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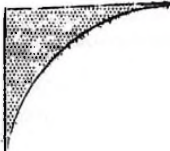
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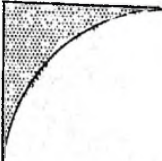
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\* To our Sponsor, Mr. John W. Gwinn, \*  
\* we take great pleasure in dedicat- \*  
\* ing this fifth volume of the Tal- \*  
\* K-Talian. For two years he has \*  
\* acted as our adviser in addition \*  
\* to his duties as Teacher and Coach \*  
\* of Talcott High School. We sincerely \*  
\* wish him the greatest success in his \*  
\* future work. \*  
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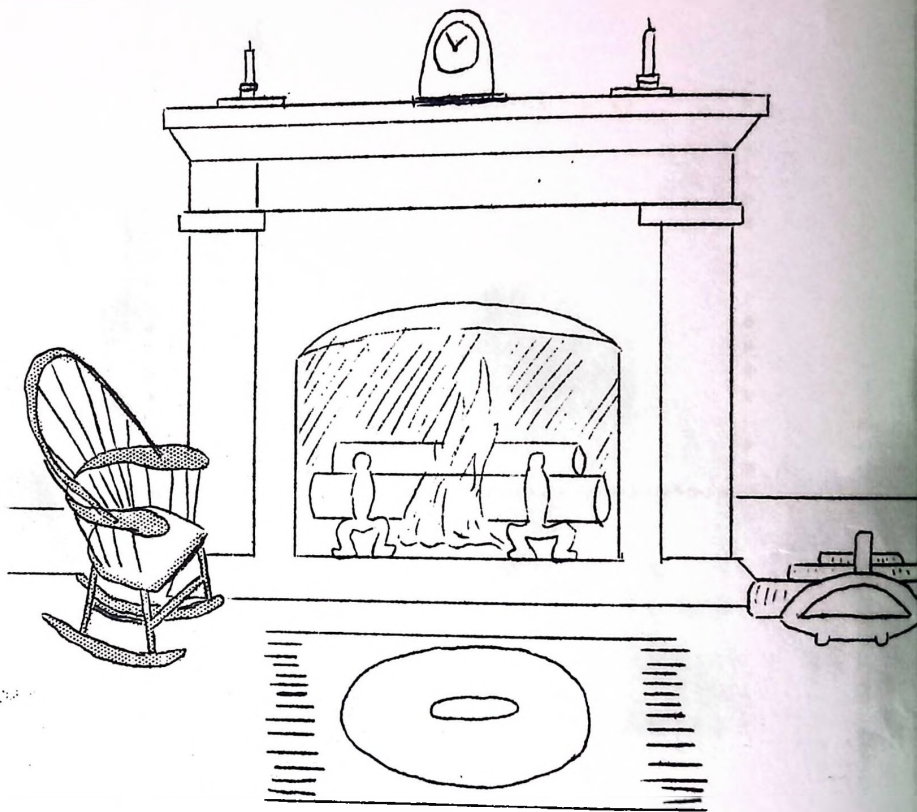
# FOREWORD

WE, THE SENIOR CLASS OF 1940, TAKE  
GREAT PLEASURE IN PUBLISHING THIS  
FIFTH VOLUME OF THE TAL-K-TALIAN  
FOR THE PURPOSE OF PRESERVING A  
RECORD OF THE ACTIVITIES AND  
ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF OUR CLASS AND  
SCHOOL.

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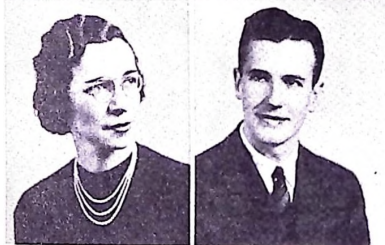
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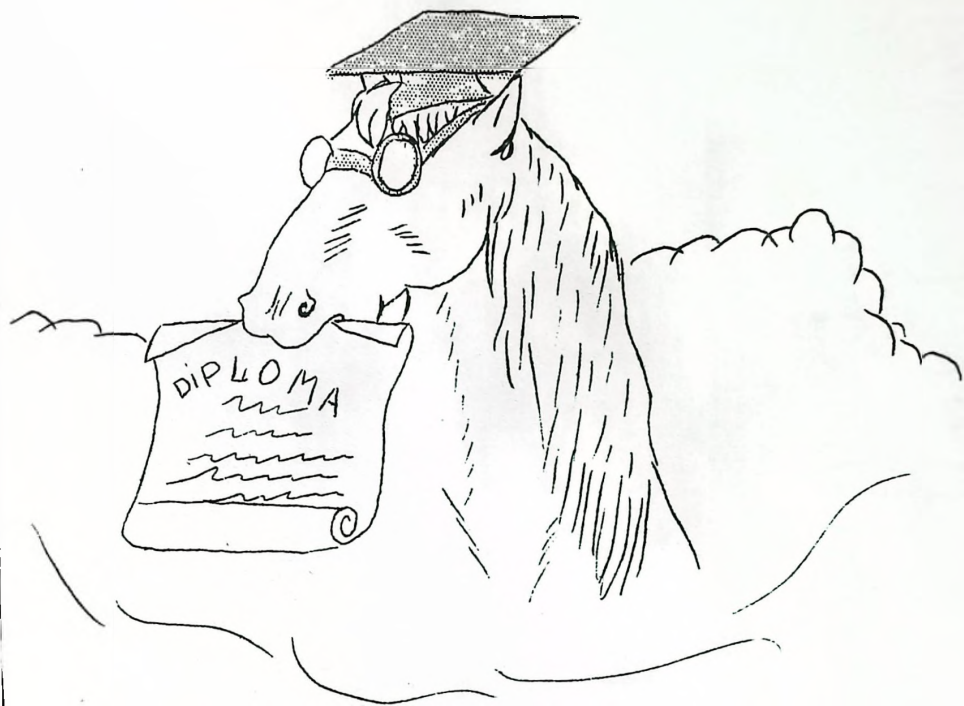
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SENIOR



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 "Ten acres and a mule will set him up in business." President Senior Class; President Greenbrier Valley Federation; Pres. F. F. A. Chapter; Bus. Manager Tal-K-Talian; Alumni Editor Areopagus.



**SHIRLEY MADDY**  
 "While I live women shall not rule". Vice-president Senior Class; Reporter for Areopagus; Sports Editor Tal-K-Talian; Football; Basketball.

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 "A student and a worker yet she enjoys life". Secretary Senior Class; Editor Tal-K-Talian; Exchange Editor Areopagus; Valedictorian of Senior Class.



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Art Editor of the Tal-K-Talian.

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"Good nature not too good to be true".  
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"Let us enjoy pleasure while we can; pleasure is never long enough". Feature Editor of the Arcopagus; Snapshot Editor of Tal-K-Talian; Home Ec. Club; Vice-president F.O.F. Club.



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"To find a place in the great world is my only desire".

MARY DELL TAYLOR

"Care will kill a care so therefore be merry." Humor Editor Arcopagus; Vice-president of Home Ec. Club; Girl Sports Editor Tal-K-Talian; F. O. F.

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## HONOR SENIORS

### ADENA RUTH GARTEN

Adena Ruth Garten who was chosen Valedictorian of the Senior Class is seventeen years of age, five feet five inches tall and weighs 115 pounds. She has brown hair, blue eyes and a dark complexion. She has a scholastic average of "A", the highest average in the history of the school. Adena is Editor-In-Chief of the Tal-K-Talian, Exchange Editor of the Areopagus, and Secretary of the Senior Class. She was voted the most studious girl, and the second most popular girl in the popularity contest this year. She will always remain as one of the most outstanding members of the Class of '40 to all who have known her.

### MARY JANE HONAKER

Mary Jane Honaker who was chosen Salutatorian, ran a close race with Adena Garten for the title of Valedictorian, and also has a scholastic average of "A". She is seventeen years of age, five feet seven inches tall, and weighs 139 pounds. She has dark blond hair, grey eyes and a medium complexion. She is Assistant Editor of the Tal-K-Talian, Secretary of the Girl Reserve Club, Senior Reporter for the Areopagus and a member of the F. H. A. Club. Mary Jane attended Alderson High School her freshman year, but during her three years in Talcott High School she has won a place in the hearts of many who will remember her as a dear friend and fellow student.

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# HONOR SENIORS

## ARTHUR CLINTON DODD

Arthur Clinton Dodd, third place honor senior has an average of B plus. Arthur is seventeen years of age, five feet nine inches tall, and weighs 142 pounds. He has dark brown hair, brown eyes and a medium complexion. He is Vice-president of the F. F. A. and was voted the most studious boy in the popularity contest this year. His personality has won for him a place in the hearts of all who know him.

## JANE ALICE SHIREY

Jane Alice Shirey, fourth in line of senior honor students, ran a close race with Arthur Dodd for the third place with an average of B plus. She is five feet four inches tall, weighs 105 pounds, has brown hair, blue eyes and a fair complexion. She is Vice-president and Reporter for the Girl Reserves and Reporter for the Arcopagus. Jane Alice's winning personality has made her many friends among her classmates.

## WILLIAM EARL FLINT

William Earl Flint, fifth place honor senior, has an average of B plus also. Earl is eighteen years of age, five feet six inches tall, and weighs 140 pounds. He has blond hair, blue eyes and a fair complexion. Earl is Alumni Editor of the Arcopagus, President of the Senior Class, President of F. F. A., Business Manager of the Tal-K-Talian, and President of the Greenbrier Valley Federation. He was voted the most helpful boy to the school in the annual popularity contest. Earl has been a good student and friend and will be remembered by all his classmates.

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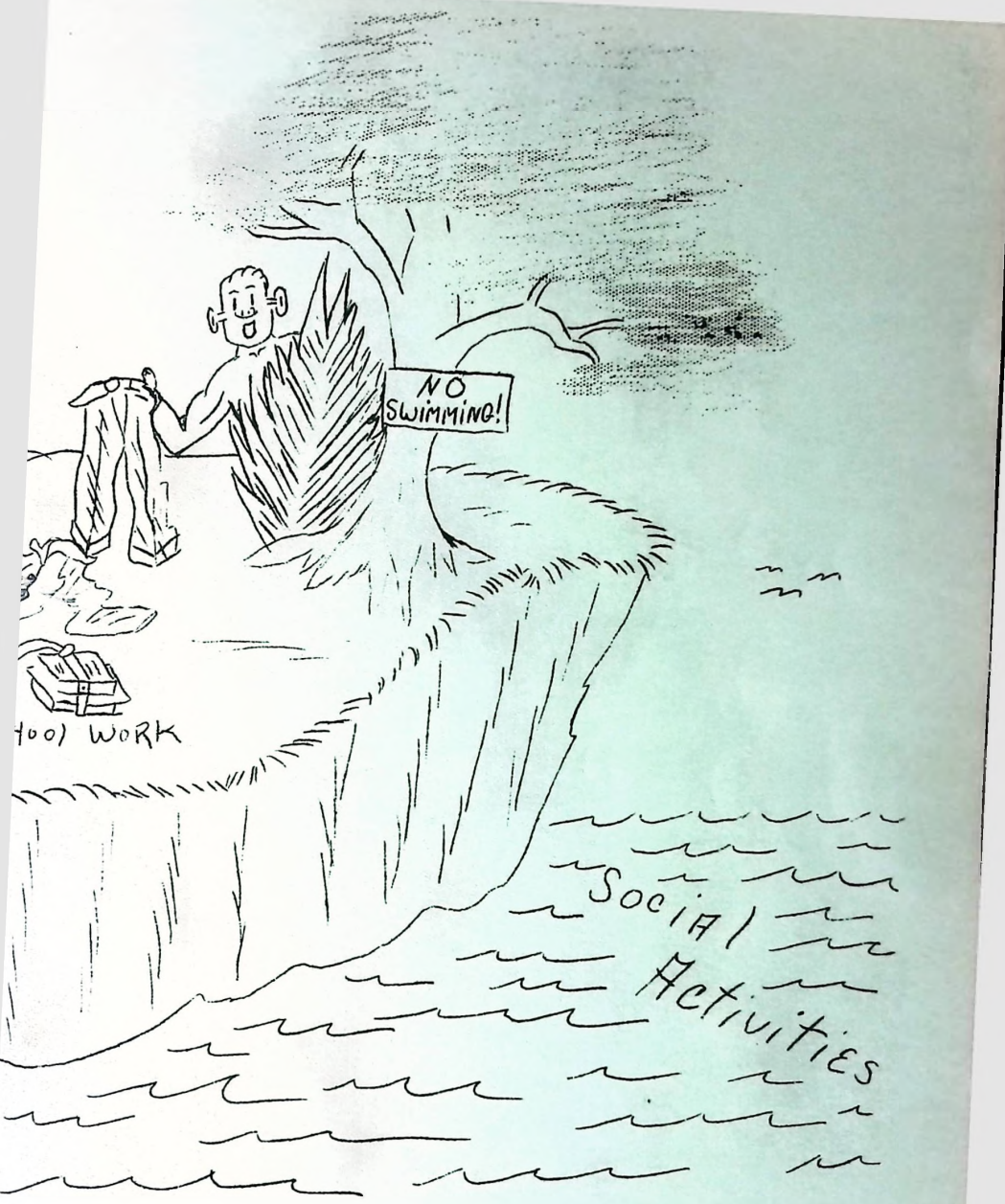
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## COLORS

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## FLOWER

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## ADVISER

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# CLASS ROLL

Betty Ballengee	Frank Ballengee
Kennard Ballengee	Richard Bostic
Richard Boyd	Helen Cales
Juanita Crawford	Jennings Crawford
Ophelia Flint	James Huston
Dorothy Lindsay	Pence Lilly
Ruby Lively	Mary Jane Mann
Violet Mann	Venus Mann
Gladys Martin	Fred McDaniels
Adelaide Meador	Gloria Meadows
Viola Meadows	Clarence Noble
Billy Ray Richardson	Nadine Sherwood
Helen Surber	Don Trail
Alvie Turner	Vernon Underwood
Jack Willey	Donald Woodrum
Mary Woodrum	Virginia Wooten
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JUNIOR CLASS





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### Class of '32

Albert W. Holmes  
Florine Flint Williams  
Woodrow Wyant

### Class of '33

Thomas Meadows

### Class of '36

Naomi Lowery  
Jennings Garten  
Ruth Gw<sup>l</sup>nn

### Class of '37

Herman Snyder

### Class of '39

Gerald Campbell



**SOPHOMORE**

# SOPHOMORES

## OFFICERS

President.....Patty Hammond  
Vice-president.....Calvin Wallace  
Sec'y. & Treas.....Norman Kirkham

## MOTTO

"Ever Climbing"

## COLORS

Gold and Blue

## FLOWER

Iris

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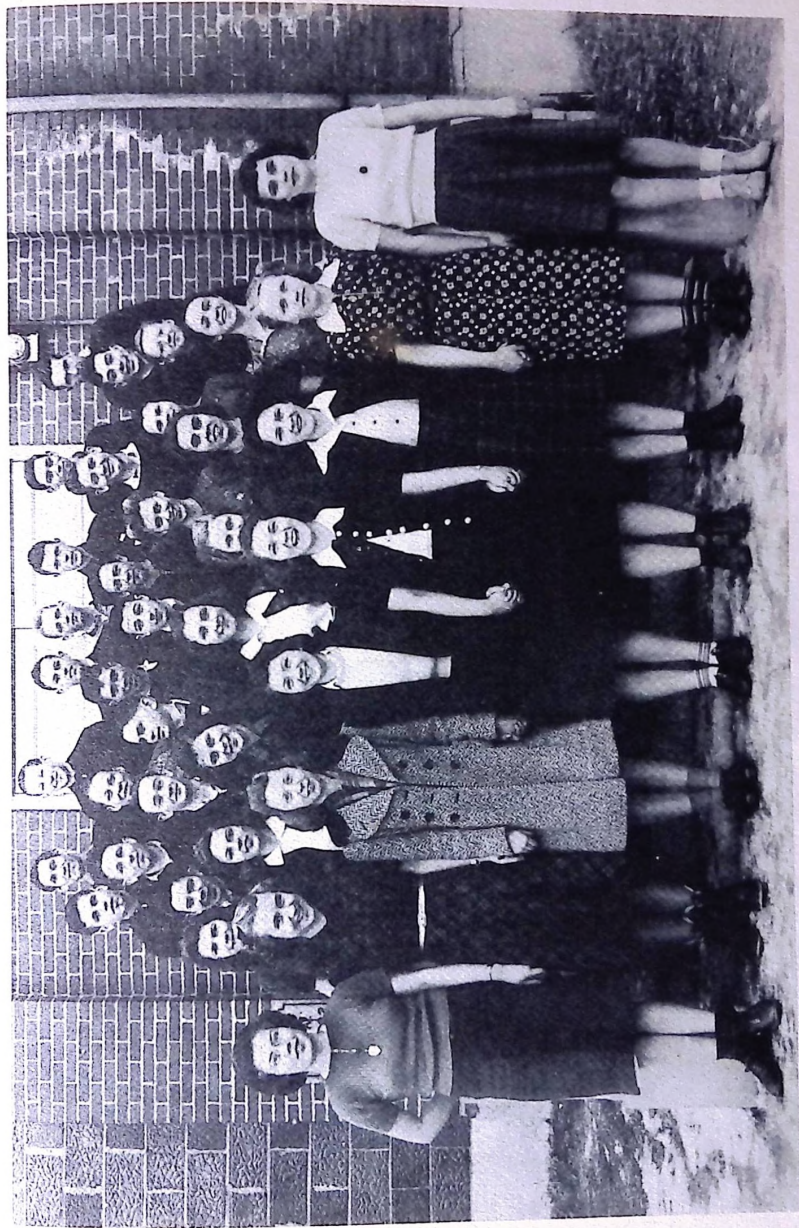




# CLASS ROLL

Evelyn A. Allen	Evelyn M. Allen
Imogene Boone	Bernard Bostic
Willie Bowyer	Mercedes Bowden
Richard Boyd	Scott Boyd
Robert Comer	Danton Campbell
Elizabeth Dick	Atholee Durham
James Glass	Annabelle Hambrick
Patricia Hammond	Peggy Hedrick
Charles Hutchison	Norman Kirkham
Robert Lilly	Vada Lively
Earl Lowe	Glenna Mann
Helen Mann	Virginia Martin
Buford Meadows	Charles Perkins
Okey Perkins	Lee Richardson
Tressie Sherwood	Ruth Shirey
William Sims	Roy Snyder
Basil Spade	Betty Tolley
Virginia Underwood	Calvin Wallace
	Joe Wenger

SOPHOMORE CLASS



CLASS OF '40

Our school days at Talcott Hi,  
Will soon be in the past,  
The memories that inward lie,  
Will stay with us till the last.

The four years have slipped away,  
Since we started in '36,  
It seems as if only yesterday,  
That we received our Freshman licks.

Persons that at first seemed dull,  
Gradually changed to nice,  
For knowing one another,  
Have brought their traits to light.

Classmates have become good friends,  
That later will cheer one's life,  
The girls we see so often,  
In the future will be someone's wife.

When our schooling is complete,  
Each will take his place,  
Some ever pressing onward,  
With others only occupying space.

So when we graduate,  
Each should take his stand,  
And remember, if at first,  
You don't succeed, try, try again.

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Secretary.....Naomi Carter  
Treasurer.....Lansford Smith

## MOTTO

"Not At The Top But Climbing Ever"

## COLORS

Maroon and White

## FLOWER

Rhododendron

## ADVISER

Miss Cloteal Bragg



# CLASS ROLL

Hobart Akers	Franklin Alderson
Zeda Aliff	Beulah Allen
Herbert Allen	Helen Ayres
Nita Mae Bragg	Rosetta Bragg
Millie Eurdette	Naoma Carter
Ruth Carter	James Dodd
Melva Fink	Opal Garten
Waldo Harvey	Gilmer Hoke
Louise Mann	Shan Meadows
William Meadows	Edwin Miller
Virginia Nutter	Clarence Philips
Naomi Presley	John Rogers
Ronald Rudisill	Roy Rudisill
Harry Shanklin	Robert Sims
Lanceford Smith	Billy Joe Swepston
Van Trail	Frances Via
Goldie Wenger	Geraldine Williams
Raymond Wiseman	Edward Wilson

Leonard Woodrum



# FRESHMAN CLASS



## SENIOR CLASS PLAY

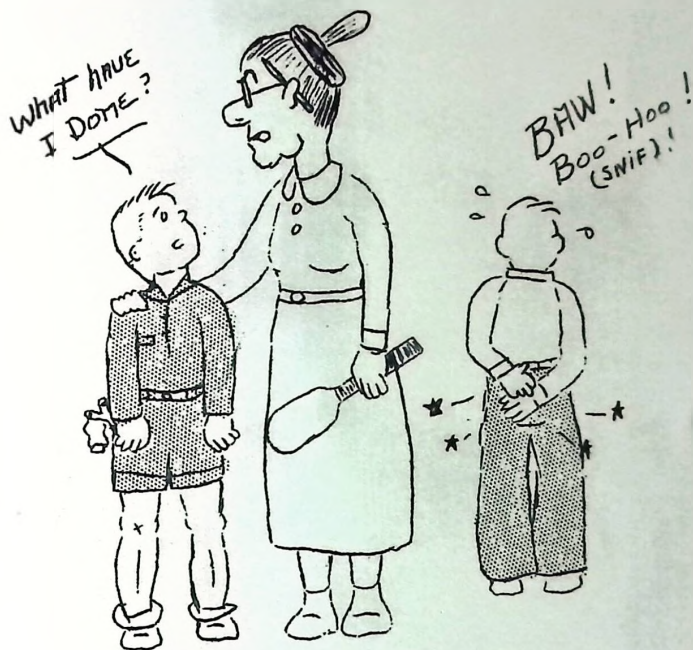
The Senior Class play, "Sunbonnet Jane of Sycamore Lane" will always be remembered as one of the brightest and most interesting comedies ever presented at Talcott High School. The play is one of Wilbur Braun's latest comedies written in three acts. The mischievous pranks of the young and fun-loving heroine, Jane Jasper, who is known as Sunbonnet Jane, furnishes a new high in hilarity who is joined in her comedy antics by Toby Simpkins. Jane lives on a farm with her two aunts after her father's death because her mother was forced into the world to earn a living.

Aunt Miranda is stern and severe but Aunt Grace is much younger and she sympathizes with Jane. The roars of laughter grow and expand throughout the three glorious acts, never stopping until the final curtain.

Here's the cast:

Jane Jasper, our charming heroine.....Margie Whitlock  
Miranda Jasper, her severe aunt.....Ruth Leibs  
Grace Jasper, Miranda's young sister.....Jane Alice Shroy  
Ollie Dinklebury, a school teacher.....Mary J. Honaker  
Nola Miller, who has a duty to perform...Jean Taylor  
Crystal Cluett, Jane's cousin.....Dorothy Hedrick  
Schuyler Pell, who visits Crystal.....Glendon Ford  
Toby Simpkins, who loves to play pranks..Billy Osborne  
Jason Gouch, a permanent groucher.....Arthur Dodd  
Douglas Smith, a young hitch-hiker.....Earl Flint  
Marion Marsh, a gentlewoman.....Mary D. Taylor

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7TH & 8TH GRADES



# SEVENTH & EIGHTH GRADE CLASS

## OFFICERS

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Vice-president.....Margaret Glass  
Secretary.....Sarah Snead  
Treasurer.....Marian Jo Halloran

## MOTTO

"One For All, All For One"

## COLORS

Green and White

## FLOWER

Honeysuckle

## ADVISER

Miss Mary H. McNiel



# CLASS ROLL

Charles Akers

Sidney Allen

James Bostic

Gordon Buckland

George Gadd

Paul Lowe

Ralph Meadows

Billy Spence

Dennis Surber

Gene Wallace

Omar Woodrum

India Allen

Jean Boyd

Jean Chattin

Betty Comer

Blanch Craft

Margaret Glass

Marian Halloran

Mary Harbison

Nadine Huston

Joyce Huffman

Audrey Lively

Joan Mann

Charlotte Miller

Anna Mac Rudisill

Sarah Snead

Margaret Tolbert

Wilma Vaughn

Judith Wallace

Elizabeth Weiford

June Willey

Jane Wyant

SEVENTH & EIGHTH GRADES



COMMENCEMENT WEEK SCHEDULE

THURSDAY, MAY 16.....SENIOR EXAMINATIONS

FRIDAY, MAY 17.....SENIOR EXAMINATIONS

SUNDAY, MAY 19.....COMMENCEMENT SERMON

MAY 20-24.....SENIOR WEEK

TUESDAY, MAY 21.....SENIOR CLASS NIGHT

TUESDAY, MAY 21.....EXAMINATIONS

WEDNESDAY, MAY 22.....EXAMINATIONS

THURSDAY, MAY 23.....COMMENCEMENT

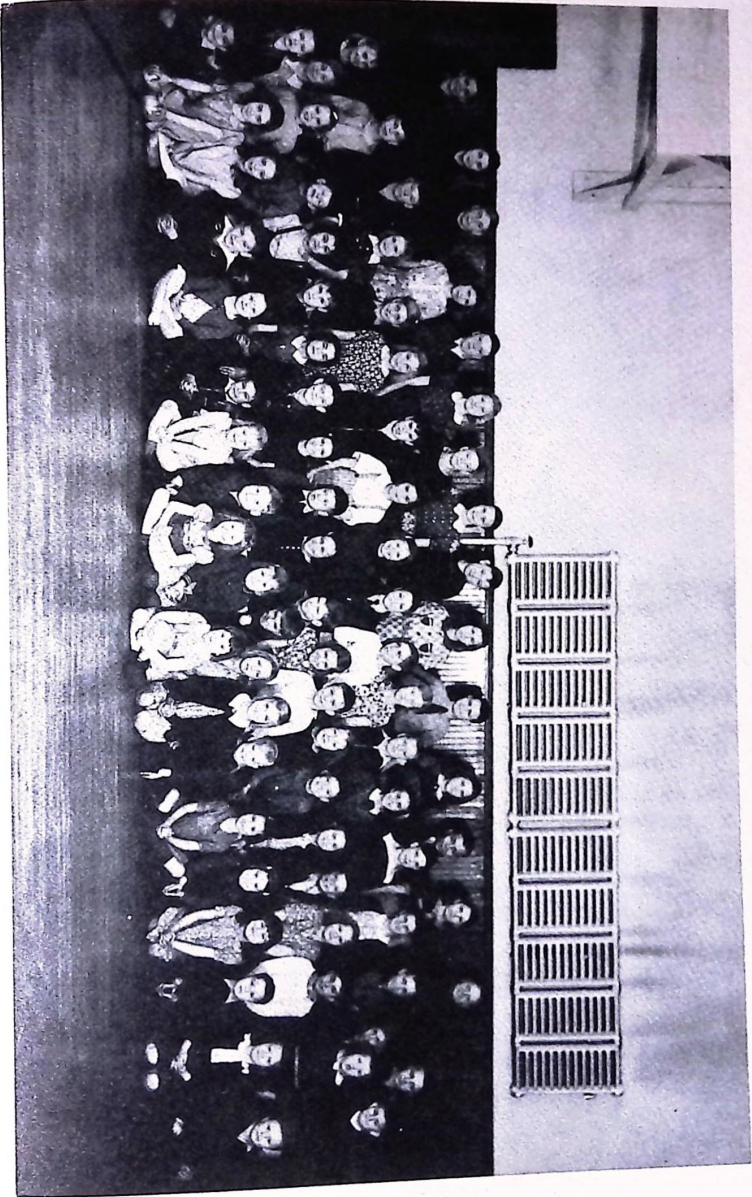
FRIDAY, MAY 24.....CLOSE OF SCHOOL



# ELEMENTARY GRADES







GRADES

## CLASS ROLL

### PRIMARY GRADES - MISS MARY KESLER, TEACHER

Kay Bartgis	Tommy Akers	Edward Halloran
Bobby Gill	Eddie Huston	Gary Jones
Leonard Thompson	Buddy Thomas	Robey Kast
Howard Collins	Billy Collins	Mary Carol Bostic
Patty Jo Chattin	Nancy Comer	Joan Dillon
Zula Gadd	Mabel Hodge	Anita Hoke
Peggy Lou Huffman	Virginia Hyler	Polly Mann
Elizabeth Miller	Dorothy Rudisill	Jennie Sims
Imogene Bragg	Ruby Collins	

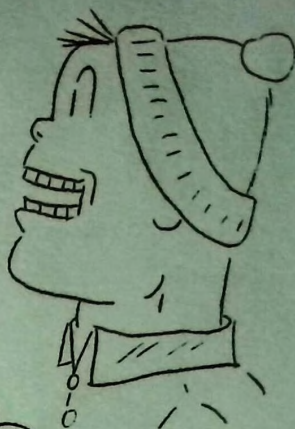
### THIRD AND FOURTH GRADES - MRS. MELVINA MILLER, TEACHER

Jimmy Bragg	Jimmy Chattin	Basil Hodge
Kenneth Hodge	Bobby Huston	Jennings Kirby
Billy Mann	Ronald Surber	Jean Bartgis
Betty Lou Eoyd	Nadine Gadd	Wilma Gill
Elizabeth Hyler	Louise Rudisill	Zelma Bragg
Jerry Bartgis	Tommy Bostic	Sonny Chattin
Ernest Gill	Jimmy Jones	John Kast
Virginia Biggs	June Chattin	Vada Gadd
Lora Lee Jones	Pansy Raines	Helen Sneed
Eva Jane Spence	Jerolec Taylor	

### FIFTH AND SIXTH GRADES \* MISS BLANCH SIMS, TEACHER

Junior Ailstock	Demetris Apostolon	Juanita Allen
Joyce Bragg	Allen Bragg	Edwin Cales
Charles Cales	Joan Dillon	George Dillon
Harold Dillon	Nancy Eades	Robert Gadd
Russell Gadd	Alice Halloran	Betty Hutchison
Ralph Jones	Goldia Kast	Nancy Kesler
Virginia Lowry	Loyd Lowry	Alma Jean Mann
Ruth Meadows	Roy Meadows	Gene Newell
Ray Rudisill	James Spence	Exrea Taylor
Bernard Thompson	Christine Weiford	Kenneth Willey
Kathryn Woodrum	Leo Woodrum	

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ACTIVITIES





## F.O.F. CLUB

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Reporter.....Violet Mann  
Adviser.....Miss Cloteal Bragg

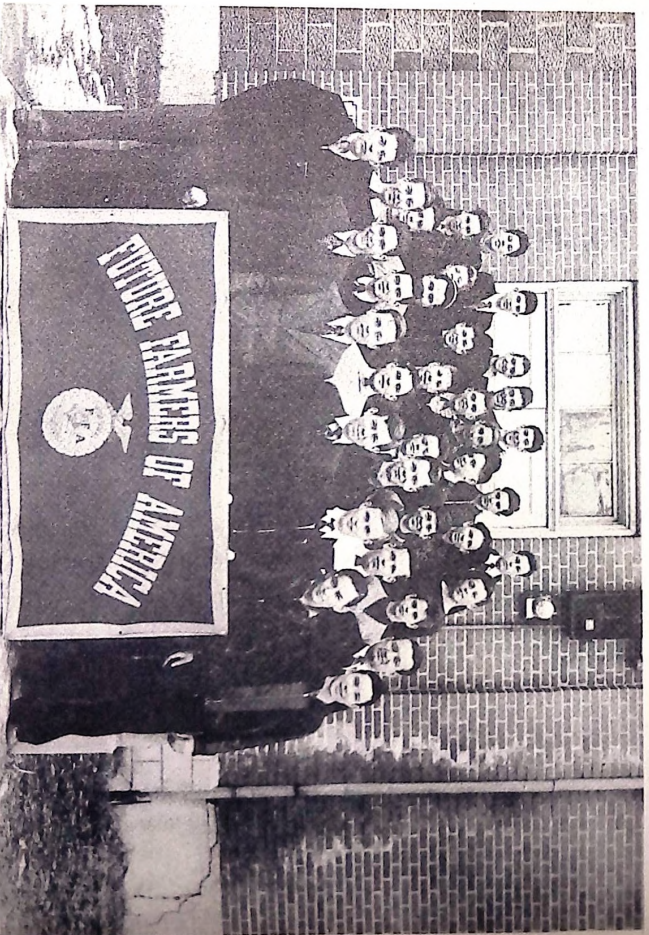
### OTHER MEMBERS:

Violet Mann, Helen Gales, Betty Ballengee,  
Margie Whitlock, Mary Jane Mann, Willie Bowyer,  
Ophelia Flint, Dorothy Hedrick, Ruth Lewis,  
Jean Taylor, Adelaide Meador, Peggy Hedrick.





F.H.A. CLUB



F.F.A. CLUB

## F. F. A. CHAPTER

The officers of this club are:

Earl Flint.....President  
Arthur Dodd.....Vice-president  
Norman Kirkham.....Reporter  
Glendon Ford.....Secretary  
Bill Boyd.....Treasurer

Other members are: Venus Mann, Robert Buckland, James Dodd, Billy Joe Meadows, Ronald Rudisill, Scott Boyd, Frank Ballengee, Norvin Bowyer, Gilmer Hoke, Kennard Ballengee, Richard Boyd, John Rogers, Leonard Woodrum, Clarence Philips, Roy Rudisill, Van Trail, Eddie Miller, Raymond Wiseman, Pence Lilly, Calvin Wallace, Waldo Harvey, Lanceford Smith, Bobby Sims, Jerry Shanklin, Richard Shirey, Clarence Noble, Franklin Alderson, Hobart Akers, Shan Meadows, Billy Sims, Richard Lee Boyd, and Mr. Robert E. Via-Adviser.

## F. F. A. CLUB

Officers of this club are:

Patty Hammond.....President  
Mary Dell Taylor.....Vice-president  
Margaret Ford.....Sec'y. & Treas.  
Mercedes Bowden.....Reporter

Other members are: Peggy Hedrick, Betty Tolley, Tressie Sherwood, Madeline Burdette, Zeda Aliff, Beulah Allen, Melva Fink, Mable Eggleston, Willie Bowyer, Imogene Boone, Millic Mae Burdette, Ruth Lewis, Dorothy Hedrick, Margaret Ford, Jean Taylor, Margie Whitlock, Mary Dell Taylor, Ruby Cox, Ruth Shirey, Mary Jane Mann, Betty Ballengee, Eunice Wyant, Atholee Durham, Geraldine Williams, Juanita Crawford, Mary Jane Honaker, Pearl Flint, Ruby Lively, Nancy Lilly, Violet Mann, Adelaide Meador, Vada Lively, Virginia Martin, Virginia Nutter, and Miss Mary McNiell, Adviser.





AEROPAGUS STAFF



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## THE AREOPAGUS STAFF

The Areopagus, student publication of Talcott High School, was started in the fall of 1930. It is a member of the Quill and Scroll and the United High School Press. The paper has been very successful in competition with other state high school papers and the contest sponsored by Quill and Scroll. The staff follows:

EDITOR-IN-CHIEF.....RUTH LEWIS  
Associate Editor.....Adelaide Meador  
Society and Club Editor.....Dorothy Hedrick  
Feature Editor.....Jean Taylor  
Exchange Editor.....Adena Garten  
Humor Editor.....Mary Dell Taylor  
Alumni Editor.....Earl Flint  
Sports Editor.....Charles Bryant  
Senior Reporter.....Mary Jane Honaker  
Junior Reporter.....Violet Mann  
Sophomore Reporter.....Peggy Hedrick  
Freshman Reporter.....Virginia Nutter  
Reporters: Mary Jane Mann, Betty Ballengee, Dorothy Lindsay, Shirley Maddy, James Dotson, James Glass, Frank Ballengee, Betty Tolley, Patty Hammond, Norvin Bowyer, Arthur Dodd, Danton Campbell, Willie Bowyer, Helen Cales, Ophelia Flint, Richard Boyd, Donald Woodrum, Kennard Ballengee, James Huston, and Jack Willey.

Typist.....Margaret Ford

FACULTY ADVISER.....Mrs. Jack C. Burdett

## BUSINESS STAFF

Business Manager.....Marjorie Whitlock  
Assistant Business Manager.....Fred McDaniels  
Circulation Manager.....Robert Smith  
Faculty Adviser.....J. L. Perry

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## THE HIGH SCHOOL BAND

The Talcott High School Band, which was organized in the fall of 1937 by Mr. Louis J. Kaman, Jr. is now directed by Mr. Wesley Moore. When the band was first organized there were six members. It has increased until there are now fifteen. The members are as follows: Betty Tolley, Margie Whitlock, Earl Lowe, Paul Lowe, Nancy Eades, Ronald Surber, James Glass, Bernard Thompson, James Elbert Huston, Exrea Taylor, Adelaide Meador, Robert Sims, Viola Meadows, Billy Spence, Charles Perkins.



## PRESS MEETINGS

The Fourteenth Annual Congress of the United High School Press of West Virginia was held April 12 and 13 under the auspices of the Marshall College Department of Journalism at Huntington, W.Va.

All high schools in West Virginia having a school publication or a class in Journalism were eligible to send delegates to the convention.

Mr. Morley, one of the outstanding leaders of American journalism, spoke on "The Press, Propaganda, and Public Opinion" and drew on his personal experiences as a reporter, foreign correspondent, editor, author and scholar.

After registration, students were taken to private homes to stay during the convention. There was a banquet given for the students and advisers Saturday night, April 13. There was also a theatre party, dance and business round-table discussions concerning the problems of high school publications.

The following delegates were sent from Talcott High School: Violet Mann Vest, Adelaide Meador, Mary Jane Mann, Helen Cales, Mary Dell Taylor, Fred McDaniels, and Miss Mary McNiell, adviser.





## GIRL RESERVES

### OFFICERS:

President.....Pearl Flint  
Vice-president.....Jane Alice Shirey  
Secretary.....Mary Jane Honaker  
Treasurer.....Adelaide Meador  
Adviser.....Miss Cloteal Bragg

### OTHER MEMBERS:

Virginia Nutter, Virginia Meadows,  
Helen Calcs, Willie Bowyer, Viola  
Meadows, Violet Mann, Ruth Lewis,  
Mary Dell Taylor.

## LITERARY CONTEST

The District Literary Contest was held at Concord College, Athens, W.Va. on March 30. Those representing Talcott High School were: Betty Ballengee...Oral Interpretation of Poetry; Mary Dell Taylor...Oration; Marjorie Whitlock...Debate.

The local speech contest was held at Talcott High School March 8, with the high school teachers acting as judges. The local contestants were: POETRY, Betty Ballengee and Marjorie Whitlock; ORATION, Mary Dell Taylor, Peggy Hedrick and Betty Ballengee; DEBATE, Marjorie Whitlock.

The poems used for interpretation were: Theme: War - "Patterns" - Amy Lowell; "I Have A Rendezvous With Death" - Alen Suger; The question for Debate was, Resolved: "That the Federal Government Should Own and Operate the Railroads". The oration selected by Mary Dell Taylor was "The Lost Generation" by Willard Wilson.

Much interest has been developed in Literary Contests within our student body and we hope this interest will increase during the coming years.

Coaches for this year's contestants were Mrs. Jack C. Burdett and Mrs. J. L. Perry.

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# ATHLETICS







## FOOTBALL SQUAD

Left to Right

Front Row:

James Glass, Fred McDaniels, Robert Smith, Norvin Bowyer,  
Vernon Underwood, Billy Boyd, Frank Ballengee.

Second Row:

Ashby Rhodes, Kennard Ballengee, Dick Bostic, Donald  
Woodrum, Richard Boyd, Alvie Turner, Billy Osborne.

Back Row:

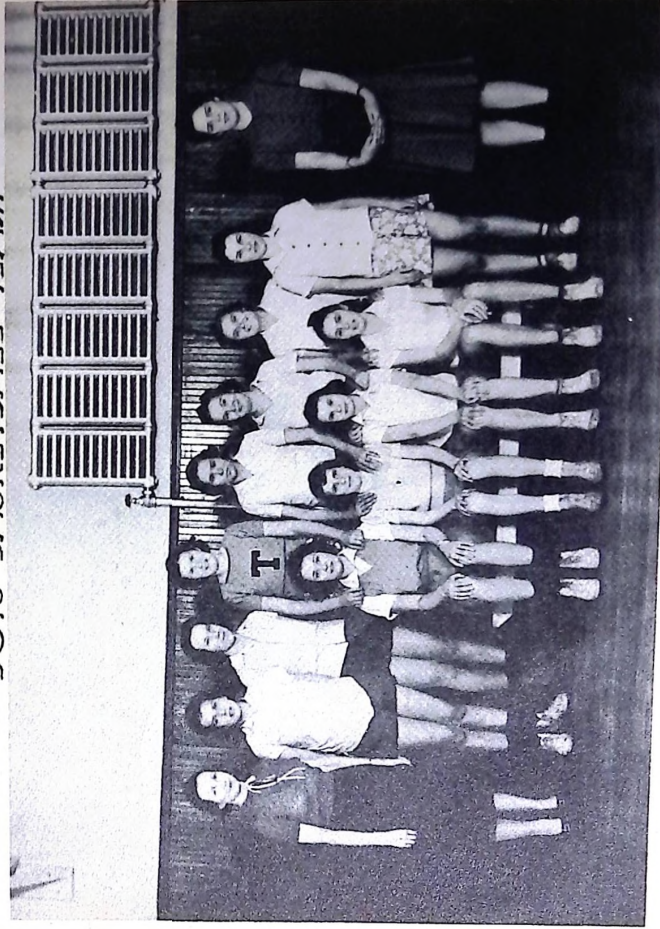
Jack Willey, Robert Lilly, Charles Hutchison, Lanceford  
Smith, Joe Wenger, Venus Mann.

### SEASON'S RECORD

TALCOTT (HOME) ...0	FAYETTEVILLE...13
TALCOTT (AWAY) ...0	RAINELLE.....60
TALCOTT (AWAY) ...7	WHITE SULPHUR...13
TALCOTT (HOME) ...13	SANDSTONE.....0
TALCOTT (AWAY) ...12	RENICK.....12
TALCOTT (HOME) ...13	COLLINS.....15
TALCOTT (AWAY) ...14	G. M. S.....0
TALCOTT (AWAY) ...2	SHADY SPRINGS..15
TALCOTT (AWAY) ...0	ALDERSON.....26
TALCOTT (AWAY) ...0	RUPERT.....26
TALCOTT (HOME) ...9	MARLINTON.....7



BOYS BASKETBALL TEAM



GIRLS BASKETBALL TEAM



## BOYS BASKETBALL TEAM

Reading left to right - Front row: Robert Smith, Manager

Second row: Alvie Turner, Shirley Maddy, Dick Bostic,  
James Glass.

Back row: Coach John W. Gwinn, Danton Campbell, Billy  
Osborne, Lanceford Smith, Calvin Wallace,  
Frank Ballengee, Norman Kirkham.

### SCHEDULE

<u>Opponent</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Where Played</u>	<u>Score</u>	
			<u>Home Team</u>	<u>Opponent</u>
Union	12/30	Talcott	29	25
Hinton	1/3/40	Hinton	17	22
Sandstone	1/5/40	Talcott	40	41
Rupert	1/9	Rupert	34	16
Renick	1/11	Talcott	54	27
Ronceverte	1/15	Ronceverte	28	42
Shady Springs	1/17	Talcott	56	38
Alderson	1/19	Alderson	32	26
White Sulphur	1/23	Talcott	27	35
Marlinton	1/26	Marlinton	37	23
G.M.S.Colonels	1/31	Talcott	32	33
Ronceverte	2/3	Talcott	33	29
Renick	2/6	Renick	44	19
Marlinton	2/8	Talcott	59	30
Union	2/10	Union	35	32
Hinton	2/13	Talcott	21	22
Shady Springs	2/15	Shady Springs	24	41
Greenbank	2/19	Talcott	33	48
Rupert	2/22	Talcott	40	16
Alderson	2/27	Talcott	29	24
TOURNAMENT				
Sandstone	3/1	Talcott	21	24
Union	3/2	Talcott	35	21

## GIRLS BASKETBALL TEAM

Reading left to right - Front row: Adelaide Meador, Virginia  
Underwood, Mercedes Bowden, Vada Lively.

Back row: Miss Cloteal Bragg, Coach, Naomi Carter, Goldie Wenger,  
Juanita Crawford, Opal Garten, Betty Ballongee, Mary  
Dell Taylor, Helen Cales, Violet Mann.

### SCHEDULE

TALCOTT 24	HINTON 16
TALCOTT 24	HINTON 15
TALCOTT 28	ALDERSON 36
TALCOTT 27	ALDERSON 32
TALCOTT 43	ALDERSON IND. 25

# SENIOR ATHLETES

## BILL BOYD

Talcott's versatile lineman has played football for the Pirates for three years and has earned his title of being "versatile", as he has played tackle, guard, and center all equally well. Bill has never missed a game, of which he is justly proud. This is quite a goal for other football aspirants to shoot at in the years to come. Talcott Hi is proud of you and your record, Bill.

## SHIRLEY MADDY

One of our shiftiest and fastest backs, Shirley has played on the squad for four years, and many is the point he has core scored for the Green and White. Due to an unfortunate accident Shirley did not see much service in his senior year, but he was always "in there " in the pinches.

Shirley has also played as forward on the basketball varsity for four years where he has been an outstanding player.

## BILLY OSBORNE

Bill is running mate for Shirley, both being backs. Bill is fast, smart and plenty shifty, while his blocking is hard to beat. Bill is also forward on the basketball team where he has held up his end for Talcott in a dependable manner during the last three years.

## ROBERT SMITH

Robert has been "under the gun" for three football seasons in the tackle position where he has proved his worth two-fold. He is manager of the basketball team and his going this year makes us realize that his shoes will be hard to fill.

## ASHEY RHODES

"Dusty" is our model for calmness under fire. Although he has played football for only two years, his game at guard is steady and sure at all times. Dusty can always be counted upon to hold up his end. He leaves us this year to join the ranks of graduated Pirates of Talcott High School.

## NORVIN BOWYER

This is the first year Norvin has seen service upon the gridiron for Talcott High School. Norvin, while being groomed for tackle position also played regular center which he did with ability that was amazing. Norvin leaves us this year along with the rest of the Senior Pirates.





# SENIOR NICKNAMES & AMBITIONS

NAME	NICKNAME	AMBITION
William Boyd	"Billy"	Street cleaner
Robert Bowyer	"Bob"	Tobacco grower
Norvin Bowyer	"Nervy"	Captain U.S. Army
Charles Bryant	"Tooney"	Professional liar
Robert Buckland	"Bob"	Actor
Madeline Burdette	"Phoby"	Artist
Frank Coiner	"Wab"	Frog catcher
Ruby Cox	"Ruben"	Stenographer
Arthur Dodd	"Poody"	Poultryman
James Dotson	"Jim"	G-Man
Mable Eggleston	"Maybelle"	Beautician
Earl Flint	"Meany"	W.P.A. Worker
Pearl Flint	"Peddy"	Beautician
Margaret Ford	"Maggie"	Beautician
Glendon Ford	"Porky"	Farmer
Adena Garten	"Dena"	Beautician
Buren Garten	"Uncle Buren"	Woman chaser
Howard Gwinn	"Yones"	Poet
Dorothy Lee Hedrick	"Dort"	Kindergarten teacher
Mary Jane Honaker	"Janie"	History teacher
William Kesler	"Billy "	Traffic cop
Ruth Lewis	"Lard"	Home Ec. Teacher
Nancy Lilly	"Nance"	Nurse
Shirley Maddy	"Shirley"	Professional player
Shirley Mann	"Shirkey"	Gangster
Angenetta Meadows	"Angimima"	School teacher
William Osborne	"Billy"	Electrician
Ashby Rhodes	"Dusty"	Garbage collector
Jane Alice Shirey	"Janie"	Vo-Ag. Teacher
Richard Shirey	"Shic"	Bootlegger
Mettie Sims	"Met"	Nurse
Robert Smith	"Bob"	Millionaire
Simon Snyder	"Simone"	G-Man
Emojean Taylor	"Jean"	Technician
Mary Dell Taylor	"Evil Eye"	Professional wife
Margie Whitlock	"Rompers"	Stenographer
Eunice Wyant	"Blondie"	Beauty Operator

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## POPULARITY CONTEST

The Popularity Contest which is sponsored annually by the Areopagus, student publication of Talcott High School, was held January 26. The contest created much excitement and student opinion was well expressed. Adelaide Meador received five first places and Robert Smith followed with four first places. Competition was strong and winners were varied.

The first place winners were: Adeliade Meador, most popular girl, prettiest girl, best girl athlete, most helpful girl to school, best all-round girl, and tied for most appealing personality; Robert Smith, most popular boy, most handsome boy, best boy dancer, and most appealing personality (boy); Dick Bostic, best boy athlete and best all-round boy; Ophelia Flint, neatest girl; Norvin Bowyer, neatest boy, most courteous boy, and best dressed boy; Margie Whitlock, wittiest girl; Bobby Sims, wittiest boy; Adena Garten, most studious girl and tied for most appealing personality(girl); Arthur Dodd, most studious boy; Earl Flint, most helpful boy to school; Viola Meadows, most courteous girl; Betty Tolley, laziest girl; Moses Wyant, laziest boy; Peggy Hedrick, best girl dancer; Virginia Underwood, biggest girl pest; Ashby Rhodes, biggest boy pest; Ruth Shirey, most timid girl; Frank Colner, most timid boy; and Margaret Ford, best dressed girl.

Runners-up were: Adena Garten, most popular girl, and tied for best all-round girl; Shirley Maddy, most popular boy, most handsome boy, and best boy athlete; Margaret Ford, prettiest girl and neatest girl; Ruth Lewis, best girl athlete, most helpful to school, and tied for best all-round girl. Robert Smith, wittiest boy, best all-round boy, best dressed boy, and tied for neatest boy; Juanita Crawford, wittiest girl; Glendon Ford, tied for neatest boy; Adelaide Meador, most studious girl and best girl dancer; Charles Bryant, most studious boy and most helpful to school; Patty Hammond, most courteous girl and most appealing personality(girl); Arthur Dodd, most courteous boy; Gloria Meadows, laziest girl; Bobby Sims, laziest boy and biggest boy pest; Fred McDaniels, best boy dancer; Margie Whitlock, biggest girl pest; Bill Osborne and Norman Kirkham tied for most appealing personality(boy); Jane Alice Shirey, most timid girl; Moses Wyant, most timid boy; and Ophelia Flint, best dressed girl.

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# POPULARITY CONTEST WINNERS



Viola Meadows



Helena Garton



Margaret Ford



Earl Flint



Peggy Hedrick



Ophelia Flint



Adelade Munday



Margie Whitlock

# SENIOR CLASS WILL

We, the Senior Class of Talcott High School, County of Summers, and State of West Virginia, being of unsound mind and disintegrating memory after four strenuous years, do hereby make, publish and declare this as our last and best will and testament, hereby revoking all former wills, bequests, and devises of whatever nature by us already made.

First: We give, devise and bequeath to the Junior Class the Senior Sneak Day, if they can get it, and all memories, bitter, sweet, or otherwise of Talcott High School.

Second: To Coach Swinn, our sponsor, we leave our everlasting thanks and good-will for his kind assistance.

Third: Be it hereby known that all members of the Senior Class generously, with charity for all and malice toward none, bequeath the following personal belongings to underclassmen to help them in the pursuit of happiness:

I, Ashby Rhodes, bequeath my soul of brevity and love for coon hunting to Vernon Underwood.

I, Glendon Ford, bequeath my ability to think to Lance Smith.

I, Robert Smith, bequeath my good looks and winning ways to nobody, as I want to keep them myself.

I, Earl Flint, bequeath my ability to brag, since no one will brag for me, to Joe Wenger.

I, Margaret Ford, bequeath my beauty to Betty Tolley, since I think she needs it worse than I do.

I, Billy Boyd, bequeath my love for Vada Lively to anybody who wants her.

I, Norvin Bowyer, bequeath my ability to look neat to Jim Glass.

I, Euren Garton, bequeath my winning ways with girls in spite of all the blushes, to Tuck Campbell.

I, Shirley Maddy, will my ability to bluff my way to Pence Lilly.

I, Arthur Dodd, bequeath my ability to learn to my brother James.

I, Howard Gwinn, bequeath my ability to make friends to Jennings Crawford.

I, Janc Alice Shircy, bequeath my ability to get along with Mr. Ford to Sarah Snead.

I, Junior Coincr, bequeath my timidity to Jerry Shanklin.

I, Shirley Mann, bequeath my ability to chew tobacco in class to Alvic Turner.

I, Billy Osborne, bequeath my transportation to school to Fred.

Mary Jane Honaker and Adena Garten leave their abundance of credits to anyone who may need them.

Pearl Flint leaves her Geometry book to anyone who will use it.

Mable Eggleston, Madeline Burdette, Eunice Wyant, and Angenetta Meadows leave modesty and bashfulness to Milla Mae Burdette, Glodie Wenger, and Naomi Carter.

James Dotson leaves his good nature to the faculty.

Charles Bryant bequeaths anything but his ambition to Dick Bostic.

Billy Kesler and Simon Snyder leave their ability to cut classes to anyone who can get away with it easier than they do.

Dorothy Hedrick, Ruth Lewis, and Jean Taylor bequeath their phone calls and dates to Adelaide Meador, Patty Hammond and Peggy Hedrick.

Marjorie Whitlock and Mary Taylor leave their ability to study to Ruby Lively and Gloria Meadows.

Bobby Bowyer leaves his gift of gab to Bobby Sims.

Signed - The Senior Class



## CLASS PROPHECY

One day when I was in a dreamy mood, trying to get away from the present, my thoughts carried me back to the "gone but not forgotten" days at Talcott High School and I began thinking of the members of the Class of 1940 and wondering what paths of life they were troding. And then, like a bolt from the blue, I thought of the Bureau of "Knows All and Tells All", which in keeping with the policies formulated by the New Deal of 1933, takes a census of the people each year.

In looking up the up the records I find that Marjorie Whitlock and Mary Taylor, who we thought would achieve fame and fortune as artists, have become beauty specialists, lifting the fallen faces and renovating the delapidated coiffures of Dorothy Hedrick Ruth Lewis and Jean Taylor, who are now old maids.

We all predicted a career in Wall Street for Charles Bryant and Earl Flint but the records say that they are chief supervisors of garbage inspection in a near-by municipality.

We had thought that a marriage of wealth and importance was in store for Robert Smith, Norvin Bowyer, and Glendon Ford, but they have chosen a successful career as proprietors of a pet shop specializing in trained fleas.

Ashby Rhodes and Billy Kesler are designing pink, green, and orchid bathrooms for movie stars. I hope after they see the bathrooms they do not prove to be shooting stars.

Mary Jane Honaker has established a boxing school with Mable Eggleston, Madeline Burdette, Angenetta Meadows, Shirley Mann, Buren Garten, and James Dotson attending.

Billy Osborne and Shirley Maddy are designers of frocks for school and office wear which can be donned in one second, with a nose powdering thrown in for good measure. This benefaction is to save manking from having to wait for the ladies to get ready.

Arthur Dodd has won the distinguished honor of being the author of the Pulitzer Prize Novel of American Life.

Simon Snyder, Robert Buckland, Robert Bowyer are still working on the W. P. A. what time they aren't leaning on their shovels, with Howard Gwinn as foreman.

Junior Coiner has become a professional peripatetic dog-washer.

Eunice Wyant, Ruby Cox, and Jane Alice Shirey have become the successful publisher of a volume entitled "A Thousand and One Scotch Jokes".

Adena Garten and Margaret Ford have become famous lecturers on "How to Get a Man".

Nancy Lilly and Pearl Flint have become singing stars over WMRG 'Possum Hollow.

After looking up these records I feel that the knows all and tells all Bureau is doing a wonderful piece of work and are keeping correct records.



# SENIOR CLASS HISTORY

Four years ago, the fall of 1936 found the present Senior Class enrolling as Freshmen of Talcott High School. At that time we were fifty four in number. We selected the following officers for our Freshman year: President....Robert Smith; Vice-president....Arthur Dodd; Secretary....Jean Taylor; Treasurer....Norvin Bowyer.

We also organized a cheering squad to support the teams throughout the year. The cheer leaders were Jean Taylor, Dorothy Lee Hedrick and Robert Smith.

The next year found us entering Talcott High as Sophomores more than glad that our Freshman year was over. This year there was a decrease in the enrollment for only forty-eight enrolled for the second year of our high school career. We selected the following class officers: President....Ruth Lewis; Vice-president. Shirley Maddy; Sec'y. & Treas....Lovera Foster. The class motto was "Leaders Not Followers"; Class Colors...Orchid and Silver; and Columbine as the class flower. That year the following members won places in the annual popularity contest sponsored by the Arcopagus: Arthur Dodd, Shirley Maddy, Norvin Bowyer, Ruth Lewis, Dorothy Lea Hedrick, Leola Parker, and Jane Alice Shirey.

The year of 1938 found only forty members of our class enrolling for their Junior year. We elected the following officers: President....Shirley Maddy; Vice-president....Jane Alice Shirey; Sec'y. and Treas....Mary Jane Honaker.

"Listen to Leon", directed by Mrs. John W. Gwinn, was presented March 4 in the auditorium. The cast consisted of the following: Robert Smith, Billy Osborne, Jean Taylor, Shirley Maddy, Mary Dell Taylor, Ruth Lewis, Dorothy Lee Hedrick, and Richard Shirey.

The following Juniors won places in the annual popularity contest: Norvin Bowyer, Charles Bryant, Margie Whitlock, Jane Alice Shirey, and Frank Coiner.

We also presented a double feature movie, Red River Range and Freshman Year at the Masonic Theatre to pay for our page in the annual.

The Junior-Senior Banquet one of the most elaborate affairs of the year was presented May 19 in the gymnasium. The theme for this occasion was "Our Flower Garden of Colors" and the speakers were Shirley Maddy, Jane Alice Shirey, Earl Flint, Mary Jane Honaker, Margie Whitlock and Ruth Lewis.

This, our Senior year, found our class entering Talcott High with an enrollment of only thirty eight. The following officers were elected: President....Earl Flint; Vice-president....Shirley Maddy; Secretary....Adena Garten; Treasurer....Billy Boyd.

On December 21, we presented a show "The Housekeepers Daughter" starring Joan Bennett at the Ritz Theatre.

Adena Garten was selected as Valedictorian of the Senior Class while Mary Jane Honaker was selected as Salutatorian. Other high honor Seniors are Arthur Dodd, Jane Alice Shirey, Earl Flint, Ruth Lewis, Buren Garten, Margie Whitlock and Charles Bryant.

Popularity Contest winners were: Robert Smith, Norvin Bowyer, Margie Whitlock, Adena Garten, Arthur Dodd, Earl Flint, Ashby Rhodes and Margaret Ford.

We look forward with great enthusiasm to our approaching graduation but we will hate to leave the faculty and our many friends in Talcott High.

# \* Happy Days!!

IN PRODUCING this yearbook we hope it will recall, in the years to come, many pleasant memories.

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