irish Eyes Are Smiling" applies personally to "Kel," 'cause we'd like to meet the person who has ever seen her frowning. This gal is little-but she's mighty, and proved it when she led many a mighty cheer as captain of the cheerleaders. Barb has ambitions to travel after graduation.

#### IO ANNE KOVAL

Good looks, personality, and loads of pep is the best description for this girl. Jo was one of the best high steppers ever to lead our band, and we're mighty proud of her. Along with other outside activities, she enjoys music and is good at all types of sports. To be a "Jane College" is Jo's ambition.

#### VICTOR KRIST

Vic was one of the big reasons for our victories in the sports field this year. On the gridiron, everyone kept a close watch on No. 40. "Snuts" is also the owner of a very sharp wardrobe-so, how would you girls like to be in Professor Krist's classes when he becomes a teacher?

#### JANETTE LAFFEY

Ian is the fun-filled girl who goes all out for any kind of sports. Her favorite period in school is—you guessed it!—gym class. Jan was always in demand when sides were chosen in the intramural games. As you no doubt have guessed, Janette has her mind set on becoming a physical education instructor.

#### ALBERTA MARIE LEGAL

Here is a girl who is willing to lend a helping hand whenever it is needed. Alberta qualifies tops when it comes to good nature. We can't think of anything she'd be better fitted for than to become a nurse-her ambition anyway. She will always be a great help and comfort to her patients.

#### LOIS J. LONG

Lois is one of Swissvale's tiny seniors, who always looks neat as a pin. Lo has a habit of always meandering through the halls of SHS. Dancing and listening to good music rate ace high on her favorites list. Here's a future secretary any business man would just love to hire.

#### GEORGE MACKSON

"Porgy," the lad with the nice smile and the swell personality, has more friends in SHS than he can count. Sports rate tops with George, a fact he has proved many times on the gridiron and on the basketball court. College and aeronautics combined will make up his future career.



If ever a person deserved her nickname, "Red" is the girl. Besides having a beautiful crowning glory, she is one of our neatest seniors. Her outside activities include dancing and collecting postcards. With her cooking ability, we have proof positive that she will be an excellent dietician.

#### SHIRLEY ANN MARSHALL

Shirl is that cute little blonde with the ready smile for everyone. This lassie is well known for, among other things, her smooth dancing and very smart clothes. Any of you fellows who are intending to become big business tycoons will find a good secretary in Shirley.

#### DOLORES JEAN MARTING

Are you an ardent fan of Mario Lanza? If you are, just see "Dolly,"—though we doubt that she will part with one of her many pictures of him. Having a slim waistline enabled her to wear those wide belts that were so stylish. Her "gift of gab" will cheer her future patients.

#### DONALD W. MAUST

"Moose" has a passion for anything that has to do with cars, whether it be driving or tinkering. Dancing and swimming also rate high on Don's list. His sense of humor and ability to get along with other people should make his desire to become the head of a big business firm come true.

#### RICHARD F. McCARRICK, JR.

Dick, one of the best looking as well as best dressed seniors at SHS, is the boy you have heard clearly playing the big bass drum in the band. He will always be remembered for his friendly smile and sense of humor. These qualities should help him become a success in the engineering field.

















#### CAROLE ELAINE MacMILLAN

Charm, personality, and good looks are the ingredients that make up this lovely girl. Here's a real true blonde, who enjoys spinning around town in the family Studebaker. Mac's interests in school included the band, choir, and intramural sports. A charming receptionist she'll be!

#### DONALD J. MARLOWE

"Big Slim" is a likeable fellow with a good sense of humor which has gained him many friends. Do you remember the husky cop in the junior class play? Well, that was Don! His height was a great asset for his work on the stage crew. Electrical engineering appeals most to this lad.

#### THOMAS MARTIN

One of our best on the gridiron, Tom was equally skilled at baseball. His cheerful disposition and pleasant nature will lead him to success. Since his main activity in school was sports, it's only natural that Tom has chosen physical education and coaching as a career.

#### WAYNE R. MAUE

Never a dull moment when this spruce Casanova was around to make us laugh! To tease the fair sex was "Claude's" pet peeve (???). With such a grand personality as Wayne's, it will be a real pleasure to take his prescriptions—and let him develop our films.

#### MATTHEW McCABE

The easy-going fellow in the Class of '53, M. S. (Matthew Stanley) is the guy who is always working on, talking about, or riding in a car. Attention, all future car owners! If anything goes wrong with your crate, just see Matt, as he expects to own an auto shop some day.

#### JAMES EARL McCOLLAM

Jim's quiet nature would fool anyone who didn't know him. A nice personality and friendly grin were a pleasant surprise. Farming interests him, and one of these days he will be able to have delicious chicken with all the trimmings for all those who stop to say, "Hi!"

#### ROSEMARY E. McGOWAN

Rosie really has a name that suits her, as you can plainly see by her rosy cheeks and rosy disposition. Some peole may think her quiet—but just ask those who know her! She likes to swim and skate, and is good at both. Attention, employers! Here's another future secretary.





#### NANCY McGRATH

Nancy is one of those petite, neatas-a-pin girls. She enjoys dancing and is, of course, one of the regular Friday night visitors at the Barn, not to mention any other dance that's being held. "Nanc" could often be found in Room 6, working hard as Mr. Rodger's secretary or on the Valistic.

#### DONALD E. MILLER

"Tiny" is a cheerful, good-natured fellow, who spends most of his spare time filling gas tanks at Leader's gas station. We will really look up to Don, one of our tallest seniors, when he puts on his uniform for what he hopes to make a career—a Navy Air Force pilot.



#### HELEN MORTIMER

"Morte" is one of our very best looking and most likeable seniors. Dancing, collecting records, and bowling rate high on her list of hobbies. But in spite of all these, she found time to be a big help with the 1953 SWISSVALIAN. Her pleasant personality will win new friends when she enters college.

#### EMILE L. MUNCH

This "gentleman," with his warm smile, is well liked by his fellow classmates. Need anything repaired? Just go to Mr. Munch, because he loves to repair any sort of mechanism. Emile also is an ardent baseball fan (PIRATES??) Business school will take up most of his time after graduation.



#### ALICE FAYE MURPHY

"Pat's" pleasing disposition and warm smile radiate happiness. She enjoys visiting her many relatives—and her main ambition is to become a famous stage star. Remember how terrific she was in the junior class play? We believe she has the dramatic ability to achieve her goal.

#### ELAINE PERSCHKE

"Persch" is a busy girl, with a song in her heart and a smile for everyone. Her main activity was pasting, writing, and just generally editing the SWISSVALIAN. Tennis and dancing round out the rest of Elaine's interests. A shot in the arm awaits the business world when this vivacious gal makes good her ambition



#### PATRICIA JANE PRETHERO

"Trish," or Patsy—whichever you call her—is one of the girls a school just can't do without! Always ready when you needed her, she could be counted on to do a good job. Remember how she really got after that driving? Business school or the Women's Air Force sound good to her for the future.

#### RAY PROTHEROE

A good looking lad with a friendly smile—that's our Ray. In his spare time he has been trying to master the game of golf. Possessing a good head for business and also plenty of determination, he will no doubt fulfill his ambition to own a large oil concern one of these days.



#### MARY PAT O'GRADY

Too much can't be said about this pep-filled lass. She is well liked because, for one reason, she has a way of making everyone feel at ease. Mary Pat did a wonderful job this year of heading student council and editing the Valistic. Her bubbling spirit will assure her success at anything she does.

#### RICHARD ROCCO

Dick had one of those friendly dispositions that always win friends. Whether at the wheel, his favorite pastime, or helping the stage crew, he puts his heart into it. One of these days, when high school is behind him, he hopes to learn how to be a good draftsman.





#### WILLIAM A. ROSS

Bill will be remembered for his 8:29½ arrivals (in spite of living almost next door to the high school!) Being with the other fellows, having a generally good time, is Bill's favorite way to spend leisure time. As a real math "shark," Bill should make good in industrial engineering.

#### LOIS EILEEN SADLER

Whoever said the line, "She's as pretty as a picture," must have had Lois in mind. It will be a real pleasure for any boss to give dictation to this future secretary! Ask her what her recipe is, and she'll tell you that dancing, ice skating, and swimming helped win her nickname of "Slim."





#### JEAN SATTERFIELD

Jean, with her naturally curly blonde hair, is known to everyone in SHS and especially in Room 7. She had planned to become a secretary, but after seeing that sparkling diamond on the third finger of her left hand, we think her plans for the future may be changed.

#### DOROTHY MARIE SCHEPIS

Swimming all summer and movies all winter take up Sis's time—except, of course, when she's indulging in another hobby, music. But all year round everyone knows this sweet, petite miss as a good pal. Won't some boss just love to have this winning lass as his secretary some day?



#### SYLVIA SCHMIDT

A terrific majorette, "Syl" is one of our more sophisticated misses. Very neat in appearance, and with a friendly smile, she has won many friends. Dancing, drawing, and music are her favorite hobbies. You'll have proof positive that Sylvia will make a splendid beautician if you just look at her gorgeous curls.

#### FRED S. SCHULTZ

Another "Hot-rod" is Fred, with that oft-seen yellow car of his. No one could ever miss it, with those red checkerboard trimmings! On his more serious side he collects coins and builds model airplanes. Fred plans to become an aviation engineer, and if he flies like he drives look out!



#### JAMES H. SCOTT

Everyone missed "Scotty" and his hearty laugh when he left us to go to New York in '52. The class was certainly glad to have him come back again to graduate with them. A boy of endless pep and energy, he will undoubtedly make the grade as a future technician in the field of television.

#### WILLIAM SCOTT

Scott had the height the girls admire and the boys envy. Having tendencies toward sleeping and eating chicken certainly didn't make him fat, but kept him tall and slim. But if he wants to achieve his goal and become a millionnaire, we're afraid he'll have to give up his "hobby" of sleeping.



#### ROBERT SEIDER

"Mr. Trumpet Man" is a lover of good music and can really play it, too. Remember how well he applied his talent in the dance band? Bob could also, in season, be found on the mound for Swissvale, as baseball rated next to music. He plans to become an engineer or to teach engineering.

#### JOAN SHANAHAN

"Shannie" is one of our most vivacious senior girls, with loads of personality. Dancing is her favorite pastime, and she looks as neat on the dance floor as she will in some lucky boss's office. With her attractive appearance and pleasant smile, she was one of our prettiest Prom attendants.



#### BARBARA M. SHIELDS

S stands for swell, sweet, and Swissvale cheerleader—all of which describe Barb. This is the girl to go to when you need a good laugh! You may find her swimming or playing tennis in the summer. After graduating she wants to further her education and become an airline hostess.

#### ROBERT PAUL SHOVEL

"Sam's" winning ways and good looks make up a combination you just can't beat. Driving and swimming are among his top interests, along with working backstage with brushes and hammers, his favorite activity in school. After graduation, he'd like to go into business with his father.





#### JAMES A. R. SITA

Jim, with his friendly smile and easy-going manner, was easy to get along with and loads of fun to be around. He was one of Swissvale High's most enthusiastic camera fiends. With his determination and capability, Jim will advance far in the vocation he has chosen—radio and television.

#### MARJORIE ANN SKIPP

Margie was the gal with the winning smile and pleasing charm. Her spare time is well taken up with dancing and swimming. She is a rabid sports fan, with hockey and football heading her list of favorites. We envy the man who gets this girl for a secretary.

#### DONNA JEAN SMITH

"Smitty" can usually be seen working busily in Room 6. Come September '53 her new address will be Penn State, where she plans to study dietetics. When Donna isn't cooking, she'll be travelling around the country. With her capability and determination, we know she'll succeed.

#### ALEX SULLIVAN

"Sully" just had to come back to Swissvale from Wilkinsburg for his senior year at SHS. Room 7 was glad for this as well as the band, for he was a valued member of both. Alex goes in for coin collecting and model building, and plans to build a career around commercial art.

#### DAVID TERRIS

We could have listened for hours to Dave's piano playing, as melodies just flowed out of his agile fingers. But music was only one of his accomplishments. We counted on him for many things, and he always delivered the goods. Although a sports fan, our Dave plans to be an engincer.

#### JOHN TKACH

This handsome senior was tops all around. Personality plus splashed with a warm smile and a good sense of humor, was his trademark. Rating high on his list of favorites is collecting sports statistics. To pound out type as a newspaper columnist is his fond wish.

#### RITA GERMAINE VARGO

Rita always had that well tailored, chic appearance—a real delight to look at. She was known all over Swissvale High, as she was interested in just about everything. But of course, art was "Reet's" big specialty and the field she plans to enter as a dress designer.























#### CLYDE M. SMITH, JR.

Clyde was one of the fellows who aided our band by serving on the color guard squad. He rated high on the list of great guys from Room 7 as well as on student council as their treasurer. Clyde has a very worthy ambition—to be a success in whatever field he chooses to follow.

#### SUZANNE STARN

Sue's charming smile wins the friendship of everyone who knows her. Without a doubt she'll make a hit on any campus she selects. She makes a "striking" appearance at the bowling alley, too. Sue was one of our Prom Queen attendants, and a very pretty one, at that. (Agreed?)

#### BETTY LOU SULLIVAN

Start with a little girl, add a nice figure and a sweet face full of friendliness, and you come up with Betty. This gal just loves music and dancing. Plans to attend Grove City College spin a rosy dream in this little lass's head as she thinks about the future.

#### MARION DIVORCE THOMPSON

"Doll" has a pleasing smile along with a friendly manner. One of SHS's ardent songbirds, she was a member of the a cappella choirwhich she enjoyed tremendously. Doll also loves TV. To do anything in the line of office work is the ambition of this Swiss lass.

#### RONALD E. VANO

Tall, blond, and good looking, that's Ronnie—one of the best dressed seniors (did you ever see those green trousers?) Ron enjoys all sports and also cuts a neat figure on the dance floor. Have you ever seen the sodas he concocts at Bard's? To become a diesel mechanic is his ambition.

#### DOLORES JEAN WACH

Everyone has a whistle for "Sis," who just loves dancing and can be seen at every school dance. This popular lass possesses the good looks and sweet disposition that a future boss will be unable to resist. To attend business school is the first step toward achieving her ambition.

#### PAUL THOMAS WALENDZIEWICZ

Wally, one of our tall seniors, is no stranger to us. A very familiar figure on the gridiron, he is equally skilled on the volleyball court. His ability as a saxophonist was unknown to us till we saw him on TV. With this background, how can Paul go wrong following a musical career?

#### ROBERT HOWARD WILSON

"Trebor" is one of Swissvale's happiest fellows—and he makes a hit with everyone, especially the girls! Bob was usually seen causing a riot in Room 3 or driving like crazy. His car ran out of gas almost as often as Bob ran for office in SHS. To be a graduate of Notre Dame is "Treb's" ambition.

#### ELEANOR JEAN WOLLERTON

El just loves dancing and any kind of sport. One of Swissvale's smiling blondes, Ellie is usually seen carrying Tommy the Trumpet or dashing through the halls. Remember those flying saucers??? If you've forgotten, turn to the snapshot page and see her in her hypnotic trance!

#### MIRIAM VIRGINIA WOOD

Ginny's blonde hair and sparkling personality make her a welcome sight in the halls of SHS. Dancing, tennis, and playing Clara the Clarinet rate high on Ginny's list of spare time activities. Virginia's vocation will serve a worthy purpose after college—namely to become a foreign missionary.









#### HELEN WHITNEY

"Whit" was a pleasant addition to our class in her junior year. A sharp dresser was Helen, and we can tell just by looking at her shining hair that her ambition is to become a beautician. This is a subtle hint to stop in her shop for a curl. Between "waves" Helen will probably relax by swimming.

#### NETTIE LOUISE WOLFORD

"Little one," as everyone calls her, is a swell girl—short in stature, but high in good will. Do you want to win any intramural games? If so, just get Nettie, because she's our girl. Her spare time is taken up drawing. Remember her Christmas decorations in Room 7? Commercial art is her ambition.

#### JANIE LEE WOMELSDORF

Such diversified interests as horseback riding and music help make up the interesting personality that is Jane. Some day you may see her as an entertainer, just as you have seen her in school, but before that time comes, she plans to learn even more about music at Duke or Tech.

It isn't often that you find four such people capable of working together harmoniously for the good of their class. With Page Glasgow as treasurer, George Mackson as president, Dave Terris as vice president, and Janet Eber as secretary, the class of "53" had many enjoyable moments at the activities planned and run by these "fabulous four."





CLASS OF 1954

Top row: M. Amodeo, E. Begg, W. Bellas, J. Biehl, A. Bizon, R. Bonacci, F. Boyer, J. Breitigam, J. Bietenduefel, G. Bravo. Second row: R. Brobst, J. Capezzuto, P. Cassidy, J. Chambers, A. Chirumbolo, M. Cole, S. Conn, E. Connell, W. Cravotta, M. Cuccaro. Third row: D. Davis, M. Davis, A. Day, C. DeBiase, R. DeFrank, A. DelPrete, C. Dowgird, J. Duxbury, N. Eagleson, A. Egan, Fourth row: M. Elias, M. Esper, D. Estadt, B. Fisher, L. Fletcher, H. Ford, J. Foster, W. Friedman, N. Fulton, J. Gallagher. Fifth row: G. Gardell, J. Gatto, E. Gebhardt, N. Gebhardt, K. Glasgow, R. Gravante, M. Greeley, L. Gusan, S. Hamilton, B. Hanchey. Sixth row: E. Hanchey, B. Hartzfeld, D. Hepner, E. Hermanson, W. Howell, F. Hunker, D. Huot, T. Jones, C. Kantner, R. Kasik. Seventh row: R. Kelly, E. Kerlin, L. Klingensmith, B. Klitz, N. Levine, W. Logsdon, A. Lutz, D. Mack, J. Marino, L. Madden. Eighth row: P. O'Mara, E. Overly, B. Palonis, Y. Panaia, J. Patterson, W. Patterson, R. Patton, S. Paulie, P. Pavelko, G. Pollard. Ninth row: W. Martin, A. Mego, S. Miele, S. Mooney, B. Morgan, J. McDonald, A. Napoleon, C. McEliece, M. Olixa, D. McGinn.

Top row: B. Prettyman, A. Priebel, B. Pulsinelli, J. Pushnik, C. Ransbottom, D. Regina, C. Revak, P. Reynolds, B. Rhodes, R. Richardson, Second row: W. Ritchey, M. Rudge, R. Russo, C. Sadler, R. Scanio, P. Schepis, E. Schonbachler, M. Schuster, F. Sharp, L. Shaw, Third row: J. Shontz, D. Silvasy, C. Simonelli, P. Simpson, A. Stambolis, N. Stambolis, M. Steele, A. Telles, D. Temsick, M. Tishko, Fourth row: J. Tomasic, J. Tomko, W. Trusilo, L. VanHorn, R. Vasquez, N. Vernon, L. Viola, J. Wagstaff, B. Wallace, J. Waicis, Fifth row: D. Webb, W. Weber, L. Weimsker, L. Weis, J. Wentroble, R. Whitney, L. Wilson, M. Wilson, J. Wirth, J. Zavolta.



Bill Friedman, are on hand, waiting . . . good friends and colleagues, Danny Webb and Horn, of VanHorn's Funeral Home, and his on the job. Just in case, though, Lloyd Van-

Betty Morgan singing her heart out for her commercial time, and we find old friend have just returned from the service. Then it's Capezzuto, two of their buddies. These boys intent on the game, are Bob Kelly and John Bob Kasik. And there in the front row, very are? Why, no one else but Sonny Miele and ball game, and guess who the star players have it, we have tuned in on a Pirates' baseiliar faces staring back at us. As luck would happens to be nearby, only to find some famsorrow, we switch on a TV set, which just To break away from this atmosphere of

by their best salesman, Carl Simonelli. reason for their huge profits is the Job done gone into business just recently, and the main Chewing Gum Company. These boys have 15 alumni, now co-owners of the Chewier Ronny Richardson and Bill Weber, two Room gum while on the air. This is bad news for as happy as he could be, since he can't chew the sportscaster to be Bill Patterson, who isn't As the game comes back on, we discover sponsor—the maker of Sticko cornplasters.

has been enjoyable. the lives of these people, and we hope that it We have given you a brief "sneak pre-vue" of images begin to appear dimmer and dimmer. our crystal ball gazing is about to end, as the But time marches on, and we realize that

-Rosemary DeFrank

in store for these seniors-to-be in the coming the crystal ball of the future to find out what's today, but just for fun let's take a peek into We all know what the Class of 54 is like

Elias, and Jackie Biehl. classmates, including Nancy Vernon, Marilyn tarial staff includes so many of his graduating retaries. It seems a coincidence that his secrea big business firm, with many beautiful secior class president. He is now the president of different careers. Take Jerry McDonald, junperous lives, although they have all pursued ture, we find most of them leading fairly pros-As we gaze into the deep recesses of the fu-

Rhodes and Mary Cuccaro as their accountparticularly since they have hired Brian also quite influential in the engineering field, however. Emil Begg and Ray Whitney are "Jeep" isn't the only firm president we find,

ants to juggle the books.

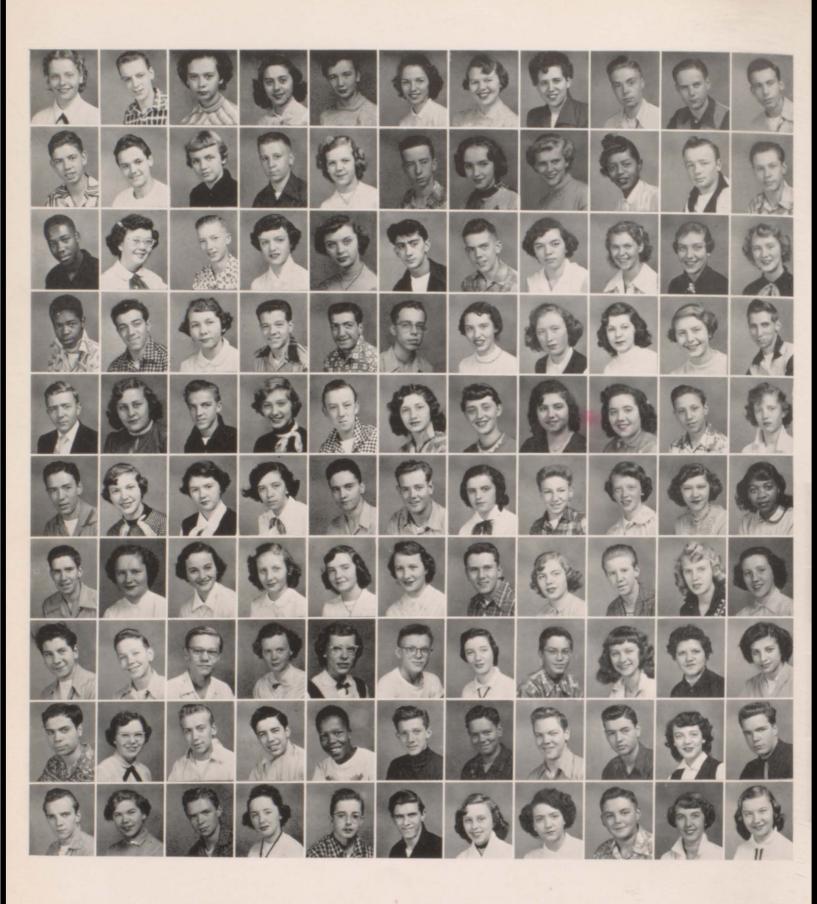
grapher. entally, he is now a world famous phototroble, Mickey Davis, and Sue Paulie, Incidto impress three of his models, Janice Wenthe accident occurred when Melvin was trying same time, like a circus performer. It is said to juggle Roger and Jimmy in the air at the hospital, due to Melvin's inaccuracy in trying Roger Brobst, and Jimmy Gallagher are in the that three of the class cutups, Melvin Amodeo, Speaking of Juggling, we are sorry to hear

senior nurses Pat Cassidy and Marylyn Tishko Dr. Allen Priebel (licensed veterinarian) and But we need not fear for their health, with



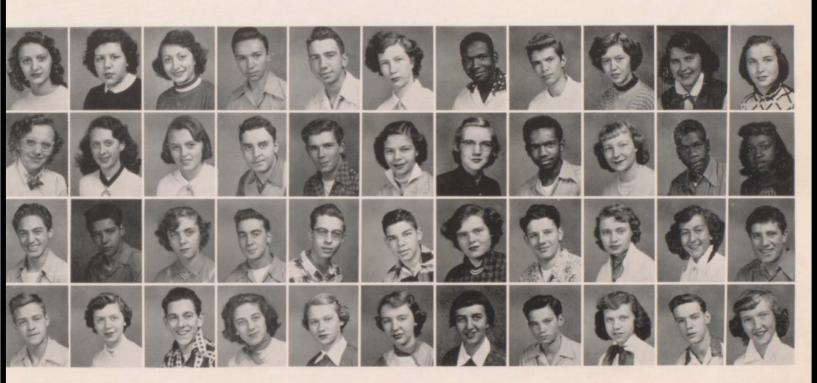
dent; Jean Hartley, secretary. Donald, president; Emil Begg, vice-presi-Junior class officers have a conference. Marylyn Tishko, treasurer; "Jeep" Mc.





CLASS OF 1955

Top row: D. Alexander, S. Anderson, B. Andrechak, A. Badali, M. Balmer, B. Barefoot, J. Barefoot, P. Bartoletta, E. Benner, C. Biehl, R. Bird. Second row: P. Bizon, S. Blazina, B. Boyd, R. Boyd, Y. Brugh, L. Byers, C. Cardiff, J. Carrell, G. Carson, G. Cashdollar, J. Chalus. Third row: R. Chambers, I. Cohill, W. Coleman, K. Collins, E. Connelly, A. Constantine, J. Craig, M. A. Cresto, J. Daniels, D. Danielson, N. Dannels. Fourth row: G. Davidson, C. DeLuca, N. Dickson, L. Divers, G. DiDomenico, J. Domer, J. Donohue, M. Dugan, B. Ezzo, L. Fabel, T. Farren. Fifth row: G. Floss, J. Forgione, V. Galbraith, P. Genge, K. Glasser, L. Glew, C. Grigg, A. Guerriero, R. Guerriero, D. Haddle, B. Hamilton, Sixth row: J. Hamilton, J. Hartman, N. Hauser, M. Hennings, L. Herman, F. Hochhauser, D. Horcholic, J. Hulick, P. Jamison, J. Johns, S. Johnson. Seventh row: F. Kallay, T. Kalup, E. Kazimer, K. Kennelly, J. Kohlhaas, B. Koontz, K. Koontz, J. Krawczyk, G. Krivjanik, M. L. Krivjanik, P. Laffey. Eighth row: V. LaVerde, R. Lees, D. Lewis, S. Lindberg, E. Ludwig, D. Ludwig, F. Lynch, B. Madyda, J. Malley, M. Mariani, S. Martin. Ninth row: C. Martoni, S. Mattern, W. Maust, G. Mazzella, M. Moore, D. McAfoose, R. McClernan, P. McConnell, R. McCracken, P. McGarrity, M. McKim. Tenth row: D. McKivitz, M. McMichael, R. McNemar, K. McTiernan, P. Nelson, B. Nemitz, N. Newman, L. Nuzzo, N. Nyberg, M. L. Onderick, M. Pace.



Top row: A. Palmiero, J. Perla, C. Perrone, P. Planinich, E. Ponsi, R. Prentice, T. Ramsey, D. Ravella, N. Raybould, N. Redshaw, A. Reynolds. Second row: R. Roe, B. Rouzer, B. Ryan, J. Scott, H. Seibert, E. Senka, S. Shogren, J. Smith, N. Smith, R. Smith, E. Snell. Third row: E. Spinoza, J. Starosky, D. Sullivan, R. Tammariello, R. Temple, R. Thompson, W. Trout, S. Uram, P. Urey, B. Vaccaro, A. Vasquez. Fourth row: J. Vaughan, V. Veith, J. Veltre, B. Venturini, D. Walendziewicz, L. Walker, B. Weiss, D. Whalen, H. Williams, R. Wilson, B. L. Wright.



She may be outnumbered, but Betty Vaccaro, secretary, was always there to lend a helping hand to Kenny Koontz, president, standing next to her. Pointing to the marine reserves photo is vice-president Dick Bird, and beside him Bob Tammariello, treasurer.

DEAR DIARY,

**Sept. 3.** Here it is September 3, and I find myself on the first floor looking for Room 31 by the grace of some kindly upperclassman.

**Sept. 10.** After a few weeks of wandering and a well-drawn map, I can now find my way to most of my classes.

Oct. 16. Cameras with no film are my pet peeve, and as I sit before the photographer once more, I keep hoping that he hasn't forgotten again.

Oct. 17. Cold feet, hoarse voices, and being just plain scared were the ailments suffered by class officer candidates during their speeches in assembly. The four beaming faces that appeared after the elections belonged to president Kenny Koontz, vice-president Dick Bird, secretary Betty Vaccaro, and treasurer Bob Tammariello.

Nov. 7. "Come one, come all, to the Harvest Ball" said the posters in the hall. And it turned out as planned, for the ballroom floor was well used for everything from a slow, dreamy number to a hot jumper. Such celebrities in the Class of 1955 as Tom Hall and Lillian Glew entertained us with sweet melodies that just about lulled us to sleep. Then Harriet Williams's taps changed the mood with the lively clicking of her taps. Of course good food and high spirits both contributed to the party's success.

Nov. 19. Today was the big day for those sophomore grid stars, as they and the rest of the team donned their best ties and were treated to a banquet by the Lions Club. Of course I thought the sharpest there were Joe Lamberti, Tom Hall, Howard (Corky) Johnson, Jim Hulick, Bob Tammariello, Kenny Koontz, Randy Chambers, Tony Donofrio, Jim Hamilton, Earl Benner, Dick Bird, and Bob McCracken.

Nov. 26. With Father Sanderbeck's impressive Thanksgiving message still in our minds, we left the old Alma Mater for four days of sleep, turkey, and bicarb.

Dec. 19. Miss Marshall had plenty of help-

for the annual Christmas program this year, as many talented zombies turned out for both on and off-stage work. Using their dramatic ability for the first time in front of SHS's footlights were Janet Daniels, in a speaking role, and Mary Pace and Yvonne Brugh in pantomimes. Mr. Boak found the sophomore Rembrandts indispensible, with Sandy Shogren, Joan Kohlhaas, and Nancy Hauser helping paint scenery. Betty Boyd and her crew did a good job supplying props and costumes, and the sophs more than held up their end in the choir.

Jan. 5. Well, Christmas vacation can't last forever, so back we have come. The less fortunate zombies will soon be busy burning the midnight oil, cramming for those mid-term exams that are on us before we realize it. Every soph'more has resolved to be exempt come May.

Jan. 6. Our first home game today, and a chance to see the stars of tomorrow! Oh well, what if we didn't see many of them? There's always next year. And we know that SHS will find some game-winners among Earl Benner, Dick Bird, John Chalus, Tony Donofrio, Tom Farren, Tom Hall, Jim Hulick, Corky Johnson, Frank Kallay, Kenny Koontz, Dick Mc-Afoose, Tom Ramsey, and Dick Smith.

Feb. 14. Today marks the day for cupid to catch up on his target practice. Although there was no school, the little red hearts seemed to be flying in the direction of Pat, the Bettys Elaine, Toni, and all the other love-struck zombies.

June 2. Well, Diary, March, April, and May flew by like a breeze, with such activities as the Senior Play, Junior Prom, Easter Vacation, Commencement, and the annual spring fever—and those never-to-be-forgotten exams. I haven't been able to keep you up-to-date, what with all those things, plus studying for exams and planning for the picnic tomorrow.

June 4. We were sort of relieved to say good-bye to SHS—but don't you think we won't be glad to come back again next year!

-Sandy Shogren and Betty Boyd

## THE PLEASURES





President Mary Pat O'Grady conducts a meeting of student council in Room 19. First row: Judy Hugo, Barbara Shields, Doris Alexander, Patty Genge, Marylyn Tishko, Sylvia Mooney. Second row: Emil Begg, Barbara Kelly, Pat Murphy, Jo Koval, Helen Mortimer. Third row: Dave Terris, Anthony Donofrio, Elaine Perschke. Standing: Dick Bird, Clyde Smith, Kenny Koontz, Karl Glasgow, Allen Priebel, Bob Kelly, Nate Hall, Bob Tammariello, Wayne Maue, George Mackson.

### Student Council

Work, work, and more work was the motto of this group, which went all out to give us an enjoyable year at SHS. Their schedule included the planning of dances, decorating the Christmas tree in the gym, and sponsoring contests. Among the many dances held was the famed Snow Ball dance in the SHS Ballroom. Decorations for this fun-filled frolic included cotton snowballs strewn here and there, celluloid snowflakes dangling from the ceiling, and last but not least the huge decorated tree in the middle of the gym floor. The recordings were spun from our broadcasting room over the new intercommunication system. If you wonder whether a good time was had by all, just ask anyone who was there. They'll tell you!

The big Christmas party for the whole school was sponsored by student council to replace the homeroom parties. This included a dance plus refreshments. Believe it or not, even the faculty had a good time.

As you all know, "Ike" was elected president of the U.S.A. Whether SHS had anything to do with his being elected is debatable, but nevertheless the SHS students surely did "LIKE IKE." Who sponsored this mock election? Why, who else but student council, of course.

Early in the second semester, student council organized a contest to get a new name for the school athletes to replace "Gold Flashers" and "Valers." The coming of Spring also brought on a clean-up drive, backed by posters and reminders over the intercom.

### Honor Roll

Swissvale High School is proud of her students who combine scholarship with participation in school activities. Many of the boys and girls whose names are listed below are key figures in school affairs but have maintained a high average along with their activities.

The seniors whose names appear here have achieved an over-all average of 90% or better for their four years in high school.

The underclassmen have been on the honor roll for the first four six weeks periods of the year. They have maintained an average of 90% with no grade below 85%. In addition, their citizenship has been satisfactory, with an average grade of B or better.

#### SENIORS

ELLEN BERRINGER
JOSEPH DESIMONE
ELLISON GAMBLE
JUDITH HUGO
LOIS KRAMPERT
BARBARA MADARA
HELEN MORTIMER
ELAINE PERSCHKE
PATRICIA PRETHERO
BARBARA SHIELDS
DONNA SMITH
SUE STARN
DAVID TERRIS
JOHN TKACH

#### JUNIORS

SHIRLEY CONN
ROSEMARY DEFRANK
JAMES GATTO
DENISE HUOT
WILLIAM PATTERSON
CONRAD REVAK
ROSARIA SCANIO
JANICE WENTROBLE

#### SOPHOMORES

RICHARD BIRD
BETTY BOYD
MILDRED DETURK
NANCY HAUSER
DOLORES HORCHOLIC
BARBARA KOONTZ
DAVID RAVELLA
SANDRA SHOGREN
EDWIN ZINMAN



Top row: Robert Shovel, Barbara Madara, Lois Sadler, Second row: Mary Pat O'Grady, Janet Eber, Richard McCarrick, Page Glasgow, Third row: Victor Krist, Barbara Kelly, Fourth row: Janette Laffey, Harry Jamison, Vincent Acri.

Chosen by their fellow classmates as the most outstanding in the following categories were:

Nicest Personality
Janet Eber
Robert Shovel

Most Likely To Succeed
Barbara Madara
Harry Jamison

Best Dancers
Barbara Kelly
Vince Acri

Most Active In School Mary Pat O'Grady Page Glasgow Best Looking Lois Sadler Dick McCarrick

Most Athletic Janette Laffey Vic Krist Although the students on the opposite page received the highest number of votes from their classmates, every senior in the Class of '53 is outstanding in some special category.

	D	Girls
ATHLETES	Boys	
	NATE HALL DON KOONTZ	KATHRYN ADAMS CAROL BOGOVICH
	RAY IRVING	LILLIAN HALL
	PAUL WALENDZIEWICZ	
ACTIVE IN SCHOOL AFFAIRS		NETTIE WOLFORD
ACTIVE IN SCHOOL AFFAIRS	BOB SEIDER	ELAINE PERSCHKE
	DAVE TERRIS	DONNA SMITH
MOST LIKELY TO SUCCEED	ELLISON GAMBLE	JANE BISHOP
	TOM HARDER	JUDY HUGO
	ALEX SULLIVAN	LOIS KRAMPERT NANCY McGRATH
BEST APPEARANCE	JOHN TKACH	NANCI MCGRAIII
DEST METALITIES	DON BOYLE	DORRIS CHAMBERS
	BOB CARTS DON MAUST	BEA COLLINS CAROLYN LINDBERG
	RAY PROTHEROE	JEAN SATTERFIELD
	BOBBY WILSON	SYLVIA SCHMIDT SUE STARN
		VIRGINIA WOOD
BEST DANCERS		
	JIM DONNELLY TOM MARTIN	VIRGINIA BILLINGS LOIS LONG
	RONNIE VANO	HELEN MORTIMER
		BETTY LOU SULLIVAN DOLORES WACH
NICEST PERSONALITY		DOLORES WILL
	CHARLES HALL	JO KOVAL
	AL HANCHEY GEORGE MACKSON	ANNETTE LAFFEY CAROLE MacMILLAN
	WAYNE MAUE	RITA VARGO
CONGENIAL	DUDLEY AMIE	MARION BAREFOOT
	IIM ANDERSON	MARY CAMMUSO
	GUY GEORGE	HELEN FORD PAT FRANK
	MATT McCABE DON MILLER	ALBERTA LEGAL
		DOROTHY SCHEPIS
PLEASANT DISPOSITION		ROSEMARY McGOWAN
PLEASANT DISPOSITION	JOE DESIMONE	ELLEN BERRINGER
	DON KANN BILL ROSS	MARY CHIRUMBOLO JEAN FOSTER
	BILL SCOTT	ESTHER HUBA
	CLYDE SMITH	MARTHA LANEY SHIRLEY MARSHALL
CO OBED ATIVE		Difficulty introduction
CO-OPERATIVE	ROBERT BISS	MARLENE BOOHER
	BILL HARTZFELD DON MARLOWE	ELAINE COOPER KATHLEEN FRANTZ
	FRED SCHULTZ	JANE HERMANSON
		DOLORES MARTING PAT PRETHERO
FUN TO BE WITH		TAT TRETTIENO
FUN TO BE WITH	JERRY BONACCI	MAUREEN BERRY
	JIM McCOLLAM EMILE MUNCH	DONNA DAWSON NANCY FISH
	PETE ROCCO	PAT MURPHY
	JIM SCOTT JIMMY SITA	JOAN SHANAHAN BARBARA SHIELDS
	J.m. J. T.	MARJORIE SKIPP
The second second second second		MARION THOMPSON
MOST MUSICAL		MARION CAREY
		BETTY DOCHERTY
		ETHEL HUBA DONETTE HUMPHREYS
		ELEANOR WOLLERTON
		JANE WOMELSDORF



Room 6 usually looks like a cyclone has hit it . . . the mad chemists won't blow up the school as long as Mr. Jelbart is keeping a watchful eye on them . . . the tidy art classes often have real live models to sketch . . . wouldn't Vic Krist make a good one . . . wonder how long Rose Bonacci and Rita Vargo can hold those poses . . . in Cheerleaders Club they would be right in place . . for the cheering on of our SHS basketball team . . . including our little mascot, Dolly Ann Clougherty . . . while others are using their vocal cords, our busy typists are hard at work . . . could they be typing the announcements to be read over the new intercom system? . . . just how many times were Jo and Jane paged? . . . not to mention half the school, even the zombies!





Members of the Y-Teen, a group sponsored by the YWCA, are shown here. In the upper photo, seated are: B. Docherty, B. Kelly, M. Barefoot, B. Collins, J. Hugo, J. Shanahan, J. Eber, N. McGrath. Second row: A. Legal, D. Humphreys, J. Satterfield, D. Smith, D. Wach, E. Wollerton, J. Foster, N. Fish, S. Marshall, V. Billings, P. Murphy, D. Schepis, M. Laney. Third row: P. Prethero, B. L. Sullivan, C. Bogovich, J. Koval, H. Mortimer, K. Frantz, J. Laffey, E. Karas, S. Starn, D. Dawson, M. Skipp, M. Berry. Fourth row: A. Laffey, L. Sadler, E. Perschke, B. Madara, L. Long, E. Berringer, H. Ford, L. Krampert. This group includes senior members.

Junior members of the group are, seated: H. Ford, P. Reynolds, B. Wallace, B. Fisher, R. Vasquez, C. Jackson, S. Mooney, W. Howell, N. Fulton, M. Tishko, M. Greeley. Second row: P. Cassidy, M. Steele, A. Lutz, J. Breitigam, R. Bonacci, J. Zavolta, A. Chirumbolo, Y. Panaia, E. Overly, D. Regina, L. Weis, D. Huot, B. Hartzfeld. Third row: M. Schuster, J. Wentroble, D. Davis, N. Vernon, B. Morgan, M. Rudge, J. Patterson, S. Paulie, B. L. Pulsinelli, M. Wilson. Fourth row: N. Gebhardt, J. Hartley, S. Hamilton, F. Boyer, J. Pushnik, M. Davis, P. O'Mara, M. Elias, A. Egan, J. Waicis.



Officers: secretary, Rosemary DeFrank; vice-president, Shirley Conn; president, Mary Pat O'Grady; treasurer, Martha Esper; co-treasurer, Rosaria Scanio.

#### You Follow the Events and Let the Dance Band Play Them!

- Sept. 3-"School Days" are here "Again" and "Oh, How I Hate to Get Up in the Morning!"
- Sept. 17—All the candidates for class officer pleaded "Why Don't You Believe Me?" in their campaign speeches.
- Oct. 1-2—"You're As Pretty As a Picture" was the favorite saying these days, as the seniors had their portraits taken for the yearbook. Also, "Eleanor" was the "Sleepy Time Gal" of the hypnotist show.
- Oct. 10-"It's a Lovely Day Today" everyone cried, as we had our first break.
- Nov. 21—All the Irish cowboys from "Deep in the Heart of Texas" displayed their thespian abilities in the junior class play, "Mollie O'Shaughnessy."
- Nov. 27-"We Gather Together" to give thanks on Thanksgiving Day.
- Dec. 12-That was no "Big Fat Worm" that Janette was holding in assembly.
- Dec. 18-The SHS ballroom became a "Winter Wonderland" for the Snow Ball,
- Jan. 14—Everyone in the audience said, "Ain't She Sweet?" as the home ec girls modeled their own creations.
- Feb. 14—The "Sweethearts" assured each other that "My Heart Belongs to Only You" on Valentine's Day.
- Mar. 20—"The Trolley Song" was the tune of the day when the seniors presented "Men Are Like Streetcars,"
- Apr. 8-"The Teddybear's Picnic" was held in the gym, with the seniors as the teddybears.
- Apr. 24-After the Prom, the boys said, "Till I Waltz Again With You."
- May 13-All of Swissvale High's "Pretty Girls" were represented at the May Crowning.
- May 22-After eating "Candy and Cake," the seniors found "There's No Business Like Show Business" in assembly.
- May 31-"Open Our Eyes" was the hymn at our Baccalaureate service.
- June 1-"Oh, Happy Day," the seniors sighed, as the diplomas were passed out.
- June 3-"On a Picnic We Will Go" to Kennywood Park,



Here you see pictured Swissvale's tops in dance bands. Made up of students from the high school and Dickson Junior High, the group is directed by Edgar J. Hill. Seated at the piano is Jane Womelsdorf, Swissvale High's accomplished accompanist. Trombonists are Dave Ravella, Ray Whitney, and Dick McAfoose. Saxophonists are Conrad Revak, Louis Lanyi, Warren Cravotta, and Lois Lanyi. The lone clarinetist is Bob Thompson. Performing so excellently on the trumpet are Bob Seider, Harry Jamison, Alex Sullivan, and Howard Hoffman. Together they make the kind of music we love to hear!



If ever there was a peppy five, these were it! Barbara Kelly, captain; Rose Vasquez; Marylyn Tishko; Barbara Prettyman; Barbara Shields.

A welcome sight to any visitor upon entering Swissvale High were the receptionists. Seated: Jean Hartley, Pat Murphy, Shirley Conn, Nancy Gebhardt, Alberta Legal, Mary Cuccaro, Betty Lou Sullivan. Standing: Marion Barefoot, Connie Dowgird, Helen Mortimer, Velma Veith, Bea Collins.



"Meet your deadline!" "Can't you get more info about this?" "Go ask Mr. Weichel." "Where's that other Spotlite?" Hearing this, you know you're in Room 6, where a lot of frantic action occurred every other week during the school year. Here the editor-in-chief, Mary Pat O'Grady, put her vim and vigor into getting out the paper and hunting new ideas to brighten it.

"Who inked this machine?!" was heard regularly at 4 o'clock every other Thursday, when Ron Richardson was in a hurry to run the paper off. The next sound was usually a wail from one of the slip-sheeters who had accidentally brushed against an inky stencil and moaned, "Just look at the ink on my skirt, and it just came back from the cleaners!" To this some experienced hand would advise, "Fels Naptha will take it off."

Fluttering around at a very late hour was the busy assistant editor, Rosemary DeFrank, who came to the rescue when headlines were needed. Rosemary also did a wonderful job assisting both news and feature editors and filling in wherever needed.

A familiar cry in the feature department was for new ideas, longer articles (or shorter ones, depending), and catchier labels. But Jo Koval always came up with something and turned in much good copy herself.

A better nose for news was what Donna Smith endeavored to develop in her news staff. Many a long hour she spent on last minute news for those wonderful typists, who never seemed to run out of patience. Correction fluid flowed like water at times, but during the calmer moments Pat Prethero would frequently remove a stencil and say, "There! Only one mistake on this whole stencil!"

"Who took my stencil off the mimeoscope?" was almost a motto with the artists. Room 6 was sometimes full of little gremlins who loved to misplace Nancy Gebhardt's "Percy" and the cover drawings, in spite of Denise Huot's little notes saying "Hands off, pa-leeze."

Football, basketball, volleyball, and base-ball—not to mention intramurals—moved like visions through the heads of the sports-writers. Who made the most points, who saw the away games, and who gave the information were the concern of the boys responsible for news coverage.

To answer our questions and solve our problems was the incomparable Miss Jacobs, who never failed to come to our aid.



A Valistic conference shows Rosemary DeFrank, Denise Huot, Donna Smith, Jo Koval, and Mary Pat O'Grady admiring the new "Baby Royal." Tony DelPrete has just come in with a sports article to be typed.









#### Feature staff:

Read any interesting features in the Valistic lately? Well, these are the people you have to thank. Always on the job, they were a big help to Jo Koval, their feature editor. They are: Brian Rhodes, Marylyn Tishko, Marcia Wilson, Jeanne Wirth, and Shirley Conn.

#### News staff:

The inevitable "hawk-eyes" of the paper were sure to be around when anything important happened. Whether it was news or sports, they were sure to bring the details to Donna Smith, the news editor. Seated around the desk are Norman Levine, Martha Steele, Ray Whitney, Pat Reynolds, and Karl Glasgow.

## Typing, art, and mimeograph staffs:

Without these folks, there just wouldn't be a Valistic! With ink on their clothes and aching fingers, they were sure to get the paper out on time. Here we see artists Sylvia Mooney, Lois Krampert, and Nancy Gebhardt: printers, Conrad Revak and Ron Richardson; typists, Pat Prethero, Lois Long, and Nancy McGrath.

#### Tryout staff:

In a very short time some of these people will be racking their brains (??) and "sweating out" the deadlines: Seated, first row: Billie DeTurk, Betty Vaccaro, Toni Badali, Mary Lou Hainsey, Sonja Lindberg, Dolores Horcholic. Second row: Janice Wentroble, Kathie Collins, Pat Laffey, Nancy Hauser, Martha Esper, Kathleen Kennelly, Barbara Ryan, Janet Donohue, Sandy Mattern, Virginia Caldwell, Jean Hartley, Flo Boyer. Standing: Kathleen McTiernan, George Floss, Pat Urey, Pat McConnell, Joe Veltre, Joan Forgione, Pat Bartoletta, Nancy Newman, Yvonne Brugh, Carol Grigg, Sandy Shogren, Nancy Dannels.

tained the pictures for the yearbook, and ohl some of those poses!! The photo crew got right down to brass tacks—or should we say scissors, knives, and glue—and started pasteing and cutting until they all but stuck to gether from that horrible smelling rubber cement.

But without a doubt the senior writeups were absolutely the end! Certainly we have wonderful seniors, in fact the best, but-t-t-Mr. Webster just hasn't enough adjectives to fit their sparkling personalities. So slave, slave,

and more slave.

Deadlines??? Oh yes, we had those, too.

Not just one, mind you, but two. One was demanded by the engraver and the other by the

manded by the engraver and the other by the printer. And you met them, or else!
We have showed you the tough side of get-

ting out a yearbook, but really, there were a million laughs along with it. We hope you enjoy reading it as much as we enjoyed publishing it.

"Pass the goo." "Watch out for the sharp blade on the knife!" "Oh, no steel-edged ruler!" "I figure it will reduce to 2-1/8 by 3-5/6 inches." All these and many more quotes were heard floating from Room 6 after school hours every night. No, the editors were not getting ready to kill someone—they were just publishing a yearbook. This was a long process, in which one could easily gain many a gray hair. You ask how long it took to prepare gray hair. You ask how long it took to prepare the workers in Room 6 and they'll tell you that the planning began almost before the tast to fall classes.

As in many instances, building the framework was comparatively easy, but all easy things must come to an end sooner or later. In our case, it was sooner than we expected. For our case, it was sooner than we expected. For one fine day a package was delivered to Miss Jacobs, c/o Swissvale High School. The instant the package was opened, Room 6 turned stant the package was opened, Room 6 turned into a beehive of workers. The package consists

## The 1953 Swissvalian



Our capable business manager, Dave Terris, isn't really a miser. He's just trying to stre-e-etch the dollar, but somehow it doesn't want to cooperate.





Tops in typing, writing, and collecting ads were these willing workers on the 1953 SWISS-VALIAN. Top photo, seated: Lois Krampert, Dolores Wach, Nancy Fish, Alberta Legal, Ellen Berringer, Rita Vargo, Sue Starn. Second row: Pat Murphy, Jean Foster, Barbara Madara, Marion Barefoot, Ginger Billings, Shirley Marshall, Judy Hugo, Donette Humphreys, Donna Smith. Third row: Bill Trusilo, Robert Seider, Don Marlowe, John Tkach, Harry Jamison.

Lower photo, seated: Marion Thompson, Pat Frank, Eleanor Wollerton, Jannette Laffey, Helen Mortimer, Barbara Shields. Second row: Pat Prethero, Virginia Wood, Carole MacMillan, Betty Dochetry, JoAnne Koval, Annette Laffey, Barbara Kelly.



Were these the folks that damaged the photographer's equipment that September day? Or were they just absent when he was here? At any rate, the halls of SHS couldn't do without them and neither could the 1953 SWISS-VALIAN. On the first step are Catherine Jackson and Jean Hartley; on the second, Betty Smith, Isabelle Rocco, and Bob Urbanic; and on the third Mike Bisegna and Gordon Jackson. All of these students are members of the Class of 1954.

Our little zombies get sick once in a while, too, so maybe that was the reason for their being absent when the underclass pictures were taken. First row: John Zelen, Virginia Caldwell, Mildred DeTurk, Janice Hamilton, Mary Lou Hainsey. Second step: Howard "Corky" Johnson, Thomas Hall, Charles Peterson, Murdo Newton. Top row: Russell Spangler, Tony Donofrio,





Jo Koval, feature editor of the Valistic, and Mary Pat O'Grady, editor-in-chief, congratulate the new members of Quill and Scroll. In the picture are Page Glasgow, co-editor of the 1953 Swissvalian; Donna Smith, news editor of the Valistic; Jo Koval, Mary Pat O'Grady, Dave Terris, business manager of the Swissvalian; Elaine Perschke, co-editor of the Swissvalian; and Lois Krampert, member of the art staff of the Valistic and Swissvalian.

## Quill and Scroll

Quill and Scroll is an international society of high school journalists whose membership is open to students who have made a definite contribution to school publications in the fields of writing, art, and business. From this group, membership is limited to those who stand in the upper third of their class.

At Swissvale High, membership in the Jane Grey Swisshelm chapter is on an honorary basis. Initiation is held late in the senior year, with only those seniors who have devoted hours of work on the school paper and yearbook being taken into the organization at the candlelight service.

This year, following the custom inaugurated in 1952, initiates were received into Quill and Scroll at a meeting of all members of the Valistic and Swissvalian staffs. At the conclusion of the impressive service, a picnic-style dinner was held in Room 6.



Upper photo. Mr. Boak explains procedure to Al Hanchey and Dolores Wach in the first row. Second row: Guy George, Lois Krampert, Carolyn Lindberg, Dorris Chambers, Kathleen Frantz, Nettie Wolford. Third row: Charlie Hall, Don Maust, Joan Schlutz, Maureen Berry, Bob Wilson. Behind Bob is Rita Vargo.

Lower photo. First row: Joan Breitigam, Nancy Gebhardt, Dorothy Davis, Marylyn Tishko. Second row: Clyde Kantner, Leona Shaw, Denise Huot, Mary Cuccaro. Third row: Lee Madden, Jean Waicis, Karl Glasgow.

Color, line, ceramics, and a "rogues' gallery" made Room 20 one of the brightest and liveliest in all of Swissvale High.

In the fall the walls were decorated with brightly colored drawings, many of which showed a definite modern trend. At Christmas, however, many of the students showed a love of tradition in their Christmas card designs.

In mid-winter, the refrigerator bulged with blobs of clay which gradually emerged as clever figurines, free form dishes and trays, and other objects all ready for glazing and firing.

Throughout the year Mr. Boak's artists did their best with live models chosen from among their classmates. Often the likeness was striking, but sometimes—well, we can't all be portrait painters.

The front hall was frequently adorned with the art students' handiwork, proof that whatever the season, art was fun and Room 20 was gay.

## Alma Mater

Sing the praise of Swissvale High School With her gold and blue; May her emblem stand forever, Glorious to view.

#### Chorus:

Lift her praises up together: Hang her banner high; Hail to thee, our Alma Mater, Hail to Swissvale High.

May the students and alumni,
Loyal and so true,
Ever bring her fame and honor
By the things they do.
Hail to thee, our Alma Mater,
Mother of true men.
May each fond and loving student
Sing her praise again.

—Words by Richard Tener Class of 1927

Some really sweet sounds came from the auditorium during the sixth period this past year. There was plenty of volume, plenty of harmony, and plenty of pep. Although the girls performed in public only at Christmas, we could have listened to them more often.

At the piano: B. Pulsinelli. First row: P. Bartoletta, L. Glew, J. Hartman, T. Kalup, M. Balmer, B. Weiss, S. Lindberg, A. Chirumbolo, C. Dowgird, M. Cresto. Second row: N. Newman, P. Urey, W. Trout, B. Venturini, N. Redshaw, C. Perrone, B. Andrechak, M. Mariani, A. Palmiero, J. Perla. Third row: A. Guerriero, D. Sullivan, B. L. Wright, C. Cardiff, C. Jackson, K. McTiernan, J. Breitigam, B. Klitz, M. Dugan. Fourth row: A. Stambolis, M. Greeley, P. Reynolds, R. Scanio, B. Wallace, E. Hanchey, J. Walendziewicz, F. Lynch, M. Onderick, B. Rouzer, M. Beatty, Y. Brugh. Fifth row: N. Fulton, S. Conn. C. Grigg, S. Mattern, E. Senka, V. Veith, K. Kennelly. Sixth row: B. Hartzfeld, P. Jamison, N. Dickson, J. Krawczyk, P. Laffey, B. Vaccaro, F. Boyer, F. Sharp, J. Johns, N. Eagleson, J. Barefoot, D. Regina, E. Overly.





First row: J. McAllister, J. Patterson, A. Reynolds, V. Caldwell, P. Genge, E. Kazimer, A. Badali, B. Barefoot, D. Horcholic. Second row: R. Roe, B. Boyd, S. Shogren, M. Hainsey, D. Alexander, S. Paulie, B. Koontz, N. Smith, M. McMichael. Third row: R. Bird, J. Veltre, H. Johnson, R. Tammariello, P. Nelson, W. Maust, R. Whitney, B. Ryan. Fourth row: R. Kasik, L. Herman, M. Newton, M. Olixa, S. Anderson, W. Ritchey, W. Cravotta, L. Wilson.

Our director, Mr. Hill, is caught in the act of leading the choir. Could it be that he is adding his powerful voice to the base section?



For an organization to be successful, as Swiss-vale High's a cappella choir is successful, you must have a good and capable leader. Mr. Edgar J. Hill surpasses the good mark and has proved even more than capable in turning out beautiful, blending harmony in everything the choir did this year.

Of course the cooperation and interest of the sophomores, juniors, and seniors helped to make the choir the finest ever.

At Christmas time, the choir swelled with good cheer as it went to different schools to sing the beloved carols for the little children. The spirit of Christmas was fully captured in the play, "Why the Chimes Rang," for which the choir provided a musical background as well as a finale.

All year, in anticipation of the "big trip," the members practiced blending their voices to perfection and learning their songs off by heart. When that day came, the best bibs and tuckers came out and everyone piled into the buses for a day to remember.

For the year 1952-53 we will always be grateful to Charles Hall, president; Dave Terris, vice-president; and Barbara Kelly, secretary-treasurer, for helping to make the choir a success.



First row: M. Thompson, I. Rocco, J. Hugo, B. Kelly, B. Shields, M. Barefoot, M. Booher, E. Huba, J. Foster, D. Wach, N. Fish, B. Docherty. Second row: M. Carey, J. Womelsdorf, E. Berringer, J. Eber, V. Wood, C. MacMillan, E. Huba, L. Krampert, N. Gebhardt, J. Koval, E. Perschke. Third row: R. Seider, H. Jamison, D. Terris, P. Glasgow, G. Mackson, N. Hall, T. Telles, R. Wilson. Fourth row: W. Maue, T. Martin, A. DelPrete, R. Vano, R. McCarrick, J. Tkach, D. Koontz, C. Hall.

Giving their decision and approval on the new scarves for the choir robes are vice-president Dave Terris; president, Charlie Hall; secretary-treasurer Barbara Kelly. The entire choir unanimously agreed upon the attractive scarves, which will give the choir a more uniform appearance.





First row: E. Ludwig, D. Champion, W. Thompson, E. Wollerton, M. Hvranek, R. Sadvary, J. White. Second row: N. Levine, B. DiBernardo, E. Frantz, R. Millslagle, B. Pulsinelli, J. Kohlhaas, E. O'Hara. Third row: L. Lanyi, W. Coleman, D. Davis, M. Wilson, R. Whitney, T. Scanio, H. Hoffman. Fourth row: T. Jones, C. Revak, D. Ravella, R. McCarrick, J. Dempsey, R. McAfoose, D. Huot, W. Cravotta, J. Chalus.

"Ten forward!" "Five to the rear!" "Left flank!" "Right flank!" "March!" Sounds like the Marines have landed, doesn't it? But it's just the SHS band going through their paces.

Through mud or slush, rain or snow, these strong, sturdy comrades plodded across field after field, leaving behind them the praise and applause of hundreds!

When you come to think of it, what would a football game or a parade be without the colorful uniforms and flowing music of the band?

Under the leadership of Edgar J. Hill, and assistant director, Arthur Keehnle, those long hours of rehearsal both on the field and in the school were "rugged" but worth while, as was proved by the Wild West show, and the many routines that were only a part of the band's schedule of performances. Can we ever forget the "cowboys" of SHS?

The band helps to make the pep meetings a huge success with those old favorites such as

"Washington and Lee," "Touchdown," and many other marches.

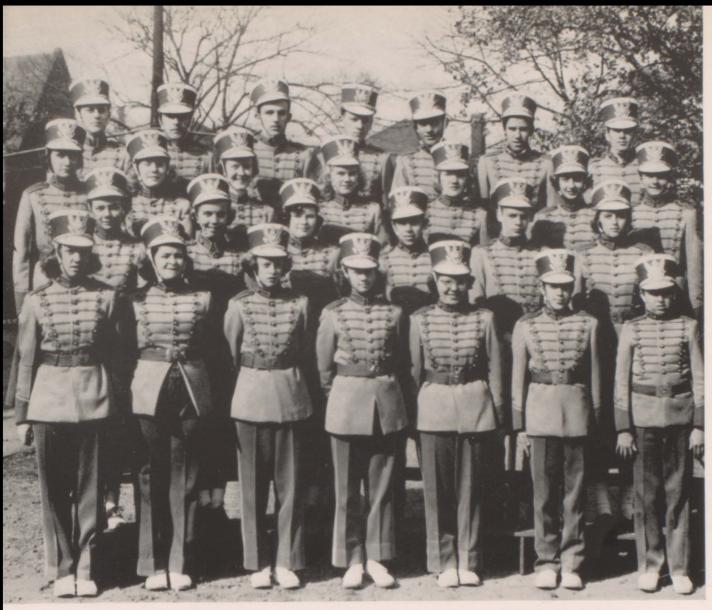
Packed away in our fondest memories are the parades down Noble Street in any kind of weather, led by our color-squad and our six pep-filled majorettes.

SHS is also very proud of its delegates to district and state band this year. Attending the district festival were Betty Lou Pulsinelli (who also was our entry in the state festival), Dave Ravella, and Conrad Revak.

In addition to school activities, the band participated in the annual Firemen's Parade and the Halloween Parade.

Assisting Mr. Hill in keeping the roll were Virginia Wood and Barbara Madara.

The members will agree that all was not easy going at all times, but they must also agree that many enjoyable moments were spent displaying the musical ability of our school.



First row: C. Coleman, L. Lanyi, P. Jamison, L. Johnson, S. Mattern, J. Cresto, W. Spohn. Second row: S. Sposit, D. Humphreys, M. Beatty, R. Thompson, W. McCarrick, B. Ryan. Third row: M. Adams, V. Wood, B. Madara, C. MacMillan, S. Shogren, J. Cimino, T. Ribich, Fourth row: C. Smith, J. Scott, J. Shontz, J. McCollam, N. Maraytis, F. Kallay, R. Seider.

With this pretty scenery to head the band, all eyes were glued on the field at half-time. All was not glamor in the life of these girls, however, for they really gave their all in leading the band. Kneeling: Betty Vaccaro and "Bobby" Barefoot. Standing: Janet Pushnik, seniors Jo Koval and Sylvia Schmidt, Jeanne Wirth.





R. Spangler, B. Rhodes, D. Webb, R. Biss, Mr. Jelbart, sponsor, R. Patton, L. Madden, A. Mego, P. Planinich. Fourth row: W. Cravotta, J. Shontz, W. Coleman, C. Kantmer, T. Napoleon, W. Weber, M. Amodeo, L. VanHorn, Hamilton, J. Foster, J. Hartley, P. Reynolds, B. Hartzfeld, E. Conley, J. Forgione, L. Weis, S. Paulie, J. Patterson. Wilson, B. Pulsinelli, P. Murphy, J. Eber, N. Dannels, J. Daniels, J. Biehl, B. Kelly. Third row: J. Wentroble, S. B. Friedman, R. McClernan, Second row: P. Bizon, R. Vasquez, D. Haddle, J. Hartman, D. Wach, N. Gebhardt, M. First row: G. Floss, C. Revak, J. Craig, J. Foster, B. Wallace, E. Hanchey, S. Conn, N. Redshaw, R. Richardson,

Club knows all—at least that's what they one of our shutterbugs. The SHS Camera boat," and don't know how, just ask any picture of a "slick chick" or a "dream-If you've ever wished to take a flawless

tell us!



there on the job. bright face our snap-happy kids will be your life that when Mr. Sun shows his group, on those field trips. You can bet a lot of tun, with the assistance of the Mooney (pictured in the darkroom) have Marylyn Tishko, and treasurer Sylvia vice-president Bill Trusilo, secretary President Wayne Maue, along with



done, she hasn't yet lost a finger! With all the cutting and slicing Billie has leather collecting this and delivering that. Helen's office helpers, wore out more shoe "Billie" DeTurk and Marion Schuster,













Upper left: Maudie (Barb Kelly) is on the spot with three girl friends, Julie (Dorris Chambers), Alix (Nancy Fish), and Lysbeth (Jane Womelsdorf), as her sister Sylvia (Pat Murphy) looks on with a friend, Ted (Tom Harder). Upper right: Maudie is happy now that everything has turned out OK with her and Davey (Fred Schultz) and with Mom and Dad (Jo Koval and John Tkach) and Sylvia and Jerry (Dick McCarrick).

The girls and their mothers (Rita Vargo, Donna Smith, Annette Laffey) get together for a friendly (??) discussion about Maudie and her "line."

Maudie, Dad, Margaret the maid (Barb Madara), and Mother argue over where the flowers should be placed.

"Hey, cut that out!" yells Ted, as he interrupts Jerry in the midst of teaching Maudie a lesson.

Davey surprises Maudie as she tells her friends and Joy (Elaine Perschke) how he will come crawling back. Chi (Page Glasgow) looks on, interested.

All this added up to make the 1953 Senior play, "Men Are Like Streetcars" one of the best ever.



Seated, first row: Pat Murphy and Jean Hartley. Second row: Annette Egan and Janice Wentroble. Standing: Janet Daniels, Miss Marshall, Maureen Berry, Marion Schuster, Pat Cassidy, and Marcia Wilson.

The Dramatics Club was indeed a very busy organization this year, what with producing, directing, and acting in plays of all sorts. As an example of their ability, the production, "A Lesson from Luke," was presented at the Woman's Club's December meeting and was

thoroughly enjoyed by the women.

The members of this club don't mind class periods at all, since the time is taken up by acting out plays for their own enjoyment. In addition, the girls feel that this is a class they can relax in and be their informal selves.

This industrious crew is made up of the unsung heroes of all the stage productions in S.H.S. The boys pictured here met with many odd "characters" in the line of their work, such as "Mr. America," snakes, and the cast of "Mollie O'Shaughnessy."

The helping hands of Swissvale High are, in the first row: Bill Trusilo, Don Marlowe, Lou Byers, Bob Biss. Second row: Lee Madden, Duane Mack, Jack Shontz, Bob Patton, Norman Levine, Bob Kasik, Tom Jones, Jack Zelen, Don Kann, Conrad Revak, Clyde Kantner. On the ladder is Jimmy Vaughan.





Scenes from the junior class play, "Mollie O'Shaughnessy," presented last November under Miss Marshall's direction. The curtain call shows Marcia Wilson, Rosemary DeFrank, Betty Morgan, Carol Sadler, Jackie Bichl, Tony Napoleon, Ron Richardson, Brian Rhodes, Tom Jones, Nancy Gebhardt, Lloyd VanHorn, Dan Webb, Sylvia Mooney, Denise Huot, Sonny Miele, Betty Lou Pulsinelli, and Miss Marshall.

The lower right photo shows the stage crew and other

behind-the-scenes personnel. First row: Bob Biss, Lee Madden, Bob Patton, Mike Olixa, Jack Zelen, Roberta Russo, Mary Cuccaro, Dolores Regina, Pat O'Mara. Second row, standing: Clyde Kantner and Conrad Revak. Seated: Pat Reynolds, Janice Wentroble, Annette Egan. Third row: Elnora Hanchey, Sandra Hamilton, Isabelle Rocco, Martha Esper, Beverly Wallace, Martha Steele, Bob Kasik, Joan Breitigam, Mickey Davis, Jack Shontz.

Wouldn't you love to have a bouquet as lovely as this one! These luscious beauties would add sweetness to any nosegay!

Our charming May Queen, Sue Starn, is surrounded by her glamorous court. Starting with the topmost flower, Virginia Wood, the girls are: Dorris Chambers, Lois Sadler, Barbara Kelly, Mary Pat O'Grady, Janet Eber, and Carolyn Lindberg.

The theme for this year's pageant was "Westward, Ho!" which portrayed a variety of dances, gymnastics, and other forms of enter-

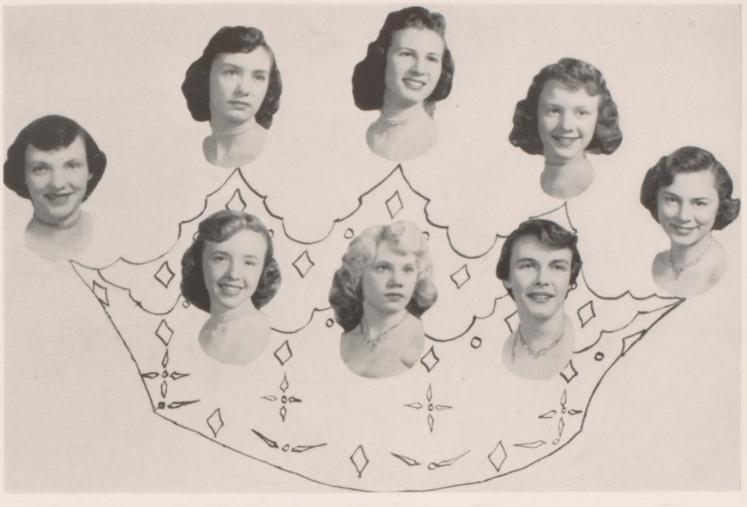
tainment presented by the girls of SHS on Dickson Field.

Surrounded by the glitter of her jewels and the billowing gowns of her attendants, Sue was crowned Queen of the May by maid-ofhonor Janet Eber.

Music for the events was provided by the Swissvale High School band and a cappella choir.

The program was under the direction of Miss Margaret Boretsky, girls' gym instructor, and Mr. Edgar J. Hill, music supervisor of Swissvale Schools.





Sue Paulie

Jean Hartley Marilyn Elias Janet Pushnik Maureen Greelev Dorothy Davis Marylyn Tishko Jackie Biehl

## The 1953 Prom Court

Oh, how hard it was to choose just one of these beauties for Prom Queen! And how very hard it was to wait all those weeks to find out who she was! Did you ever see such an array of pretty misses to select from?

There's no doubt that England will crown a vivacious queen come June 2, but our SHS Prom Queen of 1953 was every bit as charming.

Amid the shimmering, swirling gowns and star-studded eyes of the girls—not to mention the boys in their best bib and tucker—our queen was crowned April 24 at the Edgewood Community Club. As the queen took her place on the throne, she was crowned by Carolyn Lindberg, last year's queen.

We, the students of the Class of "53," aging rapidly but still enjoying our last years of the vim and vigor of youth, do will and bequeath the following to the underclassmen who are still in the prime of youth:

DONETTE HUMPHREYS leaves all her basketball pep (??) to Pat Jamison.

The SWISS MISSES bequeath their last minute rehearsals to next year's sextet.

RONNIE VANO leaves first period study to all those people who like to sleep.

NANCY McGRATH and BARB SHIELDS leave their dancing steps to Sonya Lindberg.

RAY PROTHEROE leaves "Charlie Brown" and "Patti" to all readers of "Peanuts."

CLYDE SMITH wills all the lunch crumbs in Room 7 to any sophomore who might be hungry.

DICK McCARRICK hopes that his brother Bill will profit from Mr. Weichel's "few short announcements."

ESTHER HUBA bequeaths her alto seat to Janet Patterson.

NATE HALL leaves the "Jitterybugs" to Jim Hulick.

PAT PRETHERO hopes that whoever gets hungry in Room 6 next year will pay for their own snacks.

CAROLE MacMILLAN'S "brains" have been left to the biology classes.

MARION THOMPSON leaves her assembly seat to Leona Shaw.

LOIS LONG tosses her worn-out typing eraser to Dolores Regina so she can be accurate, AC-CURATE, ACCURATE!

DORRIS CHAMBERS warbles her vocal cords toward Betty Boyd.

DONNA DAWSON leaves Miss Browne's shorthand and office practice class to Sandy Hamilton.

JANETTE LAFFEY hopes Martha Esper will be Johnny-on-the-spot to referee the basketball and volleyball games.

ETHEL HUBA leaves her quietness in study hall to Barb Prettyman.

MARTHA JANE LANEY hopes that next year's sophomores will sing "Happy Birthday" to Miss Marshall at least once a week.

ELAINE and PAGE leave their poetical battles to next year's co-editors.

TOM HARDER wills the well-worn Harder brains to Bill Harder, Class of '61.

BARBARA KELLY hands down her megaphone to Dolly Ann Clougherty.

LOIS SADLER'S height goes to Jeannie Marino.

BILL HARTZFELD leaves all the broken test tubes and beakers to all up-and coming chemistry students.

BOB BISS wills his mechanical drawing board and T-square to Alex Mego, and all stage work to the stage crew.

PAT MURPHY'S "Hold That Tiger," goes to anyone who wants it.

KATHRYN ADAMS leaves her gym suit to Marjorie Adams, a future sophomore.

MARION CAREY'S beautiful laugh goes to Jeannette Chambers.

SYLVIA SCHMIDT wills her majorette uniform to one of the lucky girls next year.

PAT FRANK'S dimples go to Maureen Greeley, and the lucky girl also inherits HELEN MORTI-MER'S hair cut.

BARBARA MADARA would like to leave her rcd hair to Mickey Davis and her scream to Nancy Gebhardt.

Some maladjusted, ill-informed SHS student will inherit NANCY FISH'S sociology book.

ANNETTE LAFFEY leaves her 5 minutes at 60 in shorthand to some unlucky junior.

DON KANN wills his 8:30 dash to the third floor to Jim Wagstaff.

JANE BISHOP'S basketball scorebook will be inherited by anyone who is patient enough to take it.

ELLISON GAMBLE'S tumbles in gym go to a more graceful person-Ken Glasser.

JIMMY SITA leaves his No. 1 position in gym to David Ludwig.

FRED SCHULTZ'S driving ability (????) goes to Norman Levine.

EMILE MUNCH leaves his arguments with Mr. Jelbart and Nancy Fish on Nash vs. Studebaker to anyone who can stand it.

JERRY BONACCI leaves water buckets and sponges to Jimmy Gallagher.

JANIE WOMELSDORF leaves that wicked long path for Marilyn Elias and Jean Hartley to climb next year.

CHARLES P. HALL, Jr.'s height goes to Roger Brobst and his choir solos go to Dick Bird.

JO KOVAL'S marching and twirling go to Betty Vaccaro.

SONNY MIELE will have to walk alone next year as John Tkach and Dave Terris are leaving SHS.

MAUREEN BERRY'S high position at the Washington Theater goes to Joyce McAllister.

# THE PLAYERS





Lower left: Judy Hugo, referee; Barbara Madara, Dorothy Schepis, Marion Barefoot, Margie Skipp, Lois Long, Jo Koval (hitting the ball). Lower right: Pat Frank, Nancy Fish, Jean Satterfield, Carol Bogovich, Nettie Wolford (hitting the ball).

Varsity played a big part in our school sports program, but intramurals created a tremendous amount of interest and enthusiasm, too. Take for instance the spectacular hitting ability of Jo Koval and Nettie Wolford, pictured above. They were but two of the many girls who showed real style on the volleyball and basketball courts.

Room 23, pictured lower left, was runner up for the volleyball championship, but 22 carried off the honors.

Of course the boys showed their skill and put on some really rugged exhibitions. However, the photographer found the girls a much more interesting subject.

In the upper photos, "Fireball" Mackson is running with the ball, chased by practically the whole Baldwin team. Don't ask us to identify that pile-up in the right hand photo! To us it's just a jumble of players, with Baldwin coming out on top.



First row: J. Craig, P. Bizon, E. Perschke, F. Schultz, S. Starn, J. Hugo, B. Madara, A. Legal. Second row: R. Roe, N. Dickson, N. Dannels, N. Raybould, J. Bishop, M. Laney, B. Berringer, S. Paulie, J. Patterson, S. Conn. Third row: N. Newman, R. Scanio, R. DeFrank, M. Tishko, W. Cravotta, F. Kallay, S. Uram, B. Koontz, J. McAllister, M. Schuster. Fourth row: A. Bizon, B. Hartzfeld. J. Daniels, M. Carey, P. Reynolds, J. Waicis, S. Mattern, J. Donohue, K. Glasgow, A. Mego. Fifth row: S. Shogren, N. Hauser, B. Weiss, J. Kohlhaas, B. Ryan, M. DeTurk, H. Ford, D. Smith, S. Mooney. Sixth row: D. Marlowe, B. Rhodes, T. Napoleon, J. Domer, G. Floss, N. Levine, J. Shontz, B. Boyd.

Who knows what strange calls of romance or adventure beckon to these Swiss Misses and Misters of the Language Club? But one thing we do know—due to the efforts of Miss Dia, Miss Tennant, and Miss Schimmel, they'll be prepared to converse with the natives if their destiny sends them to France, Germany, or Spanish-speaking countries.

President Judy Hugo, vice-president Betty Boyd, treasurer Brian Rhodes, and secretary Janet Patterson enjoyed their jobs of leading these tongue-ticklers of foreign languages.

The Varsity Club consists of boys who have earned their letters in baseball, football, basketball, and volleyball. The Varsity Club gives a sweater to all senior lettermen. In order to get the money for the different essentials needed, the members of the club sell programs at the football games and give a helping hand at the refreshment stand.

The club is under the capable direction of Mr. Dennison and Mr. Koepka.



First row, seated: J. Capezzuto, J. McDonald, R. Chambers, G. Mackson, D. Amie, A. Vasquez, N. Hall, Coach Koepka. Second row: Coach Dennison, R. Seider, M. Olixa, V. Acri, T. Martin, D. Koontz, K. Koontz, R. McCracken. S. Miele, G. Jackon, G. Davidson. Third row: R. Kasik, R. Protheroe, J. Donnelly, A. Donofrio, E. Begg, A. Priebel, C. Hall, L. Fletcher, R. Kelly, D. McGinn, T. Ramsey, V. Krist, J. Hamilton.



First row: J. Gallagher, mgr.; J. Lamberti, T. Hall, H. Johnson, J. Hulick, J. Tammariello, K. Koontz, R. Chambers, J. Bonacci, mgr. Second row: B. Kelly, M. Bisegna, G. Mackson, N. Hall, D. Koontz, T. Martin, V. Krist, S. Miele, D. McGinn. Third row: Asst. Coach Brace, A. Telles, D. Hepner, G. Davidson, L. Fletcher, C. Martoni, A. Donofrio, J. Hamilton, W. Patterson, Coach Koepka. Fourth row: R. Smith, E. Benner, S. Blazina, R. Bird, R. McCracken, P. Pavelko, A. Vasquez.

#### Swissvale 14 Rankin 0

The Flashes started the season off on the right foot by blanking an upset-minded Rankin team.

#### \*Swissvale 6 West View 13

This defeat was taken hard by both players and followers of SHS. Besides seeing a thrilling game, the people were entertained at half time by a snappy West View band.

#### \*Swissvale 6 N. Huntingdon 12

Suffering from injuries from the week before, the undermanned Valer squad couldn't get up enough steam to down N. Huntingdon's small but mighty men.

#### \*Swissvale 0 Shaler 23

The Flashes away-from-home debut was spoiled by a Shaler team that was too strong for the Flashes both on offense and defense.

#### \*Swissvale 21 Homestead 14

With the Steelers having a two TD halftime lead, the Valers stormed back in the last half to score three touchdowns while holding their opponents scoreless.

#### \*Swissvale 14 Ford City 14

The Flashes narrowly missed winning this one as Ford City had to come back twice, the last time late in the game, to gain a tie with the Valers.

#### \*Swissvale 7 Tarentum 13

Tarentum got revenge for the shellacking they took last year. Taking advantage of the breaks, they were able to outscore the Valers.

#### \*Swissvale 7 Baldwin 34

The Flashes managed to keep Baldwin in check for the first half, but in the second half the boys from Baldwin broke loose and handed the Flashes their worst drubbing of the year.

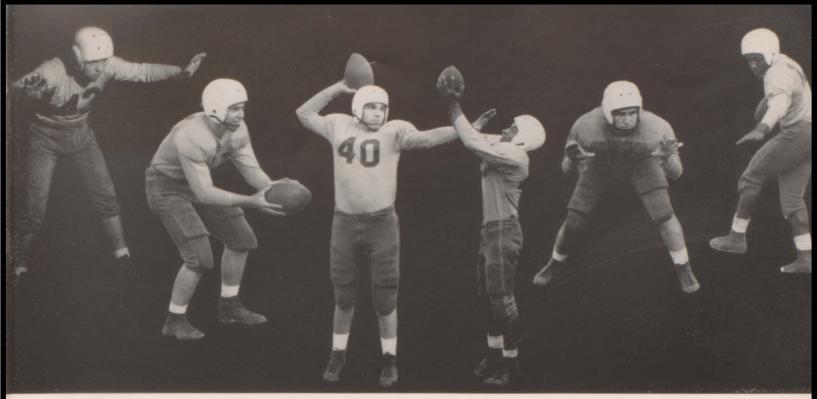
#### Swissvale 0 Braddock 19

Braddock scored all of its points in the first half, then battled the Valers on equal terms for the remainder of the contest.

#### Season Record

Won 2 Lost 6 Tied 1
Points scored by Swissvale 75
Points scored by opponents 142

\*League Games



Jim Donnelly

Don Koontz

Vic Krist

George Mackson

Tom Martin

Nate Hall

JAMES (MEAT) DONNELLY . . . a great linesman with a fighting heart and spirit to match. His assistance would have been invaluable to the Valers had he not been injured early in the season.

NATE (CHOCH) HALL . . . The Valers' speed boy. His ability to evade enemy tacklers made him an ever-dangerous runner. Whenever Nate was in the game, you could be sure he was giving his all for SHS.

DONALD (JAKE) KOONTZ . . . the most versatile player Swissvale had. In his three years on the high school squad, Don played almost every position on the team. When the spirit of the Flashes was low, Don's rousing voice gave the team that needed lift.

VICTOR (SNUTS) KRIST . . . the "big" man in the backfield for Swissvale. Besides tak-

ing his turn at carrying the ball, he also did the passing and kicking. His exceptionally long punts brought "Oh's" and "Ah's" from the crowd.

GEORGE (PORGIE) MACKSON . . . a fine Back last year and a clever end this one. His keen ability to catch passes was a constant threat to the opposition. By his snappy and aggressive playing, George won the admiration of the spectators every time he was in the game.

THOMAS (BULL) MARTIN ... one of those unsung heroes who played a line position. When a Valer back would go through the line for a long gain, you could be certain that Tom would be clearing the path for him. His aggressive playing made him valu-

able on offense and defense.



Baldwin scores against the Flashes!



First row: D. Koontz, N. Hall, G. Jackson, B. Kasik, V. Acri, C. Hall, R. Irving, J. Donnelly, T. Donofrio, G. Mackson. Second row: Asst. Coach John Brace, A. Priebel, D. Bird, K. Koontz, R. Brobst, D. McAfoose, E. Gebhardt, T. Farren, F. Kallay, L. Fletcher, D. Amie, Mgr., Coach Joe Dennison, Third row: C. Biehl, Mgr., H. Johnson, J. Capezzuto, T. Ramsey, B. Urbanic, E. Benner, E. Begg, R. Smith, T. Hall, J. Chalus, J. Hulick, K. Glasgow, Mgr.

This year was a disappointing one to both the players and the followers. Although they showed fine form in their early exhibition games, winning five while losing only two, in the league games the Valers fared badly. They won but four of twelve league games and finished the season in next to last place. This was the first time in many years that the Valers finished that low in the standings. During the latter part of the season, however, the Flashes regained the form which they had shown in the exhibition games, winning two of their last three league games.

The Valers were again invited to participate in the Allegheny-Kiski Valley Tournament, where they made an excellent showing. After drawing a first-round bye, the Flashes swept through their quarter-final and semi-final games, defeating Tarentum and Apollo respectively. In the final game, the Valers were defeated by New Kensington in a very closely contested ball game.

Swissvale		Opponents
54	Elizabeth	53
44	Wilmerding	41
69	Munhall	49
64	Tarentum	50
37	Peabody	46
40	Arnold	58
50	Jeannette	40
*63	Penn	34
*44	Scott	56
*43	Braddock	56
*63	Wilkinsburg	64
*41	Turtle Creek	51
*43	Rankin	53
*63	Penn	52
*35	Scott	46
*50	Braddock	64
*59	Wilkinsburg	52
*48	Turtle Creek	40
43	W.P.S.D.	45
*48	Rankin	68
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63	Tarentum	51
56	Apollo	39
55	New Kensington	57

George (Porgie) Mackson . . . Though George wasn't one of the starters on the team, he was heavily counted on when replacements had to be made. His blazing speed and all-around ability made him a constant threat.

Ray Irving . . . Though this was Ray's first year on the team, he performed admirably whenever and wherever needed.

**Don Koontz** . . . Don's presence on the floor always gave a lift to his teammates. His snappy playing showed his strong will to win.

Vince Acri . . . Vince's aggressive playing made him a standout performer for the Flashes. He was at his best when the going was toughest.

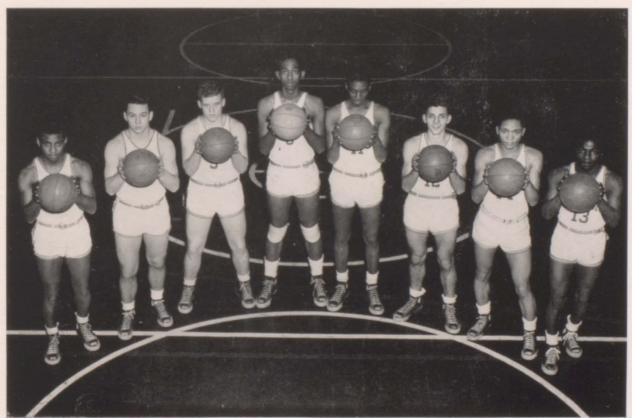
James (Meat) Donnelly . . . One of the veterans on the Valer squad, Jim's experience and cool-headedness were a valuable asset to the team.

Nate Hall . . . Nate's tricky ball handling and sharpshooting always made his oponents realize that they were up against a tough competitor.

Charles (Hands) Hall . . . Charlie was the "big man" on the Valer squad. Many times his opportune field goals and rebounds kept the Valers in the game when things were not going so good.

Vic Krist . . . Vic was out a great part of the season, but his return late in the year helped the Flashes tremendously. Vic's spectacular shooting drew the attention of friend and foe alike.

George Mackson, Don Koontz, Jim Donnelly, Charles Hall, Ray Irving, Vince Acri, Gordie Jackson, Nate Hall. (Not shown, Vic Krist).





Seated: Ken Koontz, Dick Bird, Jerry McDonald, Tony DelPrete, George Mackson. Second row: Vic Krist, Don Koontz, Tony Donofrio, Bob Kasik, Mgr. Dudley Amie. Third row: Allen Priebel, Leroy Fletcher, Charlie Hall, Ray Irving, Emil Begg.

Monessen dethroned Swissvale this year as WPIAL volleyball champion, after the Blue and Gold's Spiking Six had held the title for the last two years.

The Valers had a strong team this year, and hopes were high that they would again retain their championship. As spikers, the Valers had Charlie Hall, Vic Krist, and Allen Priebel. Whenever any one of this fine trio of spikers hit the ball, it was seldom returned. George Mackson, Don Koontz, and Bob Kasik acted as set-up men.

The Valers did well in their exhibition games, defeating Braddock, Turtle Creek, Munhall, Homestead, and dividing a pair of games with Peabody. At the WPIAL Volley-ball Tournament held at Braddock Junior High School March 27, the Valers breezed to the semi-finals by eliminating Aliquippa 15-0,15-1, and Elizabeth, 15-0, 15-3. In the semi-final contest, they were upset by West View in a very closely contested match, with scores of 12-15 and 15-17. Thus ended any dream of winning the state championship, which the Valers have so narrowly missed winning in the past two years.

Although the team failed to retain the championship, they had a good season, letting only two games go and making an impressive showing in both victory and defeat.

## Baseball

With many returning lettermen, Coach Joe Dennison hoped to bring the Section XVII honors back to Swissvale High. The nucleus of this year's team consisted of fiven seniors, six juniors, and one sophomore. With these boys and many newcomers, the student body expected a winning team to play against Wilkinsburg, Scott, Penn, Braddock, and Turtle Creek, other section contenders.

In early practice, the squad was hindered by bad weather and could not open against Turtle Creek April 13 as scheduled. The Gold Flashes' greatest opposition, however, was expected to be Wilkinsburg, the strongest contender for the Section Crown, and last year's champions.



Mary Pat O'Grady just can't make up her mind which candy bar to buy from the SHS Candy Corporation, a legally chartered organization under the supervision of Mrs. Flannick. Emily Karas, Dot Schepis, Kay Frantz, and Pat Laffey are the storekeepers.

Sophomores J. Hulick, R. Spangler, D. Bird, J. Scott. Second row: B. Nemitz, T. Farren, A. Donofrio, K. Koontz, D. Lewis. Juniors: Senior Mgr. H. Jamison; A. DelPrete, J. McDonald, J. Capezzuto, R. McMahon. Second row: Mgr. R. Brobst, B. Kelly, G. Gardell, A. Priebel, E. Begg. Seniors Vince Acri. Don Koontz, Bob Seider. Coaches Dennison and Koepka and the team.



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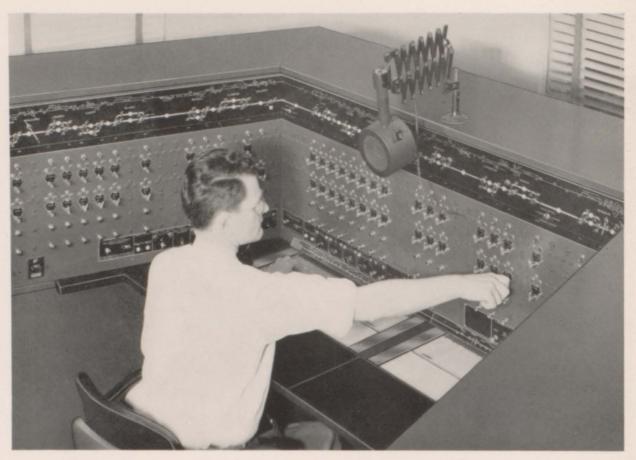
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