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**HOMERIAN**

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Rush Lynch  
Ralph Place  
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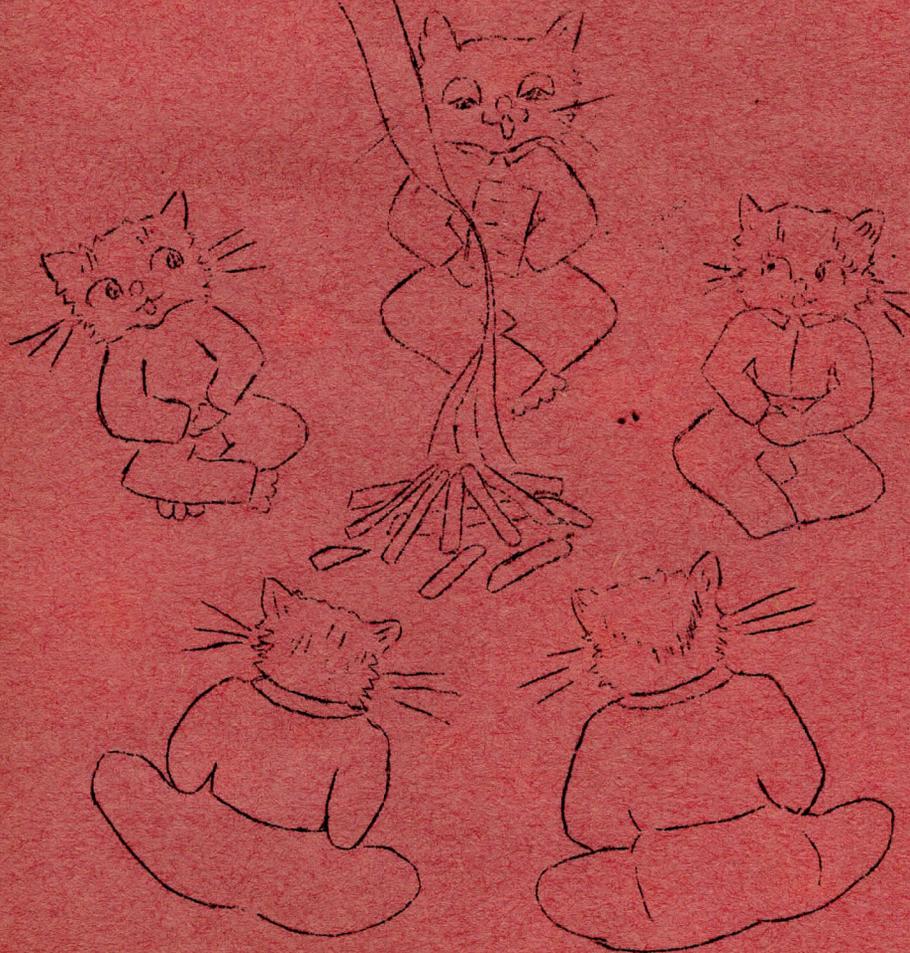
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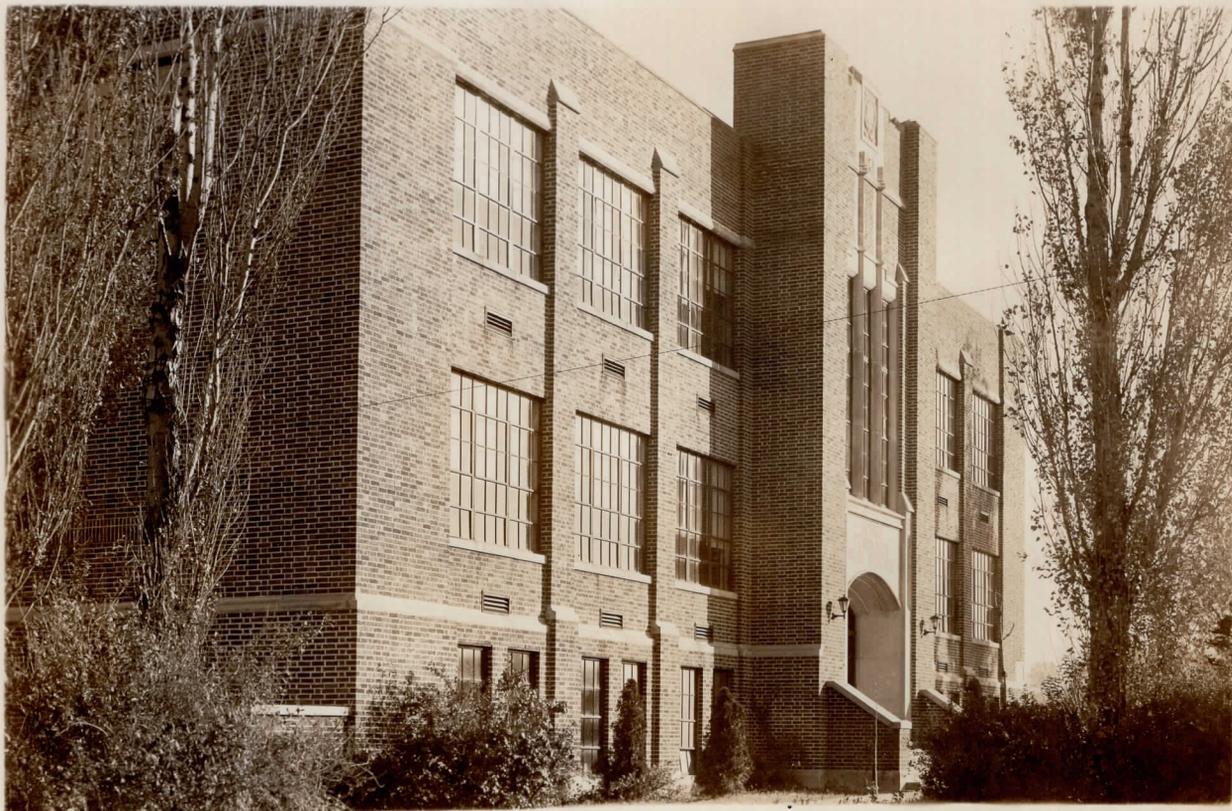
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To Mrs. Schwabe, who has loved,  
scolded, and encouraged us for  
four years as our class sponsor,  
we, the Senior Class, dedicate  
the 1940 edition of the Homesian

# Administration





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## MODERN TRENDS IN HOMER COMMUNITY HIGH SCHOOL



Many changes have taken place in Homer High school within the past few years. The students are living in a rapidly changing world and it is essential that the school help them to prepare to cope with such a world. No longer is the greatest emphasis placed upon the mere teaching of facts. Now, a sincere effort is being made to acquaint the boys and girls with their environment and to prepare them to live creatively in that environment.

In order to achieve this aim, there are now several agencies in the high school that supplement classroom work. Some of these are social functions such as school parties, the student council, the girls' council, class plays and operettas, orchestra and glee clubs, and athletics.

There is a trend toward greater emphasis on the practical arts subjects such as Home Economics, Commercial and Industrial Arts. In the academic subjects, courses are now organized with the underlying purpose of helping students prepare for happy, useful citizenship. For instance, in the Senior English class, different vocations are studied with the hope that such a study will aid seniors in making a wise choice of vocations. In athletics, more emphasis is being placed on sportsmanship and right living.

Motion pictures have been added to classroom instruction. This enables the student to clinch in his mind facts already found in textbooks and to acquire new and up-to-date information as well. Teachers and students alike are finding this visual aid very valuable in broadening their scope of knowledge.

The use of the radio has been introduced in the classroom, also, during the past year. No doubt much more will be done with radio in the future, since it is now recognized as a great factor for motivating interest in subject matter.

Careful selection has been made of a number of new books that have been added to the high school library this year. An attempt has been made to interest students in reading good books and the results have been very satisfactory. All books have been catalogued, which has greatly facilitated the use of the library.

Throughout the school year, a school newspaper is published weekly. This not only serves to give students some journalistic experience but is a splendid means of keeping the public in touch with the high school activities.

By means of these modern trends in education we hope to graduate boys and girls from Homer Community High School who will possess not only textbook knowledge, but in addition will have strong, upright characters with the will and ability to meet and solve the problems of our modern civilization.

Faculty



## HOMERIAN STAFF DATA



Well, readers, this wonderful, stupendous 1940 Homerian has been printed and distributed to its many readers, who will dig it out of the bookcase frequently in the years to come, for a silent laugh and quiet chuckle over the pictures, write-ups, and fond memories they recall.

I, as editor, have had many thrills and worries during its progress but the greatest of all was the thrill I experienced when I went into the printer's office and saw those hundreds and hundreds of sheets that we had written, all ready to assemble. The greatest headache to me was caused by the fear that the "kids" wouldn't make their stories original and wouldn't get them in on time. I had the most fun writing the prophecy and "funny stuff" for the Homerian.

Helen Hodgson, assistant editor, relates her biggest thrill to be "taking a picture of Russ on the flag pole." Helen's most fun came in typing jokes and her biggest headache in writing the senior history.

Billy Slayton, the joke editor, declares his biggest headache to be determining whether or not the jokes were suitable for the yearbook. His biggest thrill was rummaging around selecting and reading jokes for the ad pages. Bill, at least, had a good excuse if he happened to get caught reading jokes in school—maybe!

Betty Sanford, the art editor, heartily exclaims that "I received my biggest thrill when Mrs. Schwabe told me to put my initials on the stencils I cut. Someone else telling me how they would cut the stencil was my biggest headache."

Everett Block, sports editor, declares his greatest thrill was writing up the schedules and scores of the basketball games and to think that he actually helped make those scores. His greatest headache was discovering typing errors in a story ready to hand to the editor.

Ruth Lynch, social editor, says her biggest headache was the writing up of the stories. Ruth had a little difficulty in keeping up with the changes in her department made by the editor and the sponsor. According to Ruth, it would take a streak of lightning to keep up with them.

Russell and Gene just had ads and then more ads. The actual getting of the ads was much more enjoyable than the setting up of the pages, according to all reports.

Opal Hillery, calendar editor, says her greatest thrill was handing in the last sheet of the calendar. The biggest headache to her was forgetting the actual date a certain event had taken place and everyone she asked about it had a different date.

I think everyone will agree that the thrill of all thrills was the time when all the books were printed and practically sold.



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*Calendar Editor*



*Business Mgr. and Assistant*

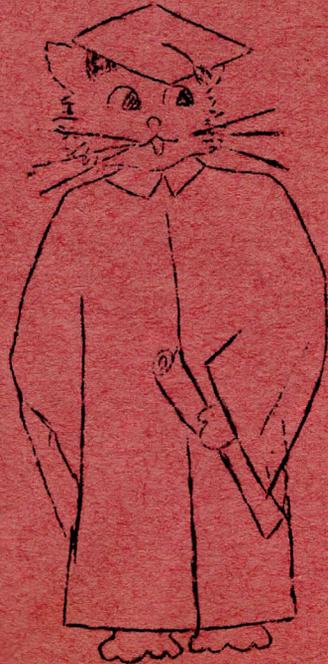


*Joke Editor*



*Social and Arts Editor*

# Seniors





**MARIANNA KILIAN**  
Here's to Marianna,  
the girl athletic; keen,  
alert, and energetic.

Librarian 4  
Glee Club 4  
Student Council 2  
Pep Club 1  
"Through the Keyhole" 3  
Orchestra 3,4  
Class President 4  
"Spring Fever" 4  
"Sunbonnet Girl" 4  
Correspondence Club 4



**MRS. SCHWADE**  
Sponsor 1,2,3,4



**OPAL HILLERY**  
A good disposition is  
more valuable than gold.

Glee Club 1  
Girls Council 3,  
Chairman 4  
"Homerian" Staff 4  
Librarian 4  
Correspondence Club 4



**EVERETT BLOCK**  
Kittenball, basketball  
track and school;  
Fight your way through  
is his own rule.

Class Pres. 1; Treas. 2  
Orchestra 2  
Student Council 2,  
President 4  
"H"-Club President 3,  
Vice-President 4  
"Through the Keyhole" 3  
Basketball 1,2,3,4  
Kittenball 2,3,4  
Track 1,2,3,4  
"Homerian" Staff 4  
"Spring Fever" 4



**RUSSEL SHOAF**  
A kittenball man,  
a basketball man, and  
least but not least,  
a ladies' man.

Kittenball 1,2,3,4  
Basketball 1,2,3,4  
Track 1,2,3,4  
Glee Club 2,3,4  
"Homerian" Staff 4  
"Sunbonnet Girl" 4  
"Spring Fever" 4



**RUTH LYNCH**  
A girl with a smile  
is a girl worth while.

Class Secretary 2,  
Vice-President 1,3  
"Through the Keyhole" 3  
Pep Club 3  
Home Economics Club  
President 4  
"Homerian" Staff 4  
"Spring Fever" 4



**HELEN CLUTTER**  
Let us salute ability!

Student Council Sec. 3  
"Teller" Staff 3,  
Editor 4  
"Homerian" Editor 4  
Librarian 4  
"Spring Fever" 4  
Dramatic Club Chr. 4  
Correspondence Club 4



**WILLIAM SLAYTON**  
My best thoughts  
always come too late.

Track 1,2,4  
"Through the Keyhole" 3  
"Homerian" Staff 4  
"Spring Fever" 4



**UEBER TRACY**  
The secret of success  
is work, but who wants to  
know the secret?

Track 3  
Kittenball 2,3,4  
Glee Club 2,3,4  
"Through the Keyhole" 3  
Pep Club 3  
"Homerian" Staff 4  
Basketball Manager 4  
"Spring Fever" 4  
"Sunbonnet Girl" 4



**HELEN HODGSON**  
Ideals high, character  
strong, ambitions higher  
still.

Orchestra 2,3,4  
"Through the Keyhole" 3  
Student Council 3  
Girls Council 3  
"Homerian" Staff 4  
Librarian 4  
"Spring Fever" 4



**RAYMOND COPE**  
Quiet men are most  
surprising.

Track 1,2,3,4  
Class Treasurer 4  
Orchestra 3,4



**BETTY SANFORD**  
Tender heart, a will  
inflexible.

Glee Club 2,3,4  
"Through the Keyhole" 3  
Home Economics Club 4  
"Homerian" Staff 4  
"Sunbonnet Girl" 4  
Correspondence Club 4





RALPH PLACE  
Men of few words are  
the best men.

Basketball 2,3,4  
Track 1,2,3,4  
Kittenball 1,2,3,4  
Vice-President 4  
"H"-Club 3,4



DOROTHY MARTIN  
She is always there  
when duty calls.

Glee Club 3  
Librarian 4  
Class Secretary 4  
Home Economics Club 4  
Dramatic Club 4  
Correspondence Club 4



WILMA SCHULTZ  
Liked by one and all.

Home Economics Club 4  
Correspondence Club 4



DOROTHY CLEV  
Quiet, modest,  
perfectly true, she's  
all this and more, too.

Glee Club 1  
Girls Council 4  
Dramatic Club 4



HELEN HUGHES  
Good nature is the  
beauty of the mind.

Transfer from Longview 4  
Student Council Treas. 4  
Orchestra 4  
"Spring Fever" 4  
Dramatic Club 4  
Correspondence Club 4



MINNIE HURST  
Carefree, happy,  
Minnie, the friend  
of all.

"Through the Keyhole" 3  
Home Economics Club 4  
"Spring Fever" 4  
Glee Club 4  
"Sunbonnet Girl" 4  
Dramatic Club 4  
Correspondence Club 4



ROBERT LEE  
Not too serious,  
not too gay--just a  
rare good fellow.

Basketball 3,4  
Kittenball Manager 4  
"H"-Club 3,4  
Class Secretary 3  
"Spring Fever" 4



ROSA WOLF  
"Tinsie's little,  
winning, wise;  
these are traits  
we can't despise.

"Through the Keyhole" 3  
Student Council  
Vice-President 4  
Class Treasurer 3  
Home Economics Club 4  
Orchestra 2



CARL WALTERS  
Words of truth  
and soberness.

"Spring Fever" 4



HARRIET KRABBE  
Never hurry,  
never worry.

Glee Club 4  
Home Economics Club 4  
Correspondence Club 4



LYLE WIENKE  
Full of fun  
well liked.

Glee Club 2,4  
Orchestra 2,4



MARCELLA KRUGH  
Fair face, kind heart.

Glee Club 1,2,3,4  
Librarian 4  
Home Economics Club 4  
Student Council 4  
Orchestra 4  
"Sunbonnet Girl" 4  
Dramatic Club 4



## SENIOR ACTIVITIES

**Senior Hamburger Fry**

What a gay time the seniors had in the falling mist—on Gene Tracy's lawn. A hamburger fry had been planned and, of course, they couldn't spoil the opportunity for the good time just because of a little fog and mist.

All went well including the hamburger and onions, the latter being the important "flavor" of the evening. Even though it was a little dark they could tell when Mrs. Schwabe came near—it was that "onion scent," and WHAT a scent. She is usually pretty popular with a number of little seniors, but, then some just couldn't stand her, so away they'd flee in search of a more pleasant aroma, or was it of mischief?

Mr. Hall was the only other member of the faculty attending. He said he got lost on the way. At least he didn't get there until they were ready to eat. Helen Clutter declared that just because she had to be picked up out of a woodpile that she was no splinter.

Games were enjoyed by all and a few treated themselves by baking apples in the fire after the hamburgers were done. Everyone was in favor of another party—without onions!

**"Spring Fever"**

Mrs. Spangler, who keeps a rooming house at Brookfield College really says a mouthful with—"I never know if they're in or out. They come and go so fast you couldn't keep track of them if you were a paid spy."

On the day before commencement this is more than true for in addition to her regular college-boy roomers, their girls keep popping in and out along with a few parents and an aunt and the "Prexy" and Professor Bean.

Explosions are frequent and accidents commonplace—"Spring Fever" has really hit Brookfield.

The following seniors successfully portrayed the exciting scenes of "Spring Fever":

Helen Hodgson as Mrs. Spangler, the worried landlady; Everett Block alias Ed Burns, the chemistry student and manufacturer of all the explosions; the fast-traveling newspaper gal, Lou Herron, played by Helen Clutter, added to the riot. Lou is also deeply interested in Ed, while Ruth Lynch as Anne Purcell is strongly attached to Bob Lee as Howard Brant. Vic Lewis, portrayed by Gene Tracy, is a great art student and thinks Vivian (Helen Hughes) is swell. Carl Walters takes the part of Professor Bean and Biliy Slayton, President Dixon. Russell Shoaf and Marianna Kilian are Mr. and Mrs. Purcell, Anne's parents.

All who saw this play will agree that it was fast, furious, and funny with loud explosions every now and then from Ed's "Stinktum Stinktorum."

**SENIOR PERSONALITIES**



<b>Name</b>	<b>Favorite Dish</b>	<b>Favorite Author</b>
Everett Block . . .	beef gravy with mashed potatoes . . . . .	O. Henry
Dorothy Clem . . . . .	fried chicken . . . . .	William Wordsworth
Helen Clutter . . . . .	chocolate sundae . . . . .	Zane Grey
Raymond Cope . . . .	blackberry pie and ice cream . . . . .	Zane Grey
Opal Hillery . . . . .	buttered carrots . . . . .	Henry Longfellow
Helen Hodgson . . . . .	creamed peas . . . . .	John Galsworthy
Helen Hughes . . . . .	apple salad . . . . .	Louisa Alcott
Minnie Hurst . . . . .	chocolate sundae . . . . .	Van Dine
Marianna Kilian . . .	mashed potatoes with gravy . . . . .	George Eliot
Harriet Krabbe . . . . .	T-bone steak . . . . .	William Wordsworth
Marcella Krugh . . . . .	apple pie a la mode . . . . .	O. Henry
Robert Lee . . . . .	chili and ice cream . . . . .	Zane Grey
Ruth Lynch . . . . .	steak . . . . .	Dorothy Canfield
Dorothy Martin . . . . .	fruit salad, devil's . . . food cake	Gene Stratton Porter
Ralph Place . . . . .	pumpkin pie . . . . .	Edgar Allen Poe
Betty Sanford . . . . .	chili . . . . .	Mary Roberts Rinehart
Wilma Schultz . . . . .	roast beef . . . . .	Robert Burns
Russell Shoaf . . . . .	strawberry shortcake . . . . .	S. S. Smith
William Slayton . . . . .	ice cream . . . . .	Jack London
Gene Tracy . .	T-bone steak and French-fried potatoes .	Jack London
Carl Walters . . . . .	chocolate cake . . .	Robert Louis Stevenson
Lyle Wienke . . . . .	strawberries . . . . .	O. Henry
Rosa Wolf . . . . .	meat loaf . . . . .	Mary Roberts Rinehart
Mrs. Schwabe . . . . .	chicken and noodles . . . . .	Charles Dickens

**SENIOR PERSONALITIES**

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<b>Secret Ambition</b>	<b>Likes</b>	<b>Dislikes</b>
blue eyes, little home	sweet pickles	sour pickles
to be a good cook	movies	boys
to own a public library	fun and dogs	bragging people
to be a farmer	to show prize livestock	opera singing
to be a biology teacher	reading	a cheater
to be a novelist	movies and driving automobiles	mother-in-law jokes
to be a nurse	kittens	snakes
to be a singer	dancing	squash
to teach mathematics	horses	poor sportsmanship
to be a dancer	dancing	spinach
to sing with a famous orchestra	sports	flattery
to be a millionaire	girls, eats, money	hard studies, old cranks
to be a stenographer	neat people	swing music
to be a nurse	sleep	cooking
to become a pilot	driving a car	being teased
to be a nurse	cooking and sewing	English
to be a successful beauty operator	sewing	dancing
to be a successful coach	basketball	asparagus
to travel	dancing	chop suey
to be a millionaire	movies, ball games	poor sportsmanship
to be a jeweler	fishing	dancing
to be in the movies	wood working	books
to own and operate a beauty shop	good orchestras	flatterers
to sponsor another class as fine as the Class of '40	fun	howlers

## SENIOR CLASS HISTORY

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Good morning, folks. This is station S-E-N-I-O-R, broadcasting from Homer Community High School, better known as HCHS. Today we are going to interview the members of the Senior Class of 1940, who will give you their class history. But, first, I want to mention that Mrs. Schwabe has been a very faithful sponsor. She has been with this class all four years, and that's quite a record. Now for the seniors. The first one will be—

**Everett Block**—Well, I remember when we started to school, we were all scared to death, especially when initiation time came. Miss Glew helped us with the program and she certainly looked funny directing the comb “orchestra” with that dish mop.

**Dorothy Clem**—We were a great class for parties—had four the first year in high school. Do you remember the time Russell was accused of being a bunny-rabbit because a popcorn ball was discovered sticking to his coat-tail?

**Lyle Wienke**—We helped on the first annual school carnival when we were freshmen. The person guilty of taking those two bantie eggs was never jailed.

**Helen Hodgson**—I remember that we practiced for the music festival under Miss Hardy that first year. And, believe me, we really hit those high notes!

**Raymond Cope**—Homer won the Champaign County Kittenball Tournament and boy! we sure were proud!

**Opal Hillery**—When we were sophomores we won the party given by the junior class for selling the most tickets for their play. Other classes started talking about our teamwork—or did we imagine it?

**Russell Shoaf**—All you kids remember the good times we had at the WLS Barn Dance? Seems like the ones on the stage had more fun than the audience!

**Ralph Place**—The second year, the carnival was better than ever. The students enjoyed every minute they spent in the gym. Do you remember the fun our boys had chasing those mice?

**Harriet Krabbe**—Our class has always been the leading class in everything—almost. The boys won the class tournament in intramural basketball when we were sophomores.

**Marcella Krugh**—Talking about winning, we also won the party given by the senior class for selling the most play tickets. Just leave it to our class to be in the lead!

**Gene Tracy**—A very important event to seniors was the arrival of the class rings. We ordered ours when we were juniors and received them the next fall. Pretty neat, aren't they?

**Ruth Lynch**—“Play practice tonight, and have the second act learned.” I surely remember hearing that when we were practicing

on the junior play, "Through the Keyhole." It was great fun—and a little work, too. We ran the play for two nights.

**Dorothy Martin**—After the play, we gave the winning class a party. Nice work, freshmen.

**Robert Lee**—Yes, and then the seniors were our guests at the Junior-Senior banquet. We got a lot of fun out of passing that glass filled with celery and bread crusts 'n' stuff around the table.

**Betty Sanford**—Remember the celebration we had when Homer won the Champaign County Basketball Tournament in 1939? First time in nineteen years! The Homer crowd had a snake dance around the floor and the students took half the next schoolday to listen to speeches by the businessmen and others interested in the team.

**Rosa Wolf**—This year, the boys began the athletic season by adding a new trophy to the case. It was for the county kittenball tournament.

**Wilma Schultz**—That set a mark at which the basketball boys had to shoot. The team took up the challenge and won the county championship for the second consecutive year. We also won the district and regional tournaments and were represented in the sectional for the first time in history!

**Marianna Kilian**—Let's change the subject—you'll have us thinking we're good. I think someone should caution Mrs. Schwabe not to eat so many onions at the next class party.

**Minnie Hurst**—(giggle)—Didn't Mr. Blankenburg look funny when he took our pictures? Whenever he put that black cloth over his head he mussed his hair all up Hitler-fashion. You couldn't get a sober pose if you wanted to.

**Helen Clutter**—This year our interests have centered in the year-book. Isn't the result of our cooperation a knock-out?

**Carl Walters**—Where did Tracy go? We're on for candy sales this noon, and we're out to break the record!

**Bill Slayton**—Since this is supposed to be a class history maybe we'd better tell about the classmates we have lost. Lemme see, now. They were Ralph Bogan, Wintress Davis, Elmer Goad, Beulah Lincicum, Keith Sanks, Ralph Tyler, Eileen Sanks, Mary Hurst, Mary and Lorraine Moore, Virgil Bange, Albert Livick, and Russell Hunter.

**Helen Hughes**—Well, I just joined the class this year, but I think I'm going to like it. I had a grand time working on the senior play and attending the banquet, and I am eagerly looking forward to all of the graduation exercises this spring.

And now, a word from **Mrs. Schwabe**—

Thank you for the privilege of expressing my gratitude to all of you for the fun we've had during these four years. I'm so proud of your achievements; especially, of your lovely gift to the school. I know that the motion picture accessories which you have donated will make the future generations grateful to the class of '40.

## SENIOR PROPHECY

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Hello, friends, I'm here at Homer Park, near the ever-growing city of Homer, Illinois. There is surely a lot of difference between this modern 1945 Homer Park and the one I knew as a "kid." That new dam across the river is certainly a "humdinger" and all these freshly-painted buildings and new shrubbery are very picturesque and modern.

The senior class of 1940 is planning to have a reunion out here today and I thought I might get a little inside dope on their lives dating from their high school days.

The early ones are arriving and there's Betty Sanford, who did the art work on their yearbook. Betty is still doing a little art work now, but her time is pretty well occupied with her husband and children.

Oh, here come the cousins—Harriet Krabbe and Wilma Schultz. Harriet is the head waitress in a very prominent restaurant in Champaign. Wilma is in Champaign, too, working at the Kool Kurl Beauty shop.

Who is that over there, poking around for bugs and worms? Why, it's Opal Hillery—she teaches biology in Homer High School.

Say, folks, the crowd is really beginning to gather—there are lots of baskets piled up on the tables—hope they ask me to eat with them.

There are Lyle Wienke and Ray Cope under that big oak tree—bet they are talking about the price of corn and hogs—Ray has some very fine livestock on his farm, too!

I see Dorothy Martin and Helen Hughes are here from Chicago. They are both professional nurses there, and doing well by the way they look!

Say, there are two airplanes landing over in that field. I didn't know there were to be airplanes at this feast. Why, bless my soul! If it isn't Mr. and Mrs. Bob Lee and Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Place—come on, fellows, introduce us to the Mrs!!!

Wonder who that is over there? Oh, it is Marianna Kilian and Helen Hodgson—still hanging together. Helen is a librarian in Chicago and her latest novel has just been proclaimed the "book of the year." Marianna Kilian is a mathematics teacher in one of the large high schools, although all indications at present point to a little home and a hubby for Marianna—in the near future, too.

From the looks of the crowd and, incidentally, the noise, I believe nearly all the seniors are here. Minnie Hurst and Marcella Krugh are entertaining the "kids" with a few numbers. They are teamed together on the radio as the singing sisters.

Oh, Oh! I hear that ever-talking Helen Clutter. Helen is a book-keeper in Champaign and seems to like it fine. The gossips have it that Helen is going to give it all up for a life with her old childhood sweetheart but we are not sure—yet.

Rosa Wolf, looking her usual "chic" self is here today. She owns a beauty shop in Homer and has quite a few girls working for her; among them is none other than the quiet "40" grad—Dorothy Clem.

Billy Slayton is entertaining everybody with stories of his travels. He is a traveling salesman and is seeing the world as he makes people eager for his new, improved joke book.

Russell Shoaf is now a coach and is really on the upward trend. Everyone says he is a second R. E. Litherland in both mind and ability.

Close on Russ's heels comes Gene Tracy, who is now a Mr. "lawyer man" in New York. Gene and Russ seem to be enjoying the picnic today—they are tormenting Mrs. Schwabe again just as they did back in the "dear old golden rule days." Mrs. Schwabe came clear down from Wisconsin where she is vacationing to be present today.

Look at that ring on Carl Walters' finger. Carl is a jeweler in Chicago now, so, gentlemen, if you are looking for something to give your lady-love don't forget Carl. He can find something she would like, I am sure.

Jumpin' Crowdads! Look at that car comin' in there—it's all decorated with tin cans—signs—and well! It says JUST MARRIED!! and it is none other than Ruth and Everett. Hey, kids, welcome to the newly-weds—Mr. and Mrs. Everett Block!

Come now, everybody, let's get the details of this long-expected wedding, along with something to eat and then how's about a big charivari????

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### The Composite Seniors

If every senior girl had Minnie Hurst's personality, Wilma Schultz's shyness, Dorothy Martin's dimples, Marcella Krugh's hair-dress, Rosa Wolf's clothes and love for neatness combined with Ruth Lynch's laughter, Betty Sanford's artistic ability, Helen Hughes' observation ability, Dorothy Clem's cooperativeness, Marianna Kilian's scholastic ability, and Helen Ruth's grammatical knowledge, Harriet Krabbe's sarcasm, Helen Clutter's determination and ability to go ahead and get things done and was as good-natured as Opal Hillery no one would ever complain.

If every senior boy had Ralph Place's common sense, Bob Lee's neatness, Russ Shoaf's personality, Everett Block's running speed, Gene Tracy's clothes as well as Lyle Wienke's teasing power, Bill's ability to see the funny side of life, Raymond Cope's size and would cooperate as well as Carl Walters, he would be the model for all the "little brothers" to copy.

## SENIOR WILL



We, the Senior Class of 1940, of Homer Community High School, in the County of Champaign, State of Illinois, being of mature age and having a sound mind and memory, as befits seniors, realizing that our life as high school students will soon come to an end do hereby and henceforth make, publish, and declare this our last will and testament; hereby revoking all former wills and rash promises made by us.

We, the Senior Class, do hereby will and bequeath to Homer High School our everlasting loyalty.

We, the Senior Class, do hereby will and bequeath to our dearly beloved faculty patience and a better understanding of all future Homer High School students.

We, the Senior Class, do hereby will and bequeath to the furnace all old English themes, pencil stubs, and love notes which at one time were very dear and valuable to us.

We, the Senior Class, do hereby will and bequeath to the janitor, Mr. Huff, all marks of the soles (rubber ones) found on the floor; also all inkspots and unclaimed gum deposits.

We, the Senior Class, do hereby will and bequeath to Mrs. Schwabe our deepest appreciation and gratitude for a guiding hand for four years.

We, the Senior Class, do hereby will and bequeath to Mr. Litherland, a 12 volume set of books entitled "How to Keep the Children Happy."

We, the Senior Class, do hereby will and bequeath to Mr. Hall, a set of blonde whiskers which do not show like black ones and thus will cut the time for shaving considerably.

We, the Senior Class, do hereby will and bequeath to Mr. Gray, a new revised joke book with no second-hand jokes. When he has finished with it, he is requested to turn it over to Mr. Hall.

We, the Senior Class, do hereby will and bequeath to Miss Sanders the power to keep silence in the study hall under the most trying circumstances.

We, the Senior Class, do hereby will and bequeath to Miss Gieseck the ability to fit into the Homer High School and surrounding community for years to come.

We, the Senior Class, do hereby will and bequeath to the Jolly Juniors the quality of sticking together through "thick-'n-thin" and the ability to be leaders in the school.

We, the Senior Class, do hereby will and bequeath to the Sophisticated Sophomores our very high ticket-selling ability and noticeable stand-in with the teachers.

We, the Senior Class, do hereby will and bequeath to the Frivolous Freshmen, our ability to keep one sponsor for four years and any and all excess knowledge found roaming around in the building.

Individual bequests are as follows:

I, Everett Block, do hereby will and bequeath my heavy beard to Sonny Barnes.

I, Dorothy Clem, do hereby will and bequeath my industrious school behavior to Charles Truax.

I, Helen Clutter, do hereby will and bequeath my freckles and black hair to Phyllis Place.

I, Raymond Cope, do hereby will and bequeath my large feet to Thornton Bogan.

I, Helen Hughes, do hereby will and bequeath my "go-to-sleep-in-class" ability to Tommy Maxwell.

I, Opal Hillery, do hereby will and bequeath my good nature to Janette Hardyman.

I, Helen Hodgson, do hereby will and bequeath my reputation as a "walking dictionary" to Ruth Coddington.

I, Minnie Hurst, do hereby will and bequeath my dimples and long eyelashes to George Steinhaus.

I, Dorothy Martin, do hereby will and bequeath my neatness and love for dainty colors to Joe Clutter.

I, Ruth Lynch, do hereby will and bequeath my ability to hold that "certain one" through four years of strenuous high school temptations to Betty Mannin.

I, Robert Lee, do hereby will and bequeath my variety of dress—suit one day, overalls the next—to Donald Strohl.

I, Marianna Kilian, do hereby will and bequeath my friendly and studious nature to Dolly Johnson.

I, Marcella Krugh, do hereby will and bequeath my always-in-place hairdress to Ruth Hurst.

I, Russell Shoaf, do hereby will and bequeath my ever-ready personality and "poker face" to Custer Dean Stevens.

I, Gene Tracy, do hereby will and bequeath my ability for getting in and out of trouble to Edgar Kizer.

I, Betty Sanford, do hereby will and bequeath my reputation as an artistic kitten drawer and my sympathetic heart to Dale Goad.

I, Wilma Schultz, do hereby will and bequeath my variety in boy friends to Lola Rohrscheib.

I, William Slayton, do hereby will and bequeath my pet joke book to Verne Wienke. He must use it daily.

I, Harriett Krabbe, do hereby will and bequeath my sarcasm to Betty Temple.

I, Carl Walters, do hereby will and bequeath my attitude—"I'll be thinking about it" to John David Rosenbaum.

I, Rosa Wolf, do hereby will and bequeath my quiet, dignified manner to Carolyn Wiese.

I, Lyle Wienke, do hereby will and bequeath my necktie-wearing and candy-eating-in-school-hours to James Morrison.

I, Ralph Place, do hereby will and bequeath my drawling speech

to Helen Coddington.

Lastly we, the Senior Class of 1940, do hereby appoint Mrs. Schwabe to execute this our last will and testament and to see that all bequests are carried out to the last detail.

In witness whereof we, the Senior Class of 1940, have to this set our hand and seal on this 31st day of May, A. D. 1940.

Witnesses:

Helen Hughes, Helen Clutter

EVERETT BLOCK,  
(seal) Class Attorney.

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### Along the Main Corridor With the Seniors

Everybody get ready for an introduction to the seniors. The girl who has long eyelashes and a never-ceasing supply of giggles is Minnie Hurst. Harriet Krabbe is one of the shortest girls of the class and is well-known for her every-ready pep and sarcasm. There's Bill Slayton, too. He likes to laugh and always sees the funny side of life.

Marcella Krugh has her hair fixed more often than any girl in school. Everett Block is always around when excitement is in the air. Ralph Place never says much but what he does say is worth listening to. Dorothy Clem and Dorothy Martin are coming toward us now. They are two hard-working, dependable girls. Dorothy Clem is so quiet that we seldom appreciate her.

Russell Shoaf is the fellow with a grand personality and a million-dollar smile. As usual, Gene Tracy is trying to explain something to Russell. Helen Clutter just made a bee-line for the recreation room. When she's not busy working on the yearbook or Tatler she plays Chinese Checkers with Mr. Gray. The championship is often disputed.

Wilma Schultz and Betty Sanford just whizzed by. Wilma is at times very quiet but at other times—well, she can surely have lots of fun. Betty would rather draw pictures than anything else.

Here comes that pleasant person, Carl Walters, who was the "official mimeographer" of the Senior Division Sheets. Helen Hughes came from Longview this year. She's cheerful, spry, and observing. Lyle Wienke and Ray Cope just went into the speech room. Lyle loves to tease, and Raymond is our red-headed boy. Showing prize livestock at fairs is Ray's most beloved job.

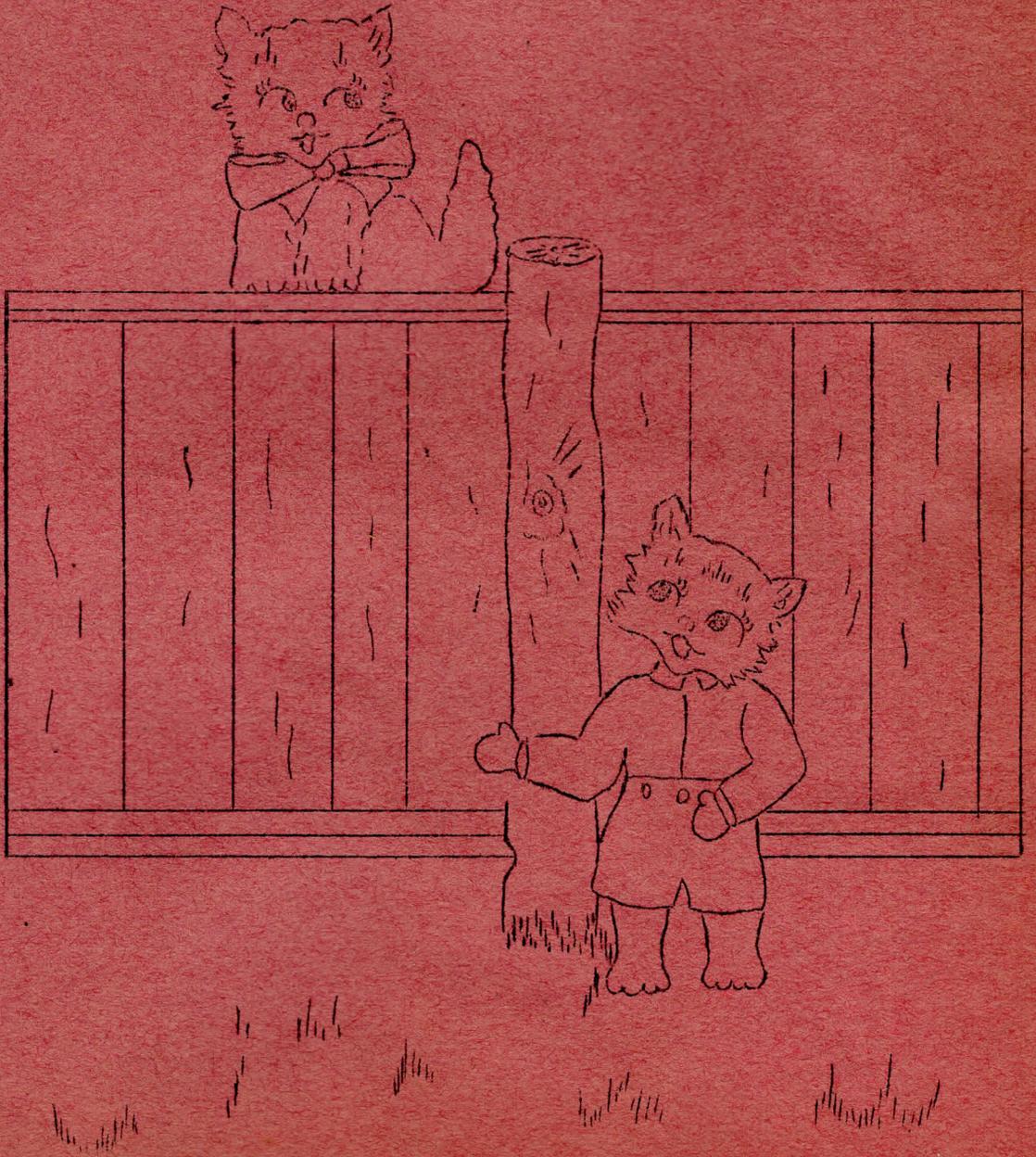
Did you hear that voice? That's one sure way of identifying Helen Hodgson. She's a "book-worm" and simply lives in the library. Here comes that neat, well-dressed gentleman, Bob Lee. He is known by his wide grin, shiny shoes, and occasional comic remarks.

We mustn't forget to mention that good-natured senior, Opal Hilery. Opal is a pleasant all-around worker. We all hope her teacher-ambitions will be fulfilled. Ruth and Rosa, who are always together, are next. They never fail to see something funny in everything.

Now we'll end the list with the senior president, Marianna Kilian. Marianna is undescrivable. She dearly loves work, horses, and dogs.

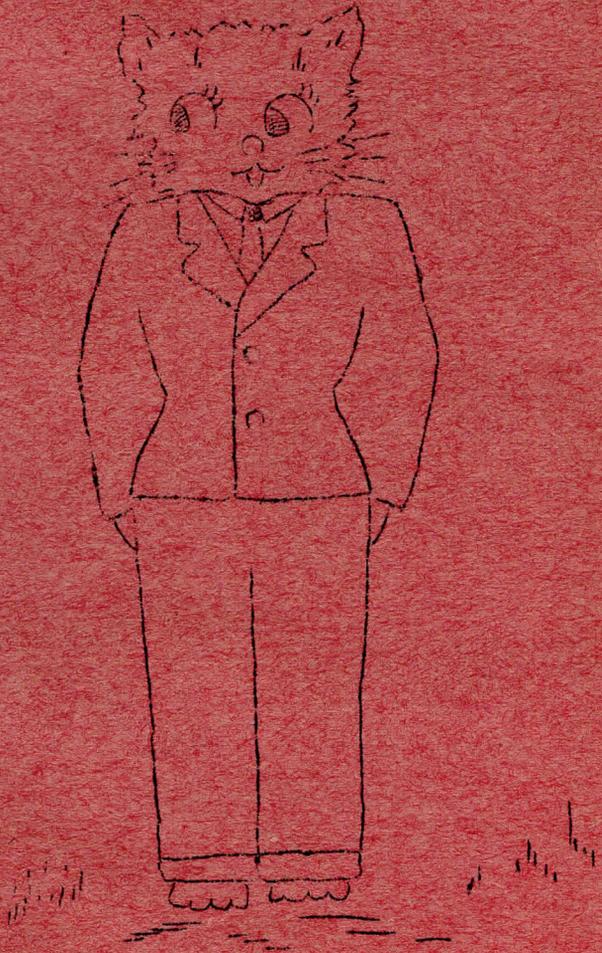


# Underclasses





JUNIOES



### JUNIOR CLASS

Name	Pet Peeve	Favorite Song
La Verne Wakefield	messy make-up.....	"Baby Me"
John David		
Rosenbaum.....	too much lipstick.....	"Oh Johnny"
George Steinhaus...	water in pie dough.....	"You Go To My Head"
Anna Jordan.....	waiting.....	"If I Had My Way"
Alma Jean Savage..	history class.....	"Careless"
Joseph Clutter.....	getting toes stepped on...	"Beer Barrel Polka"
Ermel Tyler.....	Clutter hitting his arm...	"Scatterbrain"
Ruth Coddington ..	too much make-up.....	"Chatterbox"
Dolly Johnson.....	no support from B. B. fans	"You'd Be Surprised"
Barbara Wright....	waiting.....	"Angel"
Everett Dyson.....	no dates during tourney..	"Melancholy Baby"
Donald Strohl.....	a grouch.....	"They Go Wild, Simply Wild Over Me"
Irlas Hillery.....	committee meetings.....	"Faithful Forever"
Wilfred Hurst.....	a slap from a girl.....	"Would You Mind?"
Mabel Martin.....	powdering nose in public.	"Sunrise Serenade"
Betty Temple.....	being teased.....	"Stardust"
Mary Ann Bryan...	goss.p.....	"Little Dutch Garden"
Mr. Hall.....	rainy weather.....	"Little Red Fox"



### JUNIOR CLASS HISTORY

The Silly Sophomores returned to Homer High in the fall of '39 to become the Jolly Juniors. Those mentioned above were still "hanging on" and then we had a new student enter from "way down thar" in Clay County, Mary Ann Bryan. Our class sponsor was Mr. Hall.

Of course, we started the new school year off with a bang, electing these students for class officers: President, Betty Temple; Vice President, Donald Strohl; Secretary, Dolly Johnson, and Treasurer, Everett Dyson. On November 1, the Juniors presented a three-act play, "Early To Bed, Early To Rise." They gave a "kid party" on Friday, November 3, to the Sophomore Class, who had sold the most tickets for the play.

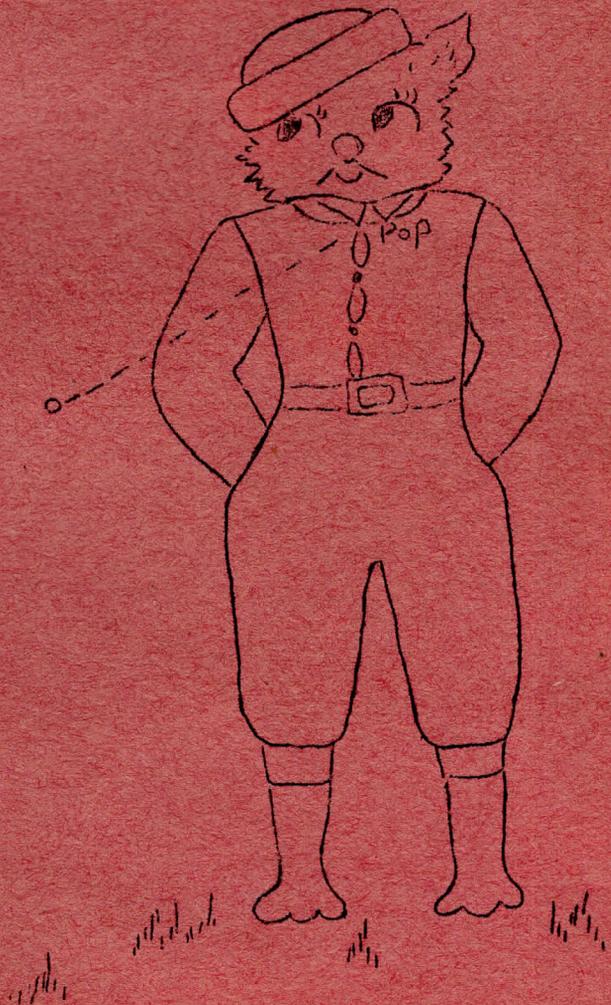
Our pride and joy throughout the year have been the Junior boys who displayed their unexcelled ability at playing basketball. Those who helped gain Homer High School the privilege of being hailed as County, District and Regional Champs were Donald Strohl, Everett Dyson, Wilfred Hurst, John Rosenbaum and Joe Clutter.

On January 19, after the Longview-Homer game, the Juniors sponsored a Homecoming dance to help make money for the class.

The school operetta, "The Sunbonnet Girl," was given on March 27, and quite a number of the class helped to make it a success.

The Junior-Senior Dinner-Dance was held on May 18. The scheme of the evening was Dutch. Everything from the food to decorations was in Dutch style.

# SOPHOMORES



**SOPHOMORE CLASS**

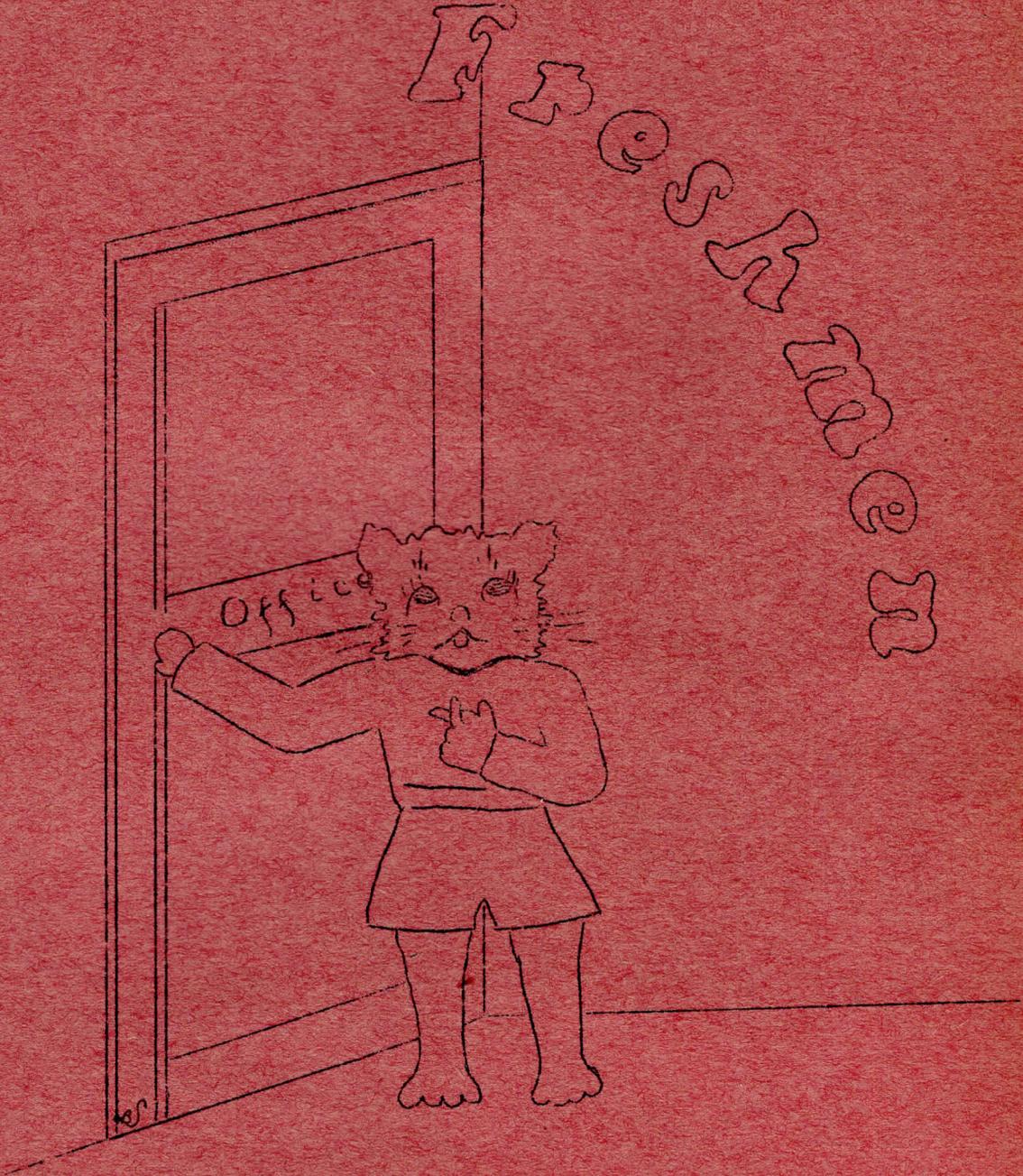


Name	Hobby	Did'ya ever see—?
Junior Crouse.....	movies.....	quiet in the library
Thomas Maxwell...	music.....	not arguing in English
Barbara Temple...	dancing.....	refuse to dance
Janette Hardyman.	roller-skating.....	flirting
Geraldine Hedrick.	letter-writing.....	not flirting
Ronald Dalton.....	arguing.....	not cracking jokes
Robert Dalton.....	roller-skating.....	without his Model-T
Lavella Peters.....	reading.....	frowning
Gloria Warren.....	reading.....	without her lessons
Wayne Cope.....	chewing gum.....	in a hurry
Edgar Kizer.....	basketball.....	without shined shoes
Orthalyne Rohl...	basketball games..	not giggling
Lamoine Mitchell..	ping pong.....	talking rapidly
Marjorie Harvey...	dancing.....	on time
Thornton Bogan...	scouting.....	grow any
Verne Wienke.....	sports.....	flirting
Kathryn Walz.....	dancing.....	acting unladylike
Max Krukewitt....	driving.....	without Betty
Carolyn Wiese.....	dancing.....	not talking about a boy
Lois Burley.....	reading.....	without an argument
James Morrison...	sports.....	frowning
Dorothy Davis.....	movies.....	without a boy-friend
Margaret White...	sewing.....	without a thimble and needle
Mr. Gray.....	conversation.....	with nothing to say



The two sophomore frolics were held October 20 and December 19. On November 3 they were guests of the Juniors because they had sold the most play tickets. Did you ever see Mr. Gray, the sponsor, pass up an opportunity to give the class a pat on the back? The class as a whole seems pretty proud of their shy little basketball player—Jim Morrison. We'll give you just a few hints to help you recognize the sophs around school. Their comedy man is "Fat" Bogan, who can often be found perched on top of the book cases in the library, polishing Longfellow's dome. Carolyn Wiese is the little girl who always gets her algebra the fourth period—with a little help. Junior Crouse is an habitual borrower. One day he borrowed a pencil, then a notebook from Edgar Kizer and, finally, asked to use his textbook, too. Dorothy Davis rubs her nose with her left forefinger when she gets excited, but Marjorie Harvey prefers to bite her fingernails. The sophs seem to have more "class feeling" than average groups because you'll usually see four or five of them in a huddle "talking things over."

# Freshman



**HERE'S THE FRESHMEN!**



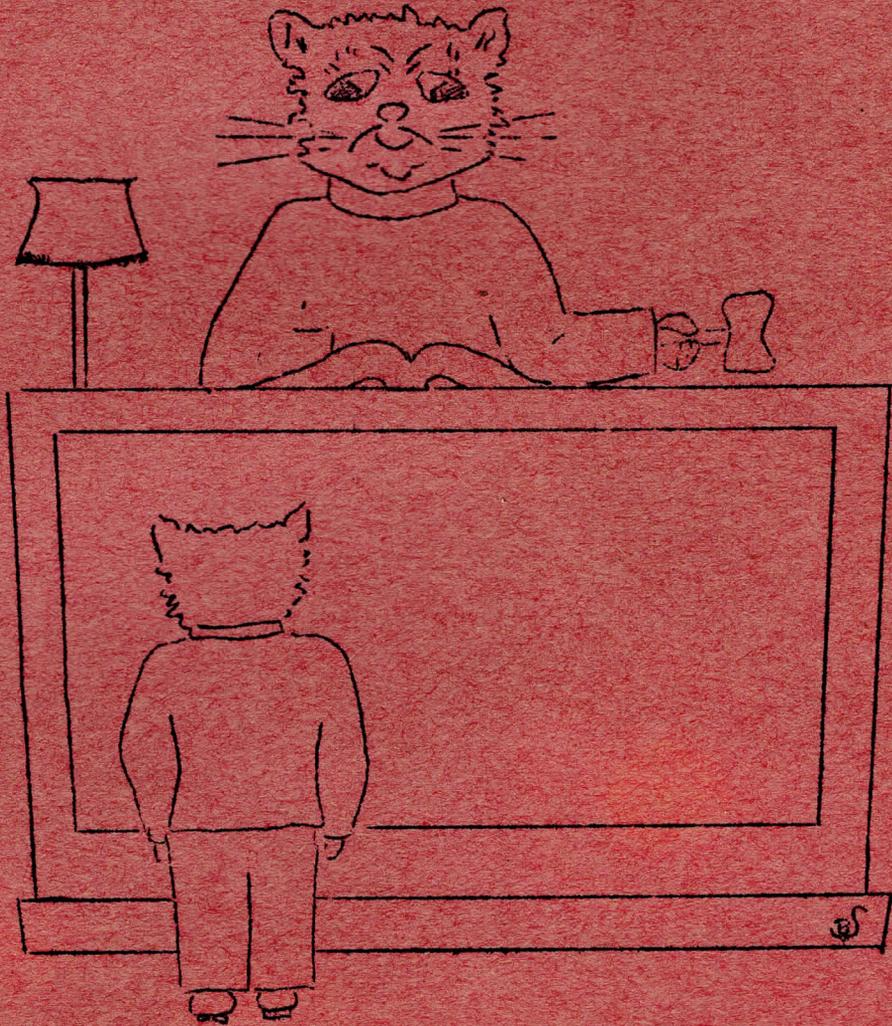
Name	Hobby	You'll know them by:
Mary Baird.....	skating.....	constant study
Sonny Barnes.....	playing football.....	always talking
Conn Bogan.....	movies.....	quiet in study hall
Donald Burley.....	bicycling.....	memorizing science
Helen Coddington...	singing.....	winking her eye
Carl Goad.....	dancing.....	a hearty giggle
Dale Goad.....	carpentry.....	funny remarks
Ruth Hurst.....	reading.....	talking to Minnie
Lyle King.....	art.....	bashfulness
Dean Loyd.....	sleeping.....	science questions
Betty Mannin.....	movies.....	long fingernails
Peggy O'Neil.....	swimming.....	walking briskly
Mary Peters.....	movies.....	playing clarinet
Phyllis Place.....	dancing.....	always blushing
Lola Rohrscheib.....	playing cards.....	baby talk
Betty Shoaf.....	dancing.....	Southern accent
Custer Stevens.....	eating.....	jolly laughter
Charles Truax.....	radio experimenting.	doesn't know assignments
Leslie Wolf.....	working on the farm.	talking about the farm
Miss Sanders.....	clothing dolls.....	queer walk



The hi-lights of the freshman class were their parties. One was held during the first week in October.

The freshmen worked up quite a feeling of rivalry between the "Cubs" and "B'ars" in English class. The English class got a good laugh when Mrs. Schwabe asked Donald Burley to use petty in a sentence. His first attempt was, "The dog had a good 'petigree'," but Mrs. Schwabe ruled that one out. Some of his other word concoctions were "Mr. Petty" and "petticoat," but it seems that Donald just didn't understand the use of the word, petty. Along at the first of school Sonny Barnes raised his hand and asked, "Are we supposed to talk in class?"—evidently Sonny thought that Mrs. Schwabe preferred to do all the talking and not take time out to answer questions of the pupils. And, incidentally, was Mary Jane's face red when she found that the little boy with red whiskers and a pipe at the Hallowe'en party was not Charles Truax but Mr. Litherland in person. Mary Baird's pet mannerism is scratching her head—she says it helps her to think. The Freshmen always get a heap of ribbing, but just between us, we think this bunch is a pretty nice class.

# Organization



## STUDENT GOVERNMENT



On April 11, 1939, the student body elected Everett Block as head of the Student Council for the following school term.

Representatives from each class were chosen the following September. The members chosen from the senior class were Rosa Wolf, Marcella Krugh, and Helen Hughes. Barbara Wright, Anna Jordan, and Wilfred Hurst were elected from the junior class. The sophomores were represented by Carolyn Wiese and Dorothy Davis. Peggy O'Neil and Carl Goad were the freshman members. Mr. Litherland was the faculty sponsor for the council.

Different committees were formed as branches of the council. The Recreation Committee was composed of Helen Hughes, Ruth Lynch, Donald Strohl, and Miss Giesecking. This committee had charge of arranging the recreation room for the use of the students during leisure minutes and the noon hour. They provided chairs, lounges and many games for comfort and entertainment. Drapes for the windows were made, but they were replaced by new ones presented to the school by the senior class.

The guidance committee, namely, Rosa Wolf, Dorothy Martin, Peggy O'Neil, Lois Burley and Mrs. Schwabe, sponsored Book Week and a library poster contest in which Mary Ann Bryan was the winner. This group has also made record cards for each student in school, for the purpose of keeping an accurate record of activities in which each pupil has taken part.

A book especially for freshmen has been compiled by this committee. It includes study rules, library rules and classifications, and many other facts of great value to the freshmen.

An assembly program committee was formed to arrange assembly programs for the eighth period assemblies. The members of this committee are Marcella Krugh, Helen Hodgson, Thomas Maxwell and Mr. Hall.

The athletic committee on which Wilfred Hurst, Marianna Kilian, Everett Dyson, and Mr. Gray served had charge of arranging noon hour recreation in the gymnasium. Badminton, ping-pong, volleyball, and basketball are some of the games played in the gym.

Everett Block, Alma Jean Savage, Betty Temple and Miss Sanders made up the social committee of the council. The duty of this committee was to plan and put on the all-school parties.

The Student Council and its committees have done many things for the enjoyment of the students this year.

Another council whose activities are a little more limited in scope is the Girls Council. The activities of this committee concern the affairs of the girls.

On April 21, 1939, the girls of each class met and chose their rep-

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representatives for the council for the following year. The juniors chose Dorothy Clem and Opal Hillery; the sophomores chose Irlas Hillery and Mabel Martin, and the freshman representative was Marjorie Harvey. The freshman girls this year chose Betty Shoaf to represent them on the council. Opal Hillery was elected as chairman of this organization, Marjorie Harvey as reporter, and Irlas Hillery as secretary. Mrs. Schwabe was the faculty adviser of the council.

Each year there is an installation dinner at which the new council is installed and the senior girls are honored.

This organization tries to provide some entertainment for all the girls in school. They also try to have some project each year for the benefit of the public.

A Correspondence Club, with Mary Ann Bryan as chairman, was formed within the council. Girls in this club have received interesting letters from all parts of the United States, Alaska, and the Canal Zone.

Helen Clutter was chairman of a Dramatic Club, which provided entertainment at parties and social meetings.

Each month the girls met after school, played games and talked over any business that came up.

The Council with the help of Mrs. Schwabe has planned good entertainment for everyone.

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**Assembly Program**—Helen Hodgson, Mr. Hall, Marcella Krugh (Tommy Maxwell, absent).

**Girls Council**—Marjorie Harvey, Opal Hillery, Betty Shoaf, Mabel Martin, Mrs. Schwabe, Irlas Hillery, Dorothy Clem.

**Athletic Committee**—Marianna Kilian, Everett Dyson, Mr. Gray, Wilfred Hurst.

**Student Council**—Standing: Peggy O'Neil, Carolyn Wiese, Anna Jordan, Barbara Wright, Dorothy Davis, Carl Goad. Sitting: Wilfred Hurst, Marcella Krugh, Mr. Litherland, Everett Block, Rosa Wolf, Helen Hughes.

**Social Committee**—Everett Block, Alma Jean Savage, Miss Sanders, Betty Temple.

**Guidance Committee**—Standing: Anna Jordan, Lois Burley, Peggy O'Neil. Sitting: Rosa Wolf, Mrs. Schwabe, Dorothy Martin.

**Recreation Committee**—Standing: Donald Strohl, Helen Hughes. Sitting: Ruth Lynch, Miss Giesecking.



*Assembly Committee*



*Girls Council*



*Athletic Committee*



*Student Council*



*Social Committee*



*Guidance Committee*



*Social Committee*

## ORGANIZATIONS



### Home Ec Club

The Home Ec Club was formed by Miss Sanders to create friendship and interest among girls who were taking Home Economics and those who had taken it in the past and to supplement the work of the department.

To be eligible for this club, girls had to have taken food or clothing in their high school course. All girls enrolled in Home Ec classes were required to belong to the Home Ec Club.

The following people, with Miss Sanders as sponsor, were responsible for the club's success: Ruth Lynch, president; Betty June Temple, vice president; Phyllis Place, secretary; Barbara Temple, treasurer, and Dolly Johnson, song leader. There were also three committees to help.

The social committee was composed of Janette Hardyman, chairman; Barbara Wright, and Betty Shoaf.

The program committee has as its members Betty Sanford, chairman; Barbara Temple, and Irlas Hillery.

The constitutional committee had Peggy O'Neil as chairman with Lola Rohrscheib and Lois Burley helping her.

The club met the second and fourth Thursday of every month. On the second Thursday a social meeting was held and on the fourth Thursday a program was given.

There were thirty-five members in this club.

### Library

Since the State High School Inspector suggested that we reorganize our library to conform to a definite system, Mrs. Schwabe was placed in charge of this work. Credit was given for library work so that the more ambitious and conscientious students would be attracted. Definite assignments were given and the pupils were tested orally.

Daily study periods were assigned to the girls during which they had complete charge of checking out books and magazines. Special training was necessary so that the librarians might be quick and efficient.

Meetings were held after school each Tuesday. At these meetings the books and magazines were arranged, repaired, and catalogued. The library was open for use before school, at noon, and after school.

The result of a year's organized work was a remodeled library. It is now very convenient and easy to use and has resulted in more general usage by the students. Two librarians took charge of these periods for a week at a time whenever it was convenient for them.

### Organizations

**Operetta:** (First row) Minnie Hurst, Marcella Krugh, John David Rosenbaum, Donald Strohl, Alma Jean Savage, Everett Dyson, Dolly Johnson, Betty Temple, Wilfred Hurst, Marianna Kilian, Mary Ann Bryan, Betty Sanford, Anna Jordan, Russell Shoaf, Gene Tracy. (Second row) Helen Ruth Hodgson, Mr. Hall, Geraldine Hedrick, Carolyn Wiese, Ruth Hurst, Mary Peters, Laverne Wakefield, Helen Coddington, Phyllis Place, Barbara Temple, Dorothy Davis, Betty Mannin, Lavella Peters, Mary Baird, Peggy O'Neil, Lois Burley. (Third row) Donald Burley, Junior Crouse, Edgar Kizer, Barbara Wright, Wilma Schultz, Thomas Maxwell, Lyle Wienke, Max Krukwitt.

**Tatler:** (Standing) Carl Goad, Betty Mannin, Janette Hardyman, Lavella Peters, Kathryn Walz. (Sitting) Miss Giesecking, Ruth Coddington, Helen Clutter, Barbara Wright, Dolly Johnson.

**Correspondence Club:** (Standing) Mary Baird, Irlas Hillery, Helen Clutter, Opal Hillery, Laverne Wakefield, Wilma Schultz, Kathryn Walz, Mabel Martin, Geraldine Hedrick, Carolyn Wiese, Lavella Peters, Mrs. Schwabe. (Sitting) Betty Sanford, Marianna Kilian, Helen Hughes, Dorothy Martin, Barbara Temple, Peggy O'Neil, Harriett Krabbe, Dorothy Davis, Marjorie Harvey, Janette Hardyman.

**Home Ec:** (First row) Betty Sanford, Janette Hardyman, Betty Temple, Phyllis Place, Ruth Lynch, Miss Sanders, Barbara Temple, Barbara Wright, Lois Burley. (Second row) Dorothy Davis, Dolly Johnson, Rosa Wolf, Betty Shoaf, Peggy O'Neil, Lola Rohrscheib, Irlas Hillery, Harriett Krabbe, Lavella Peters. (Third row) Geraldine Hedrick, Marjorie Harvey, Carolyn Wiese, Mary Peters, Wilma Schultz, Marianna Kilian, Ruth Coddington, Kathryn Walz, Mabel Martin. (Fourth row) Marcella Krugh, Helen Coddington, Orthalyne Rohl, Mary Baird, Dorothy Martin, Helen Hughes, Ruth Hurst, Betty Mannin, Minnie Hurst, Margaret White.

**"H" Club:** (Front row) Edgar Kizer, Wayne Cope, Bob Lee, Mr. Litherland. (Second row) Ralph Place, John Rosenbaum, Wilfred Hurst, Gene Tracy. (Last row) Everett Dyson, Donald Strohl, Russell Shoaf, Everett Block.

**Junior Play:** (Sitting) Alma Jean Savage, Donald Strohl, Dolly Johnson, John Rosenbaum, Mary Bryan, Anna Jordan, Wilfred Hurst, Betty Temple. (Standing) George Steinhaus, Mabel Martin, Everett Dyson, Miss Sanders.

**Dramatic Club:** (Standing) Betty Temple, Phyllis Place, Betty Mannin, Ruth Hurst, Lola Rohrscheib, Helen Coddington, Dorothy Clem, Mrs. Schwabe, Helen Clutter, Minnie Hurst. (Sitting) Marcella Krugh, Dolly Johnson, Mary Baird, Dorothy Martin, Kathryn Walz, Mabel Martin, Helen Hughes.

**Librarians:** (Left to right) Helen Hughes, Opal Hillery, Peggy O'Neil, Dorothy Martin, Marianna Kilian, Helen Hodgson, Alma Jean Savage, Helen Clutter, Marcella Krugh, Mrs. Schwabe, Anna Jordan.



*Operetta*



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*Correspondence Club*



*Home Ec. Club*



*H Club*



*Junior Play*



*Dramatic Club*



*Librarians*

### **"H" Club**

The "H" Club was organized to promote sportsmanship, interest, and the good old school spirit in the athletics of Homer High School.

All boys who had earned a letter as a player of basketball, track, or kittenball were eligible for membership in this club.

This year the group elected Russell Shoaf, senior, as president; Everett Block, senior, vice-president, and Everett Dyson, junior, as secretary-treasurer.

A party was held by this group and everyone, as usual, had a very enjoyable time.

### **Tatler Staff**

The Tatler Staff started this term off with a bang—eight girls answered the first call for membership. Later, the membership was increased to twelve.

Miss Cline was the faculty adviser and was replaced by Miss Giesecking. After the resignation of Miss Cline, Helen Clutter was chosen as editor of the paper with full responsibility for getting the paper ready for press.

As time passed "Acting Editors" were appointed. Each member had the privilege of acting as editor for one week. This, however, was not compulsory. The acting editor assigned the stories, corrected them, and handed them to the editor-in-chief for typing and a last correction before going to the newspaper office.

The staff received much valuable training from this work.

### **Correspondence Club**

The Correspondence Club, with Mary Ann Bryan as chairman, was formed as a part of the Girls Council.

Mrs. Schwabe, the sponsor, obtained a list of names of boys and girls wishing "pen pals." The girls then chose someone from a far-away place, who was interested in about the same things she was, to write to. Many of the girls received very interesting letters and even exchanged snapshots with their "pen pal."

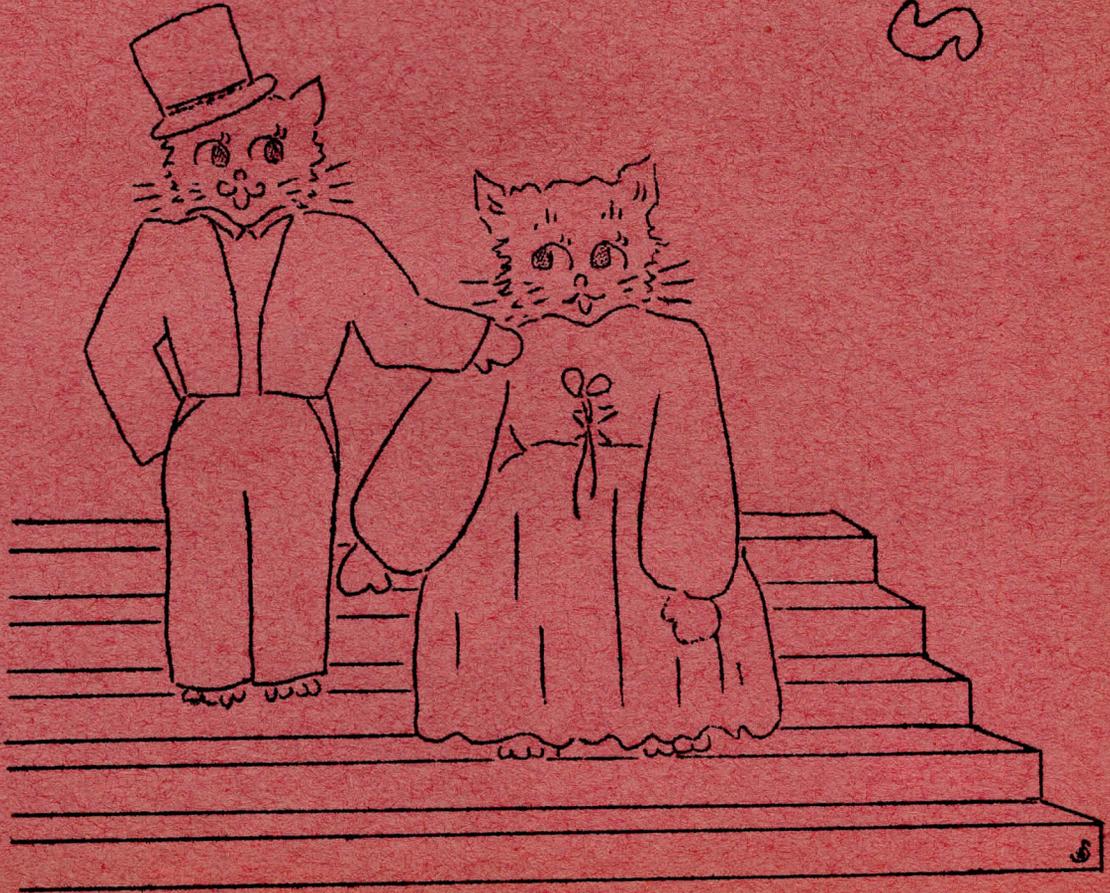
### **Dramatic Club**

The dramatic club was organized with Helen Clutter, chairman, as a division of the Girls Council.

This group was organized to give the girls a chance to act in plays and also to take their part as director, stage manager, or property committee members.

The club presented several short skits, among them the play, "The Great Pajama Case," at a social meeting of the girls of the student body sponsored each month by the Council. This same play and a short sketch, "Before the Game," were also presented before the guests at the party given for the boys March 29.

# Activities



## ACTIVITIES



### Open House in Home Ec Department

Invitations were sent to mothers and friends of the girls in the foods and clothing classes to an open house and tea on November 17. Special invitations were also extended to all members of the Home Ec Club.

A nicely planned program was held in the assembly at three o'clock. The program included a color analysis, the planning and setting of a breakfast table, and songs by the home ec girls. Miss Sanders pointed out several things about Home Economics and told about each dress in the style show. Four girls modeled clothes suited to the four types of girls; the athletic, feminine, composite, and dramatic.

"The Last Leaf," a talk by Mr. Litherland, principal, concluded the program.

After the program, tea was served. Exhibits were also displayed in the clothing room, showing the work of the girls in the home ec department.

### Donkey Basketball Game

On Friday night, November 24, the people in the Homer community enjoyed the first basketball game of this type to be given in Homer.

The Panhandle Company from Crescent City, Oklahoma, furnished little donkeys which were wearing specially constructed shoes of unmarkable rubber.

The "hicks" (country basketball players) played the "city slickers" in this game. Even though they didn't have such a "fancy" name, the "hicks" won by a wide margin.

There was certainly excitement every minute of the time, and for once in history, the principal was glad to see the people stop coming, because the gym "just wouldn't hold any more." This game was sponsored by the Student Council.

### Girls Council Hike and Hamburger Fry

The sunny afternoon of October 4, a group of happy, singing girls hiked gaily down the road. From time to time one would dart over to Mrs. Schwabe's car, which was slowly following them, to shed a sweater or hat. Finally, when previously unused muscles seemed about to rebel, the picnic ground was sighted. With whoops of delight the ravenous girls swarmed down the hill into Homer Park and were soon busily engaged in a search for firewood. Quickly the fire caught the excitement of the girls and the hamburgers and marshmallows were "done to a turn."

After "exploring" the surrounding region and posing for pictures, the girls slowly wended their way back into town, so ending another highly successful party sponsored by the Girls Council.

### National Book Week Observed

During the week of November 13, the Guidance Committee sponsored a Poster Contest, observing National Book Week. Mrs. Schwabe was in charge of this contest and states that the posters presented were examples of unequaled student ability in neatness and originality.

Posters were submitted by Helen Clutter, Lois Burley, Betty Sanford, Gloria Warren, Mary Ann Bryan, Helen Ruth Hodgson, and Marianna Kilian. Mary Ann Bryan was announced the winner of first prize, which was the book, "Circular Staircase," by Mary Roberts Rinehart.

Helen Ruth Hodgson, Marianna Kilian, and Helen Clutter received honorable mention.

Mary Ann's poster was a pen and ink sketch which showed a scene from the story, "Travels With a Donkey," by Robert Louis Stevenson. Along the top of the poster in large letters were, "Have you Read?" A number of books representing popular classics for students was along the edge as a border for the picture.

Three faculty members and one student from each class served as judges.

### Girls' Council Entertains

On March 29, the Girls' Council sponsored an April Fool party honoring the basketball boys. The evening was full of enjoyment from beginning to end with plenty of fun and games planned by the council.

The dramatic club gave short sketches, one especially in honor of the basketball boys. Games, card playing, and dancing were enjoyed during the evening as well as refreshments of cup cakes made by the committee and ice cream.

From the looks of some of the guests, we should have taken up a collection for them. They were requested to have something odd about their apparel and they did their part. Some came with odd shoes, socks, buttons, etc. We believe—of course, we wouldn't say for sure—that some enjoyed going around with a list of boys' names and finding the thing that was odd about their apparel. A prize was given the person who found the most odd things about the boys' outfits.

### Home Ec Christmas Frolic

On the eve of December 14, the cooking and sewing classes held a party in the assembly and clothing laboratory. Each member invited a guest. Oh, yes, Santa Claus was there, too! (The real and original Robert E. Lee.) Each hostess gave her guest a funny present and the Home Ec girls exchanged gifts.

The entertainment consisted of various games, dancing, and card playing.

Refreshments of sandwiches, iced graham crackers, candy, and lime koolade were served.

### Freshmen Initiation

"Aw, no, I can't do that," but they did do it or else. Everett Block, president of the Student Council, was "the leader" of the initiation on the night of September 22 in the high school gym. The freshies were required to enter through the back door of the gym. As each "greenie" was "taken into the rule of the student body," the leader asked him to stand on a chair minus his shoes and stockings. It was explained that he must jump between two small boards punched full of nails. The victim was blindfolded and told to jump but, of course, the boards had been removed and some very high jumping was enjoyed by all—the audience, mostly.

Another feature of the entertainment was "eating worms." The freshmen were re-blindfolded and asked, "Do you like worms?" Some said, no; others said, yes; but whether they did or not made no difference, they either tried to like it or received a smack from the official smacker. A large mouthful of something cold, slick, and slimy was put into the poor "birdies' " mouths; sometimes it was spit out on the floor and "sometimes" they ate the worms—just like chickens. Confidentially, though, it wasn't worms. Shhhh! don't spill the secret—it was cold macaroni!

Miss Sanders, Mr. Gray, and Mr. Hall also were HCHS freshies and they were put through their paces, too. Mr. Hall was to play some music and tell one of his ever-present (except when badly needed) jokes.

Miss Sanders and Mr. Gray had to enact a very delicate scene in which Miss Sanders proposed to Mr. Gray—looks like she could have waited until Leap Year, doesn't it?

By this time the Freshmen felt they had their share of 'nitiation and were dismissed for the evening of games and refreshments.

### Juniors Give Sophomores a Party

"Oh, look coming in the door!"

"Where'd you get your hair ribbon?"

"Ha, look at Sonny Gray!"

These exclamations were heard at the Junior "Kid Party" November 7. The Industrious Sophomores were guests of honor having won the ticket selling contest.

Everyone was asked to dress as a "kid." Miss Sanders, Mr. Hall, and Mr. Gray certainly looked as though they had just entered kindergarten. Were their faces red when Mr. Litherland escorted the Board members into the assembly where the party was in full swing!

Ring-around-the-rosie, drop-the-handkerchief, London Bridge, and Wink'em followed by dancing and card playing were the diversions of the evening. Mr. Hall was induced to play a few selections on the piano.

A gay evening was brought to a close by the invitation to go home. The little kiddies mustn't be late for school the next morning!

### **Basketball Banquet**

On Wednesday evening, March 13, about 200 loyal fans of the basketball boys gathered in the high school to enjoy a banquet sponsored by the Homer business men. The three-course banquet was prepared and served by the Ladies' Aid of the Methodist Church and was a fine specimen of their work. Tomato juice and ritz crackers, escalloped chicken, mashed potatoes, gravy, creamed peas, spiced apples, lettuce salad, and coffee, angel food cake and whipped cream topped with half an apricot made up the menu.

Mr. R. A. Roloff, president of the Business Men's Association, was master of ceremonies for the evening. Coach Litherland was introduced and he, in turn, introduced each of the basketball boys and cheerleaders. Bill Springer from Champaign was guest speaker for the evening. T. O. White, sports reporter for the News-Gazette, was also present at the dinner. Local followers of the team making short speeches were: Rev. Petty, J. O. Scott, Floyd Reynolds, and Howard Lacey.

A surprise gift, a pen and pencil set, was presented to Coach Litherland by Howard Lacey. Floyd Reynolds then presented Howard with a fountain pen—another surprise! "Pretty good, wasn't it, fellows?"

### **Welcome Party for Freshmen Girls**

Those little freshmen girls can make the most noise! We know this is so, because on the 13th of September the "oldsters" entertained the new girls at a real "good time" party.

Games were played on the lawn until every game was "thread-bare." The girls assembled on the ground and front steps and sang several songs.

The best part of the evening came when they were called to roast weiners over the fire in the drive, and orange pop or cokes were distributed to everyone.

Miss Cline, Miss Sanders, and Mrs. Schwabe from the faculty group were present. Mrs. Litherland was also there enjoying herself with the rest of the "kids."

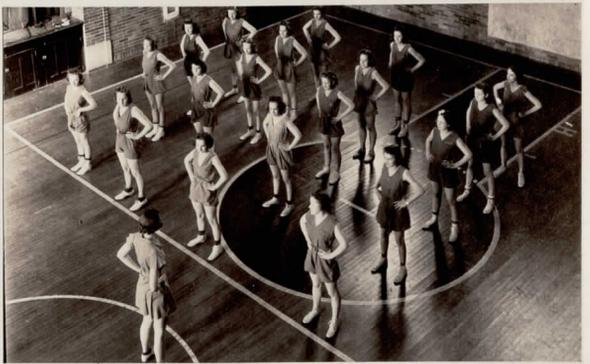
### **Hallowe'en Party**

On the night of October 27, ghosts of various kinds, Jesse James, and what have you, invaded the HCHS building. Many fellow students were perfect strangers until the unmasking.

Prizes were awarded to the best couple and the best dressed individual.

Games of different kinds were played, including a contest to see who could talk the most. Of course, Everett Block and John David Rosenbaum walked off with those honors.

Refreshments of sandwiches, candy, and cider were served. Dancing was the main feature the rest of the evening.



### **Juniors Present "Early to Bed—Early to Rise"**

The Junior Play, "Early to Bed—Early to Rise," was quite a success due to the cooperation of everyone working in the play and on the stage and of those selling tickets.

The plot centered around Betty Temple, as Patsy. Patsy was very fond of pets—skunks and rats, particularly. She was very fond, too, of an elderly German petshop owner, portrayed by George Steinhaus, and prevented his eviction by Everett Dyson because of non-payment of rent. Patsy won the wonderful Cinderella House and was duly photographed by Mabel Martin, the reporter who brought the news. Patsy also settled her sister's (Anna Jordan) love problem by insulting Mary Bryan, the lovely southern girl who seemed to get the attention of Wilfred Hurst, Anna's employer.

Another love angle was supplied by the attempted elopement of blonde Dot Johnson and dizzy John David Rosenbaum.

Donald Strohl was the eccentric father of Betty, Anna, and John David and was intensely interested in inventions—and only inventions. It is rumored about school that the reason Don couldn't make that "unbreakable egg-crate" was because he took only one year of manual training.

Alma Jean Savage, taking the part of the old maid aunt, certainly added to the element of comedy with her quick tongue and witty remarks.

All in all, it was a grand play and we are glad we didn't miss it.

### **Farewell Party for Miss Cline**

"Sniff! Sniff! Miss Cline, why did you have to accept that position?"

Miss Cline was pleasantly surprised on Friday afternoon, December 8, at a farewell program planned by the social committee of the student council.

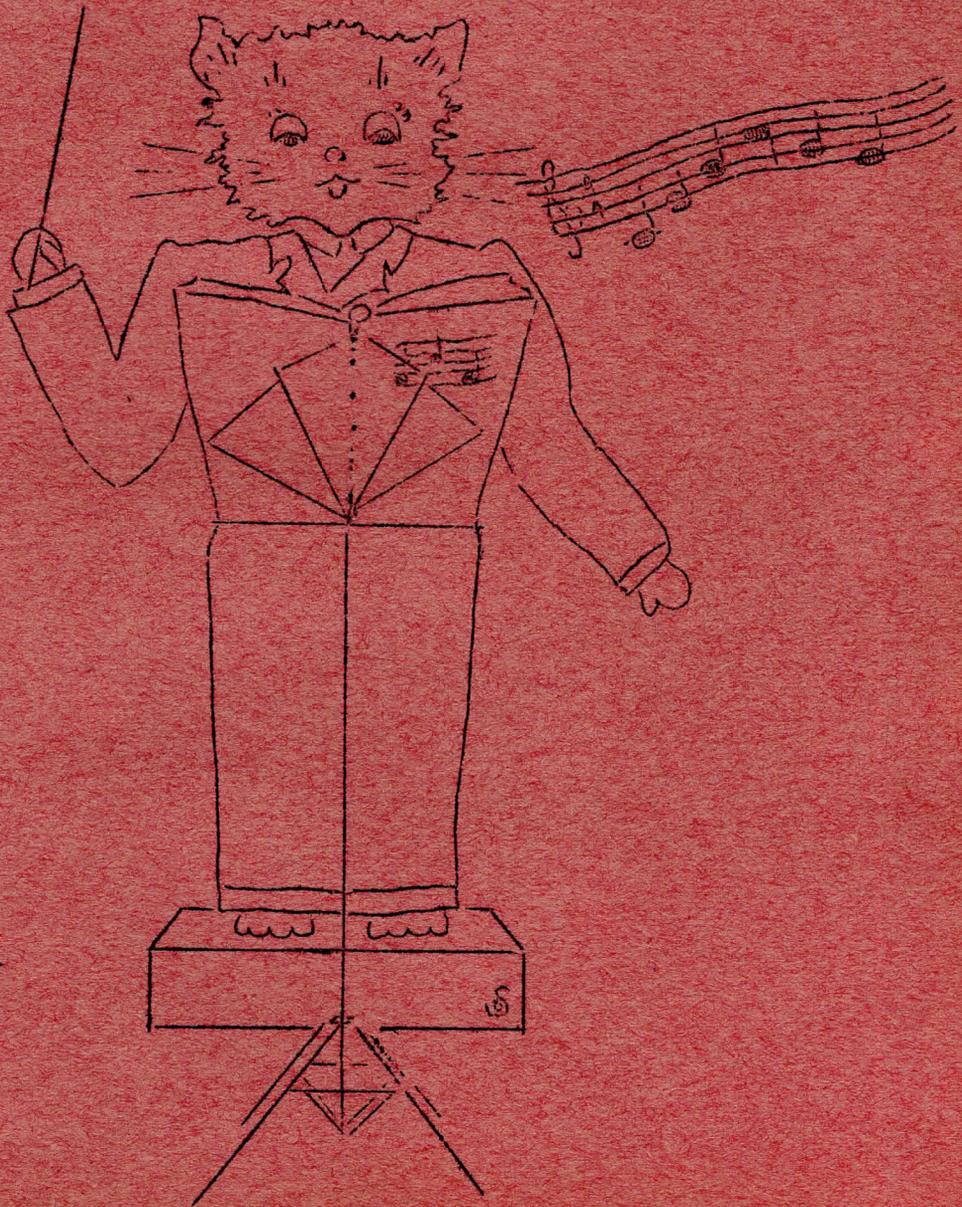
Included on the program was, "An Apple for the Teacher," sung by Marcella Krugh, echoed by the student body. Marianna Kilian played a saxophone solo. Everett Dyson, the master of ceremonies, turned the HCHS radio station over to the "Man on the Street," Everett Block.

A number of "passers-by" from the student body were interviewed, but the main feature of this section of the program was a playlet by four "brave, little children"—Mrs. Schwabe, Miss Sanders, Mr. Hall, and Mr. Gray. These little children should be congratulated for getting up before such a large "radio audience" and performing.

At the conclusion of the "Man on the Street," Mr. Hall lead the students in singing Christmas songs.

Everett Block presented Miss Cline with a compact, a gift from the student body. Dancing was enjoyed the rest of the afternoon.

# Music



## MUSIC



### The Sunbonnet Girl

The high school operetta, "The Sunbonnet Girl," was presented in the gymnasium on the evening of March 27, 1940. It was a comedy.

The plot centered around Susan Clifton, The Sunbonnet Girl, Betty Temple, an orphan who had been left with Mr. and Mrs. Abijah Scroggs, played by Alma Jean Savage and Donald Strohl.

The garden of the Meadows' home served as a background for the play. The part of Mr. and Mrs. Meadows was played by Mary Ann Bryan and John Rosenbaum. Mrs. Henry Coleman, Betty Sanford, arrived to conduct a music contest. Barbara, Bob, and Jerry—Dolly Johnson, Wilfred Hurst, and Everett Dyson, accompanied her and soon became friends of Sue. Sue wished to enter the contest but Mrs. Scroggs and Evalina, Marcella Krugh, her daughter, refused because of her clothes and she had lots of dishes to wash. Sue thought her parents had left her some sort of property, but the Scroggs would never mention it. Jerry and Bob called on Sheriff Ezra McSpavin, Russ Shoaf, and had him investigate the case.

The last name on the list of contestants was Sue's and much to everyone's surprise, she appeared beautifully dressed and won the scholarship prize. Bob attracted by her beauty and charm offered his heart and hand, but Sue refused him because she was poor and he was rich. Jerry and Bob, however, came to a romantic agreement. The sheriff found a deed to Sue for valuable property. This sudden wealth removed the last barrier from the love-match and the curtain fell on the prospect of a double wedding.

Students singing solos in the operetta other than those mentioned above were Minnie Hurst, Anne Jordan, Gene Tracy, and Marianna Kilian. The mixed chorus formed a background for all the songs.

### The Mixed Chorus

The Boys' and Girls' Glee Clubs have made much improvement during the year. There were 25 girls and 15 boys in the chorus, under the direction of Mr. Hall. The group met each Friday morning from 8:30 to 9:00. The mixed chorus sang at the Armistice Day program, and appeared in the operetta, "The Sunbonnet Girl."

A double quartet was formed this year. Those singing in it were: Wilfred Hurst, Donald Strohl, Everett Dyson, Thomas Dean Maxwell, Betty Temple, Betty Sanford, Marianna Kilian, and Marcella Krugh. These people sang for the Woman's Club and also at the basketball banquet. Russell Shoaf and Gene Tracy replaced Everett Dyson and Thomas Maxwell when the group appeared at the banquet.

During the week, the groups met separately, the girls meeting the eighth period on Monday and Wednesday, and the boys meeting the eighth period, Tuesday and Thursday.

### Orchestra

The orchestra, under the direction of Mr. Hall, started the term in an entirely different manner from last year. The group met each day of the week except Friday, from 8:30 to 9:00, while the other students were in study hall.

The orchestra made its first public appearance at the basketball game between Homer and Philo on November 10. Following the appearance came several others at basketball games, before the student body, and at the basketball banquet.

Everyone is pleased with the great improvement the orchestra has made this year, and we're expecting a still better one for next year. John David Rosenbaum practiced with the orchestra on the bass horn the latter part of this year to get in practice for the coming term.

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**Orchestra:** (Standing) Everett Block, Mary Baird, Lois Burley, Mr. Hall. (Sitting) Miss Giesecking, Edgar Kizer, Raymond Cope, Wayne Cope, Marianna Kilian, Marcella Krugh, Barbara Temple, Wilfred Hurst, Betty Shoaf, Helen Hodgson, Mary Jane Peters, Charles Truax, Geraldine Hedrick, Helen Hughes, Betty Temple, (Thomas Dean Maxwell, and Lyle Wienke, absent).

**Glee Club:** (First row) Betty Temple, Harriet Krabbe, Barbara Temple, Minnie Hurst, Dolly Johnson, Helen Coddington, Lavella Peters, Dorothy Davis, Betty Shoaf, Lois Burley, Geraldine Hedrick, Mr. Hall. (Second row) Marcella Krugh, Phyllis Place, Peggy O'Neil, Carolyn Wiese, Mary Jane Peters, Marianna Kilian, Betty Sanford, Mary Baird, Helen Hodgson, Betty Mannin, Ruth Hurst, Barbara Wright. (Third row) Thornton Bogan, Charles Truax, Junior Crouse, Gene Tracy, Everett Dyson, Russell Shoaf, Donald Strohl, Wayne Cope, Wilfred Hurst, Edgar Kizer, Donald Burley. (Lyle Wienke, Thomas Dean Maxwell, Max Krukewitt, and Mary Bryan, absent).

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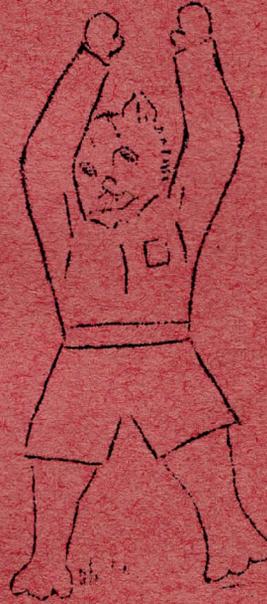
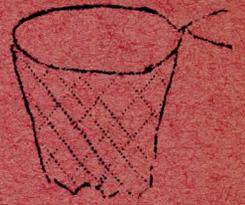


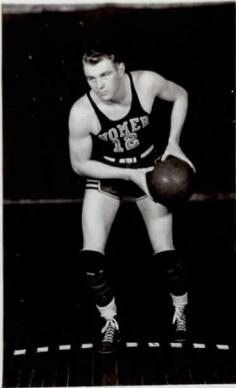
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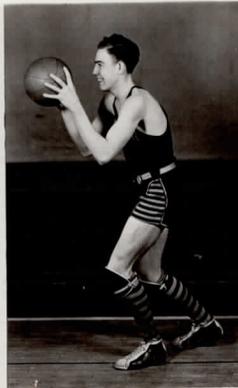
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# Athletics





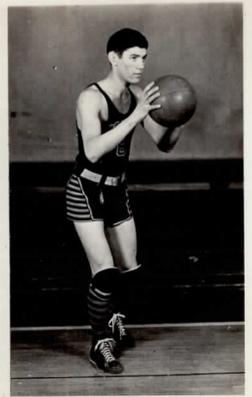
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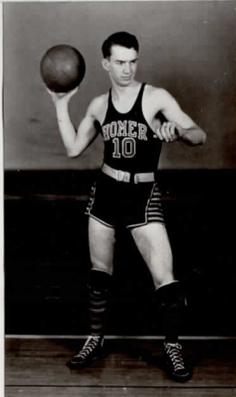
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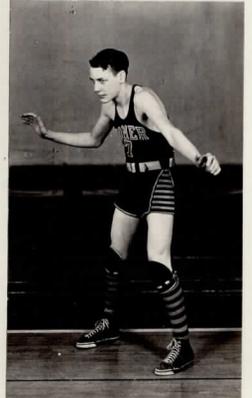
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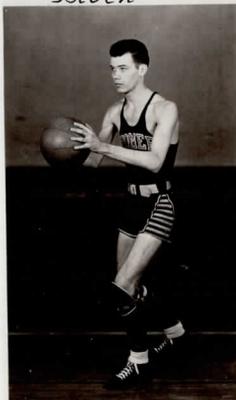
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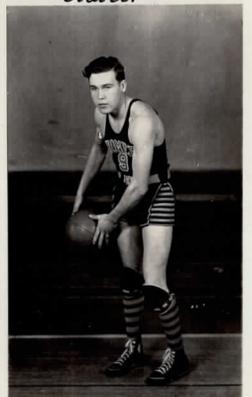
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## KITTENBALL



Kittenball season opened this year with Joe Clutter as left fielder, Jim Morrison, center fielder; Ralph Place and Gene Tracy in right field and Donald Strohl in short center position. The infielders were Russell Shoaf, first baseman; John Rosenbaum, second baseman; Verne Wienke, third baseman, and Everett Dyson, short stop. Wilfred Hurst was pitcher and Everett Block, catcher. Robert Lee acted as manager.

The team started practice September 1. The first game was September 6 at Homer against Philo. The score was 22-2 in favor of the "Maroon and Gold."

The second game was played at Tolono, September 12, with Homer again on top with a 6-3 lead.

On September 14, Sidney came here to try our strength and found us going strong. The score was Homer 6, Sidney 2.

Our team journeyed to Philo the 19th and grabbed another victory. Score 8-27.

The 22nd we played our first game with the "Longview Hornets." The finals were 8-3 in our favor.

On the 26th, Homer returned Tolono's game with a score of Homer 8, Tolono 4.

The only "shut out" of the season was at Sidney—Sidney 0, Homer 10.

The Champaign County Kittenball Tournament was held October 4 to 6. On the 4th our team went to Pesotum and here they met Tolono for the third time in the season. They put this game under their belt very neatly with 10 runs for Homer and 5 for Tolono. Homer played the second game of the tournament at Sadorus against University High. Homer made 6 runs and allowed Uni High only 1.

The last tournament game was played with Longview. Again we showed our power by defeating them 12-6 and thereby became the Champaign County Kittenball Champions! Another trophy to be displayed proudly by our school.

The final game of the season was played at Ogden. This game went into 10 innings. During the last 2 or 3 innings the opponents were leading at various times. Homer finally nosed out in front with 7 runs to their 5.

The Homer Panthers played eleven games and won every one of them. The score was doubled in all but one of these games. Our team was behind for a few innings in only two games; those were with Tolono and Ogden.

This outstanding team has established a record that will be hard to beat.

## BASKETBALL



In the 19 years of basketball at Homer, the Community High School has never had such a successful and colorful year. Perhaps most of you have seen the Homer Panthers play. I'm sure you have not seen a more perfect running mechanism in Champaign County in many years.

**Squad:** Russ Shoaf, captain; Everett Dyson, Wilfred Hurst, Donald Strohl, Jimmy Morrison, Everett Block, Joe Clutter, Bob Lee, Gus Rosenbaum, Ralph Place, Wayne Cope, Edgar Kizer, Sonny Barnes, Wesley Tyler, Verne Wienke; Gene Tracy, manager; Dolly Johnson and Betty Temple, cheerleaders.

### 1939—Basketball Schedule—1940

Friday, Nov. 10—Homer 48—Philo 27—Here.  
 Tuesday, Nov. 14—Homer 44—Ogden 21—Here.  
 Friday, Nov. 17—Homer 40—Oakwood 15—There.  
 Wednesday, Nov. 22—Homer 30—Fairmount 19—Here.  
 Tuesday, Nov. 28—Homer 28—Longview 26—There.  
 Friday, Dec. 1—Homer 31—Sidney 30—There.  
 Tuesday, Dec. 5—Homer 27—Allerton 26—Here.  
 Friday, Dec. 8—Homer 48—Ogden 33—There.  
 Tuesday, Dec. 12—Homer 32—Urbana 41—There.

This game is the first defeat after eight straight wins. Five of these games won were county games and three were games out of the county. We ask you to follow the county games won, as you go along.

### Longview Tourney

Homer was invited to attend the Longview Invitational Tournament Dec. 21-22. Homer drew Villa Grove as her opponent. The score of this game was Homer 47, Villa Grove 21. Homer on the final night played Longview for the first place trophy. To our grief, Longview was fortunate enough to win that coveted prize after a close battle. The final score was 30-28 and there were ten worn out boys to vouch for the fact that it was a hard-to-lose game.

Friday, Jan. 5—Homer 40—Fisher 18—There.  
 Tuesday, Jan. 9—Homer 40—Sidney 20—Here.  
 Friday, Jan. 12—Homer 39—Allerton 27—There.  
 Friday, Jan. 19—Homer 35—Longview 25—Here.

### County Tourney

On the afternoon of January 24, Homer met their first opponent, Pesotum, and won 46 to 17.

Then on the following night the Panthers made another kill by slashing Sidney's throats, 32 to 14.

In the semi-finals of this tournament Homer met their old rivals. They had played Longview three times and had won the first and last

games. However, the Maroon and Gold had no fear and waved their colors in victory over the Hornets, 34 to 30.

The finals were held on the last night of the tournament, January 27. Sadorus and Homer were the two teams who went to the finals. Sadorus had a very good and different team but this did not prove a hindrance to the Panthers, for they came out on top 38 to 27.

The remark was made that night by the gentleman who presented the trophies that so far he hadn't heard whether Homer was going to try for a third term. The roaring Panthers have won the county's first place trophy the last two years. Will the twin trophies soon become triplets???

Thursday, Feb. 1—Homer 58—Tolono 45—Here.

Friday, Feb. 2—Homer 28—St. Joe 27—There.

Friday, Feb. 9—Homer 46—Fisher 16—Here.

Tuesday, Feb. 13—Homer 37—St. Joe 28—Here.

Friday, Feb. 16—Homer 39—Fairmount 23—There.

#### District Tourney

February 22 was the beginning of all the state conducted tournaments. The State Committee at Chicago put Homer at Sidell playing Fairmount. This game was almost Homer's death warrant. Three minutes before the final gun the score was 28 to 26 and the Panthers stalled them out to win by that score. That was the first time in the season the boys made an attempt at stalling.

On February 23, Homer met the Hume squad. They won by a much larger score than was expected—51 to 16.

In the finals of the District the local five met a team (Indianola) that was almost their match in everything: sportsmanship, teamwork, height, and ability. The Panthers, however, pulled through with a score of 27 to 19.

By this time the fans of Homer had become enthusiastic, for that was the first District Tourney that Homer had ever won and the first time they had gone to the Regional.

#### Regional Tourney

The regional tournament was held the following week. Our opening game was with Westville. It was a thriller and a close one until the last few minutes, when the spirit and fight of the Panthers proved too much for Westville and the final score read 39 to 31.

Going on from there we played Catlin. The first half of this game was extremely tiring because of the size of the Catlin team, but Homer's "never-say-die" spirit gradually pulled them away 43 to 21 for another victory.

The fans were becoming even more interested in their boys. This is the farthest they had ever hoped for them to get. On the final night a pretty good representation of the Homer population was there. The Panthers again turned on the steam to have a close call with Georgetown. The score of this game was smaller but had the same

effect as the others: in other words—Homer won! The score was 27 to 19.

Here again this outstanding team made history. The team this far had only lost two games out of 30.

### Sectional Tourney

March 6 the fans piled up two deep to get to the sectional tournament. At 7:15 sharp the boys, fans, cheerleaders, crowd, and officials were keyed up for a bang-up game with Urbana. That is exactly what they received. The score was tied several times and even to the last second it was tied 33 to 33. That meant a thrilling overtime but a sad ending for one of the teams. The overtime was the "sudden death" kind which carried its meaning. Urbana's tall Green (he's not a bit green about basketball) made the winning basket by whirling around at the free-throw line and sinking a bank shot.

We are not ashamed to admit that there were many tears shed. It seemed to the fans that after the boys had gone so far and had played so gallantly, that it was a tragedy to lose by two points in an overtime.

This ended our highly successful basketball season but left us with high hopes for the future. We hope that another Homer team will go as far and farther next year.

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### TRACK

All the boys who were interested in track reported for practice April 1.

The weather found the members jogging around the quarter mile track with ease. (If you call it that.)

When the final check up came there were ten who reported: Joe Clutter, Everett Block, Wilfred Hurst, Verne Wienke, Wayne Cope, Raymond Cope, Gene Tracy, Ralph Place, John David Rosenbaum, and Bill Slayton.

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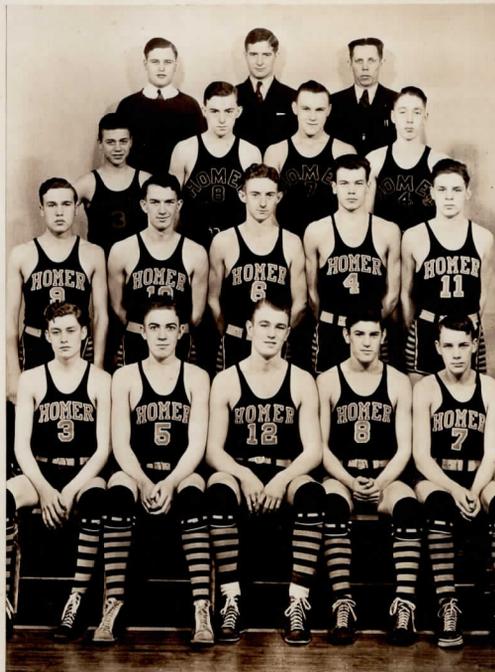
**Kittenball:** Joe Clutter, James Morrison, Donald Strohl, Gene Tracy—Wilfred Hurst, Robert Lee, Mr. Gray, Ralph Place, Everett Block—Verne Wienke, Russell Shoaf, John D. Rosenbaum, Everett Dyson.

**Basketball:** Betty Temple and Dolly Johnson, cheerleaders. Squad: (Front row) Everett Dyson, Donald Strohl, Russell Shoaf, Wilfred Hurst, James Morrison. (Second row) Ralph Place, Everett Block, Joe Clutter, Robert Lee, John D. Rosenbaum. (Third row) Wesley Tyler, Wayne Cope, Verne Wienke, Edgar Kizer. (Back row) Gene Tracy, Mr. Gray, Mr. Litherland.

**Track:** Mr. Gray, Raymond Cope, Wayne Cope, Wesley Tyler—Everett Block, Wilfred Hurst, Billy Slayton, John D. Rosenbaum—Mr. Litherland, Verne Wienke, Everett Dyson, Ralph Place.



*Betty Temple*



*Dotty Johnson*



# Calendar

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## CALENDAR



### September

- 1—"Kids" dust off their books, sharpen up their pencils and start to school.
- 6—Girls Council starts the year off right with plans to welcome Freshman girls with a party.
- 7-8—Teachers turn students and go to institute.
- 13—The "Oldsters" entertain new girls and teachers at a weiner roast. Juniors and seniors are busy today electing their officers.
- 15—The two underclasses also elect officers.
- 18—Student Council is organized.
- 19—Girls Council meets to make out calendar for first semester.
- 20—Juniors "strut their stuff" in tryouts for the play.
- 22—Poor freshmen. It's initiation night.
- 25—Seniors plan their first class party of the year.
- 27—All girls meet to plan a hike.
- 29—Seniors have hamburger fry.

### October

- 4—Girls hike to park and enjoy hamburger fry.
- 6—Are we important! Our soft ball team wins the county championship. We are entertained with instrumental music by students at our first assembly program. Freshmen have their first party of the year.
- 9—Yearbook staff has first meeting.
- 10—Sophomores follow freshmen with a party.
- 11—Tatler Staff has important meeting to plan for printing paper.
- 12—Another successful basketball year starts with practice.
- 13—We get a vacation. Teachers go to school.
- 17—The first period has ended and grades go into office.
- 18—Junior Play tickets are given out at class meetings.
- 19—Grade cards are out.
- 20—Home Ec. Club is organized. Mrs. Blankenberg talks to the seniors about the yearbook plans. Tryouts for radio program are held in assembly. Helen Hodgson, Minnie Hurst, and Thomas Maxwell are chosen to appear on WILL.
- 23—Miss Glew comes back to see us.
- 27—"Didn't he scare you?" is one of the many remarks heard after the Halloween Party. Senior class meets again to discuss yearbook plans.
- 28—Our future radio stars broadcast on WILL.
- 30—It's the picture man. Everybody gets a chance to break the camera.

### November

- 1—"Early to Bed, Early to Rise" is presented by the Junior class.

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- 2—We get our enthusiasm aroused as the cheer leaders try out. Season basketball tickets are issued for sale.
- 6—The seniors come all slicked up. It's the day for taking pictures.
- 7—The girls have first monthly social gathering.
- 8—Tatler staff has meeting to give out contracts. Cheerleaders are chosen—it's Betty and Dolly again.
- 10—It's the first basketball game of the season, and our Panthers defeat Philo.
- 13—These seniors are surely excited. Oh, yes, they have their picture proofs back.
- 14—Our team upsets the Ogden five—44-21.
- 17—Poster contest for National Book Week is ended and Mary Bryan's poster won. The Home Economics Club gives a tea. Ogden's basketball team bows to Homer's Panthers.
- 22—Homer wins another victory over Fairmount.
- 23-24—No school, but there is a big crowd out to see the donkey basketball game on the 24th.
- 28—Hurrah! Longview is defeated.

### December

- 1—The Sidney team again loses to Homer Panthers. Seniors have important class meeting followed by a yearbook staff meeting.
- 4—All girls hold monthly social meeting.
- 5—Allerton loses to the Homer "five." Librarians meet for important discussion.
- 6—Seniors get their pictures back from photographers.
- 7—Home Economics Club has meeting in the recreation room, and Mrs. Litherland gave a talk on the subject of Home Economics.
- 8—Miss Cline is honored by an all school farewell party. Our team upsets the Ogden team.
- 13—Yum, yum, seniors have chili supper.
- 14—The Home Economics Classes have a Christmas Party.
- 15—Again the Panthers "nip" the Philo team.
- 18—Miss Gieseking, the new commercial teacher, is here.
- 19—Homer "downs" Longview.
- 22—No more school until January 3, 1940.

### January

- 9—Another victory. Sidney loses.
- 12—Homer ten goes down and beats Allerton.
- 18-19—It's semester exams and a defeat for Longview.
- 24-27—County tournament. Again Homer team are "champs."
- 29—We get a day off to celebrate our victory.

### February

- 1—Tolono bows to Homer "Panthers."
- 3—Homer goes to St. Joseph for another victory.
- 4—Dramatic Club entertains girls at meeting.

- 9—Homer beats Fisher.
- 13—St. Joseph comes over to be beaten by Homer.
- 16—It's another moving picture.
- 21—Seniors have important meeting for check-up on the yearbook sales.
- 23-24—It's getting to be a habit. "Panthers" win another tournament.
- 26—We celebrate the winning of District Tournament. "Jubilee Singers" entertain.
- 29—Regional tournament begins.

### March

- 1—Hurrah, Homer wins the Regional tournament!
- 4—We get to celebrate again.
- 7—Urbana beats Homer in an overtime. This is the first time Homer has been represented in a sectional tournament.
- 11—Mr. Blankenburg takes more yearbook pictures.
- 12—Classes see movie on Central America.
- 13—Business men honor basketball boys with banquet.
- 19—Juniors order rings.
- 27—Student Council sponsors operetta "The Sunbonnet Girl."
- 29—Girls Council sponsors an all-school party honoring our basketball team.

### April

- 1—April Fool. Seniors try out for play.
- 3—School board wives sponsor community dinner in honor of basketball team.
- 4—Operetta is given by grade school.
- 5—Fire Department sponsors a benefit basketball game starring the "Harlem Globe-Trotters."
- 12—Freshmen "party" in gym.
- 19—"H" Club has party.
- 26—Installation dinner honoring senior girls is sponsored by the Girls Council.

### May

- 1—"Spring Fever" is presented by Senior Class.
- 3—Seniors have their last party.
- 10—There is district track meet.
- 15—County track meet.
- 18—Juniors and seniors have banquet.
- 23—Grade school has commencement in gymnasium.
- 24—Open house is held.
- 26—Baccalaureate service is held.
- 27—Seniors have class night.
- 29—Senior commencement is held in auditorium. So ends another year.

**MISCELLANEOUS SNAPS**



(Left to right) Minnie Hurst, Miss Giesecking—Marjorie Harvey, Lola Rohrscheib, Mary Jane Peters, Helen Clutter, Dorothy Clem, Orthalyne Rohl, Kathryn Walz, Helen Coddington, Ronald Dalton, Mabel Martin, Donald Burley, Irlas Hillery, Lyle King, Opal Hillery—(front row) Verne Wienke, Junior Crouse, Joe Clutter, Robert Dalton—Ruth Lynch—(back) Orthalyne Rohl, Carl Goad.

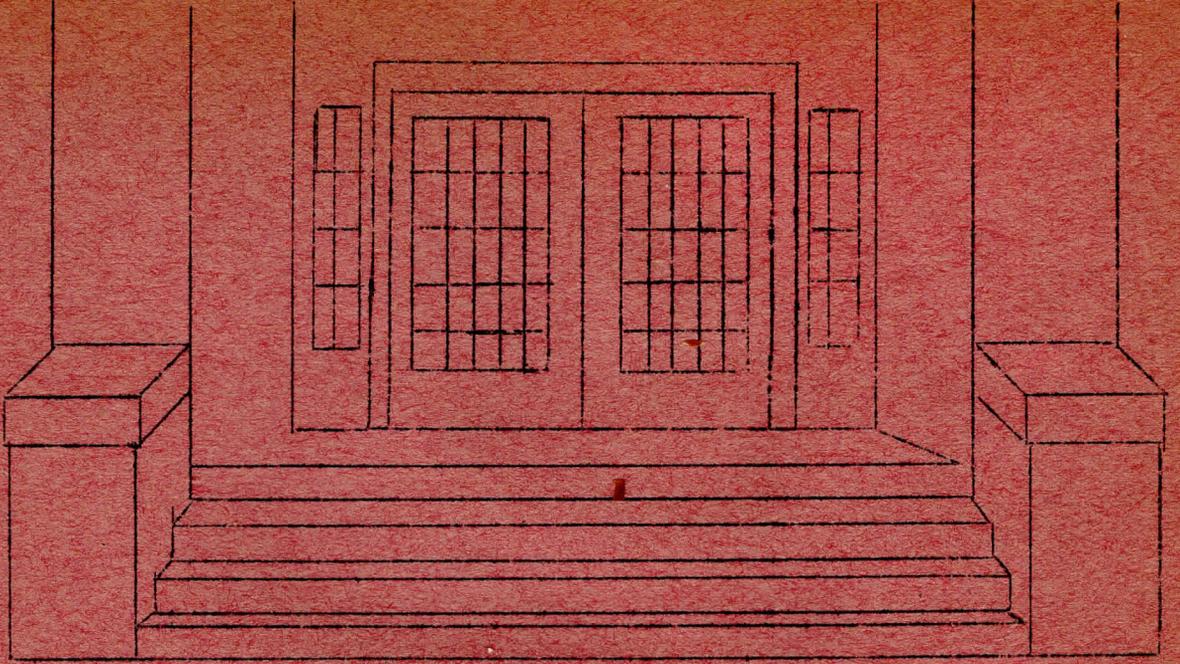
(Top) Leslie Wolf, Lyle Wienke, Wayne Cope, Rosa Wolf, Lola Rohrscheib, Everett Block, Minnie Hurst, Ruth Lynch—(bottom) Dolly Johnson, Alma Jean Savage, Barbara Wright, Mabel Martin, Miss Cline—(center) Miss Cline—(top) Mrs. Schwabe, Mr. Litherland, Wilfred Hurst, Billy Slayton, Mr. Hall—(front) Miss Giesecking—(bottom) Alma Jean Savage, Dolly Johnson, Anna Jordan, Carl Goad.

Miss Sanders, Helen Clutter, Carl Goad—(standing) Dean Loyd, Peggy O'Neil, Betty Shoaf, Geraldine Hedrick, Phyllis Place, Carolyn Wiese, Miss Sanders, Miss Giesecking—(sitting) Junior Crouse, Thornton Bogan—Janette Hardyman, Marianna Kilian, Marjorie Harvey—Miss Sanders, Miss Cline—George Steinhaus, Betty Sanford, Ruth Coddington, Helen Clutter, Betty Mannin, Carl Walters, John D. Rosenbaum, Minnie Hurst, Ermel Tyler, Billy Slayton.

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Ruth Lynch, Rosa Wolf, Ruth Coddington, Helen Coddington, Marianna Kilian, Mary Baird, Orthalyne Rohl, Irlas Hillery, Lola Rohrscheib, Dorothy Martin, Carolyn Wiese, Helen Hughes, Geraldine Hedrick—Mr. Huff and Pete—Fat Bogan, Russell Shoaf, Rosa Wolf—Harriet Krabbe, Conn Bogan, Mr. Hall, Mr. Gray, Russell Shoaf.





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Baird, Naomi .....	Champaign, Illinois
Bray, Elmo .....	Homer, Illinois
Crane, Lovica (Richter) .....	Fairmount, Illinois
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Donald: "Fur is a long way off."

Mr. Allison: "Do you think it pays to put much money in clothes?"

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Tommy Dean: "Race between a Latin pony and the teacher's  
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Wayne Cope: "I know, teacher: squawkers."

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Mr. Hall: "What would you do if you were in my shoes?"

Ermel Tyler: "I'd get them shined."

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Sonny Barnes: "Mrs. Schwabe must be awfully old."

Carl Walters: "Why do you think so?"

Sonny Barnes: "Well, she said she taught Caesar!"

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Phyllis Place: "Why, it's because thirteen is an unlucky number."

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Wilfred Hurst: "That's a fly in my soup."

Alma Jean Savage: "Don't worry. He won't drink very much."

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Miss Sanders (at play practice): "All right, now, run up the curtain."

Bill Slayton: "Say, what do you think I am, a squirrel?"

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The man who says this is a small world should try chasing his hat on a windy day.

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Mrs. Walters: "What would your friends think if you spoke politely to them?"

Carl Walters: "Some of them would think they could lick me."

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Stranger: "How old is your little baby sister?"  
Betty June: "Oh, she's a this year's model."

Teacher: "Who can tell me a thing of importance that did not  
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George Steinhaus: "Me!"

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Teacher: "That's right."

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Custer Dean: "Say, pop, what are preferred creditors?"

Mr. Stevens: "The ones who don't call too often, Son."

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Teacher: "Can you give me a more elegant rendering of the sen-  
tence, 'The sap rises'?"

Pupil: "The boob gets out of bed."

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Clerk: "This book will do half your work!"  
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Student: "I wondered why I flunked so many exams!"

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Marcella Krugh: "Why not?"  
John David: "I don't know. Perhaps I'm too sound mentally."

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