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BUSINESS MANAGER
Lake Decatur was built from the resources of the Sangamon River to contribute to the wealth and well-being of our community. Likewise Decatur High School students are developed through supervised activity in order to offer upon graduation as valuable a contribution to Decatur. The Class of 1939 presents this Decanois, the theme of which is Lake Decatur.
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ADMINISTRATION

Power is given to Lake Decatur by the dam; in like manner native abilities of students are governed and directed by the administration.
WILLIAM HARRIS

Superintendent of Schools
Principal of High School

R. C. SAYRE
COURSES OF STUDY

Liberal Arts, Engineering, Art, Household Arts, Commercial, Commercial - Bookkeeping, and Manual Arts are some of the curricula from which students in Decatur High School may make a selection.
ENGLISH

English does more than any other course to equip students for business, the professions, and leisure time enjoyment.
MATHEMATICS

A study of mathematics should create such concepts as quantity, order, symmetry, correspondence, and functionality. Practical applications of mathematics may be seen as a powerful tool in solving the problems of our modern world.
LANGUAGES

Foreign languages give a better understanding of English; culturally, they provide a knowledge of the customs, literature, art, and music of other countries.
Through science man seeks to find out the order of things; to understand and appreciate science is to understand and appreciate life itself.
SOCIAL STUDIES

Democracy can survive only if supported by an intelligent and responsible electorate. The purpose of the social studies is to produce such an electorate.
COMMERCIAL SUBJECTS

Commercial studies are designed to give a practical business education and appreciation, both vocational and non-vocational, to those students who desire it.
Edna M. Robertson  
A.B.  
History  
Thalka  
University of Illinois

Stanley C. Robinson  
B.S. (in Ed.)  
Bookkeeping  
Stenography  
Missouri State Teachers' College

N. J. Rosan  
B.E., M.A.  
Typing  
Thrift Bank Supervisor  
Illinois State Normal University  
Colorado State College of Education

John M. Rush  
A.B., M.S.  
Zoology  
Botany  
Physiology  
Indiana University  
University of Illinois

Lois M. Roberts  
A.B.  
Geometry  
University of Illinois

Helen Stapp  
B.S.  
English  
Aristos  
Poetry Club  
Verse Choir  
University of Illinois

Russel K. Shaffer  
Cabinet Making  
Woodworking  
University of Ohio  
James Millikin University

Katherine Studler  
A.B.  
English  
Senior Play Director  
James Millikin University

Ida Shapiro  
A.B.  
Shorthand  
Bookkeeping  
Illinois Wesleyan University

Hillie A. Staley  
A.B., M.A.  
History  
James Millikin University  
University of Illinois

HOME ECONOMICS

Home economics concerns itself with food, clothing, shelter, and the social values of home and family life.
ART

Students choose art not only for vocational purposes but to develop taste in the selection of clothes, homes and furnishings, and for the enjoyment of leisure hours.
Lois Yoder  
A.B., M.A.  
English  
Agora  
James Millikin  
University  
Columbia University

K. B. Wilson  
B.Ed.  
Industrial Arts  
Commercial Arithmetic  
Eastern Illinois State Teachers' College

Fred W. Ziese  
A.B.  
Civil Government  
Eureka College  
University of Illinois

Eleanor Wyne  
A.B., M.A.  
English  
Observer  
University of Illinois

MANUAL ARTS
Manual arts offers an opportunity for profitable and pleasant use of leisure time as well as training for a trade.

Fred H. Dearworth  
B.Ed.  
Bookkeeping  
Business English  
Southern Illinois State Teachers' College  
University of Illinois

Mrs. Livergood  
Catereria

Velma Huff  
Office  
Brown's Business College

Ruth Wilson  
Office  
Brown's Business College
CLASSES

Seniors may be likened to the finished lake; Juniors to the lake in its process of construction; sophomores to the Sangamon River in its natural state.
HONOR AUDITORIUM

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HIGH HONOR SOPHOMORES (94-96)

Katherine Boyd
Marvis Breuer
Rosella Brown
Margaret Crum
Marcella Dhermy
Nancy Downing
Margaret Dueer
Eileen Eberhardt
Norma Ehman
Margaret Falk
Helen Fink

Barbara Gauger
Harriet Gill
Ruth Gould
Paul Greenfield
Shirley Hale
Martha Hanson
Ralph Hubble
Dale Jackson
Paul Jeter
Jean Johns
William Krigbaum

William Lukey
Norma McGuire
Eleanor McMillan
Elmer Major
Sally Martin
Alice Murray
Isola Nelson
March Catherine Nelson
Barbara Neustadt
Dorothy Mae Palmer
Jean Patton

Walter Schultz
Albert Schwarze
Deanne Sensenbaugh
Richard Shelley
Harold Smith
Merwyn Smith
Flora Spittler
Jay Thomas
Ted Tucker
Joy Turner

HONOR SOPHOMORES (92-94)

Helen Acam
Robert Allen
Tom Armstrong
Henry Bolz
Carolyn Carmack
Bud Cloud
Glen Cochran
Virginia Collie
Vonna Constant

Verlyn Cook
H. B. Curry
Jeanette Dickson
Lloyd Fulk
James Hall
Virginia Herring
Lillian Higgins
Margery Hill
Evelyn Johnson

June Kincaid
Arnold Kopetz
Helen Kuhns
William Kush
Dorothy Lacey
Mary Frances Lahners
Elsie Lorton
Betty Lee Lyle
John Major

Harriet Rodgers
Agnes Schlachter
Florence Singleton
Madeline Sprunger
Elinor Stafford
Ardel Weatherholt
Nina Woodrum
Arthry Ziese

HIGH HONOR JUNIORS (94-98)

Wilma Arnold
Betty Ann Bailey
Dorthy Bailey
Harriet Bolz
Dorothy Brown
Juanita Buckner
Jean Burdick
Guy Centner
Doris Cochran
Dolores Crawford
Margery Duncan

Mary Louise Fink
Francis Flannery
Arden Goddils
Ruth Gragg
Gus Greanias
Martha Green
Marguerite Hale
LeRoy Houck
Margaret Hickey
Beverly Higgins
Jack Holloway

Pearlean Jackson
Virginia Lambert
Margery Lloyd
Mary Jane Lock
Wyman Lyons
Geraldine McCoy
Betty Meisenheller
Evelyn Perry
Dorothy Ramsey
Margaret Riedel
Betty Shyer

Paul Simmons
William Stauder
Genevieve Suhomske
Donald Sullivan
Barbara Turner
Robert Turner
Burnham Walraven
Barbara Whitstitt
Barbara Woodcock
SENIORS

CLASS OF 1939
FRANKLIN KUSH . . . President

A leading basketball player in 1937 and 1938, Franklin achieved the unforgettable success of entering the state tournament with the Reds last year.

CLASS COMMITTEES

Floral Committee:
Evelyn Mast, Ruth Crum.

Social Committee:

Scholastic Committee:
Mary Ann Hahn, William Hill, Rexford Elliott.

Ring and Pin Committee:
William Hill.

Play Committee:
Franklin Kush, Marguerite David, Bette Bradshaw, Eugene Clark, Walter Mueller, Eldo Smith, Wilbur Coon, Mildred Tankersley.

Class Day Committee:

DALE SHAFFER . . . Vice-President

Dale's interest and success in football made him a valued athlete until an injury in his senior year put him off the team.

CATHERINE POLLUCK . . . Secretary

An active member of her class, Catherine served on class day committee and upon the ring and pin committee. She received honors in scholarship at commencement.

HARRIET FUNK . . . Treasurer

A most capable officer, Harriet had enough money left in the treasury after paying all class debts to provide a class party the night before commencement.

JAMES WILLIAMS . . . Sergeant-at-Arms

"Pete" was a member of the basketball team which won second place in the 1937 state tournament. He also went to the state tournament in 1938.

RUSSELL BENTLEY . . . Sergeant-at-Arms

Russell was interested in athletics, playing some basketball and starring in track in the 1938 season. He was one of the few boys graduated in commercial.

ROBERT OHLSEN . . . Parliamentarian

"Swede" was also an excellent track man. He played some football two years ago. He was graduated in engineering course.
1939

Albright, James Milton; Engineering
Activity: Track '38.
Hobby: Sports.

Allen, Orville Ray; Liberal Arts and Science
Activity: Class Day '39.
Hobby: Sports.

Bentley, Russell Leslie; Commercial Bookkeeping
Activities: Basketball '36, '37; Track '37, '38.
Hobby: Sports.

Balding Fred; General
Activities: Captain of Golf Team '37, '38; Scenery, Mid-Year Play '38.
Hobby: Sports.

Baldis, Donald; Commercial Bookkeeping
Activities: Junior Art League; Art Exhibit; usher for Senior Plays.
Hobbies: Sports, model building.

Bocock, Mildred; General
Activity: G.A.A.
Hobbies: Collecting relic dishes, collecting pretty cards.

Belden, Dorothy; Commercial
Activities: Aristos, Junior Glee Club.
Hobbies: Personal scrapbook and poems.

Bain, Alice Bernice; Commercial Bookkeeping
Activities: Junior Chorus '37; Secretary to Sophomore Class '37; Mixed Glee Club '38, '39; Ticket Representative '38, '39.

Bradshaw, Betty Jane; Commercial Bookkeeping
Activities: "Sweethearts" '37; Honor Certificate '38; Mixed Glee Club '37, '38.
Hobbies: Sewing, reading.

Board, Miriam Lenora; Commercial Bookkeeping
Hobby: Reading.

Bernard, Eldora Alice; Commercial Stenographic
Hobbies: Dancing, reading, movies.

Boland, Joseph Robert; Liberal Arts and Science
Hobbies: Football, basketball, baseball.

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MID-YEAR DANCE
Dale Shaffer and his dance committee made the mid-year class dime dance a success both financially and socially. For the first time in the history of the high school dime dances, the students danced to the recorded music of a nickelodeon. The dance was held in the high school gym.
CLASS PLAY
Stage hands, Fred Balding and Wilbur Coon, helped to make "Death Takes a Holiday" the successful class play that it was. The scenery was designed and painted by Bud Whitaker, a member of the 1938 mid-year class. The difficult lighting effects were managed by the stage crew.
1939

Dennis, Martha: General
Activities: Orchestra ’36, ’37, ’38, ’39; Silhouettes.
Hobby: China animals.

David, Marguerite: Stenographic
Activities: Play Committee, Thrift Bank.
Hobby: Snapshots.

Deibert, Helen Louise: Business
Activities: Junior Chorus, Social Committee.
Hobby: Scrapbooks.

Duff, Marjorie J: General
Activities: Girl Scouts, Tri-Y.
Hobby: Handicraft.

Diehl, William M: Science
Activity: Stage-hand ’38.
Hobby: Bachelor’s Club.

Doyle, James J: Engineering
Hobbies: Radio, sports.

Durbin, Lawrence (Jr.): Engineering
Hobby: Sports.

Dworak, Otto E: Engineering
Hobbies: Sports, movies.

Elliott, Rexford: Engineering
Activities: Stage Manager "Death Takes a Holiday"; High Honor ’37, ’38; Silver Delta ’38; Scholastic and Class Day Committees.

Eaton, Jean E: Commercial Stenographic
Activities: Chess Club, Rifle Club.
Hobbies: Hunting, target practice.

Ferguson, Kenneth: General

Ferraiuolo, Sophia: Commercial
Activities: Thrift Bank, Library Staff, Class Day Committee.
Hobby: Books.

JANUARY CLASS 1939

CHOIR MEMBERS
Two of the mid-year class, Esther Muirhead and Helen Hupp, were prominent members of A Cappella choir. They are shown in their robes at the Christmas Vesper service. Esther received a gold delta for superior scholarship upon graduation. Helen was chosen to appear on the commencement program by her class.
"Swede" Ohlsen and Russell Bentley upheld the prestige of Decatur High in 1937 and 1938 track seasons. Russell set a Big 12 record for the 440-yard sprint in 1938—52.2 seconds. They both starred in the relays and dashes, making the 1938 season one of the best the Reds have enjoyed in some time.
Hartman, George: Liberal Arts and Science
Activities: Radio Club; Track '38; Usher for June '38 Commencement.

Harrison, Moyers: General
Activities: Class Representative '37; Stage Committee for Mid-Year Play.
Hobbies: Roller skating, basketball.

Hazenfield, Lynn: General
Activities: Football '37, '38; Track '36, '38; Basketball '36, '37, '38.
Hobby: Sports.

Hill, William: Engineering
Activities: Honor Certificate '37, '38; Silver Delta '38; Chairman for Ring and Pin Committee; Class Day Will; '38 June Commencement Usher.
Hobbies: Chemistry, shows, hunting.

Hendrickson, Orville: Commercial Bookkeeping
Activity: Senior Play Usher.
Hobby: Cabinet making.

Hood, Harold: Commercial Bookkeeping
Activity: Senior Play Usher.
Hobby: Sports.

Horney, Betty Jane: Commercial
Hobbies: Reading, roller skating.

Hupp, Helen: General
Activities: "Sweethearts" '37; National Music Convention '38; "Death Takes a Holiday" '38; Silhouettes '38.
Hobbies: Singing, shows, dancing.

Ivens, John Robert: Commercial Bookkeeping
Activities: "Death Takes a Holiday" '39; Hi-Y Conference; Hi-Y Treasurer '39.

Kush, Franklin: Engineering
Activity: Basketball '37, '38.
Hobbies: Golf, basketball.

Kaulmann, Robert: Liberal Arts and Science
Hobbies: Sports, travel, meditation.

Lippincott, Ralph: Liberal Arts and Science
Activities: Class Day '39; June Commencement and Mid-Year Play Usher; French Club.

BASKETBALL MEN
The Mid-year senior class had four men who were basketball stars. "Pete" Williams played on the first team for two years going to the state tournament twice. Hazenfield and Willis were lettermen on the 1938 squad. Kush was one of the most popular members of last year's first team.
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CLASS STENOGRAPHER

Lydia Cash, in her high school career, obtained units in all subjects required to become a successful stenographer. While in the mid-year home room, Lydia kept all the records of her class and secured and typed all the information regarding her classmates which was needed at commencement.

Lowery, Jack: General
Activities: Scenery for Mid-Year Play, Class Day Committee; J.A.L., President '38. Hobbies: Cabinet making, guns.

Luster, Jack: Commercial Bookkeeping
Hobbies: Golf, tennis.

Martin, Betty: Commercial Bookkeeping
Hobbies: Reading, scrapbooks.

Matheny, Leonard: Commercial Bookkeeping
Activities: Golf Team '38, Usher for Senior Play. Hobby: Golf.

Mast, Evelyn: General
Activity: Chairman of Floral and Announcement Committees. Hobby: Snapshots.

Martin, Henrietta: Commercial Stenographic

McBee, Charles: Commercial Bookkeeping
Activities: Band, Orchestra, Tennis Team. Hobbies: Music, stamps.

McDonell, Dorothy: Commercial Bookkeeping

Meisenhelter, Betty: Liberal Arts and Science
Activities: High Honor Certificate, '37, '38; Silver Delta '38; Agora: "Death Takes a Holiday."

Minor, Sarah: General

Muirheid, Esther: Liberal Arts and Science
Activities: A Cappella '36, '37, '38; High Honor Certificate '38; Silver Delta; Vespers. Hobbies: Roller skating, reading.

Mize, Gladys: Commercial
Activity: Class Day Committee. Hobbies: Reading, dancing.
Montgomery, Robert: Liberal Arts and Science
Activity: Chairman of Mid-Year Play Tickets.

Mossman, Doris: Commercial
Activity: Thrift Bank '37, '38, '39.

Mullen, Mary Elizabeth: Commercial Bookkeeping
Hobbies: Collecting stamps and songs.

Mueller, Walter: Engineering
Hobbies: Sailboat building, stamps.

Myers, Pauline: Commercial
Activity: Class Day Program.
Hobbies: Sewing, reading.

Neuendorf, Gertrude: General
Activities: Rifle Club, Costume Committee for Mid-Year Play.
Hobbies: Shooting, sewing.

Niles, Virginia: General
Hobbies: Dancing, reading.

Ohlsen, Robert: Engineering
Activities: Football '36, '37; Track '37, '38; Class Officer '38.
Hobby: Sports.

Opel, Marjorie: General
Hobby: Collecting pictures.

Overman, Mary: General
Activities: G.A.A. '37, Student Council '37.
Hobbies: Writing stories and poetry.

Pollard, William Carl: Commercial Bookkeeping
Activities: High Honor Certificate '37; Junior Council.
Hobbies: Scientific reading.

Pfeifer, Letha Eloise: Commercial Bookkeeping
Activity: Camp '37, '38.
Hobbies: Typing, scenery post cards.

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CLASS SONG
Henrietta Martin wrote the words for the mid-year class song, to the tune of “Two Sleepy People.”

“Do you remember the days we used to linger in the hall? The teachers didn’t like it at all. Do you remember the parties, games, our picnic, play, and all? If we could bring them back, We’d stay until next fall.”
VALEDICTORY

Helen Powers achieved the highest scholastic honors in the mid-year class. She was awarded a gold delta at commencement. Her valedictory speech, "Character Building" closed the commencement program. She worked in the Thrift Bank and was chairman of her class day program.
1939

Screeton, Rosemary: Business
Activities: Observer Staff '36, '37, '38, '39; Announcement Committee.

Shaffer, Dale Lester: Liberal Arts and Science
Activities: "Death Takes a Holiday"; Mid-year Vice-President; Football '37, '38; "Sweethearts" '37.
Hobbies: Athletics, coins, girls.

Sowers, Betty: General

Stephens, Thomas: Engineering
Activities: Chess Club, Camera Club, Stagehand for "Sweethearts".
Hobbies: Radio, woodwork.

Stout, Walter: General
Hobbies: Hunting, fishing.

Smith, Lloyd: Liberal Arts and Science
Activities: Chess Club '36, "Death Takes a Holiday".
Hobby: Tennis.

Spencer, Orville (Jr.): Bookkeeping
Activity: Orchestra '36, '37.
Hobby: Carpentry.

Smith, Eldo: Commercial
Activity: Property Manager for Mid-year Play.

Stringer, Elizabeth: General
Hobby: Candid snapshots.

Tankersley, Mildred: Commercial Bookkeeping
Hobbies: Day-dreaming, horseback riding.

Tolin, Robert: Commercial Bookkeeping
Activity: Lunch Line Clerk.
Hobbies: Coins, model building.

Veech, Rosemary: General
Hobbies: Dancing, swimming, skating.

Wallace, Alberta: General
Hobbies: Automobile riding, walking, reading.

JANUARY
CLASS 1939

ORATION
Betty Jane Meisenhelter had a scholastic average third highest in her class when grades were examined at the end of the second period. She was therefore elected to be class orator. She delivered Robert D. Anderson's "The Crisis in Character" at commencement.
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SALUTATORY

Rexford Elliott, second highest in scholarship in his class when the commencement program was planned, delivered the salutatory address at the graduation exercises. The title of his speech was "I Am Glad I Am An American." Rexford was a prominent member of his class. He had charge of the stage for the mid-year play, "Death Takes a Holiday."

Williams, Earnest: General
Hobbies: Model building, sports.

Warren, Theodore: Engineering, Bookkeeping
Activities: "Death Takes a Holiday"; Junior Chorus '36, '37, '38; Chess Club.
Hobbies: Swing music, model building.

White, Henry: Commercial
Activity: Usher for Mid-year Play.
Hobbies: Hockey, football.

Williams, Barbara: Commercial Bookkeeping
Hobbies: Traveling, skating, reading.

Wallace, William: Commercial Bookkeeping

Willis, Dale: General
Activity: Basketball '37, '38.

Williams, James: Liberal Arts and Science
Activities: Basketball '36, '37, '38; Sergeant-at-Arms for Mid-year Class; Usher for Commencements and Play.
Hobbies: Sports.

Wojbeck, Luella: Bookkeeping
Activities: G.A.A., Treasurer; Bowling '38; Ring and Pin Committee; Social Committee.
Hobbies: Snapshots and souvenirs.

Wright, James: Liberal Arts and Science
Activities: Observer '37, '38; Rotaro; "Death Takes a Holiday".
Hobby: Photography.

Zeni, Leno: General
Activity: Usher for June Commencement.

Wright, Pauline: Bookkeeping

Zerfowski, Floyd: Engineering
Activity: Radio Club '38.
Hobbies: Radio training, photography.
ROBERT PARRISH  . . . Vice-President
Robert served as treasurer of his class last year so successfully that he was elected to the vice-presidency this year. Robert has been prominent in music and literary activities during his high school life.

MARGARET FRENCH  . . . Secretary
Margaret has read and kept the minutes of the June senior class during the year. She has been an active member of the debating team and of the A Cappella choir.

ROBERT GIDEL  . . . Treasurer
Robert, with a fine sense of the value of money, has kept the senior books. He also has overseen his large group of dues collectors. Just before the Christmas party and again before the senior picnic were the two busiest times for the treasurer.

ELZY KIRBY  . . . Sergeant-at-Arms
Elzy, the tall basketball star, was also a football letterman. He, with his height, and Hilmer, with his athletic build, made a fine pair of "peace preservers" during the home-room class meetings.

HILMER LANDHOLT  . . . Sergeant-at-Arms
Hilmer played football for two years, which made him an appropriate selection for his office. His courteous manner and good humor have made him a valuable officer for his class.

PRESIDENT
Guy Centner was chosen by his classmates to be their president not only because of his high scholastic average but because of his qualities of leadership and enthusiastic service. Later in the year Guy became valedictorian of the class.

JUNE SENIOR COMMITTEES
Social Committee: Robert Parrish, chairman; Florence Friend, Evelyn Hammer, Jack Wilson, Jack Miller.
Floral Committee: Verne Hussey, chairman.
Play Committee: Suzanne Calhoun, chairman; Burnham Walraven, Guy Centner, Cathleen Gillett.
Scholarship Committee: Mary Louise Fink, chairman; Arden Gaddis, Edistina McKeown.
Ring and Pin Committee: Robert Wittke, chairman.
Announcement Committee: Jane Hughes, chairman; Wendell Jones, Richard DeWitt, Margaret Baker, Dorothy Bailey.
Cap and Gown Committee: Harriet Bolz, chairman; Richard Biller, Hilmer Landholt, Broughton Wallingford, Jeanne Empson, Jane Johnson.
Memorial Committee: Marybelle Patterson, Paul Simmons, Darrell Robertson, Florence Friend.
HALLOWEEN QUEEN

Every year a Halloween queen is chosen from Decatur High School. This year Florence Friend reigned as queen, while Colleen Olive, Ruth Fessler, and Marybelle Patterson, served as her attendants. The four girls, each from a different junior high school, were voted on by anyone who cared to send in their ballot.
Margaret A. Baker; Liberal Arts and Science
Activities: Mixed Glee Club '37, '38; Announcement Committee.
Hobby: Knitting.

Dorothy Jane Bailey; Liberal Arts and Science
Activities: Sophomore Council '36, '37, Pietro '36, '37; Junior Art League '37, '38, '39, Agora '38, Tri-Y '36, '37; High Honor Certificates '37, '38; Silver Delta '38; Christmas and Spring Art Exhibits '36, '37, '38; Scholarship Committee '36, Announcement Committee.
Hobbies: Drawing pictures and ice skating.

Charlotte Ann Bailey; Liberal Arts and Science
Activities: Aristotle '37, Bowling Club '36, G.A.A. '37.
Hobby: Archery.

William W. Bass; Liberal Arts and Science
Activities: Forum '37, '38, Hi-Y '37, '38; Football '37; Junior Representative '37; Usher for June Senior Play '38; Collector for Decanosis '37, '38.
Hobbies: Swimming, tennis, football, watches.

Betty Jane Baldwin; Commercial Bookkeeping
Hobby: Collecting pictures.

Richard Bean; General

Walter Blankenburg, Jr.; Commercial Bookkeeping
Activities: Usher, June Commencement '37, '38.
Hobbies: Hunting, fishing, swimming, golf.

Betty Jo Belden; Commercial Stenographic
Activities: Verse Choir '37, Agora '37, '38, '39; Junior Chorus '37, '38, Property Committee Senior Play '38; Observer Staff '37, '38, '39.
Hobbies: Tennis, reading, ice skating, collecting souvenirs.

May Beaty; Commercial Bookkeeping
Hobby: Music.

Suzanne Bodkin; Liberal Arts and Science
Activities: Junior Chorus '37, Honor Certificate '37, Mixed Glee Club '38.
Hobby: Candid camera.

Alice Blue; Commercial Bookkeeping
Activities: G.A.A. '37, '38; Thrift Bank '39.

Richard Calvin Biler; Liberal Arts and Science
Activities: Junior Chorus '36, Glee Club '37, A Cappella '38, '39, Cap and Gown Committee '39, National Choral Festival '39; Junior Council '37; Big Twelve Festival '38; Christmas Vespers '38; Usher June Commencement '38.

JUNE CLASS 1939

PRESS CONFERENCE
Both the OBSERVER and the DECANOIS were represented at the National Scholastic Press Association. Mrs. Magnuson and Louis Greanias along with four other students were representatives for the OBSERVER. Delegates from thirty different states and Hawaii were present. Students had the opportunity of hearing several prominent speakers.
This year Marybelle Patterson was chosen by the faculty and students to receive the annual D. A. R. award, which is given to the senior girl who is considered the best D. H. S. citizen. The purpose of this award is to build youthful character and to make people aware of the qualities desirable in a good citizen.
Evelyn Bramble: Commercial Stenographic
Activities: Junior Chorus '37.

Phyllis Brown: Liberal Arts and Science
Hobbies: Drawing, collecting fashion magazines.

Joe Boehm: Liberal Arts and Science
Hobbies: Swimming, ice skating, model building, softball.

Harriet Bolz: Liberal Arts and Science
Activities: Junior Chorus '37; A Cappella '37, '38, '39; Madrigal Singers '38, '39; Christmas Vespers '37, '38; National Choral Festival '38; Spring Concert '38; Observer '37; Feature Editor '38, '39; High Honor Certificate '37, '38; Silver Delta '38; Cap and Gown Committee '39.
Hobbies: Reading and foreign correspondence.

Walter Boyd: Liberal Arts and Science
Hobby: Playing ball.

Gladys Bonham: Commercial

Lewis Braden: Liberal Arts and Science
Activities: President of Sophomore Class '37; Rotoro '36, '37; Football '36.
Hobby: Sports.

William Boyer: General

Bernice Bradfield: Liberal Arts and Science
Activities: Mixed Glee Club '37, '38; Honor Certificate '37, '38; Observer '37.
Hobby: Golf.

Sybil Cheyne: Commercial Stenographic
Activities: G.A.A., Bowling Team, Observer.
Hobbies: Tennis, swimming.

Leroy Catlin: Mechanical Engineering
Activities: Band and Orchestra '37, '38, '39.
Hobbies: Woodwork and photography.

Jack Camp: General
Activity: Junior Council '37.
Hobby: Guns.

JUNE CLASS 1939

DIRECTORY EDITOR
Editor of the 1938 high school directories was Ann Norman. The directories had many new features, including a list of the officers of the high school clubs. Because of the large enrollment of students, the number of teachers, and the added features, the booklet was the largest we have ever had.
CHRISTMAS DOLLS
The girls of Mrs. Murphy’s clothing classes made many unfortunate children happy at Christmas time by dressing dolls given them by the Good Fellowship Club. Kathryn Leech was especially interested in the dolls and spent much of her outside time sewing for them. Almost all the work was done outside school hours.
Helen Coover: General
Hobbies: Tennis, dancing, reading, skating.

Rosemary Collett: Commercial Stenographic
Activities: Junior Chorus '37; Mixed Glee Club '37; A Capella '38, '39; Christmas Vespers '37, '38, '39; Big Twelve Music Festival '38; Madrigal Singers '39; Girls' Triple Trio '39.
Hobby: Skating, singing.

Helene Corey: Commercial Stenographic
Activities: Junior Chorus '37; Bowling '38; Honor Certificate '38.
Hobbies: Sewing, music, and reading.

Maurice Conlin: Liberal Arts and Science
Hobby: Aviation.

Dorothy Condon: Commercial Stenographic
Hobby: Having a wonderful time.

Betty Condon: Liberal Arts and Science
Activities: Junior and Senior Chorus; Sophomore Floral Committee '37.
Hobbies: Tennis, golf, swimming, collecting rare jewelry.

Jo Ann Cooper: Liberal Arts and Science
Activities: Orchestra '36, '37, '38, '39; Silhouettes '37, '38, '39.

Charlotte Constant: Commercial Stenographic
Hobby: Singing.

Barbara Cook: Liberal Arts and Science
Hobbies: Tennis, dancing.

William Corrington: Engineering
Hobbies: Fencing, building airplane models, aviation.

Marilyn Cooper: Liberal Arts and Science
Hobby: Archery.

Helen Louise Corrington: Commercial Bookkeeping
Hobby: Collecting snapshots.

MANAGER OF CHRISTMAS PARTY
The senior class gave a very successful Christmas party under the management of Guy Centner. The evening of December 16, saw many seniors present at this social event, which took place at the Masonic Temple. Music was supplied by Bill Oetzel and his orchestra. Students who did not care to dance, could enjoy table games.
PROPERTY COMMITTEE
Chairman of the property committee, Shirley Freidinger, was assisted by twelve other senior students in gathering together properties needed for the senior play. Although some of the properties were rather difficult to locate, the committee did an excellent job, and the stage was well set for the production.

Howard Cravens: Liberal Arts and Science

Evelyn Cortese: Commercial Bookkeeping
Hobby: Roller skating.

Dolores Crawford: Liberal Arts and Science
Activities: High Honor Certificate; Silver Delta '38; Orchestra '37; Sophomore Council '37; Scholastic Committee '37. Hobbies: Music, reading.

David Crawley: General

Joan Crouch: Liberal Arts and Science
Activity: Observer '37, '38, Editor '39.

Ruth Culumber: Commercial Stenographic
Activity: Orchestra '38, '39.

Robert Curran: Engineering

Mildred Cummings: Commercial Stenographic

Helen Daut: Commercial Bookkeeping
Hobby: Music.

Beulah Davenport: Commercial
Activities: French Club '36, '37; Thrift Bank '37, '38; Commercial Contest '38, '39. Hobby: Reading.

William Davern: Liberal Arts and Science

Phyllis Davis: Commercial Stenographic
Activity: Honor Certificate '36.
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PLAY PROMPTER
Prompter for a play production is by no means an easy job. Phyllis Budrow, constantly alert to supply a forgotten word, did an excellent job of prompting for the senior play this year. Her work should be praised as much as that of the cast itself, for without her the play would not have been the success it was.
LaVerne Dunkel: Commercial Bookkeeping
Hobbies: Movies, collecting movie stars, music, hiking, horseback riding, reading.

Clyde Durham: Commercial Bookkeeping

Betty Durham: Liberal Arts and Science
Activities: Junior Art League '37, '38; Christmas Art Exhibit '37, '38; Spring Art Exhibit '38; Agora '36, '37; Poetry Club '36, '37, '38.

Frances Dunne: Commercial Stenographic
Activities: Verse Choir '37, '38; Pi errot '37, Junior Chorus '37.
Hobbies: Shorthand and typing.

John Eberly: Engineering
Activities: Sophomore Council '36, '37; Senior Glee Club '38, '39; A Cappella '37, '38, '39; "Sweethearts" '37, "Blos- som Time" '39; Thalia '39; Rotaro '36, '37; Sergeant-at-Arms, Junior Class '36; Commencement Usher '38, '39; Vespers '38, '37, '38; Football '37.
Hobbies: Tennis, music.

John Elias: Liberal Arts and Science
Activities: Camera Club, Secretary '37, president '38, '39; Staff Photographer of Observer '38, '39.
Hobbies: Photography, chemistry, stamps.

Lenora Ely: Liberal Arts and Science
Jeanne Empson: Liberal Arts and Science

Mary Ellen Emerick: Commercial Stenographic
Activities: Thalia, Junior Art League, Verse Choir, Pierrot, Spring Art Exhibit, Second Prize in Dental Poster Contest, First Honorable Mention in American Legion Poppy Poster Contest. Hobbies: Art, dancing, dramatics, music.

George Eshelman: Liberal Arts and Science
Activities: Vesper, "I’ll Leave It To You", Tennis Team '36. Hobbies: Baseball.

Robert Ernest: Art
Activities: Rotaro '36, '37, '38, '39; President '39; Junior Art League '37, '38, '39, Parliamentarian '38, President '39; Christmas Exhibit '38, '37; Spring Art Exhibit '38, '39; P. T. A. Art Exhibit '39; Chalk Drawing '38, '39.
Hobbies: Drawing, stamp collector, photography.

Eileen Engle: General

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ASSISTANT BUSINESS MANAGER
Because of a slip-up somewhere along the line in the printing of senior class play programs, Paul Simmons’ name was omitted. Paul was assistant business manager for the play this year and should receive mention for his good work. Manager Guy Cent- ner and his assistant were important factors toward the success of the play.
Ted Ewing: Liberal Arts and Science
Hobbies: Tennis, swimming.

Virginia Fagan: Commercial
Activity: Decanais '39.

Robert Faith: Engineering
Activities: Football '37, '38; Verse Choir '36, '37; Chess Club '36, '37, '38; Mask and Wig '37, '38; Rotaro '37, '38.

Jane Faith: Liberal Arts and Science

Ruth Fesler: Liberal Arts and Science
Activities: Madrigal Singers '37, '38, '39; A Cappella Choir '37, '38, '39; All-State Chorus '37, '38; Agora '37, '38; Blassem Time '37, '38; Big Twelve Music Festival '36, '38; National Music Festival '38; Vespers '37, '38; Mask and Wig '39.
Hobbies: Music 'n everything.

Rex Falk: General

Dorothy Finfrock: Commercial Bookkeeping
Hobbies: Dancing, sports.

Mary Louise Fink: Commercial Bookkeeping and Stenographic
Commercial Bookkeeping and Stenographic
Activities: High Honor Certificate '37, '38; Silver Delta '38; Ring and Fin Committee '37; Scholarship Committee '38; Thea '39; Beginning Shorthand Team; Observer '37, '38, '39.

Ward Fisher: Engineering

Francis Flannery: Liberal Arts and Science
Activities: Observer '37, '38; Honor Certificate '37, '38; Decanais '38, '39.
Hobbies: Trains and medicine.

Lois Fitzgerald: Commercial Stenographic
Activities: Pierrot '37, Shorthand Team '38, Honor Certificate '37.
Hobbies: Collecting souvenirs, samples of advertised products, sketching, drawing.

Ben Fleck: Commercial Bookkeeping
Activities: Observer '39, Christmas Exhibit '37, '38, '39; Dental Poster Contest '38, Annual Poster Contest '38, Popp-Poster Contest '37, '38.

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THREE BLIND MICE
Rosemary Collett, Bill Morris, Bob Gidel. This trio sang with great success at the Junior party and the Debate Dime Dance. Bill Morris and Bob Gidel also sang at the Mid-year dance. This group, unlike the other trios and quartets organized from the A Cappella Choir, usually confine their talents to the singing of popular songs.
DECANOIS
CAMERA CONTEST

In order to stimulate interest in our yearbook and make it what the students want it to be, the Decanois, for the first time sponsored a camera contest. Dean Madden won first prize of a 1939 Decanois with his picture "Lazy Summertime." Second prize of one dollar went to Robert Arnold for his picture "The Trysting Place."

Marjorie Fleming: General
Activities: Agora '39, Property Committee, Senior Play, Program Committee, Inter-Society Banquet '39.

Margaret Flewelling: Liberal Arts and Sciences
Activities: Junior Chorus '37, Senior Chorus '38; A Cappella Choir '38, '39; Christmas Vespers '38, '39; Spring Music Festival '38; Observer '38, '39; Directory Staff '37, '38, '39; "Blossom Time" '39, Big Twelve Festival '38; National Choral Festival '38.
Hobbies: Swimming, boating, riding, tennis.

Clarence Fogler: Commercial Bookkeeping
Activities: Band '36, '37, '38; Orchestra '36, '37, '38, '39.

Tonnibel Ford: Commercial Stenographic
Activities: G.A.A. '37; Thalia '37.
Hobby: Dancing.

Helen Folkman: General

King Forkner: General
Hobbies: Reading, model railroading.

Donna Dee Forney: Liberal Arts and Science
Activity: "I'll Leave it To You."
Hobbies: Art and dress designing.

Mary Jane Foster: Liberal Arts and Science
Hobbies: Foreign correspondence, collecting unusual jewelry.

Enid Fornwalt: Liberal Arts and Science
Hobbies: Bicycling, reading.

Richard Foster: General
Hobby: Basketball.

Marian Fowler: Liberal Arts and Science
Activity: "Sweethearts" '37.
Hobby: Dancing, music printing.

Jean Fowler: Commercial Stenographic
Activity: Tri-Y '37.
Hobby: Dancing.
OLDER BOYS’ CONFERENCE

The Older Boys’ Conference was held in Peoria this year from December second through the fourth. Eight Decatur High boys, including John Eberly and Robert Arnold, attended the meet. Beside the six different discussions on matters of interest to the boys, they were given time for practically any entertainment they desired.
JO ANN COOPER: SILHOUETTES
Jo Ann plays the violin in D. H. S.'s all-girl orchestra, the Silhouettes, which has often been compared to Phil Spitalny's group. The girls have made many appearances this year including programs at Monticello, Woodrow Wilson Junior High School, a teachers' banquet at the Hotel Orlando, and at a meeting of the Transportation Club.
Corinne Grice: Commercial Stenographic
Hobbies: Sewing, dancing, reading.

Nate Greenberg: Liberal Arts and Science
Activities: Chess Club '37, '38, '39, President '37, '38, Sergeant-at-Arms '38, '39, Treasurer '39; Rotaract Secretary '37, '39, Sergeant-at-Arms '38, '39; Usher Senior Play '39.
Hobbies: Baseball, stamp collecting.

Theodore Griesbaum: Commercial Bookkeeping
Hobby: Sports.

Robert Grace, Jr.: General
Activity: Camera Club '37, '38, '39.

Martha Green: Liberal Arts and Science
Activities: Honor Certificate '37, High Honor Certificate '38; Silver Delta '39.
Hobbies: Reading, hiking.

Max G. Greenberg: Commercial Bookkeeping
Hobby: Stamp collecting.

Mollie Hailes: Commercial Stenographic
Activities: Junior Chorus '37, Mixed Chorus '37, '38; A Cappella '38, '39; Christmas Vespers '38, Junior Representative '37, '38.
Hobbies: Dancing, music.

Margie Hammer: Liberal Arts and Science
Hobbies: Dancing, tennis.

John Hale: Liberal Arts and Science
Activities: Mixed Glee Club.

Charles Harlin: Engineering

Evelyn Hammer: Liberal Arts and Science
Activities: Thalia '37, '38, '39; Social Committee '38, '39; Property Committee of Senior Play '39.
Hobbies: Kindergarten work, collecting poems.

Jeanne Hanson: Liberal Arts Science
Activities: Observer '37, '39, Decanotes Calendar Editor '39; High Honors '37, Honors '39; Junior Chorus '37, Junior Publicity Committee '39; Senior Floral Committee '39.
Hobbies: Horseback riding, dancing.

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1937-1938 JUNIOR CLASS PRESIDENT
The chief executive of the 1937-1938 junior class was Darrell Robertson. He, along with Marshal Turner, Jane Johnson, Robert Parrish and Guy Centner served their class faithfully. This class was the first to sponsor dancing lessons for their class members, which resulted in an increase in the number who attended school dances.
ORATION CONTEST
Joan's oratory ability won first place for her in the oration contest held February 8, at the Y. W. C. A. The subject was "The Rights and Privileges of the U. S. Citizens" and the contestants were judged on value and arrangement of material, accuracy, presentation, and diction. Dean Madden captured third place in the contest.
Robert J. Hill: Liberal Arts and Science
Activities: Orchestra '37, '38, '39; Band '37, '38, '39; Mixed Glee Club '37, '38, '39; A Cappella '38, '39; Christmas Vespers '38, '39; "Sweethearts" '37, '38; "Blossom Time" '38, '39; Sophomore Honor '37, '38; National Music Conference '38; Big Twelve Festival '38; Annual Concerts '37, '38, '39.
Hobby: Music.

Lucilla Hopkins: General
Activity: French Club '37, '38.
Hobby: Golf.

Everett Hill: Commercial Bookkeeping

Alice Hudson: Liberal Arts and Science
Activities: Observer '37, '38, '39; G.A.A. '38, '39; President '38, '39; Basketball '37, '38, '39; Bowling '38; Camp Delegate '38.
Hobby: Sports.

Alberta Hoffman: Liberal Arts and Science
Activities: Orchestra and Annual Concerts '36, '37, '38, '39; Silhouettes '37, '38, '39; Honor Certificate '37.
Hobbies: Playing piano.

Denny Hill: Commercial Bookkeeping
Hobby: Spending time at an airport.

Nadean Howell: Commercial Bookkeeping

Bettie Hinton: Commercial Bookkeeping

Jane Hughes: Liberal Arts and Science
Activities: Junior Chorus '37; Sophomore Council '37; High Honor Certificate '37; Argus '37; Secretary of A Cappella '38, '39; National Choral Festival '38; Observer '38, '39; Directory '38; Thalia '38; Sergeant-at-Arms '39; Chairman of Floral Committee '38, '39; Stage Committee '38, '39.
Hobbies: Swimming, basketball, sleeping, canoeing, target shooting.

Bernadine Housel: Liberal Arts and Science

Bette Hudspeth: Liberal Arts and Science
Activities: "Sweethearts" '37; Observer '38, '39.

Vern Hussey: Liberal Arts and Science
Activities: Observer '36, '38, '39; Poetry Club '38, Vice-President '37, Thalia '38, Sergeant-at-Arms '39; Chairman of Floral Committee '38, '39; Stage Committee '38, '39.
Hobbies: Swimming, basketball, sleeping, canoeing, target shooting.

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LINCOLN PILGRIMAGE
Two Decatur High students, Jean Burdick and Robert Parrish, participated in the Lincoln Pilgrimage conducted by the Veteran of Foreign Wars, Post 1244, on February 12. All expenses were paid by the post and the students enjoyed a reception and banquet at the Hotel St. Nicholas in Springfield after the procession to and from Lincoln's tomb.
KNOX TEST
Taking the Knox Test has become an annual affair to the seniors of D. H. S. Because of the large number of seniors, only those in 320 and 331 were given the test, which is put out by Knox College of Galesburg, Illinois. These tests covered four different units—English, social sciences, general science, and mathematics.

Marjorie Harman: Liberal Arts and Science
Hobbies: Dancing, watching basketball games.

Juanita Elaine Isome: Commercial Stenographic
Hobbies: Collecting pictures of movie stars, movies, hiking.

Jane Johnson: Liberal Arts and Science
Activities: Cap and Gown Committee; Secretary Junior Class; Honor Certificate '37.
Hobbies: Tennis, swimming.

Lularee Johnson: General
Activities: Crystal Bird Girl Reserve Club.
Hobbies: Dancing, tennis, basketball.

Elizabeth Jordan: Liberal Arts and Science
Activities: Crystal Bird Girl Reserve Club.
Hobbies: Playing and teaching piano.

Loycie Jenkins: Liberal Arts and Science
Activities: Crystal Bird Girl Reserve Club, Junior Chorus.
Hobbies: Dancing, basketball.

Raymond Johnson: General
Hobby: Fishing.

Ted Jarzembski: Liberal Arts and Science
Hobbies: Sailing, automobile, radio.

Riggs Johnston: Liberal Arts and Science

Wendell Jones: Engineering
Activities: Rotarо '37; Decanois '39; Announcement Committee '38.
Hobbies: Signaling, water polo, ice hockey, traveling.

Lavena Justice: Commercial Bookkeeping
Activity: Junior Chorus '37.
Hobbies: Skating, basketball.

Billy Jones: Commercial
Activity: Chess Club Sergeant-at-Arms.
Frances Karas: Liberal Arts and Science
Activity: G.A.A.
Hobby: Reading.

Alvina Kalins: Liberal Arts and Science
Activity: Typing Team '38.
Hobby: Tennis.

Betty Jane Kellogg: General

Florence Kitson: Art
Activities: French Club '37; Spring Art Exhibit '38, '39; Christmas Exhibit '38, Junior Art League '38, '39.
Hobbies: Skating, dancing, reading.

Robert Keck: Liberal Arts and Science

Elzy Kirby, Jr.: Liberal Arts and Science
Activities: Football '37, '38; Basketball '37, '38, '39; Usher of Honor Day '38; Senior Commencement '38; Senior Play '39; Sergeant-at-Arms of Senior Class '38, '39.
Hobby: Sports.

Arnold Kubow: Commercial Bookkeeping
Hobby: Tennis.

Maxine Kinsler: Commercial Bookkeeping
Activities: Sophomore and Junior Home Room Representative.
Hobbies: Drinking cokes and dancing.

Robert Kretzer: Commercial Bookkeeping
Activity: Junior Chorus '36, '37.
Hobby: Sports.

Elfrieda Kwasny: General
Hobbies: Tennis, scrapbook.

Betty Kurtz: General
Activities: Tri-Y '36; G.A.A. '36.
Hobby: Sports.

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DISTRICT MUSIC CONTEST
Decatur High's double mixed quartet received first rating at the Charleston district music meet on March 25. The judges considered it the best group of any of the entries. The group consisted of seven seniors — Jean Buckley, Ruth Fesler, Harriet Bolz, Rosemary Collett, Robert Parrish, Robert Gidel, and Marshall Turner, and Norman Dial.
Verena Shively and Norma Young were two of the nineteen girls from Decatur who went to the Girl Reserve State Conference at Danville. The girls were guests at a banquet and a frolic at which all kinds of games were played, and dancing was enjoyed. The conference was held on the week-end of March 25 and 26.
Many parents of senior high students recalled fond memories March 8 when they were given the chance to go to school once more. Following their son’s or daughter’s program, they went to each of their classes for a 15-minute period. Frances Minor and Pauline Augustine, along with several other students, acted as ushers.
Chairman, Jane Hughes and Dorothy Bailey mounted the five different announcements chosen by the announcement committee to be voted on. From these five, one was chosen by the senior class. Members of the senior class must have been quite satisfied with their choice, for over 7,000 announcements had to be ordered.
Judy Mendenhall: General

Robert Maxwell: Engineering
Activities: Rotaro ’36, ’37, Treasurer ’38, President ’39, Sophomore Program Committee ’36, ’37, Observer ’38, ’39, Radio Club ’39, Senior Ring and Pin Committee ’38, ’39, Finance Committee Inter-society Banquet ’38, Senior Play Ticket Sales Captain ’39.
Hobbies: Photography, reading, sports, aviation.

Ray Meisenhelter, Jr.: Liberal Arts and Science

Harry Millard: Liberal Arts and Science
Activities: Tennis ’37, ’38, ’39; Rotaro ’37.
Hobby: Sports.

Betty Moore: Commercial Stenographic
Activities: Tri-Y ’37.
Hobbies: Reading, tennis.

William Meyer: Commercial Bookkeeping
Hobbies: Sail boating, traveling.

Jack Miller: Engineering
Activities: Rifle Club ’37, ’38; Track ’38, ’39; Football ’38.
Hobby: Sports.

William Moore: Liberal Arts and Science
Activities: Tennis ’38; Directory ’38; Usher for Senior Play ’39.
Hobbies: Basketball, tennis, baseball, ice skating.

Frances Minor: Liberal Arts and Science
Hobbies: Reading, tennis, swimming.

Violet Mehr: Commercial Stenographic
Activities: Roller skating, fixing my own hair.

Robert Moorehead: Liberal Arts and Science
Activities: Rotaro ’36, ’37, Tennis ’37, ’38; Usher at Mid-Year Commencement ’39; Property Committee Senior Play ’38, Usher for Senior Play ’39.
Hobby: Tennis.

Carl Mitchell: Engineering
Hobby: Model building.

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CHAIRMAN OF RING AND PIN COMMITTEE
Robert Wittke’s work as chairman on the ring and pin committee was just about completed March 15 when the last order for jewelry was sent. This was one of the largest orders for class jewelry made by any class in the history of the school. Robert served on this committee in both junior and senior years.
Business managers of any kind of production can never receive enough credit for their work. It is through them that the tickets are sold and all other business is transacted and without them the production could not possibly be a success. Burnham Walraven made an excellent business manager for this year's operetta "Blossom Time."
Howard O'Daffer: Commercial Bookkeeping

Martha Odeneal: Liberal Arts and Science
Activity: Crystal Bird Girl Reserve Club.
Hobbies: Dancing, basketball, indoor ball.

Amelia Oliver: Commercial Bookkeeping
Activity: President, Crystal Bird Club; Observer.

Ruth Osborne: General

Dolores Orey: Commercial Bookkeeping
Hobbies: Sewing, reading, hiking.

William Owen: Liberal Arts and Science
Hobby: Aviation.

Doris Ovington: Liberal Arts and Science
Hobby: Art.

Colleen Olive: Commercial Bookkeeping
Activity: Junior Chorus '37; A Cappella '37, '38, '39; Big 12 Festival '38; National Music Festival '38.
Hobby: Music.

Tom Parkinson: Liberal Arts and Science
Activity: Observer; Sophomore Committee; Junior Dues Committee; Senior Play, Ticket Captain.
Hobbies: Circusiana, swimming.

Robert Parrish: Liberal Arts and Science
Activity: Thalia '36, '37, '38, '39; Vice-President '37, '38; Forum '36, '37, Secretary '36, '39; Inter-Society Winner '36; Senior Glee Club '36; A Cappella '37, '38, Treasurer '39; Madrigals '37, '38, '39; National Music Festival '38; Big 12 '37, '38, "Sweethearts" '37, "Blossom Time" '38, Treasurer Junior Class '37, '38; Vice-President Senior Class '38, '39; Decanois Staff '38, '39; Winner Lincoln Essay Contest '39.

James Parish: Liberal Arts and Science

Marybelle Patterson: Liberal Arts and Science
Activity: Observer '37, '38, Assistant Business Manager '36, '38; Business Manager of Directory; D.A.R. Award; Senior Play Committee; Mask and Wig '39, Aristos '39; Honor Certificate '39.
Hobbies: Swimming, tennis, music, foreign correspondence.

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CAP AND GOWN

Members of the cap and gown committee gave several fashion parades this year. The five different styles of caps and gowns were modeled by the members of the committee in 320 and 331 so that the seniors would be able to vote for their favorite. Harriet Bolz, chairman, and Hilmer Landholt were two of the models.
THRIFT BANK WORKERS
Mr. Newtson, with the help of Decatur High's bookkeeping students, takes care of all school thrift banking in the city. Two seniors who have served as assistants this year are Alice Blue and Onita Shewmaker. Students who make regular deposits in the thrift bank are forming a habit which will be of great benefit to them in later years.
Normadean Price: Commercial Stenographic

Anita Preston: Commercial Stenographic

Bette Powell: Liberal Arts and Science
Activities: Junior Council '37, '38; Junior Representative '37, '38; Junior Chorus '36, '38; Observer '37, '38; Mask and Wig '39; Junior Ring and Pin Committee '37, '38.
Hobbies: Reading, hiking, bicycling.

Marjorie Pryor: Commercial Stenographic
Hobbies: Piano, sculpturing.

Elizabeth Quinn: Liberal Arts and Science
Activities: Agora '37, '39, '39, President '38, Observer '37, '38, '39.
Hobbies: Dancing, collecting stamps, reading, skating.

Maxine Radford: Commercial Stenographic
Activities: Mixed Glee Club '36, '37; Orchestra '36, '37, '38; Silhouettes '37, '38; Special Orchestra '36.
Hobbies: Playing pianos, knitting.

Dorothy Ramsey: Commercial Stenographic
Activities: Agora '37, Aristos '38, '39.

Paul Randall: Liberal Arts and Science
Hobby: Sports.

Betty Jane Rau: Commercial Bookkeeping
Activities: I.A.L. '39, Art Institute Exhibit '38, '39; P.T.A. Program Art Exhibit '38.

Morris Reed: Liberal Arts and Science
Activities: Decanosis Collector '39; Honors '37, '38.
Hobbies: Swimming, golf.

Margaret Riedel: Commercial Stenographic
Activities: Mixed Glee Club '36, '37; A Cappella '37, '38; Tri-Y '38; All-State Chorus '38.
Hobbies: Reading, singing.

Dale Riedelberger: Engineering
Activities: Senior Play Ticket Representative.

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LIBRARY ASSISTANTS
Girls who are interested in working with and around books would find being an assistant to Miss Starkey in the high school library very interesting. And even more than being interesting, it offers them excellent experience. Three senior girls who enjoy their library work are June Vollmer, Dorothy Conder, and Nadine Howell.
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DEBATE CLUB
BROADCAST

Members of Debate Club gave an informal discussion over WJBL on Friday, April 14. The discussion concerned this year's national high school debate question, "Resolved that the United States should form an alliance with Great Britain." Seniors taking part in the program were Pauline Augustine, Gus Greanias, Margaret French, Frank Wiley, and Barbara Woodcock.

Clarence Bitchard; Liberal Arts and Science
Activities: Band and Orchestra '36, '37, '38, '39; Special Orchestra '36; Opera Orchestra '39; Christmas Vespers '38.
Hobbies: Drums, machinery, building.

Hazel Robards; Liberal Arts and Science
Hobbies: Shows, save food recipes, dance.

Darrell Robertson; Engineering
Activities: Rotaract '36, '37, '38; President Junior Class '37, '38.

Lois Rose; Commercial Bookkeeping
Hobby: Shows.

Edna Mae Robinson; General
Hobbies: Reading, collecting radio stars.

Verne Roby; Liberal Arts and Science
Activities: Band '37, '38, '39.

Alberta Rosenthal; Commercial Stenographic
Activity: Orchestra.
Hobbies: Reading, playing piano, collecting stamps, collecting and taking pictures.

Jack Russell; General
Activities: Spring Art Exhibit '39; J.A.L. Dance.
Hobbies: Famous "swing" orchestras.

Margaret Sadowski; Commercial Stenographic

Donald Robert Sadowski; Commercial Bookkeeping
Hobbies: Fishing, bicycling.

Meriam Schernekau; Commercial Bookkeeping

Pete Scardello
Activities: Band and Orchestra '36, '37, '38, '39; Assistant Librarian '36, '37, '38, '39; Student Leader '38, '39; Special Orchestra '39; Symphony in Brass '38, '39; Opera Orchestra '39.
Hobbies: Cornets, famous dance bands.
Robert Salogga: Commercial Bookkeeping
Hobbies: Playing softball and basketball.

Harold Sasse: Liberal Arts and Science
Activities: Rotaract '38, '39; Verse Choir '37, '38.

James Schuerman: Commercial Bookkeeping
Activities: Usher Commencement '38, Mid-year Senior Play '39.

George Shank: Liberal Arts and Science
Hobbies: Swimming, hiking, reading, radio.

William Scott: Liberal Arts and Science

Mary Schwartz: Liberal Arts and Science
Hobbies: Reading, dancing.

Edward Scribner: Liberal Arts and Science

Walter E. Schultz: Liberal Arts and Science
Activities: Sports '38, '39; Rotaract '38; Thrift Bank '38.
Hobbies: Skating, sports.

Jean Shake: Liberal Arts and Science
Hobby: Collecting pictures of Nelson Eddy.

Catherine Sharpe: Commercial Stenographic
Activities: Verse Choir '38.
Hobbies: Traveling, reading.

Jeanne Shaw: Liberal Arts and Science
Activities: Chairman Floral Committee '37, '38; Observer '38, '39; Junior Chorus '37, '38; Honor Certificate '38; High Honor Certificate '37.
Hobbies: Drawing, dancing, knitting, sports.

David Shellabarger: Engineering

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ADVANCED MATHEMATICS
Edward Yatsko is shown developing the binomial theorem before his fourth semester algebra class. Another senior, Burnham Wallraven, and Edward explained this proof to their class, assigned problems using the theorem, and gave an examination to discover the results of their teaching. Miss Fischer taught fourth semester algebra this year.
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CHESS CHAMPION

Leroy Haulk has been a member of Chess Club for 5 semesters and for 3 of these semesters he has held the championship in the club. Chess Club held two tournaments this year—one to determine the best team and one to determine the chess champion. Nate Greenberg’s team came out first in the team tournament.
Dick Sommer: Engineering
Hobbies: Hunting, fishing, swimming.

George W. Smith: Commercial Bookkeeping
Hobby: Reading.

Trevor Smith: General
Activities: Band '37, '38, '39; Senior Chorus '37.

Katherine Songer: Liberal Arts and Science
Activities: Treasurer of Sophomore Class '37; Le Cercle Français '37, '38, '39; Vice-President '37; "I'll Leave It To You" '37; Agora '37; Pierrat '37; Observer '37, '38, '39; Thalia '37, '38, '39.
Hobbies: Golfing, dancing, tennis, reading, movies.

Mary Ann Spangler: General
Activities: Sophomore Council '36, '37; Junior Council '37, '38, '39; Observer. "I'll Leave It To You" '37, '38, '39.
Hobbies: Skating, painting, photography.

Mona Spates: Liberal Arts and Science
Activities: General, '37, '38, '39; Junior Council '37, '38, '39; Observer. "I'll Leave It To You" '37, '38, '39.
Hobbies: Drawing, painting, photography.

Bernice Stanley: Commercial Bookkeeping
Activities: Band '37, '38, '39; Senior Chorus '37.
Hobbies: Dancing, collecting and learning popular songs, sports.

Dorothy Stacey: Liberal Arts and Science
Hobbies: Chess, dancing, reading, scrapbooks of historical nature.

Ernest Spinner: Engineering
Activities: Observer '37, '38, '39; Track '37, '38, '39; Rotor '38, '39; Sergeant-at-Arms '39.
Hobby: Chemistry.

Margaret Starbody: Liberal Arts and Science
Hobbies: Skating, dancing, movies.

Bill Spence: General
Activities: Sergeant-at-Arms of Junior Class '37; Usher for Senior Play.

John L. Starbody: Liberal Arts and Science
Activities: Chess Club '37, '38, '39; Golf Team '37, '38.

JUNE CLASS 1939

TRACK STAR
Captain of the D. H. S. track team, and also high-point man, Jack Miller has gained the reputation for being an all-around good track man. Throughout the track season he has competed in the high and low hurdles, javelin throw, shot, 100-yard dash, and relay races, and in all of these has ranked high.
One of the most enjoyed auditoriums of the year was the one given to advertise the annual D. H. S. Band and Orchestra Concert. Several of the boys donned old-fashioned clothes and entertained the students with a number of hill-billy arrangements. Guy Centner, Elzy Kirby, and Dean Madden also helped advertise by giving a short skit.
John Henry Tarr: Engineering  
Activities: Glee Club '37; A Cappella '36, '39; Rotaro '37; Christmas Vespers '36, '37, '39.  
Hobbies: Music, radio.

Laurence Tanglew, Jr.: Commercial Bookkeeping

Anita Thomas: General  
Activity: Agora '36.

A. W. Tarter: Liberal Arts and Science

Maxine Tempel: Liberal Arts and Science  
Activities: Le Cercle Francais '37, '38, Secretary '36, Honor Certificate '37, '38; Aristos '36, '39.

Marjorie Taylor: Liberal Arts and Science  
Activities: Pierrot '36, '37; Thalia '36, '39; Observer '37, '38, '39; Mixed Glee Club, '39; "Blossom Time" '39; Decanois '39; Aristos '36, Thi-Y '36.  
Hobbies: Dancing, knitting, reading, outdoor sports.

Betty Thompson: General  
Hobbies: Traveling, swimming, reading.

Louis Thomas, Jr.: General  
Activities: Chess Club '37, '38; Vespers '37; Varsity Choir '37, '38; Stage Crew for "Sweethearts" '37; Poetry Club '37, '38.  
Hobbies: Swimming, hunting.

Mildred Thornell: Commercial Stenographic  
Activities: Agora '36, '39.  
Hobbies: Bicycle riding, swimming, reading.

Robert Turner: Liberal Arts and Science  
Activities: Junior Chorus '37; "Sweethearts" '37; A Cappella '37, '38, '39; Vespers '37, '38; N. H. S. C. C. F. '38, Big D '38; "Blossom Time" '39; High Honor Certificates '37, '38; Silver Delta '38, Thalia '37, '38, '39; Decanois '39; Usher Mid-year Commencement '39; Usher June Senior Play '39.  
Hobby: Music.

Tish. Eileen: Commercial Stenographic  
Activities: Aristos '37; Thrift Bank '38; Honor Certificate '37.

Phyllis Thrasher: Liberal Arts and Science  
Activities: A Cappella '38, '39; Observer '38, '39; "Blossom Time" '39; Christmas Vespers '38.  
Hobbies: Collecting small bars of soap from hotels.

JUNE CLASS 1939

ORCHESTRA CONCERT
Morris Reed is shown here selling tickets for the school orchestra concert. The students showed their appreciation of the band's constant service to the school by buying over $200 worth of tickets. Mr. Rees and the orchestra played eight pieces, all of which had been arranged by Frank Black.
CHEMISTRY IV

Frank Wiley is one of the fifteen boys who took chemistry IV this year. Very few schools in Illinois offer this advanced chemistry course. Students who take chemistry IV are usually planning on some vocation for which chemistry is essential.
Broughton Wallingford: General
Activity: Football '37, '38, '39.

Burnham Walraven: Liberal Arts and Science
Activities: Editor of Decansis '38, '39; Chorus '37, '38, '39; Business Manager "Blossom Time" '39; Forum '37, '38, '39; Play Committee '39; Observer '37; Silver Delta '38; Verse Choir '38; Track '39.
Hobbies: Fishing, chemistry, traveling.

Bernice Wagner: Liberal Arts and Science
Activities: Honor Certificate '37, '38.
Hobby: Sports.

Myrtle Warnick: Commercial Bookkeeping
Hobby: Reading.

Thelma Watkins: Commercial Stenographic
Hobby: Knitting.

Betty Warnick: Liberal Arts and Science
Activities: Shorthand Team '38; Silver Delta '38; Honor Certificate '38; High Honor Certificate '37.
Hobbies: Singing, dancing.

Edward Wells: Commercial Bookkeeping
Hobby: Sports.

Mary Watkins: General
Hobbies: Music, airplanes.

Fred Ware: Liberal Arts and Science

Charles Walton: Commercial Bookkeeping
Hobbies: Hunting, fishing.

Maxine Weihs: General
Activity: G.A.A. '37.
Hobbies: Dancing, reading, sports.

Joe Wayne: Commercial Bookkeeping
Hobby: Sports.

Marcelline White: Bookkeeping
Activities: Junior Chorus '37; Mixed Glee Club '37, '38; A Cappella '38, '39; Honor Certificate '37, '38.
Hobbies: Reading, sports, music.

MILLIKIN CONFERENCE
Seniors made their annual visit to Millikin University for the vocational conference on Friday, April 21. There were three different sessions during the afternoon. The first one was a general session for all the seniors and the other two were vocational group conferences.
DUES COLLECTORS
Treasurer Bob Gidel, William Britton, and Harry Muffley are shown here collecting dues for the senior picnic. The picnic was held at Mueller Heights on Friday afternoon, May 26. There was a softball game played, dancing was enjoyed, and a box lunch was served to all present.

Marjorie Williams: Liberal Arts and Science
Hobby: Skating.

Don Whitten: Liberal Arts and Science

Sophia White: Stenographic
Hobbies: Music, reading.

Mary Williams: Liberal Arts and Science
Activities: Tri-Y '36; G.A.A. '37; Junior Program Committee '36; High Honor Certificate '38.
Hobbies: Music, sports.

Martha Williams: Liberal Arts and Science
Activity: Agora.
Hobby: Knitting.

Robert E Wilson: Liberal Arts and Science
Activities: Rotoro '38, '39; Poetry '38, '39; Review Story Contest (honorable mention) '38, '39; Thalia: Senior Play.
Hobbies: Writing, nature lore, dramatics, archery, stamp and coin collecting, photography, antique collecting, hunting, and fishing.

Jack Willson: Liberal Arts and Science
Activity: Senior Social Committee.

Ruth Willis: General

Frank Wiley: Liberal Arts and Science
Activities: Forum, President '38; Debate '37, '38, '39; Honor Certificate '36, '38; High Honor '37; Business Manager "Tryrating Place" '37; Sophomore Parliamentation '36, '37; Observer '37, '38, '39; Representative to N. S. P. A. '38.
Hobbies: Stamps, convertibles.

Bill Wilson: Liberal Arts and Science
Activities: Senior Property Committee: Tennis '39.

Rosemary Wilson: General
Hobbies: Shows, walking, sports.

Perry Weylly: General
Hobby: Aviation.

Alberta Wingler: General
Hobby: Collecting china dogs.
Lois Winger; Liberal Arts and Science
Hobbies: Collecting flowers and plants.

Opal Wieseley; General
Activity: A Cappella Choir.
Hobbies: Reading, skating.

Violet Williams; Commercial Bookkeeping
Hobbies: Reading, swimming, dancing.

Charlotte Wismer; Liberal Arts and Science
Hobbies: Contract bridge, architecture.

William Wilson; Liberal Arts and Science
Activity: Junior Chorus '38.
Hobby: Collecting sport pictures.

Barbara Wilhelmy; Liberal Arts and Science
Activities: Aristos '37, Junior Glee Club '37, Mixed Glee Club '37, '38, '39, "Blossom Time" '39.
Hobbies: Sports, riding.

Robert Wittke; General
Activities: Camera Club '37, '38, '39, Chairman of Ring and Pin Committee '37, '38, '39.
Hobby: Photography.

Barbara Woodcock; Liberal Arts and Science
Activities: Verse Choir, Debate Club '37, '38, '39; Chairman Scholastic Committee '37, '38; Ring and Pin Committee; Senior Class Play; Decanos; High Honor Certificate; Silver Delta.

Bette Wood; General
Hobbies: Swimming, reading, piano playing.

Winifred Wolfer; Liberal Arts and Science
Activities: Poetry Club '37, Bank Cashier '37.
Hobby: Playing the piano.

Byno Young; Commercial Bookkeeping
Hobbies: Collecting stamps, model airplanes, music.

Edward Yatsko; Liberal Arts and Science
Activities: High Honor Certificate '37; Honor Certificate '38; Sophomore Athletic Committee; Decanos '38.

Norma Young; Commercial Stenographic
Activities: Sophomore Orientation Committee; Tri-Y '37, '38, '39, President '39, Aristos '38, '39, Parliamentarian '39.
Hobby: Sports.

Mildred Zerfowaki; Liberal Arts and Science
Hobbies: Sewing, reading.

CLASS DAY COMMITTEE
A 1950 ultra-modern train made up the background of the senior class day program on May 26. Singers, dancers, an orchestra and a magician entertained the 1939 seniors. Jean Burdick and members of her committee arranged this program.
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OFFICERS OF MID-YEAR CLASS 1940

Front row: Sol Rosenberg, vice-president; Marguerite Hale, secretary; Ruth Hughes, parliamentarian; Oscar Broyer, president.

Top row: Charles Daly, treasurer; Edward Skelley, Warren Smith, Jerome Pfile, serjeants-at-arms.

Charles Ashenfelter
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William Bowman
Virginia Breeze
Raymond Brown
Vlba Bell
Leona Binstead

Robert Blickle
Esther Barker
Paul Best
Florence Brandon
Irwin Bradley
Virginia Bozarth
Betty Collins

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Marian Culver
Helen Causey
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Adabel Clifton
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Gloria Geissinger
Maurice Garver
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Walter Heizer
Jack Holloway

Rosa Hawkins
Helen Jenkins
Richard Jones
Toolu Karelas
William Kush
Dorothy Lacey
Virginia Lambert
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Dorothy Murphy
Betty McDaniel
Armand Miller
Eva Moore
Darrell Nelson
Herbert Nichols

Robert Pollard
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Front row: David Bailey, president of the Junior Council; Barbara Gaugher, secretary of the Junior Council; James Christman, president.

Top row: Nancy Downing, treasurer; Ralph Hubble, vice-president; Margaret Baker, secretary.

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Rosella Brown
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Robert Conner

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Dorothy Harper
Frank Hull
Crystal Hill

William Hood
Alice Herreid
James Hall
Foster Housley
Richard Howenstine
Betty Harris
Pauline Hockaday

Mary Hendrian
George Henson
Tom Hendrix
Silver Hurt
Marjorie Hobbs
Martha Hansen
Lillian Higgins

Eunice Scroggins
Fred Horne
Norma Jean Hoskinson
Orville Harlan
Tom Highland
Harold Hoffman
Anna Lou Hershberger

Faye Hansen
William Hamilton
Shirley Hale
Charles Hazenfield
Margery Hill
Harold Hutson
Virginia Ivens

Bill Ince
Edward Imboden
Dorothy Isaac
Clare Johnson
Florence Johnson
Frances Jackson
Paul Jeter
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Jean Johns
William Johnson
Helen Johnston
Laurence Joynt
Irvin Johnson
Evelyn Johnson
Helen Johnson

Marjorie Johnson
William Jeardon
Marie Jones
Mildred Kwasney
Henry Koshinski
June Kincard
Girard Keil

Angelina Keris
Mary Helen Krajewski
Jim Keris
Cloyd Kerr
Mary Ellen Kuecher
Edith Karloski
Thelma Keontz

Arnold Kopetz
Lorraine Kinsler
Marjorie Kepper
Betty Jane Kruger
Katherine Karelas
Ben Kelly
Helen Kuhns

Solen Kranakis
Geraldine Kalilah
Christine Layton
Bruce Leonard
Betty Lee Lytle
Eloise Loran
Faith Leonard

Mary Kathryn Levei
Anna Laughen
Thomas Lewis
Betty Layher
Helen Leas
Eugene Lindamood
Bill Long

Jack Lowry
Ruth Lail
Alice Lemmon
Mary Long
Lila Mae Larson
Robert Logan
Bill Lukey

James Logan
Berles Matthes
Charlotte Monical
Ray Marvin
Harold Morrison
Cynthia Meseke
Gene Martin

Lynn Martin
Janice Martin
Marjorie Matthews
Jeanette Minick
Elmer Major
Sally Martin
Charles Moore

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Walter Molash
Lillian Mann
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Joe Markwitz
Thelma Miller

Gertrude Meyer
Ellenace Miller
Jeanette Morenz
Marjory Magill
Alice Murray
Norma Miller
Jean Morey

Viola Muck
Erma Miller
Celia McDaniel
Juanita McCormick
Eleanor McMillen
Robert McVold
Charlotte McKay

Marie McQueen
Norma Jean McGuire
John McNutt
William McDaniel
John McKee
Wallace McCan
Warren McCarley

Norma Nelson
Mary Ruth Nixon
Mary Catherine Nelson
James Nalley
Barbara Neustadt
Louise O'Hern
Carl Olsen

Marvin Ogleby
Irena Olsen
Nancy Ogleby
Betty Overley
Constance Orrington
Jean Pence
Peggy Prince

Velma Pate
Vivian Pate
Marion Pleussard
Audrey Pensinger
Lester Purdue
Doris Peters
Eleanor Ponewash

Hugh Peck
Pauline Polen
Dorothy Purdue
June Pier
Helen Putnam
Lorena Pride
Jean Patton

Walter Pusey
Jessie Potter
Kenneth Queen
Winston Roy
Joe Rademacher
Norma Ronick
Maxine Rees
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Sol Rosenberg
Irene Reynolds
David Roberts
Geraldine Robertson
Ray Bearick
Helen Roby
Kedric Robinson

Ruth Rotenberry
Alice Rayfington
Lloyd Reddix
Betsy Roberts
Robert Roderick
Alice Rinehart
Dick Rankin

Jo Ann Rose
Burrell Reed
Harriet Rodgers
Dorris Richards
Virginia Roberts
Madeline Sprunger
Agnes Schlacier

Frank Schultz
Kathleen Stevens
Eugene Spencer
Thelma Smith
Bob Smith
Mary Scrimsher
Eugene Seeforth

Mary Jane Secrest
Glenn Sewers
Betty Sharpe
Bill Smith
Elise Skelley
John Shaw
Flora Spitler

Harry Stoddart
Marjorie Scott
Charles Spiker
Jeanette Spencer
Jim Smith
Betty Smith
Albert Schwarz

June Snyder
Deane Sensenbaugh
Betty Thompson
John Shoemacher
Ebel Storkey
Rollins Short
Eleanor Stafford

William Stanley
Florence Singleton
Richard Shelley
Dorothy Streight
Sam Scardello
Virginia Trolia
Jed Tucker

Jean Tallman
Clark Tarrant
Helen Thomas
Joy Thomas
Marilyn Travis
Lucille Tomalia
Dorothy Taylor

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Ted Ashemos

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Joanne Allsup
Doreatha Barr
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Faye Soham
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Marian Blankenburg

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Bill Hedrick
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Beasie Harrington
Maxine Hoyt
Betty Hogar

Arden Hamman
Norma Jean Hiser
Audrey Hazelrigg
Phyllis Hanes
Jacqueline Howard
Mary Jane Hazel
Frank Higgins

Jacqueline Harrington
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Norma Hess

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Ernestine Jordan
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Betty Johnson
Louise Johnson

William Janssen
Erika Jordan
Dorothy Kaminski
Betty Koeppe
Betty Mulliken
Margorie Kennedy
William Kileen

Bob Klausmier
Bob Kinsler
Betty Kiser
Robert Ruth Kern
Dorothy Kruefska
Edith Karlaski
Helen Karlaski

Carl Kosloski
Betty Kitch
Marguerite Kurek
James Kinter
Robert Karlaski
Alice Lindberg
Mervil Logue
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Dan Liese
Lois Long
Clerabelle Ligan
Jeanne Lichtenberger
Betty Luprafta
Darrell Leach

Eileen Leach
Mary Lawson
Hilda Lucha
Lorraine Lucas
Martha Merriam
Pauline Mercer
Evelyn Maxey

Bernard Martin
Alice Maybesh
Mary Martin
Helen Martin
Geraldine Meyers
Jean Mann
Bill McGinnis

Jack March
June Macklin
Virginia Marcellus
George Meischbauler
Virginia McKenna
Mary Metzler
Marjorie Metzger

Virginia Morenz
Arthur McConnell
Delores McCarty
Elizabeth McKenzie
Willis Mooney
Madeline Musgroves
Dorothy Martin

Margaret Mims
Bill Marriott
Frances McLean
Jack Murphy
Nelya Jordan
Grace Nelson
Edward Neuendorf

John Oldweiler
Isabelle Osgood
Betty Orey
Walter Ormond
Opal Owens
Anne Oliver
Jean Owen

John Osborne
Betty Osborne
Juanita O’Dell
Iris Odell
Helen Parker
Grace Prifts
Joanne Patterson

Keith Peters
Zetamas Parker
Vona Lee Patterson
Jacqueline Paye
Jaye Peil
Darlene Peterson
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Billy Payne
Harris Peel
Richard Quick
Mary J. Robinson
Raymond Rowsand
Roberta Roberts
Karl Robertson
Bill Redmond
Betty Robards
Mildred Rankin
Edith Ridgely
Maurice Reed
Mary K. Rodgers
Bill Roth
Catherine Schaffer

Edgar Scammahorn
Barbara Stauber
Sally Sproat
June Smith
Elaine Smith
Mariette Schmidt
Charles Schaaf
Joe Stewart
Ruth Smith
Marcia Stookey
Shirley Sands
Betty Stratman
Ruth Scheiter
Verne Storey
Sally Sly
Stella Serak
Bill Silver
Leonard Schultz
Roscoe Streight
Marguerite Schramm
Ralph Skinner
Robert Swift
Gerry Schuyler
Mildred Shadoan
Leo Severe
Betty Smick
Fredabel Staln
Roy Stroyeck
Geraldine Schroat
Margaret Scanlan
Blaine Sunderland
Kenneth Thompson
Elaine Tovns
Alfred Tick
Morris Tucker
Virginia Thornell
Joe Tungsney
Evelyn Treaza
Edna Taylor
Wilburn Voss
Norma Vaughn
Betty Van Meter
Jimmie Vaughn
Betty Wells
Louise Weston
Ralph Wilcox
Maxine Whitney
Harold Woller
Mary Jane Waltrip

Helen Wilson
Helen Wills
Virginia Willis
Marilyn Wood
Loraine Wolf
Mary Wierman
Paul Walters

Jim Williams
Lee Watson
Virginia Walton
Billy White
Jane Wason
Margaret Wakefield
Harold Wingfield

Emil Wells
Maurine Witt
Jane Waddell
Kenneth Wright
Betty Walker
Claud Young
Amy Young

Loraine Hessinger
Clark Kikolla
Frank Traver
Eartha Jones

**Sophomore Class**

**Sophomore Committees**

**Program:** Durwood Imgrund, James Ducey, Helen Freed, John Williams, Frances Picknell, Evelyn Treado, Loretta Hendricks, Betty Gidel, Emil Wells.

**Social:** first semester: Angie Keras, Isabelle Osgood, Martha Hanson, Lorna Skow, Jacqueline Paye, Jayne Peel, Mary Kersch, Evelyn Maxey, Jacqueline Howard, Denny Pease, Betty Kitch, Darrell Latch, Ruth Scheiter, David Byers, Jean Gullett; second semester: Darlene Peterson, Jacqueline Paye, Jacqueline Howard, Jean Owen, Jayne Peel, Marcia Stookey, Gertrude Weiner, Frances Picknell, Isabelle Osgood, Evelyn Maxey, Darrell Latch, Mary Kersch, Jack Smith, Phillip Tinch, Bill Payne, Maurice Dunker, Gene Cloyd, Betty Kitch, and Ruth Scheiter.

**Scholastic:** Robert Klausmier, Pearl Bacopulos, Margaret Duerr, Shirley Hope, Will Jaizembski, James Wamick, Mary C. Nelson.

**Orientation:** Jean Pense, Mary Nelson, Iris Hebrig, Virginia McLemon, James Ducey, Joe Markwitz, Charles Grojean, Harris Peel.

**Athletic:** Dean Buckles, Charles Johnson, Bill Sipes, Jack Schiminski, Russell Oplinger, Virginia Thornell, Norma Peak, Betty DeGrush, J. D. Harper.

**Finance:** Jack Parsons, Robert Rutledge, Richard Quick, George Reynolds, Madeline Sprunger, Donald White, Helen Lunn, Robert Augustine, Harris Peel.

**Safety:** Robert Daut, J. D. Trimmer, Mary Van Cleve, James Kintner.

**Local History:** Lorraine Pannek, Helen Martin, Mildred Shadoan, Al Geisler, Marilyn Wood.

**School Welfare:** James Williams, Shirley Sands, Iris Odell, Harold Carr, Maxine Reich, Joe Stewart, Noel Lawson, Emily Adams, Joe Gibbs, Thelma Burk, Dick Postlewait, Eleanor McMillen, Margaret Falk, Alice Lindberg, Isola Nelson, Berry Camp, Josephine Peters.

**Music:** Joan Patterson, Jean Patton, Jayne Peel, Walter Pusey, Walter Quick.
As the surroundings of the lake increase its value to the community, so do the extracurricular activities of Decatur High School make of the students more alert and responsible citizens.
ADDED INTERESTS
CHARACTERS

Cora, the maid .................................................. Helen Hupp
Fredel, the butler .............................................. Harold Fletcher
Alda ................................................................. Jean Ray
Duke ................................................................. Lloyd Smith
Stephanie .......................................................... Marguerite David
Princess ............................................................ Henrietta Martin
Baron Cesarea ....................................................... Ted Warren
Rhoda ............................................................... Betty Meisenhelter
Corrado ............................................................ Robert Frank
Eric ................................................................. James Wright
Grazia ............................................................... Jeanette Flynn
Prince Sirki ........................................................ Dale Shaffer
Major Whitehead ................................................ Robert Ivens

SYNOPSIS OF SCENES

THE TIME—Now.
THE PLACE—The Great Hall in Duke Lambert’s Castle in Italy.

ACT I—The Great Hall in the Castle of Duke Lambert. Late evening in October.
ACT II—The same. Three nights later.
ACT III—The same. Eleven-thirty, the same night.

STAFF
Scenery .................................................. Wilbur Coon, Fred Balding
Stage Manager ................................................. Rexford Elliott
Stage Properties ................................................ Eldo Smith
Business Manager ............................................ Elma B. Goldinger
Assistant Business Manager .................. Robert Montgomery
Director .................................................. Elizabeth Connard

USHERS
Eldo Smith, Orville Allen, Ralph Lippincott,
Henry White, Thomas Stephens, Harold Hood,
Donald Baldis, Dale Willis, Russel Bentley,
Kenneth Ferguson, Carl Pollard, Orville Hendrickson.

"DEATH TAKES A HOLIDAY"

MID-YEAR SENIOR CLASS
1939
CAST

Mrs. Dermott ............................................ Katharine Songer
Her Children— ...........................................
Oliver ....................................................... William Britton
Evangeline ............................................... Margery Duncan
Sylvia ...................................................... Barbara Woodcock
Bobbie .................................................... Dean Madden
Joyce ...................................................... Lucille Dunker
Daniel Davis, her brother ......................... Robert E. Wilson
Mrs. Cramble ........................................... Suzanne Calhoun
Faith Cramble ........................................... Donna Dea Forney
Griggs ..................................................... Forrest Trowbridge

THE SCENE:
Mulberry Manor, Mrs. Dermott's house, a few miles out of London.

ACT I—A late afternoon in winter.
ACT II—A summer afternoon eighteen months later.
ACT III—The following morning.

Entr'acte music by High School Orchestra
under the direction of Mr. Rex Rees

PRODUCTION

Business Manager ......................................... Guy Centner
Assistant Business Manager ......................... Paul Simmons
Properties ............................................... Miss Ruth Brown, Adviser;
                                                                  Shirley Freidinger, Chairman, Pauline Augustine,
                                                                  Phyllis Thrasher, Martha Henry, Marjorie Fleming,
                                                                  Betty Jo Belden, Marybelle Patterson, Evelyn Hammer,
                                                                  Ann Norman, Bill Wilson, Jack Logan, George Eshelman, Bob Moorehead, James Grandfield.
Staging ................................………………... Mr. K. B. Wilson, Adviser;
                                                                  Bob Snake, Jim Vording, Jack Holloway, John Griffiths, Vern Hussey, Burrell Reed, Tom Jack.
Makeup .................................................... Miss Helen Gorham, Mrs. Wilmer Lamar
Prompter .................................................. Phyllis Budrow
Assistant .................................................. Normadean Price
Director ................................................... Miss Katherine Studier
Advisor of Senior Class ............................... Miss Mary Carroll

"I'LL LEAVE IT TO YOU"

JUNE-SENIOR CLASS PLAY
1939
PROGRAM

Prelude—Joy To the World..........................Handel
Clarinett Quartette

Processional—Adeste Fidelis..............13th Century Hymn

Break Forth, O Beauteous, Heavenly
Light ........................................Johann Sebastian Bach

Clear And Calm Was That Holy
Night ........................................Alexander Nikolsky

Lo, How A Rose E’er Blooming ........Michael Praetorious

Slumbar Song of the Madonna..............Colin Taylor
Girls’ Ensemble and Jeanne Buckley

Scripture—Christmas Story from St. Luke
William Britton

Response—Beautiful Saviour............P. Mellius Christiansen

Solo—Christmas Chimes..................Bernard Hamblen
Norman Dial

A Legend..............................Peter Tschaikowsky

A Joyous Christmas Song ................F. A. Gevaert

Solo—O Rest In The Lord................Felix Mendelssohn
Grace Tucker

God Rest You Merry, Gentlemen ....Old English Carol

The Holly And The Ivy ................Arranged by Boughton
Pat-A-Pan.............................Old French Carol

Madrigal Singers

O Blest Are They......................Tschaikowsky-Cain

Cradle Hymn .............................Christiansen

Silent Night ............................Gruber-Wetzel

Benediction ..........................Rev. Carrel W. Flewelling

Response—The Lord Bless You
and Keep You......................Peter C. Lutkin

CHRISTMAS VESPERS

A CAPPELLA CHOIR
1938
CAST OF CHARACTERS

Franz Schubert ........................................... Creighton Lewey
Baron Schober ........................................... Robert Parrish
Vogl, Opera Singer ....................................... Jack Davis
Mitzi ....................................................... Eileen Eberhardt
Fritzi ........................................................ Jayne Peel
Kitzi ........................................................... Ruth Fesler
Bellabruna, Opera Diva ................................... Jean Buckley
Binder ....................................................... Ted Dawson
Erkmann ..................................................... Robert Hill
Kuppelweiser, a poet ..................................... John Eberly
Von Schwind, an artist .................................... Robert Gidel
Gretz, the Kranz maid ..................................... Grace Catlin
Flower Girl .................................................. Madeline Meyer
Mr. Kranz ................................................... Albert Schwarze
Mrs. Kranz .................................................. Barbara Gauger
Count Schramoff, Bellabruna's husband .......... Girard Kell
Mrs. Coburg, Schubert's landlady .................... Henrietta Kortum
Novotny, detective ....................................... Robert Leake
Rosi, Bellabruna's maid ................................... Selma Weber
Waiter ........................................................ Donald Hudson

Chorus: Dorotha Barr, Thelma Burk, Helen Clouse,
        Ruth Empson, Dorothy Hall, Alice Herreid, Iris
        Herbrig, Norma Hess, Mary Ruth Hester, Beverly
        Anne Havener, Jane Hughes, Helen Hurley, Faith
        Leonard, Geraldine McCoy, Norma Jean McGuire,
        Isabelle Osgood, Jean Owen, Ruth Scheitter, Mar
        jorie Taylor, Phyllis Thrasher, Helen Troutman,
        Betty Ann Walther, Barbara Wilhelmy, Henry Bolz,
        Dale Catlin, Norwood Craighead, Jim Ducy, Rich
        ard Gillespie, Charles Grojean, Dale Gustin, Bill
        Harner, Robert Leake, Elwood Livesay, Percy Mar
        tin, Walter Quick, Robert Smoke, Robert Stromberg,
        Robert Turner.

Waiters .................................................... Archie Chilton, Richard Storitzum
Flower Girl ............................................... Margaret Flewelling
Musician .................................................... Robert Augustine, George Meisenhelter
Dancing Chorus: Clara Dawson, Barbara Fowler, Jean
        Gallott, Faye Bonham, Elizabeth Devore, Shirley
        Morison, Marcia Jean Wood, Mary Ellen Korsch,
        Donna Morgan, Joanne Patterson, Gertrude Weiner.

“BLOSSOM TIME”

A CAPPPELLA CHOIR
AND
MIXED GLEE CLUB
1939
Above is a picture from the first scene of the second act of the opera. It takes place in the garden of Mr. and Mrs. Schwarz, the parents of the two daughters who are getting married. The atmosphere is gay and lively as everyone is joyously celebrating the marriage of the two lovely girls. Standing, left to right, are Ted Dawson and Robert Hill; sitting, Jayne Peel, Barbara Gauger, Ruth Fesler, and Albert Schwarz.

The picture at the top right shows Jeanne Buckley, the temperamental diva, and the dashing Baron Schieber, Robert Parrish. In the second picture, the romantic song, "Tell Me Daisy," with Eileen Eberhardt and Creighton Lewey is portrayed.

The jolly group in the picture at the bottom of the page is around a table in a German garden. Standing, left to right, are Donald Hudson, Selma Weber, Henrietta Kortum, Grace Catlin, and Robert Leake. The four gentlemen around the table are Girard Keil, John Eberly, Jack Davis, and Bob Gidel.
Marshall Turner and Robert Hill were the presidents of A Cappella Choir for the first and second semesters respectively; vice-presidents were Malcolm Moomey and Girard Keil; Jane Hughes served as secretary for both semesters; treasurers were Robert Parrish and Archie Chilton; Creighton Lewey, with Ruth Gragg as assistant, acted as librarian for both semesters.

A Cappella Choir is a very active organization. Their first large activity of the school year was the Christmas Vesper service. In order to permit the whole school to attend this program, the choir gave the service three times. At a separate Sunday afternoon auditorium program the choir repeated the service for the public.

The cast for "Blossom Time" was chosen entirely from the choir. In this performance careful training in poise and expression as well as in voice was evident.

Easter Sunday the choir furnished the music for the ever-impressive sunrise service at Nelson Park. Besides these formal appearances, the choir has taken part in the educational broadcasts and has furnished programs for many social groups of Decatur.

In May the seniors of the choir made their last appearance in a Music Prom. Miss Alice Doll has been in charge of the choir this year.

A CAPPPELLA CHOIR

BOYS' NAMES
Sixth row: Warner Tippitt, John Tarr, Richard Biller.

GIRLS' NAMES
First row: Barbara Gauget, Doris Statham, Rosemary Collett.
Third row: Jessie Potter, Ruth Festler, Harriet Bolz, Grace Catlin, Leila Picker, Eileen Eberhardt.
Fifth row: Marcelline White, Margaret French, Margaret Falk, Mary Catherine Nelson, Ruth Gragg, Mary Jane Lock.
Sixth row: Jayne Peel, Dorothy Lovey, Faith Leonard, Jane Hughes.
Seventh row: Jeanie Buckley, Henrietta Kettum, Anna Lou Hershberger, Betty Wolther, Madeline Sprunger, Margaret Flewelling.
Eighth row: Geraldine McCoy, Sally Martin, Edistina McKeown, Norma Heise, Thelma Burk, Marjorie Hunt.
Second of the three voice organizations, the mixed glee club, had for their presidents the first and second semesters William Monson and Burnham Walraven respectively. The vice-presidents were Scottie Willford and Bob Snoke; Katherine Karelas was secretary of the whole club first semester, and Robert Lease served for the boys the second semester and Joan Patterson served the girls; treasurers were Jean Patton and Bill Cressler; accompanists were Jayne Peel and Clare Jacobs.

While the cast for "Blossom Time" was chosen from the A Cappella Choir, the chorus for the opera was comprised almost entirely of students from the mixed glee clubs. Also this group took efficient charge of the ticket sales, helped with costumes and properties, and with the making up of the chorus.

The mixed glee club members formed part of the choir that gave the Easter sunrise service and later in the spring gave a radio broadcast over the local station. They joined with the other musical clubs to give the Music Prom in May.
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JUNIOR CHORUS

Top row: Delmar Jackson, Kurt Baginski, Billy Wappner, Harold Doddik, Jack Hess, Frank Hull.


Fourth row: Virginia Burnam, Marjorie Gallagher, Virginia Thorndell, Emily Adams, Mary Jane Erwin, Dorothy Weand.

Fifth row: Edna Taylor, Dariles Tuttle, Helen Wilson, Patricia Calhoun, Barbara Emert, Shirley Busch.

Sixth row: Doris Vanderpool, Elmyra Johnson, Mary Ward, Mildred Tangrey, Ruth Black, Betty Christensen.


Eighth row: Louise Johnson, Jacqueline Howard, Virginia McLenon, Dorothy Reynolds, Helen Green, Elizabeth Devore.

Ninth row: Fredabel Saltan, Evelyn Quigley, Thelma Niccum, Helen Grabanski, Myrtle Blankenburg, Jean Pence.

Teeth row: Miss Doll, Pauline Mercer, Frances McLean, Jean Dancey, Loycie Jenkins, Georgia Embanks.

Eleventh row: Ellamae Miller, Wylmarose Miller.

VERSE CHOIR

LOWER PANEL

First row: Dorothy Palmer, Helen Brouhard, Margaret Dunne, Audree Hasindale, Lorraine Rensing, Peggy Prince.


Third row: Dorothy Stacey, Norma Jean Hoskinson, Alice Murray, Jeanne Buchanan, Wanda Simpson, Dorothy Kaminaki.

Fourth row: Thomas Bryant, Richard Shelley, John Shoemaker, Miss Stapp, Pauline Brandenburg, Margaret Hickey.

Fifth row: Edgar Scammahorn, Nicholas Greanias, Percy Martin, Charles Schaad, Jack Parks, Elton Darling.

Verse choir meets every week under the adviser-
ship of Miss Helen Stapp. Students who belong to
the organization learn to use their voices in the in-
terpretation of both poetry and prose. To establish
harmony and create rhythm are two objectives in
the choir’s presentations.

For officers during the first and second semesters
of this year Verse Choir selected: presidents, Richard
Shelly and John Shoemaker; vice-presidents, Mollie
Lou Wrench and Helen Green; secretaries, Alice Mur-
ray and Wanda Rose Simpson; treasurers, Peggy
Prince and Norma Jean Hoskinson; sergeants-at-arms,
Norma Jean McGuire and Nick Greanias; parliamen-
tarian for both semesters, Mary Margaret Hickey;
librarians, Gertrude Shockey and Cora Brian; press
reporters, John Shoemaker and Richard Shelley.

A Hallowe’en party, a Christmas party, and social
meetings twice the second semester, on Valentine’s
Day and at an early spring picnic were held in addi-
tion to the regular meetings.
In Junior Art League beauty is observed and enjoyed in nature and in the work of man.

This organization meets every Wednesday under the advisement of Mrs. Meyers. Some of the meetings were held at the Art Institute. At one of these Mr. H. K. Shekerjean of Persia lectured on "Antique Oriental Rugs." Another lecture of water colors was given for the group by Mr. Adams. At a display of Japanese prints shown by James Millikin University, Mr. Adams lectured again on oriental art.

An exhibit of Royal Douton china at Post's Jewelry Store and the winter style show at Gebhart-Gushard's were visited. Autumn, spring, dollar-day, and holiday decorations and window displays were studied at the stores.

Other meetings were given over to the discussion of new industrial designs in automobiles, airplanes, trains, buildings, and furniture; to reports on the exhibit of paintings in Bloomington; and to description of the artistic arrangement of the World's Fair in San Francisco and the World's Fair in New York.

Two dances were given. A scene from "Artists and Models", held on October 21, is shown. A Spring dance was held on April 14. Both dances were in the high school gymnasium. The decorations and favors were made by members of Junior Art League.

Presidents for the society, first and second semesters, were Jack Lowry and Robert Earnest; vice-presidents, William Winter and Madalyn Mack; secretary both semesters, Suzanne Calhoun; treasurers, Robert Daubenspeck and James Aldridge; sergeants-at-arms, Richard Thompson and George Hartman, Clark Tarrant and Jack Vandervoot; press reporters, Margery Longbrake and Florence Kitson; parliamentarians, Jeanette Brown and Irene Reynolds.

The presidents of Poetry Club first and second semesters were Mollie Lou Wrench and Robert E Wilson; Dorothy Palmer was vice-president for the entire year; secretaries were William Kriegbaum and June Kincaid, treasurers were Elton Darling and Helen Maynard.

The objective of this organization is to write and study verse. Poems written by the members are read, discussed, and then revised. Although the membership of Poetry Club is not large, it consists of students really interested in poetry analysis and writing. Miss Helen Stapp founded the club several years ago and acts as its adviser.
THALIA

Presidents for Thalia last semester and this were Guy Center and Shirley Freidinger; vice-presidents were Robert Parrish and Guy Center; secretaries were Creighton Lewey and Jed Tucker; treasurers were Alice Herred and Joanne Patterson.

Members of Thalia analyze and compare plays. They study stage terms, effective color combinations for productions, and proper use of make-up. They practice all types of acting and give impromptu sketches.

Last semester several meetings were devoted to serious practice acting. At one session laughs were studied. Suzanne Calhoun presided at a meeting early in December to demonstrate different types of basic make-up. Phyllis Budrow was used as a model for a straight make-up and afterwards for one denoting old age. Creighton Lewey showed the technique of applying nose putty with Phyllis Porter as a model.

A Shakespearean farce in three acts made the program for another meeting. This kind of play is a burlesque on a sophisticated piece of work.

"What's Wrong Here?" was the title of a production given by some of the older members to demonstrate obvious errors often made on the stage. No costumes and no scenery were used in order to make mistakes more glaring. Bad forms of grouping, hiding behind a newspaper while speaking, and poor carriage while crossing the stage were some errors exhibited. After the faults were pointed out and discussed, the sketch was correctly given.

Thalia gave a one-act play before the sophomore class as one of its last projects of the year. This was done to give the younger members of the school an idea of the type of work done in Thalia.

MASK AND WIG

No officers are chosen for Mask and Wig. Miss Elizabeth Connard is their adviser and all of the members share the responsibility of making this dramatic club a success.

"Rehearsal", a book dealing with some phases of stage movements, was studied during the second semester. Such topics as entrances and exits, stage groupings, facial expressions, projection of voice, and taking and giving stage directions were considered in the year's work.

Besides giving programs and sketches during regular meeting hours, Mask and Wig presented two broadcasts. These consisted of skits and were sent from WJBL.

Top row: Tom Jack, Dean Madden, Jack Halloway, Harrison Fischer, Robert Faith.
Second row: Marguerite Hale, Marybelle Patterson, Virginia Lambert, Bette Powell, Ruth Fesler.
Bottom row: Eva Mae Smeltzer, Ruth Smith, Jean Garrison, Norma Jean Boatinson, Alice Murray, Wanda Simpson.
ARISTOS

Organized to create interest in literature and to encourage social activities, Aristos meets weekly under the advisership of Miss Stapp. Although the younger of the girls' literary societies, this group has a membership of fifty. Work in the society during the first semester has always centered around the inter-society contest. The effort put forth by the members, as contestants are chosen, results in many fine pieces of work.

On the Monday before Christmas Aristos held its Christmas party in the high school cafeteria. Its largest social function the second semester honored the members of the June graduating class. Each semester parties were given for the incoming sophomores.

The officers of Aristos for the first and second semester were: president, Betty Foster and Wanda Simpson; vice-president, Wanda Simpson and Suzanne Calhoun; secretary, Joy Turner and Mary Jane Camerer; treasurer, Alice Herreid and Marjory Magill; sergeants-at-arms, Faith Leonard and Florence Friend; parliamentarian, Jean Buchanan and Norma Young.

Agora and Aristos held a picnic last October which turned out to be a huge success. A group of the girls around the fire is shown. Almost every member of each society attended and took part in the entertainment. Miss Lois Yoder, adviser of Agora, and Miss Stapp chaperoned the girls. In the picture they are to be seen in the center of the back row. After supper was eaten and the entertainment held, the girls sat around the fire and sang songs.

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Top row: Claire Burdick, Wanda Simpson, Betty Hartman, Zetamae Parker, Mary Martin, Maxine Temple.
Fifth row: Norma Houghton, Jean Buchanan, Lucy Pierce, Margaret Sconion, Betty Warren, Genevieve Patterson.
Sixth row: Florence Friend, Mary Jane Lock, Suzanne Calhoun, Joan Crouch, Betty Foster, Alice Murray.
Seventh row: Pauline Augustine, Norma Young, Frances Minor, Miss Stapp, Betty Kitch.

AGORA

Agora, whose objective is to promote a greater interest in literature, had for its officers during the year: presidents, Elizabeth Quinn and Virginia Lambert; vice-presidents, Lenore Roby and Marjorie Scott; secretaries, Betty Ann Henry and Alice Whitley; treasurer both semesters, Margaret Hale; sergeants-at-arms, Virginia Lambert, Evelyn Perry, and Peggy Prince, Ruth Hausbach; parliamentarians, Peggy Prince and Doris Flenniken; press reporters, June Kincaid and Shirley Hale; English critic, Marjorie Scott and Mildred Thornell.

A party each month was included in Agora's program for the year. The inter-society contest afforded the group material for many fall and early winter meetings.

The names of the members of Agora appearing in the picture are:
Top row: June Kincaid, Evelyn Perry, Doris Flenniken, Miss Yoder.
Third row: Ruth Smith, Ruth Hausbach, Margaret Hale, Virginia Lambert, Marjorie Scott, Alice Whitley.
Fourth row: Gloria Graham, Virginia Thornell, Beverly Hall, Emily Adams, Lenore Roby, Elizabeth Quinn.

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for first semester and Franklin Cloud and Ernest Spinner for second semester; social secretary, William Britton; parliamentarians, Junior Polluck and Jack Holloway.

**INTERSOCIETY BANQUET**

Honoring Rotaro and their adviser, Mr. Wilmer Lamar, the annual intersociety banquet was held March 14. Two scenes from this event are shown. In the upper picture is the speakers’ table. Mr. Thomas Armstrong, attorney-at-law, was speaker of the evening and Jack Halloway of Rotaro was toastmaster. “Listen, the Wind” was the theme for the banquet.

In the lower picture members of A Cappella choir are shown. These singers made part of the entertainment program.

Dean Madden was financial chairman; Wanda Simpson, program chairman; Robert Ernest, menu chairman; and Virginia Lambert, decoration chairman.

**FORUM**

Top row: Robert Parrish, Robert Allen, Jed Tucker, Kenneth Wilson, Mr. LaMarr, Dean Madden.

To encourage literary interest in Decatur High School, to promote intersociety events, and to provide perpetual existence for their own society are the objectives of Forum. The society is one of the oldest in the school; many of its present members are sons of former members.

The intersociety contest just missed having Forum for its victor this year. Two first places in the five events were won by Forum boys. Robert Parrish placed first in interpretative reading and Jed Tucker in dramatic reading.

Officers of Forum for the year were: president for first and second semesters, Frank Wiley and Dean Madden; vice-presidents Robert Parrish for both semesters; secretaries, Jed Tucker and Frank Wiley; treasurers, Louis Greenias and Jed Tucker; sergeant-at-arms, Paul Greenfield, Richard Shelley, first semester, and Harris Peel and Burnham Walraven the second semester. Parliamentarians were Robert Allen and Charles Grojean, while John Garver was press reporter for both semesters.
CHESS CLUB

Top row: Nate Greenberg, Robert Stroyeck, Earnest Spinner, Billy Jones, Richard French, Tom Armstrong.
Second row: Robert Burroughs, Mr. LeMarr, Jack Halloway, Clark Torrent, Ben Kelly, Tom Jack.
Third row: Robert Faith, James Robinson, Donald Falk, Billy Schilling, John Kutner, Dale Gustin.
Fifth row: Helen Johnston, Erwin Pianka, Junior Hassman, Foster Hauley, Leroy Hauck, Burne Flesher.
Sixth row: Alice Murray, Norma Hoakinnan, Helen Topping, Ruth Speagle, Margaret Hale, Merle Caussey.

To promote a more active interest in chess is the objective of the Chess Club which meets twice weekly under the direction of Mr. Paul LeMarr. An extensive tournament was conducted during the year. Nate Greenberg headed one team and Leroy Hauck the other. Erwin Pianka, Billy Schilling and Tom Jack were high men with their leader, Nate Greenberg. Leroy Hauck’s better players included Robert Burroughs, Ben Kelly and Richard French. These results were obtained at the end of March. The winning team was to be entertained by the losers.

Officers of Chess Club for the first and second semesters were: presidents, Robert Stroyeck and Jack Halloway; vice-presidents, Alice Murray and Tom Jack; secretaries, Tom Armstrong and Norma Jean Hoakinnan; treasurers, Ralph Meis and Nate Greenberg; parliamentarians, Jack Halloway and Tom Armstrong; sergeants-at-arms, Tom Jack and Nate Greenberg, and Ralph Meis and Billy Jones; press reporters, Harold Morrison and Alice Murray; property custodian, Foster Housley.

At the bottom of the page there is a scene from Chess Club. Meetings are usually held in the cafeteria because of good table space. Dues buy the equipment which remains the property of the organization.

CAMERA CLUB

Promotion of the art and science of photography in its various branches and, through the association of its members, study and entertainment in matters relating to photography are the objectives of Camera Club. The club is under the advisership of Mr. Roy Taylor.

Seven topics were chosen for meetings this year. These were “School Shots,” “About Town,” “Christmas Shots,” “Table Top Scenes,” “Portraits,” “Pets,” and “Spring Scenes.” The members entered contest pictures for each of these topics. Judges were well-known Decatur professional photographers or art directors. Each time a boy won a contest he was given a certain number of points. The greatest number of points at the end of each semester gave the owner a grand prize. Two parties were held each semester.

Officers of Camera Club first and second semesters were: presidents, John Elias and Merlin Stouffer; vice-presidents, Robert Wittke and Jerome Pifl; secretaries, Foster Housley both semesters; treasurer, Marilyn Williams and Kedric Robinson; sergeant-at-arms, Tom Armstrong.


The picture to the right was taken by Kedric Robinson and shows Merlin Stouffer on a ladder ready to take movies.
Providing a meeting place for girls of high school age who are interested in advance Girl Reserve work is the objective of Tri Y.

President of Tri Y for first and second semesters was Frances Minor; vice-presidents were Verena Shively and Norma Young; secretaries were Marjorie Scott and Mary Jane Lock; treasurers were Mary Jane Lock and Frances Picknell.

**CRYSTAL BIRD CLUB**

Top row: Doris Livingston, Cautious Jackson, Julia Carter, and adviser, Miss Helen Gorham.
Third row: Helen Wilson, Norma Hoskinson, Alice Murray, Mary Culver, Dorothy Pitrook, Lois Rose.
Fourth row: Eileen Hayren, Donna Frederick, Reba Kenley, Shirley Morrison, Mary Jane Lock, Norma Young.
Fifth row: Eileen Stonebreaker, Betty Weiser, Jeanette Dixon, Jane Pier, Ruby Wickline, Helen Fritchley.
Sixth row: Mary Dennis, Doris Hudson, Celia McDaniel, Virginia Ehron, Mary Lohns, Virginia Johnson.
Seventh row: Jean Pence, Mary Catherine Nelson, Merle Coursey, Maxine Reis, Jacqueline Willis, Selma Weber.
Eighth row: Miss Ruth Brown, Frances Minor.

**HI-Y**

Top row: David Roberts, Frank Trover, Don Campbell, John Britt, Tom Hendrix, Robert Roderick.

To create, maintain, and extend throughout the school and community high standards of Christian character is the objective of Hi-Y. Illinois is divided into Hi-Y districts. District number eleven includes Maroa, Clinton, and Decatur. Decatur Hi-Y club is affiliated with both state and national organizations. Mr. Westlund advises Hi-Y.

Donald Campbell and Richard Rankin were the first and second semester presidents of Hi-Y. Tom Hendrix and Dale Gustin were the vice-presidents; David Roberts was secretary both semesters; Dewey Lemings and Robert Roderick were the treasurers; Loyal Bridgeman and David Bailey were sergeants-at-arms; first semester, and Dewey Lemings and Joseph Jones were second semester. Burdette Gambrel was chaplain.
DEBATE CLUB

First row: Mr. Lamar, Frank Wiley, Barbara Woodcock, Pauline Augustine, Margaret French, Arden Gaddis
Third row: Helen Barnett, Harris Peel, Denny Pease, Floyd Kerr, Frank Schilts, Martha Hanson.

The Decatur High School Debate Club completed this year one of the most successful programs in its history. The extensive debate plan included participation in the Paris, Newton, Mattoon, Charleston, and Big Twelve debate tournaments and dual debates at Vandalia and DuQuoin. Decatur High School teams debated teams from Casey, Newton, Paris, Wiley High School of Terre Haute, Danville, Vandalia, Newton, DuQuoin, Charleston, Mattoon, Lincoln, Greenup, Urbana, Charleston Teachers College, and Olney. The large number of debates, all on the national forensic question, "Resolved, That the United States Should Form an Alliance with Great Britain," gave many members of the squad a chance to participate.

One of the high points of the season was the students' and critics' rating of Decatur first in the Mattoon tournament. Ten teams participated.

Fourteen members of the debate squad took part in a round table discussion on an Anglo-American alliance over WJBL on April 14. On April 17 the first teams, composed of: affirmative, Barbara Woodcock and Gus Greanias, and negative, Harris Peel and Frank Wiley, debated before and were honored by the Rotary Club in their regular luncheon at the Hotel Orlando.

This year Barbara Woodcock was president of the club and Pauline Augustine, vice-president.

The snapshot shows Mr. Lamar in the center of a debate group on one of their tours.
FRENCH HONORS

The High School French Conference is conducted for all high schools within a radius of ninety miles of the host city. This year the meeting was in Bloomington with nine schools taking part. Contests were prepared for first year, second year, and third year difficulty. Decatur won two first places, two second places, and a third place. Scoring was done by points, Bloomington scoring the most. Decatur second, Decatur Moria and Mattoon tying for third highest score.

In the panel above are most of the students winning in the contests for Decatur. Norma Jean Maguire is first in the upper row, then Ruth Gates, Jayne Peel, and Jean Owen. Below are Marcia Stockey, Martha Morris, and Gertrude Weiner. Norma Jean won first place in written grammar and composition for the first year students; Ruth Gates won first place in prepared reading and sight reading for third year students and also second place in reciting poetry. Betty Weiser, not in the picture, took third place in poetry recitation. Jean Owen, Jayne Peel, Marcia Stockey, Martha Morris, Gertrude Weiner, and Clara Dawson, not pictured, took second place in double trio group singing.

Fifteen contestants entered from Decatur in this meet of over two hundred students. A French luncheon was served and French songs sung. First prizes were French dictionaries. Decatur exhibited a map of France with letters from student of various cities in France to Decatur High School students.

LE CERCLE FRANCAIS

In the group picture below are: first row, Helen Freed, Gloria Hirsh, Ann Norman, Virginia Lambert, Alice Lindberg, Marcella Stubbs, and Helen Green; second row, Shirley Sonders, Betty Ann Barrett, Jewel Snyder, Barbara Stouber, Joan Allsup, Mary Lawson, Miss Larrimore; third row, Billy Kreigbaum, Elton Darling, Dale Jackson, Creighton Lewey, Jack Weatherford.

The objective of Le Cercle Francais is to learn to speak French and to learn more about the French people. The officers this year were: presidents, first and second semesters, Creighton Lewey and Ann Norman; vice-presidents, Helen Garner and Alice Lindberg; secretaries, Maxine Temple and Virginia Lambert; treasurers, William Kreigbaum and Gloria Hirsch; librarian, Jewel Snyder; critic and press reporter, Creighton Lewey and Barbara Stouber respectively.

INTERSOCIETY HONORS

Deserving of recognition in the list of high school honors are those literary students who won in the intersociety contest. In the panel below they are, left to right, Robert Parrish, Jed Tucker, Bettylee Lytle, and Jack Halloway. Robert is a member of Forum and won in the interpretative reading contest. Jed is also a Forum member and placed first in dramatic reading. Bettylee Lytle of Aristos received second place in humorous reading. Robert Edie, Rotaro, won first place but he has moved away from Decatur and no photograph of him was on file. Jack Halloway made Rotaro the winning society by capturing both the learned oration and the original speech contests.
Herald-Review Story Honors

An annual opportunity for Decatur High School students interested in short story writing is the Herald-Review Story Contest. Besides the honor attained by having his story receive favorable rating, the contesting author sees the story published in the local paper and, if his story is one of the five best, is awarded a cash prize as well.

Barbara Neustadt, a junior, won the first prize of fifteen dollars this year for her entry. "Sayonara," Japanese for "since it must be so," was the title of the story. Barbara's picture is first in the panel at the top of the page.

Second prize was awarded to Mavis Breuer, a sophomore. Mavis' picture is not shown. The title of her composition was "Death."

Joanne Allsup, whose picture is next to Barbara's, and Harris Peel, whose picture is first in the second row, won third and fourth places respectively. Both of these students are sophomores. Joanne's story was "Through the Window Pane" and Harris' was "That They May Never Know."

Suzanne Calhoun, a senior, won fifth prize with her "Dark Expedition." Suzanne's picture is next to Harris'.

Honorable mention was given to the fifteen people pictured in the panel on the left. The first row are Joan Crouch, Robert Tolin, Edgar Scammahorn; second row, Jane Hughes, Rosemary Applegate, Alice Hinton; third row, Genevieve Suhomski, Robert Wilson, Anna Lou Herschberger, fourth row, Mary Margaret Hickey, Jo Ann Rose, Helen Louise Garner; fifth row, Mary Ann Lawson; Robert Entrekin, Jane Waddell.

Judges for the contest were Mrs. Wilmer Lamar, Mrs. Donald Murphy, and Rabbi A. J. Feinberg. Awards were made in a double auditorium by Mr. Edward E. Lindsey of the Herald-Review staff.

Mr. Carlton F. Wells, head of the English department of the University of Michigan, upon being shown a copy of the paper containing these stories commented: "I like the idea of the contest—the wholesome motivation of such a project. And I am certainly impressed by that record of forty-three years. By this time the tradition of the story competition must have grown so surely that in 1996 Decatur will probably still be encouraging competent writing among the high school students by like means."
COMMERCIAL HONORS

Decatur High School placed first in the district commercial contest held in our school April 15. The teams which took part, like the athletic teams, were in training for several weeks before the contest. They practiced in the morning before school, after school, and during part of their class periods.

In the first picture at the top of the page is Mr. Nickel’s advanced typing team. Standing are Jean Burdick and Doris Cochran; seated are Alvena Kalins, Bette McEvoy, and Beulah Davenport. In the contest Beulah Davenport placed second in the amateur individuals typing event, while the team, Bette McEvoy, Doris Cochran, and Alvena Kalins, averaged 80.34 words per minute to take first place as a team. Alternates were Beulah Davenport and Jean Burdick.

The upper picture at the right is of Miss Brown’s beginning typing team. They are Marian Shugart, Mary Williams, Marshall Turner, Phyllis Thrasher, and Margaret Crum. The novice “A” team, with Marshall Turner, Margaret Crum, and Marian Shugart took first place with an average of 43.31 words. First place as an individual went to Margaret Crum. The alternates were Mary Williams and Phyllis Thrasher.

The first picture in the side panel is of Miss McCampbell’s first year shorthand team. In the top row are Vonna Constant and Helen Fink; in the bottom row are Ruby Vaughn, Florence Singleton, and Marcella Gorman. Shorthand 2 students comprised the 70 word team. They averaged 95% accuracy. In this event Ruby Vaughn was first, with Florence Singleton and Marcella Gorman second and third. Alternates were Vonna Constant and Helen Fink.

Miss Parker’s and Mr. Robinson’s teams are in the second picture. First row contains Florence Friend, Mary Louise Fink, Doris Cochran, and Lois Fitzgerald; second row, Bette McEvoy, Jean Burdick, and Frances Dunne. The 90 word shorthand team placed first with 54.546 and 6% errors. Doris Cochran, Bette McEvoy, and Lois Fitzgerald finished first, second, and third, respectively, for individual honors. Alternates were Jean Burdick, Mary Louise Fink, and Florence Friend.

In the 100 word shorthand event, the team made up of Doris Cochran, Lois Fitzgerald, and Florence Friend averaged 96%. As individuals Lois placed first, Florence second and Doris third. Alternates on this team were Jean Burdick, Mary Louise Fink, and Frances Dunne.

In the 120 word event, first place went to Bette McEvoy with Doris Cochran second and Lois Fitzgerald third. Alternates were the same as in the 100 word entry.

Miss Shapiro’s bookkeeping team is in the bottom picture. They are Virginia Marcellus and Margaret Hickey of the team, Robert Oberline and Lois Fitzgerald, alternates, and Lillian Higgins of the team. The average of 101.47 placed the team first. Robert Oberline took first honors as an individual with Virginia and Lois a close second and third.
SCHOLARSHIP HONORS

Honor lists for both valedictorian and salutatorian were made from the students pictured on this page. Starting with the lower panel they are: Betty Ann Bailey, Dorothy Bailey, Harriet Bolz, Bernice Bradfield, Phyllis Budrow, Jean Burdick, Dolores Crawford, Guy Cantner, Doris Cochran, Margery Duncan, Virginia Fagan, Mary Louise Fink, Lois Fitzgerald, Gus Greenias, Martha Greene, Ruth Gragg, Arden Godfis, Margaret Hickey, Beverly Higgins, Jane Hughes, Wyo-

man Lyons, Morris Reed, Margaret Riedel, Jean Shaw, Bette Shyer, Paul Simmons, Generoie Suhomak, William Stauber, Robert Turner, Barbara Turner, Burn-

ham Walraven, Betty Warnick, Charlotte Wissmer, Marcelline White, Barbara Woodcock, and Edward Yatsko.

These students became members of the National Honor Society at a special service held in the high

school auditorium in May. Other members of the senior class who were initiated with them were Leroy

Hauck, Geraldine McCoy, Opal Martin, Edistina McKee, Eleanor Burkholder, Mary Jane Lock, Dean

Madden, Florence Friend, Dorothy Ramsey, Creighton

Lewey, Madalyn Mack, Jeanne Hanson, Susanne Cal-
houn, Fred Ware, Mary Williams, Frank Wiley, Eloise

Donaldson, Sophie White, Marcella Stubbs, Francis


1940 mid-year graduates chosen for the society by

the faculty were Wilma Arnold, Evelyn Perry, Jack

Holloway, Marquerite Hale, Virginia Lambert, and

Juanita Buckner.

Twenty-three second semester juniors qualified also. These students were made members of the society at the service for the seniors and will be able to carry on its work next fall. The junior list includes Jean Johns, Dean Sensenbaugh, Jed Tucker, Barbara

Gauger, Eileen Eberhardt, Nancy Downing, Barbara

Neustadt, Jay Thomas, Dale Jackson, William Krig-

baum, Betty Weiser, Sally Martin, Joan Tallman, Mar-

garet Crum, Isola Nelson, Walter Schultz, Elmer Major,

Harriet Gill, Helen Fink, Richard Shelley, Harold Smith,

Henry Bolz, and Richard Geitz.

The basis for selection to the National Honor Society includes superior rating in scholarship, character,

leadership, and service. The charter for the Stephen

Decatur chapter was granted in May, the charter fee

being paid by the June 1939 class. Miss Georgia H.

Fischer is adviser of the group.
COMErrNCMENT PROGRAM

In the lower panel are Barbara Woodcock, salutatorian; Hilmer Landholt, orator; Jeannie Buckley, vocalist; and Maxine Radford, pianist. These students were selected by their classmates to appear on the commencement program in June.

After the valedictorian's name is removed from the high honor list, the class considers the remaining students for the salutatorian. The other students on the program are chosen from the whole class.

LINCOLN ESSAY CONTEST

Joan Crouch and Robert Parrish were announced the victors in the annual Lincoln essay contest early in February. At commencement an award of thirty dollars will be made to each. The late Mrs. Inez Bender bequeathed $1,000 to the high school to make these awards possible.

MARY W. FRENCH AWARDS

The lower pictures in the top panel are of Burnham Walraven and Jean Burdick, winners respectively of first and second honors in the Mary W. French awards. These students were selected from the whole senior class as best representing the type of graduate Miss French wished to reward. Soon after Miss French resigned from over forty years of teaching in the Decatur High School, she presented $1,000 to the school board to furnish a first award of $50 and a second award of $20 to be made at commencement time. The recipients of these gifts must be more than excellent students. They must be good citizens of the school and serve it unselfishly.

VALEDICTORIAN

Guy Centner was chosen from the list of thirty-seven high honor seniors by the faculty to be valedictorian of the June 1939 class. Besides having a very high scholastic average, Guy has been prominent in affairs of the school for three years. This honor is the greatest that the faculty can give.
Homeroom period on every Friday during the school year is a session not to be missed. It is then that the Observer is distributed to its subscribers. This method of circulation has been found to be much more satisfactory than any other ever tried. The weekly news is digested before classes for the day start.

Frank Wiley, whose picture heads the column at the left, has been business manager of the Observer this year. Last year he was in charge of the advertising. His experience and efficiency has produced a solvent and successful publication. The two girls appearing below him are Barbara Neustadt and Marybelle Patterson. Barbara is completing her second year with the Observer. She served on the advertising staff last year and has been advertising manager this year. Marybelle has been assistant business manager this year. She was in charge of the business part in the publication of the high school directory.

The next row reads from left to right: Beverly Higgins, circulation manager; Clyde Durham, circulation bookkeeper; and Mary Louise Fink, office manager. This year completed Beverly’s second upon the circulation staff. Donald Sullivan, whose picture is not shown, has been assistant office manager. In the next row are, John Garver, delivery manager; Tom Armstrong, collection manager; and Albert Schwarze, of the advertising department. The last row shows Carolyn Carmack, circulation department; Merlin Stouffer, photographer; John Elias, photographer.

"Take-off" dance, shown below, was the first dime dance of the school year. It was sponsored by the Observer to start off the social program of the school. Bill Oetzel and his eleven-piece orchestra supplied the music with Betty McLernon as vocalist. Favors of Hawaiian leis were presented to the girls and large airship balloons to the boys. The purpose of the dance was to create a friendly spirit between the Observer and its readers.

Mr. Mayo L. Magill is in charge of the business staff.
OBSERVER

Members of three press associations, the Observer strives to maintain a superior high school publication. Besides belonging to the Illinois High School Press Association, the Observer holds membership in the National Scholastic Press Association and in the Columbia Scholastic Press Association.

At the bottom of the page is Mrs. Norma C. Magnuson, with Louis Greanias on her right and Jed Tucker on her left. The picture was made at the meeting of the National Scholastic Press Association in Indianapolis last fall. Mrs. Magnuson is adviser of journalism of the Observer. At that time Louis Greanias was editor and Jed Tucker a member of the staff.

Joan Crouch, who was first news editor and then editor this year, appears in the picture at the top of the panel. Joan has been most outstanding in literary circles during her high school life and is to receive one of the Lincoln awards at commencement.

In the first row of smaller pictures are Jed Tucker, Betty Kitch, and Gus Greanias. Jed has been associate editor this year. He is a high honor student with a fine record in literary society and class activities. Betty has been news editor this past semester. She was promoted to this honor from the news staff. Gus has been sports editor the entire year. He has made a fine scholastic record in high school and will be graduated in June.

The second row contains pictures of Harriet Bolz, feature editor, Jean Burdick, editorial editor, and Dean Sensenbaugh of the news staff. Harriet and Jean are both candidates for gold deltas in scholarship at commencement. Dean has finished his junior year with high honors.

Ann Norman, Katherine Songer, and Robert Entrekin comprise the next row. They are, respectively, exchange editor, on the special staff, on the sports staff. In the last row are Phyllis Porter, typist; Marjorie Taylor, feature staff; and Tom Parkinson, editorial staff.

Miss Eleanor Wyne is adviser of the editorial staff, Miss Mary Louise Cameron is adviser of the feature staff, and Mr. Francis White is adviser of the sports staff.
In the twenty-sixth year of its publication, the Decanois has become a high school tradition. For the last few years members of the staffs have included a few juniors but the activity is distinctly a senior one. Less than twenty of the members of the two 1939 graduating classes did not care to include their pictures in this annual publication while over five hundred fifty have taken part in the book. Over nine hundred of the underclassmen have individual photographs in the junior and sophomore sections.

Burnham Walraven, whose picture is at the top of the page, is editor of the 1939 Decanois. Burnham is a candidate for a gold delta in scholarship, has been prominent in music activities, was a member of the track team and of Forum literary society.

In the upper panel of pictures are Margaret Hickey, Robert Turner, Bettie Ann Henry, Shirley Freidinger, Edward Yatsko, and Barbara Woodcock. Margaret and Robert were editors of the faculty division of the Decanois. They arranged for the departmental pictures on the faculty pages, obtained desired information about the teachers, and planned the mounting of the pictures. Bettie Ann Henry was in complete charge of the picture mounting in the annual. She was assisted by Edward Yatsko. Shirley Freidinger was class editor and Edward also assisted her in work on the mid-year class for the first time in many years quotations were supplied for the seniors. This was because of the size of the class. Barbara Woodcock was in charge of the activity pictures on the senior pages. The editor tried to include in these pictures seniors who played an active part in the year's activities and events that the seniors will want to remember.

The lower picture shows Pauline Augustine, typist;
DECANOIS STAFF

Robert Arnold, whose picture is shown at the right, has been the business manager of the 1939 Decanois. Robert served last year on the staff, one of his photographic successes having been used for the lining sheet of the 1938 book. This year he won second prize in the Decanois camera contest with the photograph used on the division sheet of this section.

All of the business staff worked the first semester to sell the advertising which supported the book. They were very successful in this project. In the informal picture Dean Madden and Paul Simmons are shown on their way to interview possible advertisers. The staffs and their advisers are deeply grateful to the business men and women who assisted the Decanois with their support.

At the top of the formal panel are Robert Allen and Guy Centner. The next row shows Nancy Downing, Eileen Eberhardt, and Virginia Fagan; the third row, Doris Gambrel, Wendell Jones, and Edistina McKeown; the last row, Dean Madden, Paul Simmons, and Robert Wilke.

ROBERT ARNOLD, Business Manager

Nancy, Virginia, and Doris were in charge of the Decanois desk before and after school. Other members of the staff assisted them. The boys worked with the girls in getting ad copy and in making out receipts and delivering them. Letters had to be mailed to the advertisers after the first proof came back from the printers.

The editorial and the business staff worked together on the snapshot pages. Both groups met the eighth hour Tuesday and Thursday during the school year. Part of the second semester certain members of each staff met every day.

The Decanois belongs to three press associations and this year received superior rating from the National Scholastic Press Association and medalist rating from the Columbia Scholastic Press Association on the 1938 Decanois. The Illinois Scholastic does not give ratings. Barbara Gauger was sent to the National Press conference in Indianapolis in the fall. Barbara will be a senior on next year’s staff.

Miss Margery Prestley is adviser of the editorial staff and Mr. John Perkins of the business staff.
They had successful performances double or one of group played under the direction of Frank Black. The program was:

**ORCHESTRA**

First row, left to right: Odell, Dennis, Hodge, Fraser, Greene, McConnell, Oakes.
Third row: P. Smith, Muck, Carmack, Picknell, Grammer, Imgrund.
Fourth row: Latch, Buttz, Dennis, Girard, Ritchard.
Fifth row: Hill, Catlin, Watson, Vording, Reddix, Doyle.
Top: Meiselhenkeller.

Another busy year has passed for D. H. S. orchestra. The membership this year is the largest it has ever been with 101 members.
The orchestra gave two fine half-hour concerts of Frank Black numbers for the P. T. A. and the sophomores. On February 27 and March 31 concerts were given over the regular school broadcasts. They also furnished the music for "I’ll Leave It To You", the June senior play. When the glee clubs gave their operetta, "Blossom Time", this spring, a small selected group played under the direction of Miss Doll.

Whenever anyone wants some music to round out a program, they call on Mr. Rees and the orchestra or one of his groups.

The Annual Concert! The only time of the year that our orchestra is in the spotlight instead of the pit, the time they work only for themselves and not someone else. They had successful performances at both the double auditoriums and the matinees for grade schools at Johns Hill. Their formal concerts were presented the evenings of April 27 and 28 at Johns Hill auditorium.
The program was:

"Mississippi"


"Poupee Valsante (Dolly Dances)" E. Poldini

"Four Castilian Sketches" Frederic Knight Logan


"Carmen Copers" arr. by Frank Black

"Egyptian Echoes" arr. by Frank Black

"Wagneria" arr. by Frank Black

The student leader is LaVerne Dunkel. The director is Mr. R. L. Rees.

FIRST VIOLIN—Mary Dennis, LaVerne Dunkel, Jean Cooper, Juanita Fraser, Norma Jane Wheeler, Betty Bonham, Cynthia Meseke, Viola Muck, Violet Broadbear, Iris Odell, Emily Greenberg, Mary Luckenbill, Sarah Delchman, Grace Tucker, Betty Stearns, Betty Lou Layher, June Kincaid, Peggy Prince, Margaret Scalam, Pauline Smith.

VIOLA—Robert Taylor.

STRING BASS—Lloyd Reddix, Dan Logan.

FLUTE AND PICCOLO—J. Robert Hill, Robert Burke.


SECOND CLARINET—Robert Smith, Elwin Grammer, Gene Williams, Thomas Wrench.

ALTO SAXOPHONE—Jean McMahan, Ruth Mary Kannady, Jack Dennis.

C. MELODY SAXOPHONE—Jack Lichtenberger.

TENOR SAXOPHONE—Jack Ruthrauff, Arthur McConnell.

FIRST CORNET—Bill Bauman, Pete Scardello, Charles Cook, Ralph Hubble.


HORN—Gene Morgan, James Nally, Paul Calamello.


TYMPANIS—Robert Wisher.

BELLS AND CHIMES—Clarence Ritchard, Jr.

TRAPS AND EFFECTS—James Vording.

BASS DRUM—Robert Snake.

SIDE DRUM—Art Girard, Bill Wappler, Jack Doyle.


PIANO "B"—Albera Hoffman, Frances Picknell, Mary Smith, Bernadine Conway, Lois Long, Caroline Carmack, Betty Hodge, Helen Brouhard.

First row, left to right: Bauman, Cook, Mackenzie, Scanlon, Prince, Kincaid, Conway.


Third row: Augustine, Freed, Bonham, Greenberg, Groszpitz, McQuire, Culumber.


Sixth row: Fogler, Snek, Oglesby, Morgan, Bolding, Ruthrauff, Jones, Williams, Robertson, Hubble.

Top row: Logan, Postlewalt, Burke.
The Decatur High School Redcoats have completed another year of community service. They were seen in their red and white uniforms at all the home football games last fall and added a crisp touch which made the games more enjoyable. Near the end of the football season the band was invited to Niantic Community High School to give a short concert. They played popular music and marches.

To many townsfolk and pupils the Redcoats were a big attraction at the basketball games, and to add to the appearance of the band each boy bought for himself a red jersey with “Redcoats” printed across the front in white letters. Each year of band work in high school entitles the musician to wear a bar on his sleeve. These sweaters were familiar objects during basketball and tournament seasons.

The music was furnished by the Redcoats for the laying of the cornerstone of the new Macon County Court House, for the Boy Scout Merit Badge Show held in the Decatur Armory, and for many other occasions too numerous to mention. These favors will be remembered by Decatur’s business and professional men.

To climax the season of the instrumental department, the band and orchestra presented their annual concerts in Johns Hill auditorium on April 27 and 28 under the direction of R. L. Rees. The band’s program was as follows: “War March of the Priests” by Felix Mendelssohn; “Frolic of the Keys” by Geo. F. Briegle; “Song of Love” by Schubert; a group of three “Spanish Dances” by Moszkowski; “Brahms Lullaby” and “Deep Purple” by Peter De Rose. It is interesting to note that “Deep Purple” was played by the band in concert in 1937, two years before it gained popularity.

At the bottom of the page is a picture of the Decatur High School Redcoats taken in front of the high school building.


The following band members do not appear in the picture: Bill White, Harold Hill, Clifford Auer, Eugene York, Ralph Adams.
SPORTS

Lake Decatur provides an outlet for competitive sports, a spirit for which is developed in Decatur High School.
SPORTS
MacWherter. Introducing Kile MacWherter, new grid mentor of Decatur High School. Mr. MacWherter attended both Decatur High School and Millikin. While at these institutions he played football. He also played fullback with Staley’s eleven, the team which later became the Chicago Bears. In his first season at Decatur his Reds ran up seven victories and three defeats.

Eddie McClure. Ed was nicknamed “Pinky” by some of his friends. Of course this would have nothing to do with the color he turned when Coach White kidded him in front of an auditorium full of the fairer sex. Edgar was our brave captain and held down a tackle position. Sometimes he even played backfield.

Elzy Kirby. Our tail right end who sometimes pinch-hit for McClure at tackle. Elzy, whose favorite song is “Alexander’s Ragtime Band”, is also center on our basketball team. He was elected chief door opener and bouncer of the senior class of 1939. His able pass catching will be a great loss to our coach and school next year.

Harold Phillips. Whose middle name is “Lady-killer,” is one of the toughest members of our good natured team. “Hardhead” also boasts of the nicknames of “Handsome”, “Lover Boy”, and “Cave Man”. Phillips is another man who will be missed from our team. Along with Eddie McClure, he played tackle and left many a mark on our opposing team.

Robert Oswald. Oswald was our much banged up right guard, a hard tackler and a fast blocker. A lot depends upon a right guard for he is the man who gets most of the bumps and least of the credit. Bob was tough and took his beating standing up. Along with Moore, Greisbaum, and Butt, Bob will undoubtedly push our football record to higher marks for us.

Jack Butt. Better known as “Two-Ton” to his friends. Elected for captain this year, he will be expected to turn in a great deal of good hard football. Jack tosses the pigskin from the scrimmage line to the backfield. Around him next year will be centered our line activities. May he be as good this fall as he was last!

Jack Logan. Left guard. Jack was not a headliner, but when he was not in there a noticeable weakness was present. Because he has a great way with the women, the fact that he was usually the last person to arrive at the field was probably more than coincidence. His punch, subtle humor, and coolness will be greatly missed.
R BUSTER GOODWIN . . Buster’s real name is Clarence and he loves to be called by that name. Although he is not in school this semester, Goodwin will probably be back next year. He was the victim of a knee injury and so did not see as much service as he might have. As a very good runner and blocker, few better backfield men could have been found.

S OSCAR BROYER . . Broyer was our flashy left end. He was high point man on our team and for a time was second high point man in the State. Dark haired and ambitious, Oscar kicked most of our extra points and was kick-off man. Because of his three semesters, he has seen his last service for D.H.S. We wish he still had a few more years to go.

R ED REDMON . . The greased lightning of our ‘38 backfield. Ed was a versatile player—willing to bet a quarter on anything. He was tough and hard to tackle. He is as good a piano player as he is a football player and can really beat the ivories black and blue.

E CHARLIE MOORE . . Charlie is going to be one of our returning lettermen next year. Most of last season he called signals. As are two other lettermen, he is a sergeant-at-arms of his class. Charles is a junior this year and will be expected to turn in a good or better performance this fall.

D JACK MILLER . . Last year was Jack’s first try at high school football. Here he proved to be an unlimited source of courage and resourcefulness. He has been on the track team since he entered these spacious halls of learning and is captain now. Jack has really worked for his school and deserves much credit.

S EDWARD SKELLEY . . Two years ago Skelley played in the line for Mr. White. Last year he played backfield on the first squad and there found his best football position. Ed is a hard hitting, fast running, slippery player. His graduation will leave a position open with a tradition hard to keep fulfilled.
LETTERMEN (Continued)

EDWARD GREISBAUM . Fast, slippery, dodging backfield man; Ed called signals, carried the ball. Due to an old injury, he sat on the bench most of the first one-half of the season, but he returned in the last half, and made a fine name for himself.

THORNELL . When a tough, tall, red-haired fellow trotted on to the field to help “guard” Logan, everyone knew they would see a grand performance from Bob Thornell. In practice he was the best and in the game he was twice as good.

HALE . “Lukes” is that tall, dark, smooth-looking football player you see in the hall. His grand height, his keen eye and fast legs made him a pass receiver of the first degree. His type of sportsmanship is a boon to any team.

DILLY . Bob was the man who surprised us most last year. When he first came out for football no one thought much about him, but after the first game he was to be remembered as one of the hardest fighting linemen of the ’39 season.

HILMER LANDHOLT . Hilmer was a reserve lineman. He was always good natured but full of fight when it was needed. Weight was one of his big assets. Hilmer will graduate this year, and they will surely miss his spirit around the field next year.

BROUGHTON WALLINGFORD . Broughton “Model T” Walling-Ford was the heaviest of the ’38 squad. Easily holding a tackle position and putting all he had into the game soon brought him to the top. In spite of his size he was fast and could stop a runner in one tackle.

SOLON KANAKIS . Versatile backfield man Solon played in almost any position. He was a good passer and a good runner. Although he did not receive much credit, our school is indebted to him for his work this year and last.

JIM KERIS . James G. Keris was our reserve quarterback. With his rapid talk he could encourage any team. Jim is a man of many accents—Ask him to tell you a story about the Italian at the baseball game.

CECIL LOTZGESELL . Cecil was the smallest senior on the football squad. Full of life, he was continually joking and kidding. A sports commentator said during the Bloomington game, “The little boy really runs!” “Rabbit” will be long remembered and missed by D. H. S.

JOE JONES . A very versatile man is Jones, besides being out for football and basketball, he is also out for track. When he was in a good mood, he was a one-man football team. We look forward to his services at this sport next year.

BOB FAITH . Under “Smock” White, Bob was a lineman and did little backfield work. Later he found his mistake and developed into a fast, hard fighting runner. Graduation must take its toll and it leaves a vacancy to be filled only by a “fighter.”
FOOTBALL RESUME

PROVISO 12—DECATUR 0 . . September 16

The Reds lost their first game of the season under their new coach, Kile MacWherter, to a large, heavy, and more experienced Proviso eleven. Although defeated, the Reds put up a great battle, and Proviso was forced to take to the air in order to score against the stubborn line.

TAYLORVILLE 0—DECATUR 19 . . September 23

Decatur's backfield, showing plenty of speed and power, ripped through the Tornadoes' line for three touchdowns. The Reds' heavy line also continued its fine showing, giving up only two first downs by rushing. This victory gave promise that the team was steadily improving.

HILLSBORO 6—DECATUR 21 . . September 30

The Reds continued their improvement by taking a scrappy Hillsboro team into camp. Even though the score was rather lopsided the fast little Hillsboro backs, Ellington and Reck, kept the crowd tense until the final gun. This was the last warm-up game for the home team before making their debut in the Big Twelve Conference race.

URBANA 19-DECATUR 0 . . October 7

Urbana, defending champions of the Big Twelve, blasted MacWherter's prep's hopes for the Conference crown. The victors had a heavy line, with a fine, fast backfield. This is one game, if won, which would call for a real celebration.

ST. TERESA 0—DECATUR 32 . . October 14

Decatur completely dominated the eighth annual battle with its intracity rival. St. Teresa, kept deep within her own territory most of the game, was no match for the Reds' much heavier team. The Reds, even though victorious were none too impressive in their performance.
FOOTBALL RESUME

MATTOON 0—DECATUR 12 . . October 21

Decatur, playing before a homecoming crowd at Mattoon, won its first Big Twelve victory since 1936, and the first conference win of the season. Capitalizing on a recovered fumble and an interception of a partially blocked pass they pushed over two touchdowns.

QUINCY 0—DECATUR 20 . . October 28

Decatur blossomed out in a new passing attack which was an important factor in the three-touchdown win. The crowd was thrilled by offensive thrusts by the home team which provided several long runs and passes, an offense which has not been seen on a D.H.S. field for several seasons.

STREATOR 0—DECATUR 25 . . November 11

The Reds won their second Big Twelve victory by defeating Streator by a rather topheavy score. Streator, rated as a good team, succumbed rather easily to Decatur’s offense; meanwhile making no dangerous thrusts of their own.

BLOOMINGTON 0—DECATUR 13 . . November 19

In the only afternoon game of the season, Decatur High beat a larger Bloomington team. The game was featured by hard running and tackling.

SPRINGFIELD 39—DECATUR 0 . . November 24

Pull out the drying towel. In a game which a majority of the sports experts forecasted a Decatur victory, the Springfield Solons ran all over the Reds. The Reds never got going in the game; it was all Springfield.

Picture 2. Currant, Major, Thornton.
Picture 3. Oplinger, Jow, Smith, Miles.
Picture 4. Smith, Oswald, Peck, Smith, Imel, Hantle.
Picture 5. Williams, Hallit, MacFadden, Dettlenbaugh, Chilton, Billerman.
H. Smith. Short and fast to the last, Mr. Kintner once gave a talk about being able to go so far and staying with the average, and going farther and coming up with the best. This ability he called "going the extra mile." Hedgie always went the "extra mile" in every game he ever played. Because of his ability we owe him a debt of gratitude, a vote of thanks and a niche in Decatur's Basketball Hall of Fame. Never playing football because of his size, he played basketball so fast that it made up for all the other sports he could possibly have played. The school looks toward him for its basketball championship next year.

Kush. Bill came right in the footsteps of his ever-to-be-remembered brother, Frank. He plays swell basketball and will always be a credit to every team. Although he was not a high-point man, his ball handling was up with the best. He is a good-natured fellow and not hard to look at. As long as he stays as he is today, like so many other players, the shining sportsmanship, character, and training of our coach, Mr. Kintner, will always live as a tribute to him.

W. Smith. The man behind the plow; just call him "Farmer." Basketball was his mainstay in this last year, although he played fine football in his day. His was the basketball that counted most. Scoring was his greatest pleasure and ability. He, too, will be lost by graduation. Graduating will again take from us the ability and companionship of a boy who is designed to go far in life. His acquaintance will always be a credit and reassurance to anyone.

Moore. Charlie is one of our next year mainstays. He is a fellow with a good personality and is another example of Kintner training. He was one of the smoothest players in basketball, and one of the toughest in football. Not much can be said because Chas. is a man of action, not words. Anyway, something has to be left for next year.

BASKETBALL RESUME

Decatur 37—Quincy 22. December 2
Decatur's Reds opened up their 38-39 basketball season with an easy victory over Quincy High. Incidentally our honorable teachers lost a one-point decision to the Decatur Police team in the preliminary.

Decatur 31—Bloomington 38. December 9
In Decatur's initial Big Twelve game, Bloomington's inax over the Reds on the Armory floor prevailed once more. Jumping into the lead in the first few minutes, the "Bloomers" were never headed.

Decatur 41—St. Teresa 15. December 13
The Reds showed themselves to be far superior to the small St. Teresa team. Looks like another Intra-City basketball title.

Decatur 41—Effingham 19. December 17
The Reds brought back an easy victory from Effingham. The Reds hit the basket freely. Only in the last quarter did the Effingham team play point for point.

East St. Louis 29—Decatur 39. December 20
Decatur added another scalp to the victory belt by scalping the East St. Louis Flyers 39 to 29. The Reds clicked consistently for short shots. The game was close until the second half when the locals began to pull steadily ahead.
WARNICK . . His was the lot to be nicknamed "Tinear". Someone said that he was lazy, but even at his laziest he was one of the best. When he was really ambitious he was a one-man show on the floor. He was a swell ball handler and a fast player, although sometimes he was a bit wild. An open spot will be left by him, which, if not filled, will be our downfall.

ALLEN . . Jack is a tall blonde lady-killer of the first degree. His basketball is as good as his looks, but his Trigonometry is kinda poor. Being a senior he will have to graduate and take with him the ability which will linger for many years in the minds of Decatur's sport fans. In Johns Hill he earned a name for himself and in D. H. S. he has not only supported his claim, but added to it.

GREENBERG . . Curly haired Max was almost everyone's favorite. He could handle the ball like Ken Parks and could sink the counters like Sam Keris. That's just about all one needs to say. Nose and throat trouble bothered Max a great deal and kept him out of football and track. We shall forever be thankful for his loyalty to his school. If he is as successful after graduation as he was in basketball, he will always be a credit to our community.

KIRBY . . Little can be said about Elzy that has not already been said. His letter looked like a jail, because of all the bars. Being so used to getting letters for this and that, football and basketball, would make some people hi-hat, but Kirby is still just Kirby to everyone. The brand of ball he played for us will be long remembered and with difficulty replaced.

REDMON . . Dark dazzling dresser of our Decatur's driving defeaters (basketball team to you). Ed pounds a piano as well as he plays basketball. His favorite nickname is "Fish" and his hobby is swell clothes. All of his praises have been sung in the football section and no words can describe his high scoring, fast, unceasing basketball ability. The way he played this season will remain a standard of high efficiency in this school.

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BASKETBALL RESUME

DECATUR 12—FT. WAYNE, IND 17 . . December 22
Another Indiana team handed the Kintnermen defeat. Playing a deliberate, accurate type of ball in the first half the Reds led at halftime 5-4.

PONTIAC TOURNAMENT . . December 28, 29, 30
Decatur-Proviso—The Reds showed unusual form in easily defeating Proviso, 34-25. At one time in the third quarter Decatur held a 27-7 advantage.

Decatur-Centralia—The Reds, showing a reversal of form from the last game, bowed to Centralia, 34-32. Centralia played a fast, determined game, and really earned their victory.

DECATUR 34—URBANA 29 . . January 4
Back from the holidays and Decatur won a decision over Urbana. The Reds built up a fine lead only to have it whittled down dangerously close to the final quarter.

DECATUR 16—MATTOON 24 . . January 6
The seventh straight conference victory for Mattoon. Decatur ran up against a tight defense at Mattoon, scoring only two field goals in the first three quarters.

DECATUR 33—SPRINGFIELD 41 . . January 13
The Solons won a rough and tumble game, played before a capacity crowd in the Armory. The hard, fast game played by both teams furnished plenty of excitement for the fans.
BASKETBALL RESUME

DECATUR 26—HARVEY, ILL. 36 . . January 15
The game was evenly played until halftime with the score 16 all. Scoring fifteen points to the Reds’ two, the Thornton team pulled out into the lead.

DECATUR 36—STREATOR 29 . . January 17
After a ragged first half Decatur found the basket and emerged victorious over Streator High. This was the Reds’ second conference win of the season.

DECATUR 29—BLOOMINGTON 16 . . January 27
The Reds secured ample revenge for the early season defeat at the hands of the Raiders. The locals dominated play throughout the game.

DECATUR 31—ALTON 21 . . January 28
A very listless Alton team did not furnish much opposition to the Reds. The game was slow throughout, both teams lacking punch.

DECATUR 43—ST. TERESA 23 . . January 31
Another Intra-City Basketball championship. Although unable to stop the Reds’ scoring, the Bulldogs put up a valiant fight. Only 450 attended this game.

DECATUR 30—MATTOON 9 . . February 2
Oh, ecstasy! The Reds avenged an early defeat by swamping Mattoon before a delirious crowd in the Armory. Mattoon, after building a 6 to 3 lead at the end of the first quarter, was held for one field goal in the final three quarters.

DECATUR 34—URBANA 25 . . February 7
The Tigers, always tough for the Reds, put on a repetition of the rally in the early season game in the third quarter, and almost came off with the Reds’ scalp.

DECATUR 19—SPRINGFIELD 18 . . February 10
The Reds kept their winning streak intact by downing the Solons in their own backyard. A basket in the last 20 seconds won the game. Oh! Are we sorry!

DECATUR 29—EFFINGHAM 21 . . February 11
In the last home game before State Tournament play began, the Reds defeated a stubborn Effingham five. Eighth successive win!

DECATUR 20—CANTON 25 . . February 14
Canton’s strong team pulled the props from under the Reds’ win streak in the last three minutes of the game. Both teams fought a close, hard battle all the way.

Top Picture
DECATUR—QUINCY
Bottom Picture
REGIONAL TOURNAMENT
BASKETBALL RESUME

DECATUR 33—OTTAWA 20 . . February 17
All of the players on the traveling squad got into the game as the Reds easily downed Ottawa.

DECATUR 18—QUINCY 25 . . February 21
Quincy's Blue Devils lived up to their names as they upset the locals in the last game for the locals. The Reds were very shy of the basket.

REGIONAL TOURNAMENT

DECATUR 39—BLUE MOUND 22
Although the Blue Mound team put up a stiff fight they were no match for the Reds.

DECATUR 45—MOWEAQUA 15
The Red and White swamped Moweaqua in the second game of the tournament. The second team played the entire third quarter.

DECATUR 35—ARGENTA 24
Decatur rallied sharply in the last quarter of the game after trailing throughout the first three stanzas. The Reds outscored the foe, 17 to 3, in the last quarter rally.

SECTIONAL TOURNAMENT

DECATUR 26—DIVERNON 34
A smaller Divernon team caught the Reds in bad shooting form and upset them. This blasted the Reds' hopes for a fourth straight trip to the State finals.

MANAGERS
Besides the all illustrious Claude Thompson, who you all must surely know, there was Mullis for basketball, and Hussey for football. The manager is the fellow who does the foundation work in keeping any team in good playing condition. Uniforms must be taken care of, ankles must be wrapped, and things in general must be kept running smoothly. Claude has done a fine job of managing ever since he has come to high school. It is with a great deal of sorrow that we and the coaches see him graduate. We also thank the others who have put our team on top.
Mr. White's track squad has shown its best in enemy meets and also has placed high. The team is being led by Captain Jack Miller, who runs the high and low hurdles, throws the shot put and javelin, and sprints the 100 yards. The season opened with a meet at Pana in which the team placed second. Young ran the 440 yards in 55 seconds which was very fast for the first meet. On the next day, the bus took the boys to an open meet in Urbana in which they placed second again. The Lincoln "Rail-splitters" invaded Millikin field and downed the team.

The weather during the first two weeks was cold and rainy, so a meet with Bloomington and an open meet at Pontiac were called off. Monticello saw the presence of Decatur's speedsters twice and in rapid succession. Both times they placed second. On May 5, Decatur saw the dust of the Urbana relays. Miller did fine in this meet by winning the high hurdles which gave him a medal. Decatur varsity placed eighth and the sophomore fourth in the Lincoln relays. Mr. White looks forward to placing Dansby, Miller, Young and Keris in the district meets which qualify the runners for the State meet. The track season ends May 30, with the Taylorville Relays.
TRACK

Those pictures were taken during the Lincoln-Decatur meet at Millikin field. Lincoln won only slightly in the track events but piled up the points in the field events. The above picture shows Jimmy Keris winning the 440 yard run. Jimmy also won the 880 yard run. The other Decatur runner is Dick French. The upper right picture shows Captain Miller just after hitting a high hurdle. He went on and won easily. Jack is one of the best high hurdlers in Decatur's history. The picture on the right shows the start of the mile run; Walraven was the winner.

GOLF

Mr. Birkhead coached a fine group of golfers and has sent four of them to the state meet. The four are Bob Smith, Jay Thomas, Wally McCane, and Wayne Hagen. Up until about two or three years ago, golf was a minor sport, but in these last years it is recognized as one of our major sports. The reason for this uplift is Mr. Birkhead's splendid coaching of the boys, teaching them to drive, approach, and putt with great accuracy. Mr. Birkhead is a member of South Side and can be seen frequently on the course with a low score on his card.
Mr. Cox and his "netters" are enjoying another fine season on the clay courts. The practice every night enabled Bud Millard and Girard Keil, a doubles team, to enter the State Tournament. Many of the boys turned in fine performances in the singles matches. "Brick" Hall would have gone to the State also if he had just won his last set. We have indeed been fortunate in having so many fine tennis players who would give their evenings to help put our school on the map as far as tennis is concerned.

COACH KINTNER

It is with difficulty and a feeling of pride, sorrow, and insufficient eloquence that we, the staff of the Decanois of '39 and the class of the same year, try to pay our respects to our beloved friend, Mr. Gay Kintner. What could be said or written about him has been; for what we would like to say, we have no words. He not only teaches, . . . he is the living image of a lesson which he has tried to impress upon us. Those who know him best, love him most; those who know him not so well respect the mere mention of his name. Every one of us owe him a debt which we shall never be able to repay. From the very heart of the class we wish you, Coach Kintner, many more happy and successful years in this school. As long as any one of us is still living your teachings will be your living memorial.
In the picture above are members of Red and White Dance Right Club. Reading from left to right are: Pauline Augustine and Harold Morrison (instructors), Viola Gissaman, Jacqueline Howard, Percy Martin, Betty Anne Henry, Helen Leas, William McDaniels, Geraldine Schuyler, William Brown, Bernice Peters.

This is the second year that social dancing classes have been organized in D. H. S. These classes have been for beginners only and are held for about six weeks. After graduating from the beginners' class, those students who wish to continue with dancing for the enjoyment may join the dancing club, which has been formed for the first time this semester.

In the picture below, reading from left to right, are: Betty Kitch, Henrietta Kortum, Betty Higar, Jane Wasson, Ruby Cox, Emilie Adams, Jacqueline Paye, Margery Galager.

Tap dancing classes are part of the regular physical education program in which all girls participate. Those girls who do not know the fundamental steps are taught those steps and practice them in the form of simple clog dances. The advance people do tap routines. Tap dancing not only is fun to do, but it has a very special place in the physical education program as it gives girls rhythm and teaches them the art of coordination and relaxation which is the base of the poise and grace essential to girls.
GIRLS’ ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

Officers of the Girls’ Athletic Association for the year 1938-1939 were: president, Alice Hudson; vice-president, Shirley Hale; point secretary, Ruby Bowman.

Basketball, volleyball, tennis, golf, baseball, tumbling, and a regular physical education program were offered to the girls this year. A few social events were held during the year, the largest one being the award banquet where the girls received awards earned during the year. The girls participated in two play days, one in the fall and one in the spring.

The Girls’ Athletic Association of Decatur High School is associated with the state organization. This organization has as one of its main objectives the furthering of a recreational program for girls interested in sports. This is developed by intramural or play day events rather than interscholastic ones.

The girls receive awards in the form of letters after they have earned the required number of points. In order to qualify for these points, the girls must participate in seasonal sports for eight weeks. Two sports are offered each semester. The first local award is a "D.H.S." for 600 points; the second local award is a "D" for 1,200 points. The state organization gives a large "T" to the girl who has earned 1,600 points, and the "League Emblem" if she earns 2,000 points.

Most of the girls who take active part in G.A.A. work can earn their "D.H.S." during the sophomore year and their "D" during the junior and senior years. Members can earn extra points by taking special activity tests, observing health rules, participating in organized sports and recreational activities outside of school, and for hikes and unorganized sports.

In the upper picture are the girls who received the "D" award this year. They are, left to right, Alice Hudson, Erma Miller, Madelynn Theilen, and Shirley Hale.

In the lower picture are the "D.H.S." award girls. In front are Alice Hudson, Zetamae Parker, Shirley Hale, and Betty Hartman. In the back are Ruby Bowman and Ruby Cox.

Alice Hudson and Madelynn Theilen are two of the G.A.A. girls to receive the state organization’s award of a large "T" for having earned 1,600 points. This is the first time in four years that a member of the local organization has been so honored. Both girls have worked hard and are most deserving of this high honor in the field of girls’ athletics.
GIRLS' ATHLETICS

In the upper picture at the right are four tennis players. They are, from left to right, Betty Hartman, Betty Kolp, Alice Albert, and Pauline Bandy.

Tennis is one of the grandest games for all active people. It has one of the greatest social and carry-over values of any game taught in school. Tennis is considered the best sport for co-recreation. Although it takes years of practice and playing to become even a fair tennis player, the satisfaction that comes from playing a good game is worth all of the effort.

Below the tennis group is an activity picture taken on the girls' play lot two blocks east of the high school building. Several activities are going on at the same time. Each girl is allowed to choose from these games the one in which she prefers to participate. In this way all the girls have a chance to play outdoors in the sunshine where physical activity does the most good.

The bottom picture in the lower panel shows a kickball team. From left to right, the girls are Jewel McGaw, Mildred Rinkin, Vanalee Patterson, and Merle Davidson.

Kickball is one of the beginning games. It is taught so that the girls may learn how to control the ball with their feet. Kickball is a lead-up game for soccer. Games can be played indoors or out with the same degree of satisfaction.

Above the kickball picture are three girls playing baseball. They are, left to right, Ruby Cox, Virginia Frech, and Mary Potter.

Baseball, or softball, has proven a very popular sport with the girls. Miss Cruise feels that the year's activity did not develop any big league material but is not ashamed of the really good game some of her girls have learned to play. Softball is a highly skilled game as well as a technical one. It requires from the players ability to make accurate and rapid judgments of situations while actively engaged in the physical sport.

Basketball, which is not pictured, is another sport much enjoyed by the girls. This is more of a winter pastime indulged in when the weather keeps them from their outdoor playground. Miss Cruise stresses the fact that all games are to improve the health and posture of the girls and not to stress competition among them. Any defects that exercise and healthful living can combat receive attention in this department. Miss Cruise hopes, with the completion of the new gymnasium, to find room next year for an even more complete program which can include many more girls.
Fishing is just fun and so are Features!
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Our yearbook staff is equally proud of this nineteen hundred thirty-nine edition of The Decanois and desires to thank all those who have participated in making it a success. Much credit is due to our engraver, Mr. Thomas E. Gunn, for his suggestions in regard to layout; to our printer, Mr. J. W. Patterson, for his assistance in arranging materials; and to the Lindquist's, who made many pictures at small cost and were always ready to serve us on short notice. We want especially to thank the Herald-Review for the use of negatives and prints from their library and the courteous treatment accorded us. Faculty, class organizations and their advisers, as well as many others, are deserving of mention.

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Tuesday, September 6
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Wednesday, September 7
What is this—a fire or a Scotchman chasing a tax token? Neither one; it’s still the sophomores looking for the elevators. Poor underclassmen—getting all mangled up in a scrimmage in one of our halls.

Thursday, September 8
Wont some gallant come to Hanson’s rescue and hold her books since she hasn’t a locker as yet?

Friday, September 9
Congratulations, Observer staff. It certainly makes us feel proud to have such an interesting paper the first week of school.

Monday, September 12
Bill Moore seems to be the studious type from the looks of the books he takes home every night—or could it be that a few of them are Ann’s?

Tuesday, September 13

Wednesday, September 14
Soon our spacious and would-be swimming hole, the Ditch, will come to its end when the new gymnasium starts skyward. P.S. So far it hasn’t.

Thursday, September 15
“Little Audrey” Pensinger has been seen gallivanting around with a hero of our basketball team, F. Kush.

Friday, September 16
Although we didn’t win (12-0), Mr. McWherter’s excellent coaching ability stood out in the Proviso game.

Monday, September 19
Another new fad! Have you seen the new “sig” shirts? Kinda cute. Forgetting themselves for a time, the prospective members of Aristos went gypsy at a party given for them.

Tuesday, September 20
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Wednesday. September 21

B. Parrish has had his mind on something for some time and it isn't on his lessons either. Must be that cute dark-haired Norma Young he has been truckin' off with lately.

Thursday. September 22

Replacing the "teasing steady-ers" of last year, such as Dickie and Ralph, and Joyce and Phil, we find that the list of this year is headed by Virginia and Frank W., Mary Jane and Dale, and Anne and Russ.

Friday. September 23

Observer sponsored a "Take-Off" dance with elaborate decorations. Thrills! we beat Taylorville 19-0. Twas a swell game and, by the way, ask P. Simmons if he likes the Taylorville girls.

Monday. September 26

It seems that Minick is running up quite a stationery bill since it takes so much of it to keep up her correspondence with Jr., the soldier boy; Larry, the football hero; and many of the others.

Tuesday. September 27

Click! and another candid camera fan has that dilly expression all wrapped up in his little black box. Neither love nor money can persuade him to give it up.

Wednesday. September 28

Dit always follows ditto. This isn't a little rule for punctuation as it sounds, but a sure way to find either Eddie McKeown or Ed Yatsko. Notice sometime that you always find them together.

Thursday. September 29

The names came fast and furious when the nominations were in session at the first senior meeting. Since the bell wasn't held, the slate wasn't completed.

Friday. September 30

Political! The key word of conversation in the halls now that nominations are closed. Almost forgot—we won the game with Hillsboro, 21-6.

Monday. October 3

Gee, have we got the orators. No fooling, why some of the facts that were revealed in senior meeting about when Sally and Snickelfritz went to school together, would almost slay you.

Tuesday. October 4

With the first of October comes the thought of bills and also the opening of the school's Saving Bank. Save and thou shalt have. Spend and thou shall have nothing. Catch?

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Wednesday, October 5
I'm way up here and you're way down there. Yep, that's who is, Kathryn Karelas and Elzy Kirby engaged in a lengthy tête-à-tête outside of 320. Must be like looking at tall buildings and things for Kathryn.

Thursday, October 6
The future husband supreme—Frank Wiley, with all the makings of a super dish washer. His practice hours are spent in a Chem. lab. toiling over some graduates filled with gobs of gooeey soap. Girls—give him a break!

Friday, October 7
Oh, a visitor among us! Why he even carries books and has a seat in 331. Why, why, it's Arnold Tebussek just returning from a much-needed vacation.

Monday, October 10
John "Lover" Honicker gave a magnificent and vivid description in English class of the dangers of one-arm driving. Later, Miss Yoder read it to the class. Casualties, three broken ribs and a bad case of over-excitement among the class members.

Tuesday, October 11
Will there be any end to the name of Tucker in print? Look anywhere, local paper or school paper. It's unavoidable—just like flunking a test.

Wednesday, October 12
Poor Papa Nelson—still in despair about when Hilmer Charles Landholt is going to settle down enough to concentrate on atomic structure and junk. "Le professeur" predicts that it will be after Halloween—if he doesn't have to bail H. C. L. out because of any overly soaped window.

Thursday, October 13
What a sensation,
A two-day vacation!

Friday, October 14
By the win over St. Teresa last night, the City Title is still ours for the eighth consecutive time.

Monday, October 17
Long faces and down-heartedness expresses the feeling over the resignation of a popular faculty member, Miss Brock, who has gone to Chicago for a better position. Lot of luck, but we still wish you were among us.

Tuesday, October 18
When the Mid-year seniors don their caps and gowns, we'll grieve for the loss of D.H.S. orator and statesman, Bob Curzon.

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Wednesday, October 19
With plenty of "umph" on the gavel, Pres. Centner got off to a flying start this morning by naming all the committee members.

Thursday, October 20
Do I feel gypped? Yes, spelled with capital letters. The feminine specimens who decorate our halls got an added attraction in their part of the auditorium today. Miss Schropp gave a brief talk of introduction. Since the football boys got a special permit to amacr -ay (pig Latin), now all male curiosities are aroused to a high degree.

Friday, October 21
All the lads and lassies came truckin' from the J.A.L. dance with hand-painted favors and everythin'. Pretty snazzy.

Monday, October 24
Our football boys pulled through with another win over Mattoon last Friday, spurred on by a pack of palsy-walsy's from home.

Tuesday, October 25
The Hallowe'en Queen, fairest of all, who shall it be—Ruth Fesler, Florence Friend, Coleen Olive, or Marybelle Patterson?

Wednesday, October 26
"Death Takes a Holiday". Quite a catchy title for the Mid-years to choose for their play. Foo, no business for the undertaker.

Thursday, October 27
Humor was scattered throughout the room during the Inter-Society Humorous Reading Contest and Bob Edie carried off the honors for Rotaro.

Friday, October 28
Novel, fun
Midyears swung
Nickelodeon.
Game won
Lots come
Quincy run.

Monday, October 31
With beauty and flash, Florence Friend and her three attendants made the Hallowe'en parade a dazzling spectacle for all Decatur. J. Elias, too, thought he had a dazzling subject for his candid camera shots.
Tuesday, November 1

Tis rumored, remember, only rumored that Guy Centner and Evelyn Hammer are working up a romance. It was started by that popular evening pastime, a hay-ride. It’s plenty rough and rugged but it’s fun.

Wednesday, November 2

Slide rules here, slide rules there, but how to work one. A piece of scratch paper and a pencil is the only salvation according to Bob Kaufman’s hypothesis.

Thursday, November 3

If you want it hot, plenty hot, the Girl Reserves can give it to you with the “Four Clefs”. Some shaggin’—never thought the guys and gals had it in them.

Friday, November 4

The tables were turned today when “les professeurs” had to attend sessions in Champaign.

Monday, November 7

Lost: One boyfriend, answers to name of Bob Whalen. Return to Joan Cooper and a broken heart will be mended.

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Tuesday, November 8

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Wednesday, November 9

Jedidiah Tucker fairly slayed the listeners with his dramatic interpretation of the "Tell Tale Hearts", by which he won first for Forum.

Thursday, November 10

Tramps—have we got ‘em? Plenty, in every degree of poverty, but really it’s only the football team turning out for old clothes day. Eddie McClure was bedecked out all “pretty-like”.

Friday, November 11

Vacations are sure swell.

Monday, November 14

School was dismissed early. Just a little more vacation to recuperate from the last vacation. Pretty good idea so Ralph Lippencott thought.

Tuesday, November 15

Again the gang gathered in the far-famed hall of study to gather some notes from the doings of our worthy class officers. Result—no money, no party, some money, some party!!
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Wednesday, November 16
That delightful aroma on third floor today was caused only by the unpacking of some winter duds from their summer storage in moth-balls.

Thursday, November 17
Isn't it rugged when poor old "Yancey" fails to warm up these cold mornings in time to get the Condons to school by 8:40?

Friday, November 18
Tramp, tramp, the tramps are coming. They all turned out for the Poverty Hop sponsored by the Tri-Y in the gym, and if enough can find full dress duds and stuff, they'll all turn out for the Mid-year play tonight.

Monday, November 21
Dear! dear! when will our suave and sage-like senior, George Eshelman, learn that the girls' stairways are only to be used by the fairer sex? Just can't be helped—Margaret has a magnetic force that acts on George like a piece of iron.

Tuesday, November 22
With the carving of old squire turkey just around the corner comes the carving of M. J. Foster's one and only appendix. It had to go, the poor thing, but at least Mary's happy.

Wednesday, November 23
Whoops! a holiday coming! Too good to be true.

Thursday, November 24
Scrumptious eats!

Friday, November 25
Indigestion!

Monday, November 28
Ho hum, ho hum,
Back to work we come.

Tuesday, November 29
Can you imagine—after Mr. Dewalt, with a candle in his hand, had spent the whole lab. period showing the combining power of H2 and Cl2 to his chemistries, Carl Mitchell still thought he was carrying his candle around looking for an honest man.

Wednesday, November 30
A free game, better yet—it came in the morning, and best of all—we won from Pana. Could you ask for anything more? Yes, one every day.
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Thursday, December 1
Segregated, debated, dated.
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today's senior meeting. The gals were put in one
room, boys in another; introduction bureau was
discussed; then bashful boy meets bashful girl.

Friday, December 2
The first night game with thrills by the bag full—
to begin with, the Apollo physiques of our honored
faculty went down in defeat to the Man-Mountain-
Dean statues of our worthy police force. To end
it all, Quincy left with a victory in spite of the
lads playing a perfect game.

Monday, December 5
Those Melodious troubadors actually serenade the
school during 5th hour lunch when they sing to the
rhythms of Ferdinand, the Bull. Quite entertain-
ing, whether in deep concentration (show me the
person) or munching a hamburger in the lunch
line.

Tuesday, December 6
After a rugged day of examinations, we finally
realized that the ever-popular song, "Have You
Forgotten So Soon?" was written for the high school
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Wednesday, December 7
"Shall I take it home or not? And if I do? Well,
you know the rest—it's report card time again."
Nuff said.

Thursday, December 8
Pres. Centner again swung the gavel to call to-
gether that noisy gang of sophisticated seniors to
nominate the D.A.R. candidates. What a list!

Friday, December 9
Another auditorium today. This time the literary
society winners were the lucky ones to get to sit
on the stage. (They tell me only celebrities do
this.) Some of D.H.S.'s real talent was shown
off then.

Monday, December 12
Most of us thought that dear old Santa has aban-
donned his North Pole residence to get some edu-
cation before Christmas from the tinkling bells on
shoes in study this morning.

Tuesday, December 13
The Reds hammered out another victory for all the
enthusiastic fans when they ran the score up to
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Wednesday, December 14
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Thursday, December 15
The soft melodies of the carols filled D.H.S. with a Christmas spirit this morning as the music department presented their annual vesper service.

Friday, December 16
With rippling rhythm, swinging skirts, and lilt ing laughter, the senior party was an overwhelming success with such never-to-be-forgotten moments as some students dancing with the faculty members.

Monday, December 19
The library was turned into the setting for an interesting and clever Christmas program which was enjoyed by many English students today.

Tuesday, December 20
The Reds seem to be acting their best lately (could it be that Christmas is coming?) for they came out on top again after a stirring and peppy game against East St. Louis.

Wednesday, December 21
Believe it or not, a popular title has found its way into the chemistry laboratory. Listen sometime and you'll hear "Who Blew Out the Flame?".

Thursday, December 22
Have you noticed that certain twinkle in the eyes of most of our still-young students as the time draws near to abandon their books and to await the arrival of dear old Santa next Saturday night?

Friday, December 23
'Tis so lonesome here today. Guess everyone's head ached or they figured that their vacation should start a day sooner from the scarcity of familiar faces in our classes.

Tuesday, January 3
Amongst a group of tired and yawning faces, those bright-eyed classmates of ours gave a desperate and daring struggle to depress those ever changin' yawns. Yes, yes, twas gallant, commendable, noble, and stuff to brave such a day without falling into rapturous sleep.

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Wednesday, January 4

Those monogrammed walls in 320 again bulged by the gathering of all those sophisticated seniors. And guess what happened? Well, “I’ll Leave It To You.” No, I mean it, that’s the title of the senior play that was chosen and from the description it’s a “dusky.”

Thursday, January 5

Moore contends that the valet service is terrible at Alcatraz, but Eshelman still likes the Turkish baths at Sing-Sing, but really they aren’t escaped convicts. It’s just the shaved-off haircuts they got as a result of a bet.

Friday, January 6

By the way, did you get to cast your vote with Darrell Robertson this morning, it seems that it was quite a close race between the two attractive contestants, Margaret French and Bernadine House.

Monday, January 9

My, my, what could be sweeter than a restful hour of “shut-eye” and the lights all blew out. Well, that’s just what happened today, only the lights didn’t stay out long enough for B. Wiltte. Rugged? Rawther.

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Tuesday, January 10

What is is that makes old Gert II want to stop and stall at the street crossings? It brings up quite an embarrassing predicament for the driver but F. Flannery certainly solved the problem with his magic words.

Wednesday, January 11

Amid a pile of books and papers, some of those carefree seniors can be seen haunting the librarians for a bit of information on Lincoln for their Lincoln essays, but from those disappointed expressions it’s plenty rare and scarce—there ain’t no more.

Thursday, January 12

The midyears chose from among their most intelligent the Valedictorian, Salutatorian, and Orator. Congratulations Helen Powers, Rexford Elliot, and Betty Miesenhelter.

Friday, January 13

The jinks were cast on D.H.S. this year although we had wished that it might be on Springfield. Yes, the Reds only popped in 32 points to Springfield’s 41.
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Friday, January 20
Sweet swing? Plenty of it! With Ted Warren and his all-midyear orchestra. Those happy mid-years gave an added appeal to their class day program which had a bagful of novel ideas for the future.

Monday, January 23
Jeepers, creepers, exams!! Those approaching quizzes will be the death of Bob Curran yet. Why just last hour, Curran, with a worried expression, said to "Bull" Durham, quote 'm going to study tonight, so if you come over, wake me up, unquote.

Tuesday, January 24
When Wiley sprained his ankle last Saturday, the question was to continue to shag or not to shag. This all resulted in a three-day vacation on crutches for him with the explanation that women were the cause of such a mishap. Women!!
P.S. More exams today.

Wednesday, January 25
For the first time this winter some of those fresh air friends grabbed off enough nerve to try some old fashioned bob-sleddin'. From Marly Wood's version, it was plenty rough and rugged.

Monday, January 16
Do we feel good, even though it is blue Monday! Today, the music department, under the direction of Miss Doll, selected the opera "Blossom Time" by Sigmund Romberg to be given in April. Come on you future opera stars, don't be bashful. Remember this glorious chance only comes once in a high school life.

Tuesday, January 17
The second big 12 conference victory for the team was cast into the record book when Streator was defeated 36-29 tonight.

Wednesday, January 18
A romance is budding! Hearts are fluttering! Gosh, everything goes around in circles when Sally sends Hilmer L those petite notes that are packed full of romance and x's.

Thursday, January 19
The poets have elected
A person quite respected
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Thursday, January 26
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Friday, January 27
With a mid-year graduation
Comes a little vacation.

Monday, January 30
The day of the big snow.

Tuesday, January 31
Sophomores! Yes, yes, they’re here again with all their vigor and vitality plus some more. So to take some wise precautions drag out the old football equipment and withstand the jar of the oncoming sophomores.

Wednesday, February 1
St. Teresas bowed in defeat last night to Kintner’s five by losing, 43-23, with only a handful of spectators to cheer both teams on. Must have been the rainy weather.

Congratulations to Dean Madden and Robert Arnold who carried off the honors, for first and second prizes in the December camera contest.

Thursday, February 2
It’s almost too much to swallow in one week when old Papa Fate gives us two victories to boast about. This second one came about when the invincible Red and White roared on to victory with a 30-9 score over Mattoon.

Friday, February 3
All of the solemn and serious questions of the day will be forgotten by those debating debaters when they sponsor their Two-Night Dance with Bob Gay providing the melodies. Twas heard that a mysterious trio under the assumed name of “The Three Blind Mice” will give their first performance. Shouldn’t this be under discussion? It probably will be.

Monday, February 6
Perhaps we should take pity on Condon and Shaw because of their vast amount of out-of-town correspondence that they carry on. Incidentally, Darrell Robertson threatens to expose their trickery by informing their suitors. Hush money, hush money is their only salvation.

Tuesday, February 7
That comical character, Bill Bass, gave Mary Margaret Hickey a scare and nine-tenths when he took advantage of a poor little pig’s tail and decided to bring it to school as a matter of exhibition. The poor little pig probably never realized its tail would have such an effect on the world or at least on Margaret.
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Wednesday, February 8
Tribute was paid this morning to the winners of
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auditorium in which Joan Crouch and Robert Parrish presented their winning essays.

Thursday, February 9
Those off-to-Florida vacations must have had an
effect on Aristos Literary Society today, when they
had their "Palm Beach Party" for new members.
I'll betcha it was plenty breezy walking home after
that with old man Winter knockin' the thermometer
around at about 30 degrees.

Friday, February 10
Did Decatur show that true, loyal spirit? Yes, yes,
and plenty of it. Just gobs and gobs of boosters
journeyed to the capital city to get a real thrill.
W. Smith almost floored everyone when he made
the winning point in the last few seconds of the
game giving a final score of 19-18.

Monday, February 13
What a busy weekend! Hardly enough time to do
any home work. Oh, wasn't going to do any
anyway, so why bring that up. The whole thing
started with the Job's Daughters' fling and then to
make it better yet, the Reds conquered Effingham
with a score of 29-21.

Tuesday, February 14
Miss Cameron met with astonishment today when
she asked Bill W. to give a modern version of
Milton's first line of L'Allegro, "Hence, loathed mel-
ancholy" of which she received a brief reply of
two words, "Scream sourpuss!" A truly modern
description, eh, what?

Wednesday, February 15
Dan Cupid had a big day yesterday in spite of
the aid that St. Valentine provided with her color-
ful lace valentines. Believe it or not, there were
actually some floating around among the teachers.
Can you imagine that? Unbelievable.

Thursday, February 16
Eeny, meeny, miny, mo, goes Ruth Feuler's heart
as she tries to decide between Bob, Johnny, and
Robert. It really is a hard job, just ask her if it isn't.

Friday, February 17
The local five journeyed far far away tonight to
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Monday, February 20, 1939

Tis gossiped around that a certain mid-year senior has suddenly become a man since going to MILLIKIN . . . no more senior dates for him . . . that's childish.

Tuesday, February 21, 1939

We all feel pretty gloomy tonight since Quincy beat us 25 to 18, but at least there was some pretty swell eyeballin'. Fr' instance, Wanda Rose Simpson and Forest Trowbridge.

Wednesday, February 22, 1939

And now for a general inventory of some of our D.H.S. romances . . . Patton and Hendricks, Bradfield and Tagney, and French and Turner are still clicking O.K.; but what has happened to the Norman and Moore, and the Foster and Shaffer affairs? To be continued tomorrow when we find some more paper.

Thursday, February 23, 1939

We found some more paper so we can add these new names to our romance inventory . . . Metzler and Grojean, Hanson and Britt, and Stoune and one of the Boggs twins. After-thought, this is good only to the 25th of the month.

Friday, February 24, 1939

All these guys and gals came from far and wide to see two hours of fun in Noel Coward's play, "I'll Leave It To You," which was really acted out by our senior classmen.

Monday, February 27, 1939

A flashing, flimsy limousine entitled "One Model T with four tameless cylinders and guaranteed all draft ventilation" is now in the worthy hands of J. Shaw and W. Good who feel the need of developing some back muscles or will this one run? Who knows, who knows?

Tuesday, February 28, 1939

Our little mud hole beside school has been covered up with plenty of concrete and boards to put the finishing touches on the basement. Who knows, maybe some day, there'll be a first floor.

Wednesday, March 1, 1939

Poor little Jimmy Kerls' face fell blushing downwards this morning when Miss Cameron measured his intelligence to that of a two-year-old in roomy rompers. Now, was he bashfully blushing for today he thought he was a man, or did he?

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Thursday, March 2, 1939

The first lap of our state championship journey was "lapped" off successfully when the Reds beat Blue Mound 39 to 22 just a little while ago.

Friday, March 3, 1939

We "lapped" off the second lap this evening by beating Moweaqua tonight. Whooppee!

Monday, March 6, 1939

We're still hammering away at the State Tournament's doors and we're just that much closer since we beat Argenta Saturday. Clear the way, we're going to the sectional . . . then to the State.

Tuesday, March 7, 1939

News spreads fast, especially when the news concerns the News Editor of the Newsy Observer. News! News! We've just heard some news. Joan Crouch is the new editor of the flashy-newspaper, taking over Louis Greanias' position since he resigned.

Wednesday, March 8, 1939

The seniors had another family get-together this morning . . . this time to discuss what type announcements we wanted to send to those whom we wanted to buy us presents. Peg Baker offered her helpful suggestions as to which one had the best shape.

Thursday, March 9, 1939

Pep, pep, and more pep . . . you guessed it, it was a pep meeting. Pep, vim, and vigor were all aroused in us today when we tramped over to the armory to help encourage the team to go to the State.

Friday, March 10, 1939

Woo is us! Let's mention last night's game, only to say that the team played their very best, but Divernon scored a few extra points.

From what I hear the pleasingly-plump girls won't have a chance tonight for the boys are watching their pennies these days and every pound will add a cent at the DeMolay dance tonight.

Monday, March 13, 1939

My, such down-hearted expressions on you old D-K-ter Hi-ites. We know it's hard to realize that it was Rockford and not Decatur that carried away the state championship, but have you heard the latest? We can be happy again, for the French delegates sent to Bloomington have just put us on the map again . . . we placed second.

Tuesday, March 14, 1939

All literary society members went out last night and, from what we hear, they really had a snazzy time. Occasion—Inter-Society banquet . . . Meal—delicious . . . speakers—super . . . fun—just gobs of it. What more could you want, except another like it?
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Wednesday, March 22, 1939

All of our mighty but delicate brains were raked over the coals when Knox College gave their general aptitude test to us educated seniors this morning. Some fun? No, and after this please pass the test to someone else, me no like.

Thursday, March 23, 1939

The recent primary election ain't got a thing on us when it comes to that certain voting swing, at least from the way the midyear election turned out, with Oscar Broyer swinging the hickory.

Friday, March 24, 1939

What could give a surer indication that Spring has come than to have the track season open? By the way have all you girls seen the track stars—Dave Bailey and Jack Miller?

Monday, March 27, 1939

Our expectations were really fulfilled the other day when they sent word to us that the choir had won first place in the contest at Charleston even before they sang there. Fast work and are they good!

Tuesday, March 28, 1939

Roaming Romeo Roger Webb has fallen deeply in love again, and this time all of his affections have been centered around Maxine Kinsler. Ho, hum, what spring will do to one.

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Wednesday, March 29, 1939

Just think! Asking us what name we wanted on our diplomas. That's almost giving us the bum's rush in a hurry-up fashion, but maybe if some of those rusty brain cogs make a few revolutions, we'll graduate.

Thursday, March 30, 1939

Our drowsy, droopy, dreary, dreamy eyes were popped wide open when those beautiful previews of "Blossom Time" were shown in two auditoriums this morning. From the looks of things it's going to be super, super, snazzy.

Friday, March 31, 1939

With the teachers away, The kiddies can play.

It's a vacation today.

Monday, April 3, 1939

"Blossom Time" with all its elaborate costumes and coloring was put over with a terrific bang when it was given both Friday and Saturday nights. Albert Schwarze furnished just gobs of comedy while Eileen Eberhardt and Creighton Lewey carried on a touching romance—or are we getting sentimental?

Tuesday, April 4, 1939

Almost forgot something last Friday. Our never-to-be-forgotten but little-to-be-remembered class of '39 has nominated candidates for the memorial committee. They won't forget us now, we'll show them.

Wednesday, April 5, 1939

Horrors, it's getting to be that some of the most charming of the fairer sex have suddenly taken to sitting on the nasty, old, dirty, icky floor of the library instead of the chairs. I won't tell who they are but the first letters of their last names are Nancy Downing and Juanita Fraser.

Thursday, April 6, 1939

You can really tell that vacation is here from all the former Decatur High students seen around town and at school these days. Did you see Martha Blakney, Bob Whalen, Dorothy Dickenson, and Ralph Foster among them?

Friday, April 7, 1939

This is going to be a real vacation... see you again next Tuesday. Don't forget to look for the Easter bunny. Goodbye now.

Monday, April 10, 1939

Vacation, ain't it wun-der-ful though? Wasn't the Sunrise Service beautiful or didn't you get up that early?

Tuesday, April 11, 1939

Did you see the Easter bunny? You should have propped your peepers open long enough to see him and then hit the hay again 'cause he's really a cute little fellow... reminds me so of Bob Hill.

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Wednesday, April 12, 1939
Say, by the way, looking over the "Date 'em up list" gives us Gloria Gill and Hilmer Landholt. My, what the love bug does to Hilmer, or is it spring?

Thursday, April 13, 1939
All the faculty gathered from the far corners of this massive little red schoolhouse to select a valedictorian from the senior class. With all the swell kids that were eligible for this honor we know the faculty really chose a good one when they picked President Guy Centner.

Friday, April 14, 1939
WANTED: One place to relax our unrelaxed minds and bodies after a hard week of work (known more commonly as school).
FOUND: Just the place—the I. A. L. dime dance and those soft soothing melodies.
RESULT: Pep restored and a swell time for everyone.

Monday, April 17, 1939
'Twas a close race to the finish to finally elect a salutatorian, but Barbara Woodcock had the lead at the finish and will be the June senior class salutatorian.

Tuesday, April 18, 1939
Another senior gathering this morning and, from the discussion, it looks as if we're going to pack up some lunch in a few weeks and eat out in the park. Gee, are we going to have gobs of fun at the senior picnic (or nic-pic, just as you like).

Wednesday, April 19, 1939
Tough luck for Johnnie Stoune to break his leg but we hear that Jack Parsons, Russ Oplinger, and especially Rosemary "twin" Boggs are helping him on to a speedy recovery.

Thursday, April 20, 1939
The most dignified class of high school students (guess which one) will get to feel how it is to go to college when they dash out to Millikin to attend the vocational classes. We hear, too, that there is to be a tea dance after the sessions... well, I calls it!

Friday, April 21, 1939
We voted for orator, heard the orchestra play, had classes cut short, and everything! Boy, these are the kind of days we all like... more entertainment and less school. Some of us didn't realize we had our own Gene Krupa in Bob Snoke, but we know now.

Friday, April 28
Our superman, Duke Vail, formed from Fraser's one and only violin "a bucket!". This was after the concert when La Fraser decided it was too much of a burden for her... Vail was still carrying "the bucket" at the Mill. What muscle!! Muscle? No, courage. The concert, it was... well, we'd fill the hook telling you about it, so we won't go any farther.

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Tuesday, May 2, 1939

Hurry! Hurry! Hurry! We're not "barking to sell you anything, but this time we're just tearing down the home stretch on the final touches of our Ida K. Martin essays. Three more days, so hurry, hurry, hurry!

Wednesday, May 3, 1939

Jeannie Buckley and Maxine Fadford were the final selections for our commencement program. Both of them are bound to add plenty of class to our senior class.

Thursday, May 4, 1939

Dr. D. O. N. Lindbergh talked to the senior class on the tuberculin test this morning.

Friday, May 5, 1939

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Monday, May 8, 1939

We were ridin' high' last Friday night at the Choir's prom amongst all those prominent musicians of our little institution of learning. Some fun!

Tuesday, May 9, 1939

Oh, that most dreaded day of all came and passed. Everything is the same except that every senior is now dashing around and proudly showing his shot.

Wednesday, May 10, 1939

The Mary W. French award was given to Burnham Walraven and Jean Burdick for their outstanding high school record and extra-curricular activities.

Thursday, May 11, 1939

Come on, you kids, you'd better pay your senior dues. Say, by the way, Elizabeth Quinn collects in 33! and you should see the boys flock to pay—they don't need any more encouragement than that.

Friday, May 12, 1939

It's gonna be plenty swell tonight when all those happy seniors barge into the Junior-Senior Prom to swing away with Bill Oetzel and his orchestra. Maybe we'll see you if you raise a white flag amongst all the guys and gals.
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Tuesday, May 16, 1939
No, those little white things floating around aren’t enlarged pieces of confetti, but just some of the cards that the suave, sophisticated seniors are passing around.

Wednesday, May 17, 1939
Was Marilyn W’s nose red fifth hour today—she blames it on to “Getting into the wrong compartment while powdering her nose.” Anyway, she looked pretty snazzy.

Thursday, May 18, 1939
Congratulations Robert Turner. We just heard about your winning the DePauw University scholarship.

Friday, May 19, 1939
Little things we won’t forget about some of the D-K-ter Hi-ites: Johnny Eberly’s swell sense of humor; Dorothy Conder’s cute stillness; Edith Harris’ fashion firsts; Burnham Walraven’s love for all the pretty girls; David Bailey’s black curly hair.
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Girls in the hall, in front of the building, in the library, on the street.
Autographs
Although the sun sets on Lake Decatur and the class of 1939 is graduated, other days will dawn, other classes will come for Decatur High School.