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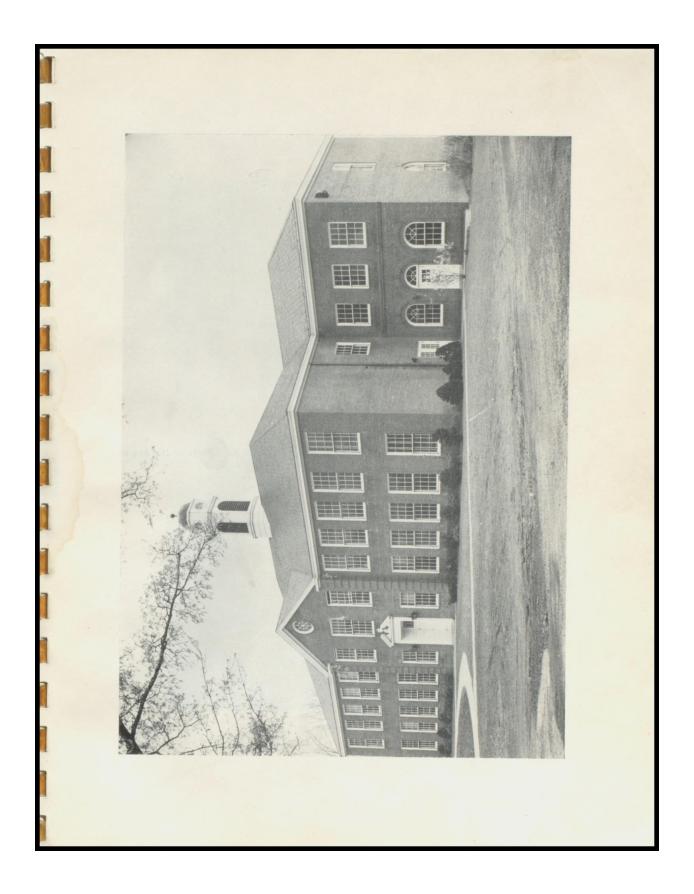
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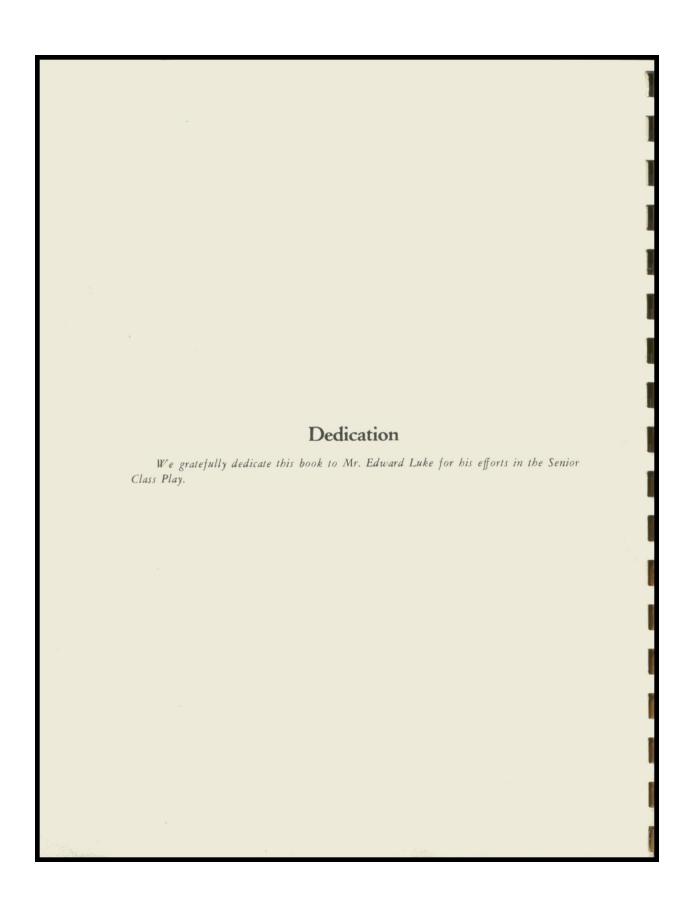
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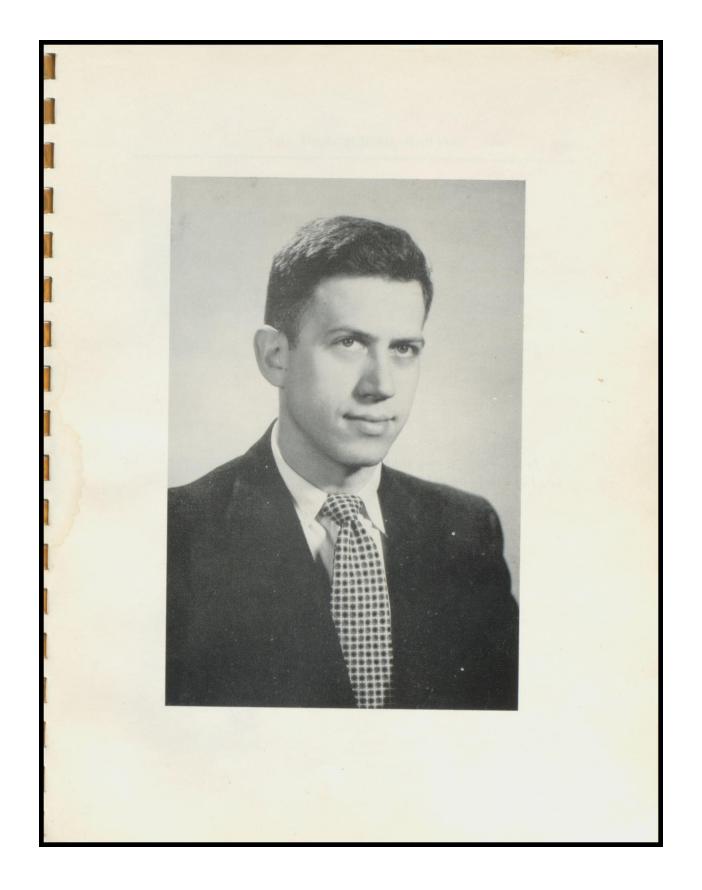
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"A good laugh is sunshine in a house."





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General Course; Basketball '50, '51, '52, '53; Baseball '51, '52, '53; Athletic Association '52; Usher at Junior Prom '52; Election Day Food Committee '53; Food Sale Committee '53; Chorus '53; Class Play '53; Advertisement Committee for Class Play '53; "Live" Assembly Committee '53; Barber Shop Quartet '53; Master of Ceremonies of Live Assembly '53; Master of Ceremonies for Magazine Skit '53; Class Night Exercises '53.

"A merry heart maketh a cheerful countenance."



ANTHONY LOUIS DANIEL

"TONY"

Commercial Course; Manager of baseball and basketball '51; Usher of Junior Prom '52; Captain of Winning Team of Magazine Sale '53; Senior Class Play '53; Class Night Exercises.

"It is better to learn late than never."



JOSEPH EDWIN DITTO

"JED"

General Course; Annual Cake Sale '53; Election
Day Food Sale '53; Advertisement Committee for
Class Play '53; Stage Committee for Class Play '53;
Senior Magazine Sale '53; Class Night Exercises.

"Taste consists in the power of judging:

genius in the power of executing."



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General Course; Cheerleading '50, '51; Art Editor, Wilohi '52, '52; Press Club Reporter '53; Glee Club '50, '51, '52, '53; Athletic Association Representative '52; Decorating Committee Chairman (Junior Prom) '52; Class Treasurer '53; Class Play '53; Sandwich Sale Committee '53; Thanksgiving Social '52; Teenage Book Club Secretary '52; Library Group '52; Advertising, Junior Prom '52; Assembly Entertainment '53; Magazine Sale Skit '53; Herald Cover '53; Classnight '53; Ticket Committee. Class Play: Scribblers' Club.

"It is a friendly heart that has plenty of friends."



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"FLOSSIE"

Commercial Course; Glee Club '50, '51, '52, '53; Usherette for Junior Prom '52; Magazine Salesmanship Award '53; Magazine Sale Program '53; Sandwich Sale Committee '53; Class Play '53; Ticket Committee for Senior Class Play '53; Scribblers' Club '53; Class Night Exercises.

"True happiness is found in making others happy."



EDWIN PAUL FILIP "SOUPY"

College Course; Basketball '50, '51, '52, '53; Refreshment Committee Junior Prom '52; Decorating Committee Junior Prom '52; Decorating Committee Junior Social '52; Magazine Sales Committee '53; Election Day Food Sale '53; Food Sale Committee '53; Senior Class Play '53; Class Night Exercises '53:

"The essence of generosity is self-sacrifice."



GAYLE VERONICA FITZPATRICK

"GAYLE"

General Course; A. A. Association '50, '53; Glee Club '50, '51; Chorus '53; Thanksgiving Social '52; Secretary, Teenage Book Club '52; Press Club '52; Magazine Salesmanship Award '53; Class Play '53; Usherette for Class Night '52; Usherette for Graduation '52; Refreshments Committee for Junior Prom '52; Laurel Girls' State '52; Herald Business Board '52; Class Night Exercises '53.

"To know how to wait is the great secret of success."



LOUIS PAUL GALLERANI "LOUIE"

College Course; Class President '50, '51, '52, '53; Harvard Book Prize '52; Nutmeg Boys' State '52; Junior Marshal at graduation '52; Host at Junior Prom '52; Business Manager Herald '52; General Manager Prom '52; General Manager Magazine Sale '53; Assembly Committee '51; Basketball '50, '51, '52; Baseball '50; Senior Class Play '53; Card Committee '53; Usher at Class Night '52; Prom ticket committee '52; Election Day Food Sale Committee '53; Business Committee for Play '53; Trip to N. Y. for Magazine Campaign '53; Magazine Salesmanship Award '53; Associate Editor of the Herald '53; Class Night Exercises; Fourth Honor Essay.

"A good reputation is more valuable than money."

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THOMAS JAMES HALLORAN

"TEDDY"

College Course; Basketball '50; Baseball '50, '52; Herald Business Board '52; Junior Prom Decoration Committee '52; Junior Class Thanksgiving Dance '52; Food Sale Committee '53; Election Day Food Sale '53; First Prize for Magazine Sale '53; Stage crew, Senior Class Play '53; Class Night Exercises.

"The highest wisdom is continual cheerfulness."



LEONARD DANIEL KULAS

"COUSY"

General Course; Vice-President '50, '51; Football '50; Basketball '50, '51, '52, '53; All State Basketball Guard '53; Baseball '50, '51, '52, '53; Athletic Association '53; Boys' Glee Club '53; Magazine Salesmanship Award '53; Stage Committee for Senior Class Play '53; Assembly (Truth or Consequences) '53; Class Night Exercises.

"He that does good to another, does good to himself."



MARGARET ANN McLEOD

"MAGGIE"

General Course; Glee Club '50, '51, '52, '53; Press Club '53; Magazine Sale Certificate '53; Entertainment Committee for Magazine Sale Social '53; Sandwich Sale Committee '53; Gift Committee for Junior Prom '52; Class Play '53; Senior Class Reporter for Wilohi '53; Chairman, Ticket Committee for Senior Class Play '53; Secretary-Treasurer of Scribblers' Club '53; Assembly Program '53; Class Night Exercises.

"The principal part of faith is patience."



FRANCIS JOSEPH MOCKLIS

"MOCK"

General Course; Decoration Committee for Junior Prom '52; Magazine Salesmanship Award '53; Boys' State '52; Stage crew for Senior Class Play '53; Associate Editor to Herald '53; Class Night Exercises; Third Honor Essay.

"He gets through too fast who goes too fast."



HERBERT EDWARD MORAN

"NUTSY"

General Course; Basketball '51; Magazine Sale '53; Stage Committee for Class Play '53; Class Night Exercises '53.

"Life without laughing is a dreary blank."



FREDERICK THEODORE OSTROWSKI "FREDDIE"

"TREDDIE"

General Course; Treasurer '51, '52; Junior Prom Ticket Committee '52; Junior Prom Advertising Committee '52; Thanksgiving Social Committee '52; Usher for Graduation '52; Usher for Class Night '52; Business Board of the Herald '52; First prize in Magazine Sale '53; Ladies' Home Journal Award '53; A. A. Representative '53; Chairman of Election Day Luncheon '53; Business Manager of the Press Club '53; Alumni News Reporter for Wilohi '53; Elementary News Reporter for Wilohi '53; Chairman of Food Sale Committee '53; Committee Advertising for Class Play '53; Class Play '53; Programs for Senior Play '53; Ticket Committee for Class Play '53; Class Night Exercises '53.

"It is good to be unselfish and generous."

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ANN BERNICE PIAGGI

"ANN"

General Course; Glee Club '50, '51, '52, '53; Press Club '50, '52; Easter Fashion Show '51; Christmas Assembly '50; Class Editor for Herald '51, '52; Junior Prom Hostess '52; Junior Prom Queen '52; Herald Business Board '52; Decoration Committee for Junior Prom '52; Usherette for Graduation '52; Laurel Girls' State Representative '52; Magazine Salesmanship Award '53; Captain, Magazine Sale '53; Budget Committee '53; Card Committee '53; Easter Assembly '53; Senior Class Play '53; Class Night Exercises '53.

"Where there's music there is no harm."



RUTH STOUGHTON POMEROY "RUTHIE"

Commercial Course; Class Secretary '50, '51, '52, '53; Associate Editor of Herald '51, '52; Editor-in-Chief of Herald '53; Press Club '50, '51, '52, '53; Editor-in-Chief of Wilohi; Junior Prom Decoration Committee '52; Gift Committee '52; Shorthand Certificate '52; Usherette for Class Night and Graduation '52; Student Council '51; Chairman, Sandwich Sale Committee '53; Election Day Food Sale Committee '53; Food Sale '53; Budget Committee '53; Magazine Salesmanship Award '53; DAR Award '53; Glee Club '50, '51, '52, '53; Secretary Teen-age Book Club '52; Thanksgiving Social '52; Advertising Committee Class Play '53; Make-up Committee for Class Play '53; Class Night Program; Ticket Committee for Class Play '53; President, Scribblers' Club '53; Valedictorian. Valedictorian.

"He that is good, is ever great."



JAMES ANTHONY POPIELARCZYK

"POP"

General Course; Basketball '50, '51, '52, '53; Class Treasurer '50; Parnassus Club '51; Visual Aids '51; Junior Prom Dance Committee (Chairman) '52; Junior Usher as Class Night and Graduation '52; Vice-President '53; Card Committee '53; Senior Class Play '53; Election Day Food Sale Committee '53; Magazine Sale '53; Class Night Exercises.

"Greatness appeals to the future."



ROBERT RACCONE

"ВОВВУ"

General Course; Baseball '51, '52, '53; Decorating Committee for Junior Prom '52; Chorus '53; Chairman of Card Committee '53; Assembly Program '53; Class Night Exercises '53.

"A man that hath friends must show himself friendly."



BEATRICE SHARP "BEATIE"

General Course; Glee Club '50, '51, '52, '53; Press Club '51, '52, '53; Library Club '51, '52; Magazine Salesmanship Award '53; Sandwich Sale Committee '53; Decoration Committee for Junior Prom '52; Thanksgiving Social '52; Election Day Food Sale Committee '53; Make-up Committee for Class Play '53; Magazine Sale Skit '53; Scribblers' Club '53; Class Night Exercises.

"A life without a purpose is a ship without a rudder."



MARTHA LOUISE SIROIS

"MARTY"

General Course; Softball Team '51; Press Club '51; Music Masters Club '52; Book Club '52; Prom Decoration Committee '52; Food Sale Committee '53; Senior Play Candy Sale Committee '53; Class Night Exercises '53; Scribblers' Club '53.

"Kind words are the music of the world."



FREDERICK PAUL TENEROWICZ "FRED"

College Course; Basketball '50, '51, '52, '53; A. A. Representative '51; Boys' State Representative '52; Mathematical Association of America Award '52; Vice-President of Class '52; Orchestra Committee for Junior Prom '52; Usher Class Night '52; Athletic Editor for Yearbook '53; Class Night Exercises.

"Practice is the best of all instruction."



ELIZABETH TERESA TOTH "BETTY"

General Course; Glee Club '50, '51, '52, '53; Press Club '53; Magazine Salesmanship Award '53; Magazine Salesmanship Award '53; Magazine Sale Program '53; Athletic Association '53; Sandwich Sale Committee '53; Decoration Committee for Junior Prom '52; Thanksgiving Social '52; Food Sale Committee '53; Assembly Program '53; Class Play '53; Class Night Exercises '53; Scribbler's Club '53; Ticket Committee for Class Play '53.

"What sunshine is to flowers, smiles are to humanity."





GEORGE HENRY ULITSCH

"GEORGIE"

General Course; Athletic Association '50; Basketball '51, '52; Chairman of Refreshment Committee, Junior Prom '52; Athletic Association '52; Magazine Salesmanship Certificate '53; New York Trip for Magazine Award '53; Stage Committee for Senior Play '53; Food Sale Committee '53; Refreshment Committee for Thanksgiving Dance '52; Boys' Chorus '53; Band '53; Class Night Exercises '53.

"If you don't aim high, you will never hit high."

EDITORIALS

CHALLENGE OF THE FUTURE

Life's crystal ball is cloudy to those who do not know how to tell the future. Perhaps it is just as well, since the future might hold a number of dark moments. However, the future is so uncertain that we must be prepared to take the good with the bad and be content with those things that are material which we can help to improve.

What does the future hold for you, the graduates of the class of 1953? Are you planning a career, or are you willing to let Fate lead your life? Fate can be wrong; therefore, it is up to you to decide what your life will be like when you leave high school. Until graduation, your life has revolved around the school, a limited number of people in the community, and a routine that has been much the same for the past twelve years. But as you go out to make a place for yourself in the world, you actually begin a new phase or chapter of your life. You will meet new circumstances, new people, an unlimited number of influences, and new challenges. Thus in this new environment you set cut to find your fortune, to take up a career, or to settle down to a job.

Each person tries to accomplish the objective he has planned for himself, but there are not many who actually reach their goal. For instance, in college you may prepare for a profession that you think you have always wanted, such as medicine, nursing, teaching or engineering; but after a few attempts, the course is not what you had expected and you change to some thing else. It may not be the course that does not appeal to you; it may well be the necessary studying and training that are required for the course. As a result, nothing seems interesting and appealing to you and you leave college to take a job, perhaps in an office or factory, only to find that that is not very interesting either.

What now, you wonder, in your discouragement. The answer lies within yourself. You must study yourself and your interests, and then remember that interest is often created by the individual's willingness to make the future interesting. The same is true of a position in an office or any other job. If a person does not try to create interest in anything, he may be considered a failure and the world has no room for a failure. Only when a person realizes this, does he begin to take notice of things that were once dull and uninteresting to him.

Soon, graduation will be close at hand and commencement exercises will begin. Commencement does not mean the end of learning, but rather the beginning or commencing of new friendships, new experiences, new learning in the school of life.

What are you ready to commence? If you have put off making a decision, you can wait no longer. This applies not only to the graduate but to every high school student. Now is the time to decide what your place in the future will be.

MARY SIMONETTA '54

GET AN EDUCATION

The question is often asked, how much better off is an American with a modern liberal education, or college education than one who stopped with the elementary school or high school? The answer is obvious, for we know a person is best prepared for life when his education has been related to his natural traits and abilities. Many students have had their life prospects ruined by being driven through school and left bewildered and unprepared for practical life, when a more liberal program, including definite vocational training, would have been more to their liking and abilities. On the other hand, many an able young man or woman, eager to enter professional life, has had his educational preparation cut short because of financial difficulties and has been handicapped for life as a result. Hence, the best education is that which is best fitted to the needs of the individual concerned. If his talents lie in the vocational fields, he should be aided through the schools to pursue that type of training. If his talents show ability in certain professions, the school and the community should help the student to get the necessary college education, and if need be, by means of scholarships, student loans, etc. Thus the modern high school needs vocational courses as well as college courses.

The world is now in the grip of a great industrial revolution which probably will continue for half a century or more. One result is that the work of the world will be done with only a fraction of the human labor and other service that is now required. Poorly prepared individuals will have little opportunity in the increased competition, and good vocational preparation will be more essential. During the past decade unemployment has fallen more and more heavily upon the poorly prepared young man or woman who is often unable to get a start in practical employment Therefore, thorough preparation for a calling, in whatever field is suitable, is of increasing importance.

Another result of the industrial revolution will be an increase of leisure. Yet leisure without education, disciplined character, and appreciation may be harmful. One of the greatest responsibilities of education today is to increase knowledge and appreciation of those interests and activities that give zest and freshness to life while at the same time they refine and strengthen character.

According to a recent writer, "American education is growing vigorously and hopefully, but the problems it has to face in the increasing complexity of our civilization seem to be increasing no less rapidly."

A century ago the appropriate advice to youth was the well-known slogan: "Go West, Young Man, Go West." Today the slogan might well be "Get an Education, Young Man, Get an Education."

ANN RACCONE '55

SENIOR CLASS NEWS

President	Louis Gallerani
Vice-President	JAMES POPIELARCZYK
Secretary	RUTH POMEROY
Treasurer	SHIRLEY DUBOIS

The first meeting was held on September 9, and the seniors elected Dolores Cappanari, Ann Piaggi, and Ruth Pomeroy to serve on the Budget Committee. At the same meeting, four members were elected for the Athletic Association. Competition was keen but Fred Ostrowski, Gayle Fitzpatrick, Leonard Kulas, and Elizabeth Toth were elected. Ann Piaggi and Anthony Daniel were chosen as captains for the magazine sales campaign. Both had the responsibility of getting their team members to sell magazines.

There were no tears when the Sales Campaign ended. The class made an all-time record by a total sale of \$3,207, and received a profit of \$1,113.13. The top salesmen were Fred Ostrowski, Ann Piaggi, and Thomas Halloran.

On October 9, the losing team held a party which included movies, a skit, and a dance.

On November 4, Election day, the seniors held a food sale. The members on the committee were as follows: Fred Ostrowski, Thomas Halloran, Dolores Cappanari, William Corbin, Ruth Pomeroy, Helen Bednarz, and Betty Toth. The seniors were certainly proud of the profit they made.

A card committee was started to help increase the finances of the treasury. Robert Raccone, Chairman, Louis Gallerani, Ann Piaggi, and James Popielarczyk served on this committee. They sold some Christmas cards and some all-occasion cards.

The sandwich sale committee, under the supervision of Ruth Pomeroy, brought in a good profit for the year. Others who served on the committee are Thomas Halloran, Beatrice Sharp, Shirley DuBois, Dolores Cappanari, Florence Fetko, Margaret McLeod, and Ann Piaggi.

A food sale was held in the Town Clerk's Office on January 31. It was a success and added a lot to the class treasury. The people who helped to make this sale a success were Ruth Pomeroy, Fred Ostrowski, William Corbin, Dolores Cappanari, Martha Sirois, and George Ulitsch.

Ruth Pomeroy was given the DAR Award. She was selected by her class and the faculty for being outstanding in dependability, service, leadership, and patriotism.

Our dreams of graduation were soon coming true when the class elected green and gold as their class colors and their motto, "Today we follow; tomorrow we lead."

A Business Advertising Committee was chosen for the Senior Class Play. Those who served on the committee were Fred Ostrowski, Louis Gallerani, Ruth Pomeroy, Dolores Cappanari, William Corbin, and Joseph Ditto. Also, a Ticket Committee was chosen. Fred Ostrowski, Elizabeth Toth, Shirley DuBois, Florence Fetko, Ruth Pomeroy and Margaret McLeod were elected.

On April 10, the Senior Class Play, "Those Websters", was presented to help make our dreams of Washington come true. Everyone worked hard to make the play a success.

It was announced that April 28 to May 2 were the dates of the long awaited trip. This trip, next to graduation, means a lot to every senior class who has worked lard all the year to make it possible.

The Senior Class wish to express their sincere thanks to everyone who has helped make this year a prosperous one. May God Bless You, and may your future be brighter.

DOLORES CAPPANARI '53

JUNIOR CLASS NEWS

President	WILLIAM BOOTH
Vice-President	STEPHEN KUCHARSKI
Secretary	JOAN THERRIEN
Treasurer	ROBERT MINCH

At the first meeting of the Junior class, the students elected the "Campus King" as the style of the class ring.

The second meeting was to select the A. A. Representatives and to set up a definite amount for the class dues.

A. A. Representatives—Judy Morin, Ronald Rittlinger, and Maureen Flanders.

The majority of the class voted to have the class dues one dollar a month.

Muriel Stewart was elected Junior Class Editor.

At the third meeting the class discussed the Junior Prom and the committees.

The theme of the prom is to be "The Coronation Ball".

The date set for the Junior Prom was May 29, and it was to be a formal dance. The various committees selected were as follows:

Orchestra

Chairman—James Pesci Assistant—William Booth

Decorations

Chairman—Grace Newman

Assistants-Judy Morin, Stephen Kucharski, and Janet Grabic III

Refreshments

Chairman-Mary Simonetta

Assistants-Joan Therrien, Joyce Quagliaroli, and Muriel Stewart

Gift Committee

Chairman—Judy Morin

Assistants-Janet Grabiec, Ann Fisher, and Muriel Stewart

Ticket Committee

Chairman—Ann Fisher

Assistants—Maureen Flanders and Miriam Warner

MURIEL STEWART '54

SOPHOMORE CLASS NEWS

President	EDWARD YOUNG
Vice-President	ARTHUR CHRISTIAN
Secretary	NANCY FULLER
Treasurer	ANN MARIE RACCONE

The first meeting of the Sophomore class was held on October 30, 1952. The purpose of the meeting was to elect officers. Also at the meeting Jane Ann Downes was elected Class Editor for the Herald.

At another meeting William Ciulewicz and Louis Rossi were chosen as the A. A. representatives.

Four cheerleaders were chosen from our class. They are Nancy Fuller, Barbara Boutwell, Margaret Carniglia and Ann Marie Raccone.

JANE ANN DOWNES '55

FRESHMAN CLASS NEWS

President	JAMES WARWUCK
Vice-President	THOMAS QUAGLIAOLI
Treasurer	MAUREEN PROCOPIO
Secretary	JUDITH PARMELEE

In September, forty Freshmen entered the Windsor Locks High School.

Later in the year, the Freshman class elected their officers and representatives to various associations.

William Allshouse was elected representative to the Athletic Association, and Maryann Tenerowicz, the class reporter for the Herald.

Janice Lascell and Eleanor Barbieri were chosen as cheerleaders from the Freshman class.

Many Freshman boys were selected to represent the Junior Varsity basketball team.

MARYANN TENEROWICZ '56

SCHOOL NEWS

The total registration at Windsor Locks High School on September, 1952 numbered 144 students. The Senior Class numbered 25 students; Junior Class 24; Sophomore Class 53; and the Freshman Class 42 students.

There have been two changes in the faculty this year. Mr. Luke is teaching biology and Freshman Social subjects, and Mr. Corcoran replaced Mrs. Sobell in the commercial department.

The Senior Class succeeded in breaking the record for magazine sales held by the Class of '52. This year's profit amounted to over one thousand dollars.

A food sale was held by the Senior Class on January 30 to raise money for the trip to Washington.

On February 20, the Senior science class, with the help of Mr. Antonucci, put on a skit for the High School at an assembly which everyone enjoyed.

Mr. Teller received \$3000 from the Windsor Locks Rotary Club to buy instruments for the school band. Mr. Teller has done a wonderful job with this band and he hopes to have a concert during the later part of the school year.

There has been a change in the seating arrangement for the school assemblies. The Seniors and Juniors chose the front seats. The Sophomores and the Freshmen are seated behind the upper classmen.

The basketball team made a wonderful showing this year with the help of Coach Shapiro. During the season they won 13 games while losing only 5. The team entered the tournaments and beat Thomaston and Old Saybrook. Bloomfield defeated Windsor Locks in their third game.

Group pictures of the classes, the basketball team, the press club and a few other groups were taken by the Loring Studio on March 24.

The Senior Class play entitled "Those Websters" under the direction of Miss Lucille Smith, Mr. Jocob Teller and Mr. Luke was presented on April 10.

The Seniors made their annual trip to Washington during the last week of April.

The High School students had an opportunity to see on television the Inauguration Ceremonies, last November, thanks to Mr. LaRussa.

Mr. Dowd conducted a drivers' training class during the latter part of the school year. Many of the Seniors and Juniors attended.

ROBERT RACCONE '53

ATHLETIC NEWS

BASKETBALL

The Windsor Locks High School basketball team had a very successful season under the able leadership of Coach Elias Shapiro. With an overall record of 15-6, including tournament games, they emerged in a four-way tie for first place in the

Central Valley C Conference with Bloomfield, Suffield, and Portland.

Much of the credit for this successful season must go to Coach Shapiro, whose hard work and patience paid off with a share in the league championship. Starting the season with only one member of last year's five, he directed the team to its second league championship in the three years he has been at the school. The members of the team which made this possible were William Corbin, Leonard Kulas, Fred Tenerowicz, James Popielarczyk, Edwin Filip, William Booth, Thomas Courtney, Thomas Johnson, Arthur Christian, Ronald Pomeroy, Louis Rossi and Seth Sharp.

The team, which features a fast breaking attack that accounted for many baskets, was one of the smallest in the league. When they were slowed down, they moved off their ace pivot man, Jim Popielarczyk. Jim, the tallest man on the team, was the leading scorer and rebounder on the team and also placed high among the leading

scorers in the league.

At the forward positions were Tommy Courtney and Fred Tenerowicz, who were the second and third leading scorers on the team respectively. Tommy, a sophomore, with a great one hander and an excellent driver, helped Jim with a majority of the rebounding. Fred, who had a good outside set shot and also a very good driver, was a good defensive ball player and was often assigned to guard the higher scorer on the other team.

In the backcourt were the "little men", Billy Corbin and Lenny Kulas. Billy, the playmaker of the team, was the middle man in the fast break and handed off for many baskets at the end of it. Lenny, on the other hand, was a fine defensive man and a good driver, as witnessed by the fact he was the team's fourth leading scorer. Billy Booth, the team's sixth man, was effective when called upon, and should spark the team next year. Arthur Christian also shone when put in and should help immensely next year.

BASEBALL

At the first practice session, Coach Shapiro welcomed nineteen baseball candidates. Among these nineteen were seven returning lettermen and twelve newcomers. The returning lettermen were William Booth, Robert English, Leonard Kulas, Thomas Courtney, Kenneth Walters, William Corbin, and Louis Rossi. The newcomers mostly freshmen, are Thomas Johnson, James Pesci, Raymond Levesque, William Allshouse, Walter Czyzniak, William Gifford, Steven Macola, Wallace Nash, William Sidway, Albert Therrien, William Tobey, and James Wawruck. Wesson Sargent and James Tobey are the managers.

Coach Shapiro is starting the season with a young team, having lost some key men through graduation. The pitching staff is inexperienced but Coach Shapiro is optimistic about his team's chances for the coming season.

FRED TENEROWICZ '53

WHO'S WHO CHARACTERISTIC

Jim Popielarczykn	nost athletic	Beatrice Sharp
Edwin Filipn	nost quiet	Margaret McLeod
Billy Corbinn	nost mischievous	Shirley Du Bois
Fred Ostrowskin	nost reserved	Gayle Fitzpatrick
Louis Galleranin	nost ambitious	Ruth Pomeroy
George Ulitschn		
Leonard Kulas	lass chauffeurs	Francis Mocklis
Thomas Halloran n	nost happy-go-lucky	Martha Sirois
Robert Racconen	nost in love	Shirley Du Bois
Joseph Ditton	nos: serious	Dolores Cappanari
Herbert Moranc	lass dreamer	Betty Toth
Fred Tenerowiczb	est dresser	Ann Piaggi
Anthony Danielc	lass dancers	Florence Fetko

CLASS CHARACTERISTICS

NAME	LIKES	DISLIKES	AMBITION
Helen Bednarz	Leisure	Untidiness	Secretary
Dolores Cappanari	Billy	Lies	Wife
William Corbin	Fun	Bossing	Student At
			Hartford Tech
Anthony Daniel	A Brunette	Silly Girls	Happiness
Joseph Ditto	Books	Noises	Professor
Shirley DuBois	Eddie	Spiders	Artist
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Edwin Filip	Science	Rowdiness	College
Gayle Fitzpatrick	Smiling	Shorthand	Teacher
Louis Gallerani	Everything	Work	То Ве Нарру
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Herbert Moran	Luck	Hard Labor	Comfort
Fred Ostrowski	To Travel	Disagreeable People	Businessman
Ann Piaggi	Singing	Loneliness	Musical Career
Ruth Pomeroy	Friends	Unkindness	College
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Graduation Night Program

SALUTATORY OUR HERITAGE

Parents, Teachers, Members of the Board of Education, and Friends. On behalf of the Class of 1953, I would like to welcome you here to our Commencement exercises. We want to thank you for everything you have done, for we know without your help and guidance we would not be graduating tonight.

It is usually agreed that people in America have a better chance to succeed in their individual interests than in any other country in the world. Why? Because we have inherited from our forefathers such traits as love of democracy, ingenuity, and initiative.

For example in 1620, Plymouth, one of the early colonies of our land, was founded by men and women who loved this freedom so much that they crossed the sea and struggled with the hardships of the wilderness rather than live in old England under religious and civil laws which deprived them of their liberty. Thus it is no wonder that by the end of the Colonial period, 1763, we had thirteen, firmly-established colonies, all built with an inherent love of liberty.

Where else, but in America, could one have inherited such great love and respect for democracy? Where else but in the American colonies had people of all stations in life worked and lived together? As Dr. Reuben P. Halleck has written,

'Let us not forget the Cambridge University graduate, the cooper, cloth-maker, printer, and blacksmith had the initiative to set out for the New World, the ingenuity to deal with its varied exigencies, and the democratic spirit that enabled them to work side by side."

Another important reason for cur progress in the democratic ways of life was that we had outstanding men such as George Washington, who has been called "The noblest figure that ever stood in the forefront of a nation's life." Also there were Franklin, Jefferson, John Adams, Madison, and a host of others, and finally Abraham Lincoln who tried so hard to show that democracy can endure even through the trials of a great civil war, and whose famous words from the Gettysburg Address have been an inspiration ever since:

"That that Government of the people, by the people, for the people, shall not perish from the earth."

All of these men and many others fought for us, so that today we may enjoy such great rights as freedom of speech, of the press, of race and creed.

We also inherited from our forefathers another important trait or ingenuity. Many inventions as the telephone, the sowing machine, the telescope and the airplane have been the result of this American characteristic of ingenuity or resourcefulness. We realize that if it had not been for the ingenuity of Alexander Bell, the Wright Brothers and Isaac Singer and many others, we would not have had the great industrial centers that we have today.

Furthermore, there is freedom of choice in our American heritage which allows us to choose where we may worship, where we may live, and where we may work. These are our sacred rights passed down to us from the founders of this great nation.

So let us not destroy this great heritage, but let our object be as Daniel Webster once said:

"Our Country, Our Whole Country, and Nothing But Our Country. And, by the blessing of God, may that country itself become a vast and splendid monument, not of oppression and terror, but of Wisdom, of Peace, of Liberty, upon which the world may gaze, with admiration, forever!"

DOLORES CAPPANARI '53

OUR TOOLS

The most important tool that we have in life is knowledge. To some people, an education means just a diploma. Although this may be true in one way, in another way an education includes far more.

Education should really have three objectives. First and foremost is knowledge or the assembly of a body of facts. This knowledge, furthermore, helps distinguish often between what is right and what is wrong. The second objective of education is skill. In earlier days, skills were taught in the home but in this generation they are taught in schools and in industry. A third, but important, objective of education is the development of the whole being or personality. It goes without saying that a good personality always helps in later life, no matter what occupation a person enters.

During current years, education is encountering criticism in three distinctive fields. First, people attack the standards of achievement. They say that until pupils meet a certain standard they should be repeatedly failed.

A second area in which there is criticism is in the methods of teaching. Some people think that the teaching techniques are based upon the theories of the requirements of a few who are going to college. Of course this is not true because modern methods of teaching are based on research and experimentation. More and more, the trend is away from the older classical and cultural subjects of the curriculum, by replacing them with vocational subjects and those related to life in the society as a whole. Note the many schools today offering courses in homemaking, industrial arts, driver training, and pre-marriage guidance.

Third, criticism arises over the relation of education and religion. However, most schools feel that religious education should be cared for by the particular faiths, and public schools should teach respect for religion and a high code of morals and ethics, but leave to the churches themselves their own teaching of their history and creeds.

As a closing, I would like to say that education, our most important tool in life, is the backbone for our national prosperity, achievement and unity.

FRANCIS MOCKLIS '53

OUR WORLD TODAY

Our World Today—can you see it by looking about you on a clear day; can you understand the world by traveling around it; or can you comprehend its destiny by reading a newspaper? It may be that these methods would give you a satisfactory answer to these questions but I believe that the best view of the world situation today can be found in the mind of man. Man, whose mind, from the very beginning, has given us our inventions, our business, our massive cities, our commerce, our freedom, our misery, and yes, our very destination, has now given us the most complex world problems. As Daniel Webster once said, "Man's Mind is the great lever of all things; human thought is the process by which human ends are ultimately answered."

Now, man has discovered Atomic Energy and is wondering what will develop from this new and dreaded discovery. One cheerful note is the scientist's progress toward peaceful uses of atomic energy; such as, propelling ships, driving turbines and saving lives in a hospital.

But man's only fault is not found in his war-like attributes. Another serious fault is his love of money. All too many people forget their creator and make money their God. These materialists cannot be expected to notice the simple, good things in the world; such as, a beautiful sunset, a rainbow, or a moon-lit night.

Another man-made problem, Communism, is now the greatest present-day threat to the freedom-loving Western world. It is too bad that the unrest in the world now, and eventual peace or war lie in the hands of a few men hiding behind the Kremlin walls.

Since the United States is the leader of the democratic world, it is our job to do all we can to reap the benefits of our great democracy and protect these oppressed people if necessary.

Nowhere in the world do any other people experience such benefits as our high standards of living and excellent educational opportunities, but foremost in our heritage are the freedoms granted to us by our constitution.

In summary, I believe that the basic fault in the world lies in men, and their motives for doing things. Therefore I believe that the only way the world may be improved is to have more men of higher quality. This high quality can be obtained largely by education and God's grace.

The poet, Alfred Noyes, had the correct thought when he said:

"Build us that better world, O, not diminished

By one true splendor that they planned on earth

And that's not done by sword, or tongue, or pen.

There's but one way, God make us better men."

LOUIS GALLERANI '53

VALEDICTORY

OUR HOPES FOR TOMORROW

We, as high school graduates, have hopes for tomorrow. Yes, and we look forward to having them come true. In the horizon we see a peace-loving country with young and old citizens working to preserve this tranquillity. This country is America. We, the graduate, can assist with this peace by sustaining high morals and standards in everything we perform. Whether it be in our work or our play, let us try to keep friendship.

About us today we have problems and questions arising over the peace negotiations with certain countries. The unsettled disputes in Korea are far from peace. Do we as Americans want this situation or problems to come before us? No, I think not. We love our liberty and freedom. Therefore, it is our sincere hope to continue to spread the light of peace and friendliness to all.

Another hope for the future is the inspiration of unity. During the early founding of our nation, the bond of unity kept the colonies together against a common enemy. This trait is justly exemplified in George Washington's FAREWELL ADDRESS.

"The Unity of Government which constitutes you one people is also now dear to you. It is justly so; for it is a main pillar of the edifice of your real independence, the support of your tranquillity at home, your peace abroad, of your safety; of your prosperity; of that very Liberty, which you so highly prize."

We could say that unity is enough, but do we dare stop here? Faith, which is the stepping stone to success, is truly needed in any enterprise. Furthermore, let us inspire people to look to the future, as our forefather did, with faith in ourselves, in our country, in humanity and in God. Let us consider our class motto, "TODAY WE FOLLOW, TOMORROW WE LEAD" as a guide which will help us keep our peace, unity, and faith for the future.

Therefore, classmates, as we leave our four years of high school behind us, may we go into the future as leaders with high hopes and high spirits.

RUTH POMEROY '53

CLASS SONG

(Tune: Till I Waltz Again With You)

We are leaving school and friends,
We are bidding you adieu,
Hoping we'll meet now and then
And we'll reminisce with you.

Our four years past have brought us joy
And we've received our prize today
And now to all each girl and boy
May fortune come your way.

Till we see you once again

May your fortune be as bright

As our four short years have been

To this our parting night.

ANN PIAGGI,
LOUIS GALLERANI,
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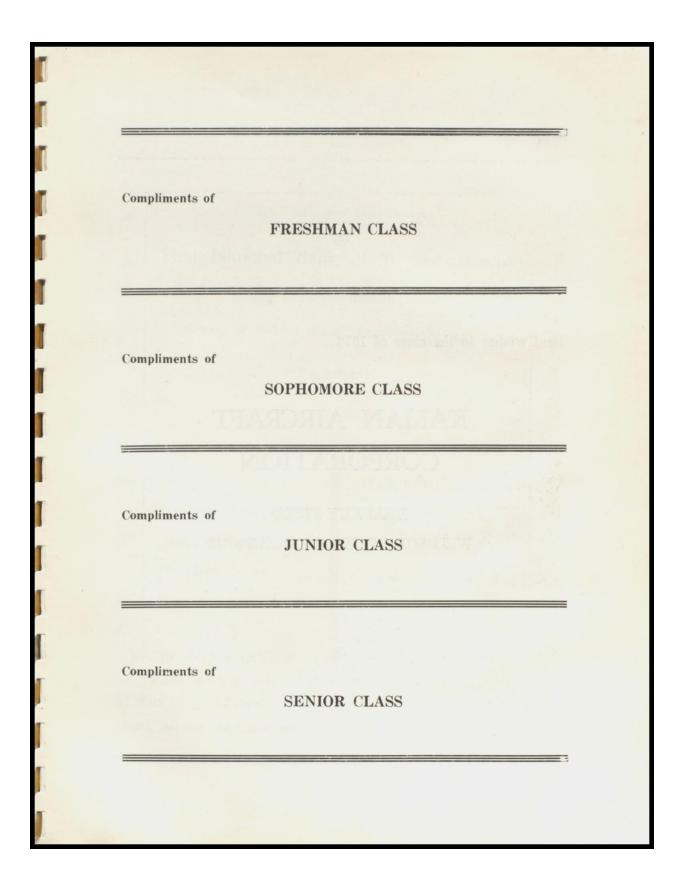
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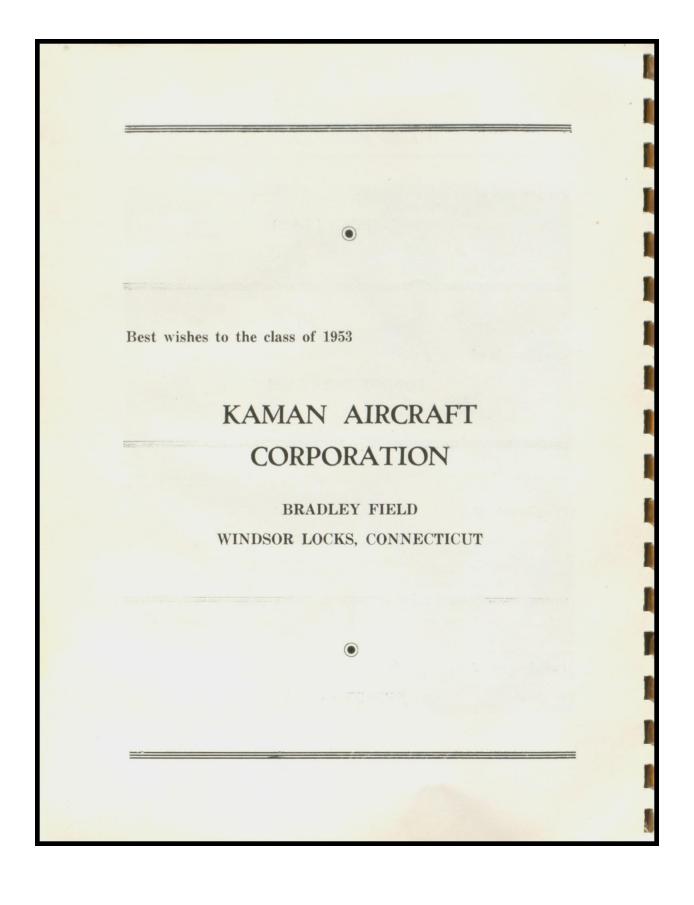


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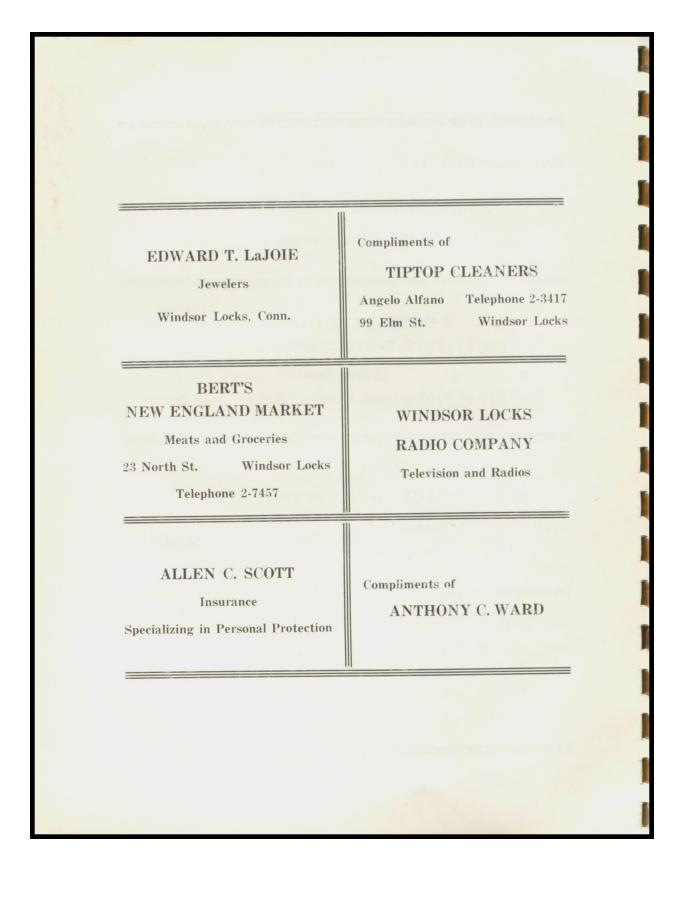
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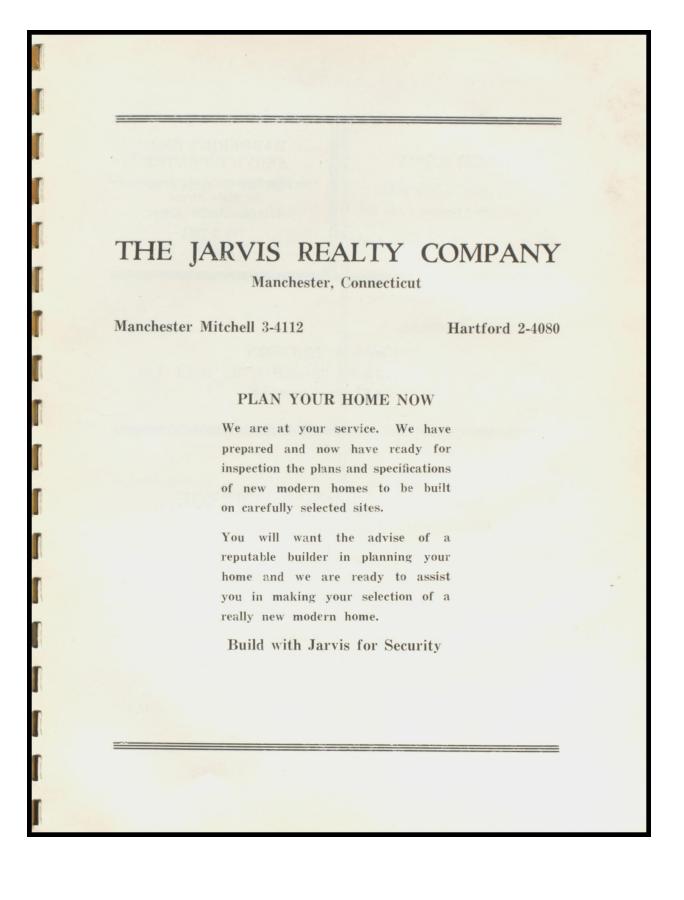
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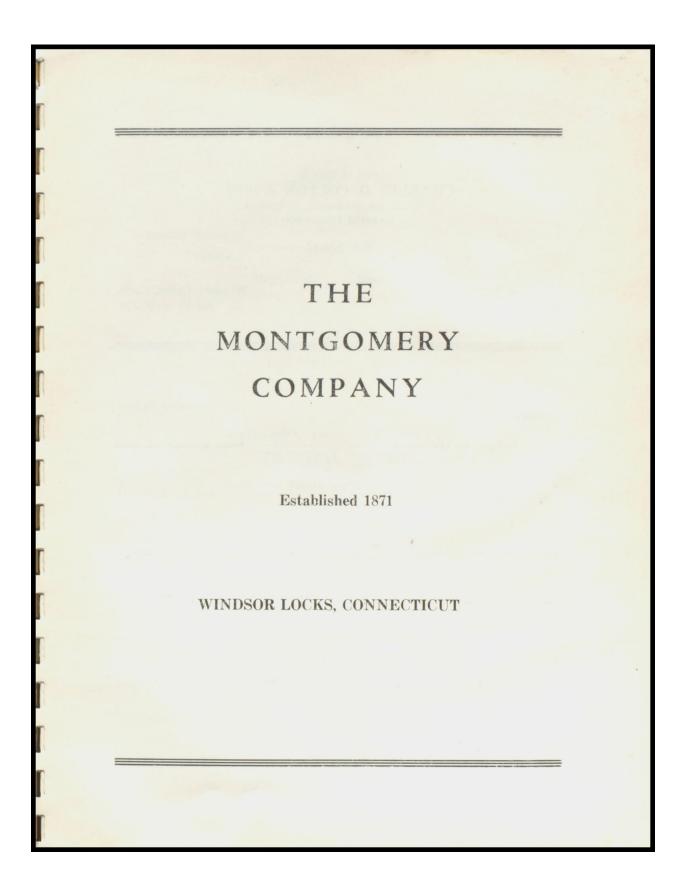
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