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- TALCOTT WEST VIRGINIA -

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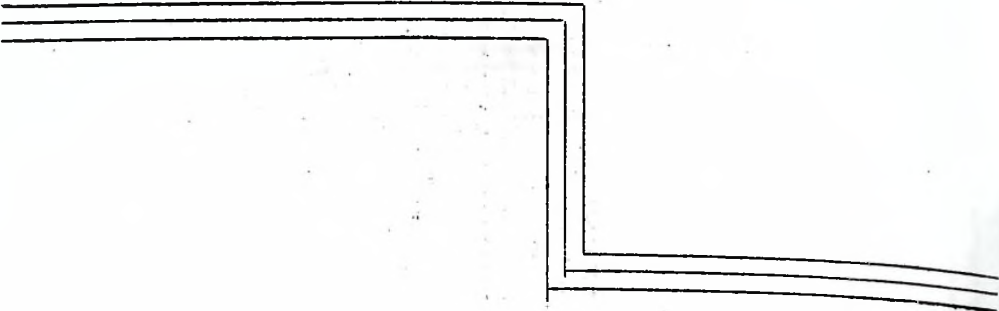
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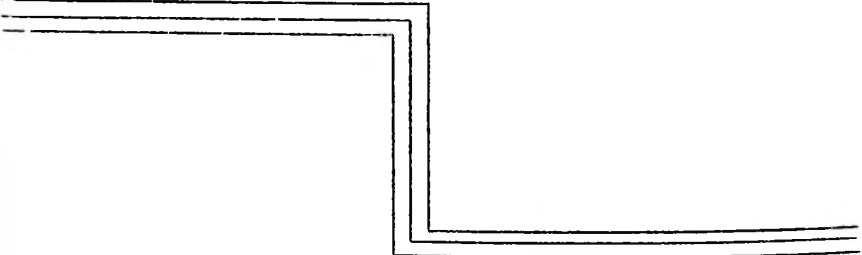
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# DEDICATION

We take great pleasure in dedicating this fourth volume of the Tal-X-Talian to the Faculty of Talcott High School. For four years they have served us, helped us, and guided us in class work and in all school activities. We sincerely wish them much success in their future work.

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William Honaker  
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Gerald Campbell



## TAL-K-TALIAN STAFF

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Helen Hedrick, Dale Lowery, Evelyn  
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Smith, Mrs. J. L. Perry.

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Virginia Lowery, Gerald Campbell,  
Elvera Roach, Philip Mann.

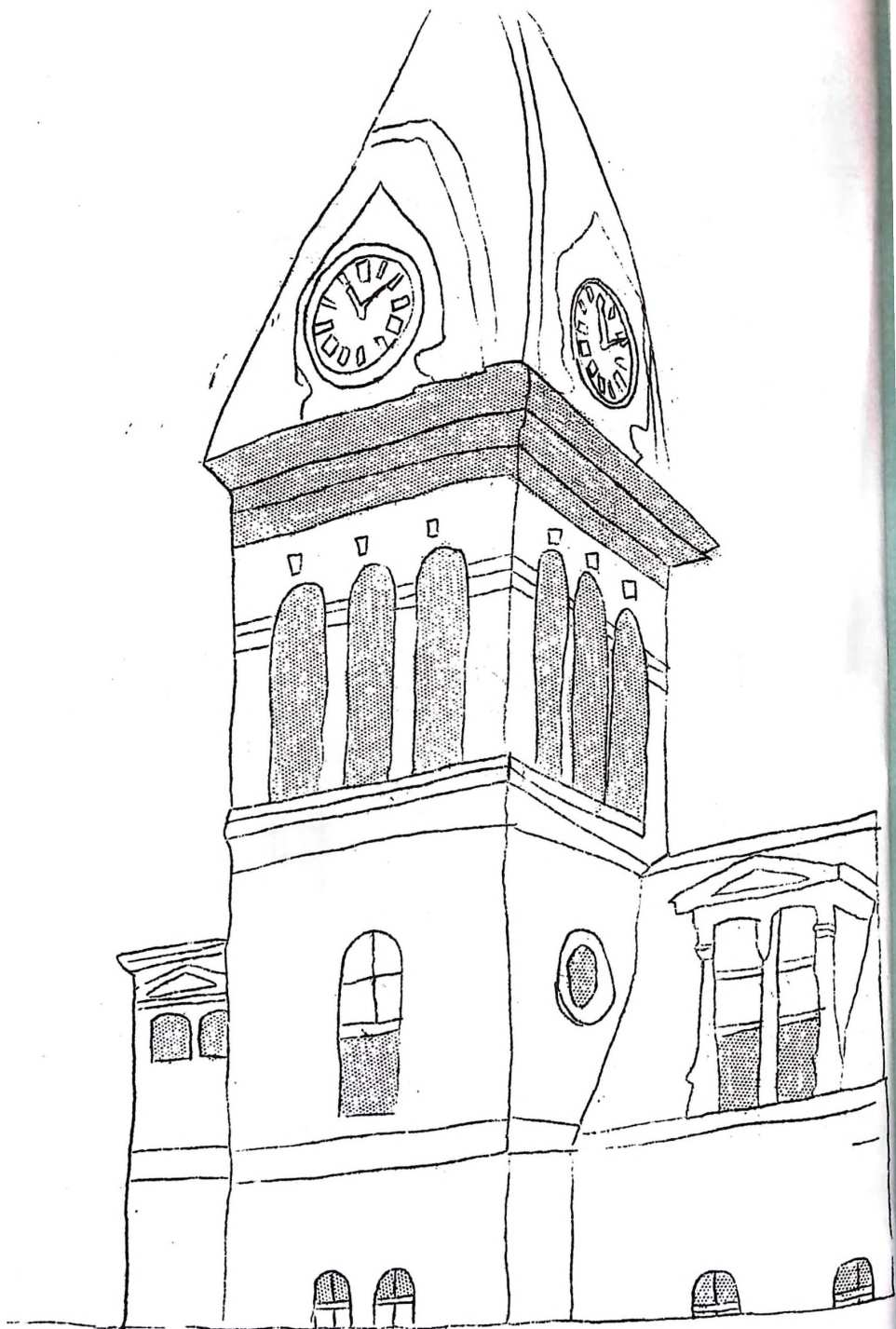
# FOREWORD

WE, THE SENIOR CLASS OF  
1939, TAKE GREAT PLEASURE  
IN PUBLISHING THIS FOURTH  
VOLUME OF THE TALK-TALIAN  
FOR THE PURPOSE OF PRESERV-  
ING A RECORD OF THE ACTIVI-  
TIES OF OUR CLASS AND SCHOOL.

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# ADMINISTRATION



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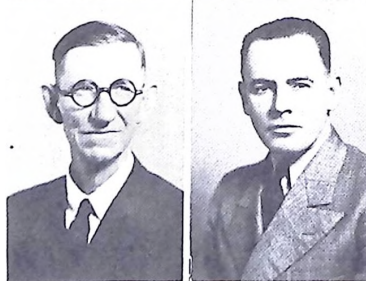
C. Lawson Deeds  
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Forest Hill District



W. F. Thompson  
Jumping Branch District

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Green Sulphur District



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A. B. Home Economics



SENIOR



# SENIORS

## OFFICERS

President.....Loren Honaker  
Vice-President.....Gerald Campbell  
Secretary.....Leona Honaker  
Treasurer.....William Honaker

## MOTTO

"Upward Slowly But Ever Climbing"

## COLORS

Green and Cream

## FLOWER

Yellow Iris

## ADVISERS

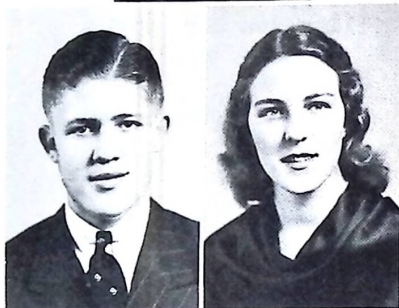
Miss Margaret Hill and Mrs. J. L. Perry





LORENE HONAKER

"Whatever is worth doing at all is worth doing well."  
President Senior Class  
Salutatorian of Senior Class

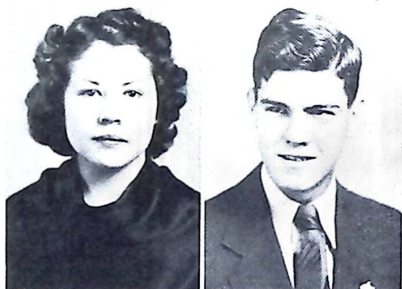


GERALD CAMPBELL

"All his faults are such that one loves him still the better for them."  
Football, Basketball, Bus. Manager  
Arcopagus, Bus. Manager Tal-K-Talian,  
Pres. F. F. A., Pres. 4-H Club, Vice  
President Senior Class.

LEONA HONAKER

"Gentle in speech but beneficent of mind." Secretary Senior Class.

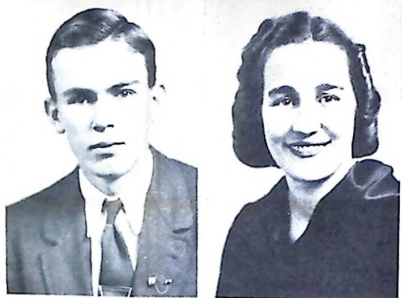


GERTRUDE ALLEN

"She is mild in manners but brave in mind." Feature Editor Tal-K-Talian,  
President Ponce Springs 4-H Club.

WILLIAM HONAKER

"Life is not so short but there is time for courtesy." Snapshot Editor  
Tal-K-Talian, Football, Treasurer  
Senior Class, Band.



PHILIP MANN

"One who possesses honor and a good will." Valedictorian of Senior Class,  
Basketball, Football, Boys Sport  
Editor Tal-K-Talian, Representative  
in District Literary Contest.

VIRGINIA SMITH

"She that was fair and never proud,  
had tongue at will yet was never loud"  
Assistant Editor Tal-K-Talian, Senior  
Reporter Arcopagus, Basketball, Home  
Economics Club.



**VIRGINIA LOWERY**

"She does little kindnesses which most leave undone". Editor-In-Chief Tal-K-Talian; Pres. Home Ec. Club; Feature Editor Areopagus.

**DALE LOWERY**

"Handsome is that handsome does". Football, Circulation Mgr. Areopagus, Bus. Manager Tal-K-Talian.



**JAMES CANTERBURY**

"Live while you live, and seize the pleasures of the present day." Football, Basketball, Sports Editor Areopagus, Art Editor Tal-K-Talian, F. F. A., 4-H Club.

**BLANCHE MADDY**

"Grace was in all her steps, heaven in her eye, in every gesture dignity and love." Alumni Reporter Areopagus, Home Ec. Club, Girl Reserves.



**JULIA UNDERWOOD**

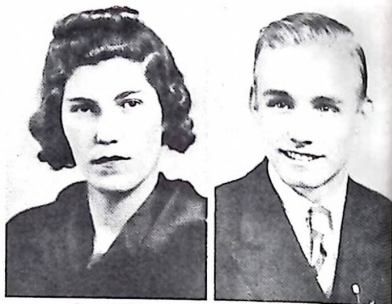
"Her voice was ever soft, gentle, and low, an excellent thing in woman." Exchange Editor Areopagus, Snapshot Editor Tal-K-Talian, Home Economics Club.

**JOE MANN**

"Oh sleep! it is a gentle thing, beloved from pole to pole." Basketball, Football, F. F. A.

**METTIE SIMS**

"As pure in thought as angels are: to know her was to love her." Home Economics Club, Girl Reserves.

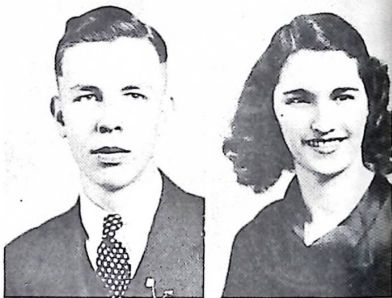


**ROMEO ALIFF**

"Whatever he did was done with ease, in him alone it was natural to please." F. F. A., 4-H Club.

**MASON FORD**

"Be silent and safe-silence never betrays you". F. F. A.

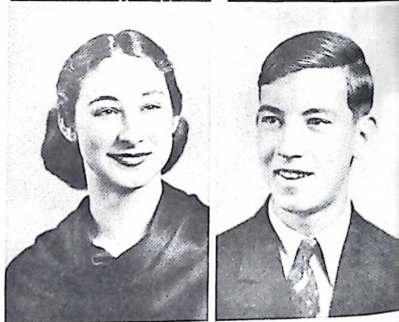


**EVELYN BRAGG**

"Nothing great was ever achieved without enthusiasm." Areopagus Reporter, Circulation Manager Tal-K-Talian, Home Ec. Club, Sec. 4-H.

**ELVERA ROACH**

"She possesses a sweet disposition and a generous heart." Editor-In-Chief Areopagus, Literary Editor Tal-K-Talian, Basketball, Home Ec. Club.



**BILLY JOE CRAFT**

"No man is happy who does not think himself so." Areopagus Reporter, F.F.A.

MASON COMER

"None but himself can be his parallel." Band, F. F. A.

ROY WALTHALL

"Truth is the highest thing that man may keep."  
F. F. A. Club, 4-H Club.



HELEN HEDRICK

"Though she is always in haste, she is never in a hurry." Humor Editor Arcopagus, Girls Sport Editor Tal-K-Talian, Home Ec. Club, Girl Reserves, Pres. Cross Roads 4-H Club.



PERCY HALLORAN

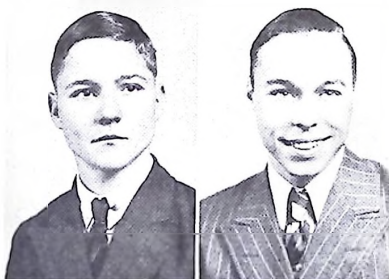
"Always happy, good natured and full of fun." Football, Basketball, F. F. A. Club.

EARLEN HUTCHISON

"His motto is, 'Never let studies interfere with careers.'" Band, F. F. A.

FRANK RUDISILL

"and he is oft the wisest man who is not wise at all."





THE CLASS OF '39

For four long years we have toiled;  
And worked together day by day.  
To prepare each member a little,  
Along life's weary way.

We have traveled this wide world over;  
North, east, south and west of Spain,  
In History, Geography and Literature,  
And much we have tried to gain.

We have had our ups and downs  
As other students have  
But we have enjoyed our school life  
And to leave it makes us sad.

But oh, how we have bothered the faculty  
With our fusses and whines and fights,  
We were very listless and lazy  
And thought we were not treated right.

But in the end we found we were wrong,  
Instead of working we played.  
We were always prone to judge others  
We saw no way but our way.

But now that we're ready to leave  
Each shall take up his separate way  
We hope we shall profit by our mistakes  
And make our goal of success some day.  
Evelyn Bragg, '39.

# HONOR SENIORS

## PHILIP MANN

Philip Mann, who was chosen Valedictorian of the Senior Class, is eighteen years of age, six feet tall, and weighs 150 pounds. He has dark blonde hair and grey eyes. He has a medium complexion. He has a scholastic average of B plus. Philip is Sports Editor of the Tal-K-Talian and was voted the second most talented boy in school.

He has served our class as president in our Junior year and has always done well any task which he has undertaken. His ability to play football and basketball will be greatly missed in the years to come. He will always remain one of the most outstanding members of the Class of 1939 to all who have known him,

Philip has combined that rare combination of taking part in sports and other school activities, and at the same time make excellent grades in school.

## LORENE HONAKER

Lorene Honaker was chosen Salutatorian with an average of B plus. She is nineteen years old, five feet six inches tall, and weighs 130 pounds. She has grey eyes and dark blond hair. She is President of the class this year. Lorene was voted the most helpful girl to the school and won second place as the best all-round girl.

Lorene attended Alderson High School during her freshman and Sophomore years, but two years at Talcott High School has won her a place in the hearts of all her classmates.

Lorene also has the faculty of doing many things and at the same time making high marks in her studies. She is office assistant to the principal and has won a reputation as one of the most dependable members of her class.

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# HONOR SENIORS

## GERTRUDE ALLEN

Gertrude Allen ran a close race with Lorene Honaker for the title of Salutatorian. She has an average of B plus also. Gertrude is eighteen years old, five feet three inches tall, and weighs 120 pounds. She has medium brown hair, brown eyes, and a medium complexion. She is feature editor of the Tal-K-Talian and President of the Pence Springs 4-H Club. She has been a good student, a good friend to all her classmates, and will long be remembered by all those who know her.

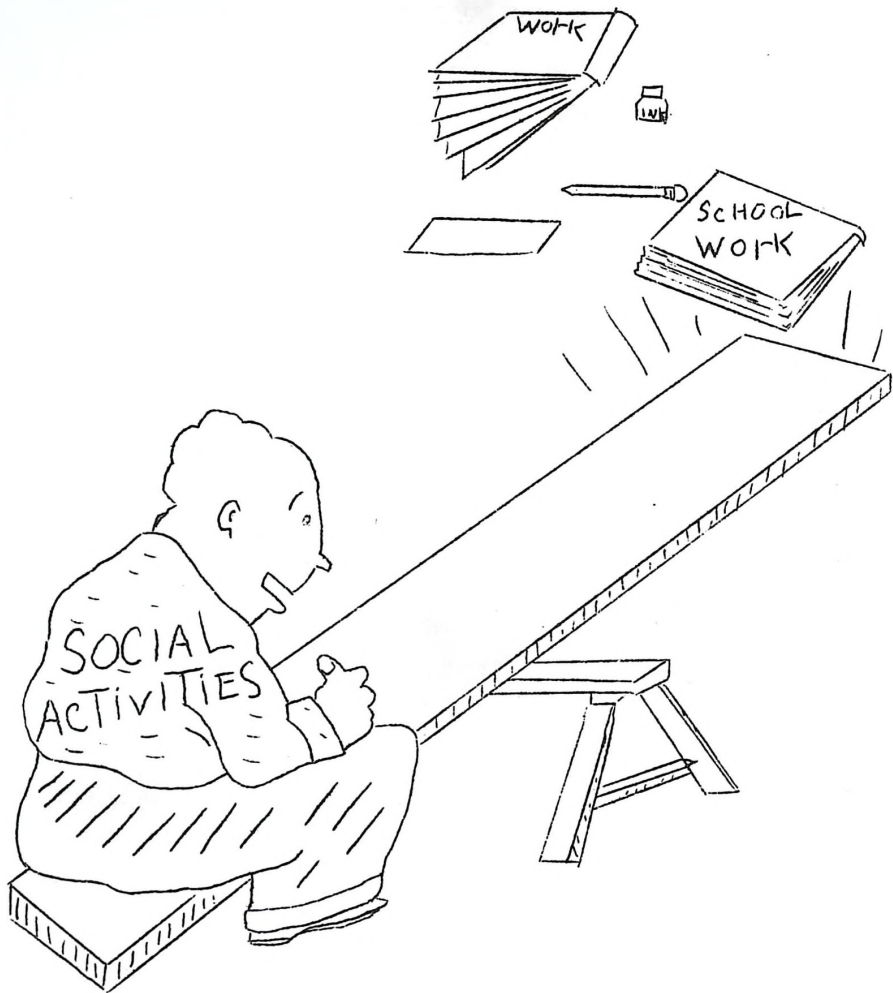
## LEONA HONAKER

Leona Honaker, fourth-place Senior, has an average of B plus also. She is a twin sister to Lorene who is Salutatorian of the class. She has light blond hair, blue eyes and a medium complexion. She is five feet six inches tall and weighs 130 pounds. She is Secretary of the Seniors. She attended Alderson High School during her freshman and sophomore years, but has endeared herself to everyone that has known her during her two years at Talcott Hi.

## GERALD CAMPBELL

Gerald Campbell, the Senior with the fifth highest scholastic standing, is five feet and nine inches tall, is sixteen years of age, and weighs 140 pounds. He has blond hair, blue eyes, and a fair complexion. Gerald is vice-president of the Senior Class, Business Manager for both the Tal-K-Talian and Arcopagus. Gerald is an excellent football and basketball player and his place on the team will be hard to fill. Everyone wishes Gerald happiness and success in his chosen profession, Aviation.

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JUNIOR

# JUNIORS

## OFFICERS

President.....Shirley Maddy  
Vice-President.....Jane Alice Shirey  
Sec. & Treas.....Mary J. Honaker

## MOTTO

"Leaders but Not Followers"

## COLORS

Orchid and Silver

## FLOWER

Sweet Pea

## ADVISERS

Miss Mary McNeil and Mr. John W. Gwinn





# CLASS ROLL

William Bartgis

Norvin Bowyer

William Boyd

Robert Bowyer

Charles Bryant

Robert Buckland

Frank Coiner

Arthur Dodd

James Dotson

Glendon Ford

Earl Flint

Howard Gwinn

William Kesler

Shirley Maddy

Shirley Mann

Ashby Rhodes

Richard Shirey

Robert Smith

Simon Snyder

Leo Underhill

Juanita Allen

Madeline Burdette

Ruby Cox

Mabel Eggleston

Pearl Flint

Adena Garten

Louise Harris

Dorothy Lee Hedrick

Mary Jane Honaker

Ruth Lewis

Nancy Lilly

Virginia Lyons

Angenetta Meadows

Jane Alice Shirey

Bonnie Snyder

Jean Taylor

Mary Dell Taylor

Margie Whitlock

Eunice Wyant

William Osborne

JUNIOR CLASS



# "Snapshots"



Bums



"In the Spring"



Helen



Adena



Gertie and Evelyn



Our twins



H-H Juniors



Smokers



"Could Be"



Blanch



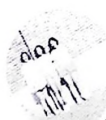
Day Dreamers



Jenny



Presy and Coach



athletes



Farmers



Senior Trio



Big Leager



Coach's father-in-law



Skippers



SCHOOL



SOPHOMORE

# SOPHOMORES

## OFFICERS

President.....Nadine Sherwood  
Vice-president.....Alvie Turner  
Sec. & Treas.....Ophelia Flint

## MOTTO

"No Victory Without Labor"

## COLORS

Blue and Gold

## FLOWER

Blue Iris

## ADVISER

Mr. Robert E. Via

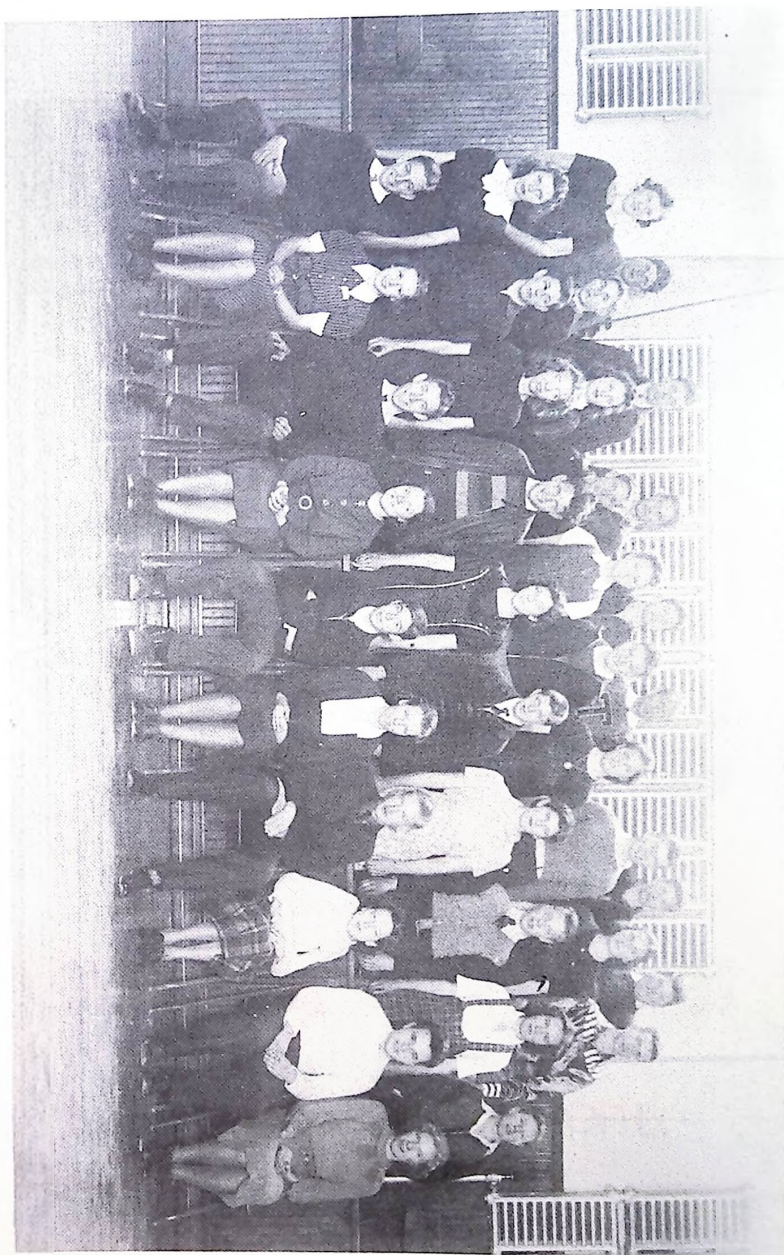


# CLASS ROLL

Betty Ballengee	Frank Ballengee
Kennard Ballengee	Richard Bostic
Richard Boyd	Oscar Boone
Helen Cales	Juanita Crawford
Jennings Crawford	Gwendolyn Gwinn
Ophelia Flint	Rosalie Gwinn
Euren Garten	Kenneth Hamm
James Huston	Pence Lilly
Ruby Lively	Dorothy Lindsay
Fred McDaniels	Howard Martin
Violet Mann	Mary Jane Mann
Venus Mann	Gladys Martin
Adelaide Meador	Gloria Meadows
Viola Meadows	Clarence Noble
Billy Richardson	Nadine Sherwood
Helen Surber	David Taylor
Alvie Turner	Vernon Underwood
Mary Woodrum	Donald Woodrum
Eugene Wickline	Jack Willey
Moses Wyant	Virginia Wooten



SOPHOMORE CLASS



## "THE TIDE GOES OUT"

The first school days were like the tide coming in,  
As we all bounded in with a shout.

But now that we've grown into women and men  
The last school days are like the tide going out.

Some may divide and go far apart  
And forget how we've all been together  
But some always keep in their heart  
The memory which clings forever.

Some students have great ambitions  
The ones who have worked so faithful  
Those known as Talcott High's traditions  
They're the ones to which we're grateful.

So then as we ride on the outgoing tide  
May the aims that we have reach the sky  
But always remember and think with pride  
Of the days spent in dear Talcott High.

-Leona and Lorene Honaker, '39.



**FRESHMEN**

# FRESHMEN

## OFFICERS

President.....Danton Campbell  
Vice-president.....Betty Tolley  
Sec. & Treas.....Patty Hammond

## MOTTO

"We Are A Long Ways From the Top,  
But Still Climbing"

## COLORS

Red and White

## FLOWER

Poppy

## ADVISER

Mr. James W. Ford



# CLASS ROLL

Evelyn A. Allen

Richard Boyd

Bernard Bostic

Willie Bowyer

Maxine Bragg

Danton Campbell

James Glass

Patricia Hammond

Norman Kirkham

Vada Lively

Helen Mann

Virginia Martin

Buford Meadows

Billy Sims

Tressie Sherwood

Basil Spade

Ruth Thompson

Madge Tyler

Virginia Underwood

Charles Perkins

Calvin Wallace

Evelyn M. Allen

Imogene Boone

Mercedes Bowden

Scott Boyd

Bobby Comer

Marie Canterbury

Charles Hutchison

Peggy Hedrick

Mae Kirby

Earl Lowe

Glenna Mann

Virginia Meadows

Lee Richardson

Roy Snyder

Ruth Shirey

Lanceford Smith

Betty Tolley

Robert Lilly

Elizabeth Dick

Okey Perkins

Joc Wenger



FRESHMAN CLASS





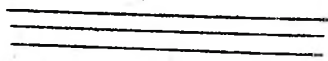
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\* SENIOR PLAY \*  
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The Senior Class play, "Aunt Tillie Goes To Town", will long be remembered as one of the best plays ever presented at Talcott High School. The play, by William Brown, is a riotous farce in three acts. Aunt Tillie Trask, an eccentric maiden lady, is occupying her country home near a smart summer resort. She is greatly upset because her favorite niece Pamela Marsh has announced her intentions of marrying young Mervin Tucker, and spending part of their honeymoon at Aunt Tillie's. Aunt Tillie is called to town on an important matter. When she leaves she gets Mervin's suitcase instead of hers. When she returns home she is wearing one of Mervin's suits. Mervin is forced to wear Aunt Tillie's clothes. With Aunt Tillie in male attire and Mervin in female attire, more complications are added by the arrival of Mervin's Aunt, Mrs. Tillie Tucker.

Poor Pamela Marsh - Mervin's future bride is at her wits end, trying to figure things out. And when Dr. Hattie Bing, a strong and efficient chiropractor, arrives and mistakes Mervin for Aunt Tillie, insisting on giving the helpless Mervin a thorough treatment, the fun is at its height.

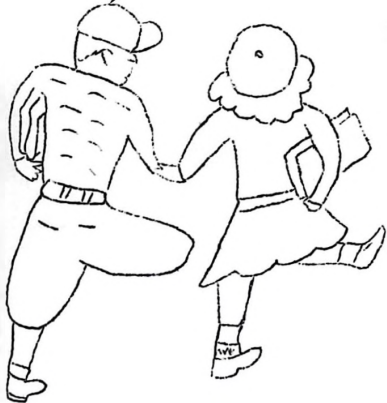
Here's the cast:

Tillie Trask, who dislikes all males.....Evelyn Bragg  
Lucinda Tolbot, her maid.....Helen Hedrick  
Pamela Marsh, Aunt Tillie's niece.....Virginia Lowery  
Lizzie Parsons, an aspiring novelist.....Julia Underwood  
Ellen Neeland, who appears suddenly.....Elvera Roach  
Ronald Howland, who always has an explanation..Dale Lowery  
Luther L. Trimmer, Ronald's employer.....Philip Mann  
A Chinese cook.....William Honaker





7TH & 8TH  
GRADES



# SEVENTH & EIGHTH GRADE CLASS

## OFFICERS

President.....June Willey  
Vice-president.....James Bostic  
Secretary.....Edwin Miller  
Treasurer.....Hobart Akers

## MOTTO

"Not At The Top But Still Climbing"

## COLORS

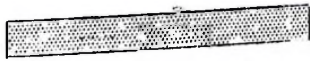
Green and White

## FLOWER

Wild Honeysuckle

## ADVISER

Miss Clotcal Bragg



# CLASS ROLL

Charles Akers

Herbert Allen

James Bostic

Rosetta Bragg

Jean Chattin

Margaret Irene Glass

Nadine Huston

Louise Hodge

Edwin Miller

Virginia Nutter

John Rogers

Sarah Snead

Margaret Tolbert

Gene Wallace

Hobart Akers

Harlan Bailey

Nita Mac Bragg

Dorothy Buckland

Blanche Craft

Marian Jo Halloran

Joyce Huffman

Joann Mann

Earl Nutter

George Gadd

Robert Sims

Van Trail

Mary Underhill

Junc Wilcoy

Leonard Woodrum

SEVENTH & EIGHTH GRADES





COMMENCEMENT WEEK SCHEDULE

THURSDAY, MAY 18.....SENIOR EXAMINATIONS

FRIDAY, MAY 19.....SENIOR EXAMINATIONS

SATURDAY, MAY 20.....SENIOR PLAY

SUNDAY, MAY 21.....COMMENCEMENT SERMON

MAY 22-26.....SENIOR WEEK

TUESDAY, MAY 23.....SENIOR CLASS NIGHT

TUESDAY, MAY 23.....EXAMINATIONS

WEDNESDAY, MAY 24.....EXAMINATIONS

THURSDAY, MAY 25.....COMMENCEMENT

FRIDAY, MAY 26.....CLOSE OF SCHOOL





# ELEMENTARY GRADES



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CLASS ROLL

PRIMARY GRADES; MRS. CLORA BOYD, TEACHER

Jimmy Bragg	Robert Lee Buckland	Jimmy Chattin
Robert Gill	Edward Halloran	Basil Hodge
Kenneth Hodge	Jennings Kirby	Billy Mann
Buddy Thomas	Leonard Thompson	Kay Bartgis
William Hodge	Betty Lou Boyd	Patty Jo Chattin
Nadine Gadd	Wilma Gill	Peggy Huffman
Polly Mann	Louise Rudisill	Dorothy Rudisill
Jennie Sims	Mabel Hodge	Mary Ann Terry
Jean Bartgis		

THIRD AND FOURTH GRADES: MRS. MELVINA MILLER, TEACHER

Tommy Bostic	Sonny Chattin
Ernest Gill	Jimmie Jones
Ralph Jones	Lloyd Lowry, Jr.
Lewis Lyons	Morris Reed
Billy Underhill	Gene Newell
Jerry Bartgis	Joyce Bragg
June Chattin	Jean Dillon
Vada Gadd	Grace Gill
Dora Lee Jones	Pansy Raines
Helen Snead	Eva Jane Spence
Exrea Taylor	Jerolee Taylor

FIFTH AND SIXTH GRADES: MISS BLANCH SIMS, TEACHER

Sydney Allen	Edwin Calcs
Harold Dillon	George Dillon
Robert Gadd	Russell Gadd
James Hodge	Paul Lowe
Ray Rudisill	James Spence
Billy Spence	Dennis Surber
Bernard Thompson	Omar Woodrum
Roy Meadows	India Allen
Juanita Allen	Jean Boyd
Nancy Eades	Alice Halloran
Betty Hutchison	Pauline Meadows
Ruth Meadows	Ida Lee Raines
Anna Mae Rudisill	Wilma Vaughan
Kathryn Woodrum	Janie Wyant
Virginia Lowery	Virginia Ballengee
Mary Lilly	



ACTIVITIES





## 4-H CLUB

The Talcott Tip Top 4-H Club has been one of the most outstanding clubs in the state for years. Mrs. Melvina Miller has been leader up until this year when the club was divided into Junior and Senior Clubs. Mrs. Miller took the Junior Club and Mr. John Gwinn the Senior Club. The members in the Senior Club are all old 4-H Club members, all of them having completed projects in former years. They have also attended county camp at some time.

The club is expecting one of its best years, having selected a very capable group of officers. They are as follows:

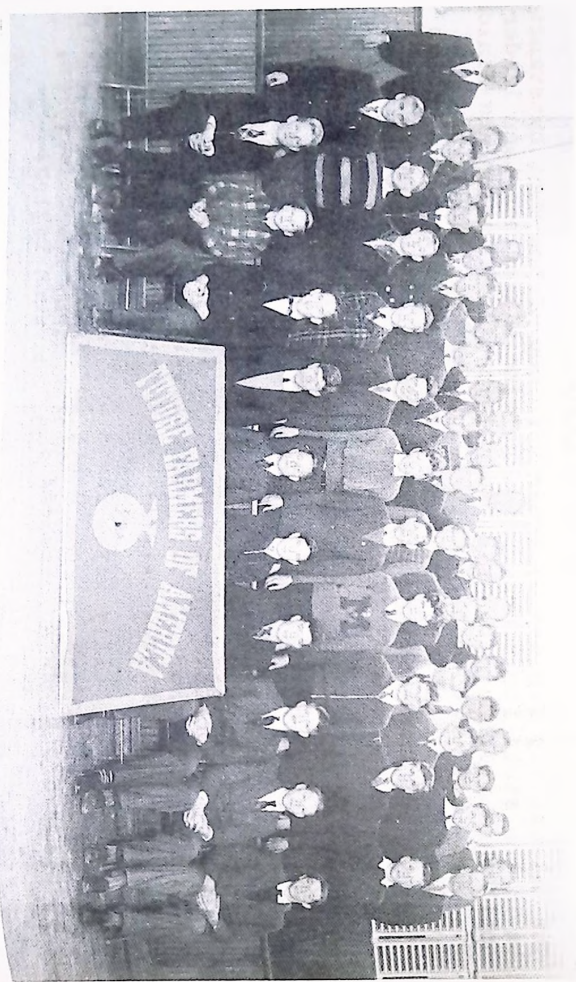
President.....	Gerald Campbell
Vice-president.....	Dorothy Hedrick
Secretary.....	Evelyn Bragg
Treasurer.....	John Scott
Reporter.....	Peggy Hedrick

Other members are Billy Boyd, James Canterbury, Burgess Meadows, Adelaide Meador, Mary Jane Mann, Ashby Lowry, Leo Underhill, Betty Polley, Billy Scott, Jack Campocell, Violet Mann, Percy Halloran, Dale Lowery, Hester Hedrick, Ruth Gwinn, and Joan Taylor.

The motto of this club is "Better The Best." The colors are Red and White, and the Red Rose is the flower.



F. H. A. CLUB



F. F. A. CLUB



## F. H. A. CLUB

The officers of this club are:

Virginia Lowry..... President  
Peggy Hedrick..... Vice-president  
Mary Jane Honaker..... Secretary  
Patty Hammond..... Treasurer  
Dorothy Hedrick..... Reporter

Other members are: Elizabeth Dick, Mae Kirby, Bonnie Snyder, Gladys Martin, Mabel Eggleston, Angenneta Meadows, Louise Harris, Pearl Flint, Eunice Wyant, Mary Woodrum, Virginia Wooten, Mettie Sims, Virginia Smith, Betty Tolley, Mary Jane Mann, Julia Underwood, Elvera Roach, Dorothy Lindsey, Juanita Crawford, Violet Mann, Adelaide Meador, Helen Surber, Ophelia Flint, Ruby Lively, Blanch Maddy, Madine Sherwood, Mercedes Bowden, Madeline Burdette, Imogene Boone, Vada Lively, Helen Hedrick, Ruth Lewis, Ruby Cox, Marie Canterbury, Evelyn Bragg, Tressie Sherwood, Willie Bowyer, Marjorie Whitlock, Mary Dell Taylor, Virginia Underwood, Betty Ballengee, Virginia Meadows, Helen Calcs, Evelyn Allen, Ruth Thompson, Madge Tyler, Ruth Shircy, Virginia Martin, Glenna Mann, Jean Taylor, Helen Mann, and Miss Mary McNeil, adviser.

## F. F. A. CHAPTER

The officers of this club are:

Gerald Campbell..... President  
Earl Flint..... Vice-president  
Arthur Dodd..... Reporter  
Mason Ford..... Secretary  
Billy Boyd..... Treasurer

Other members are: Romco Aliff, Bill Bartgis, Norvin Bowyer, Scott Boyd, Richard Boyd, Robert Euckland, Danton Campbell, James Canterbury, Robert Comer, Frank Comer, James Glass, Billy Joe Craft, Glendon Ford, Charles Hutchison, Billy Kesler, Norman Kirkham, Robert Lilly, Shirley Mann, Ruford Meadows, Charles Perkins, Okcy Perking, Ashby Rhodes, Lee Richardson, Richard Shircy, Billy Sims, Basil Spade, Lanecford Smith, Robert Smith, Roy Snyder, Simon Snyder, Calvin Wallace, Roy Walthall, Joe Wenger, Percy Halloran, Frank Ballengee, Kennard Ballengee, Oscar Boone, Dick Bostic, Richard Boyd, Jennings Crawford, Buren Garton, Kenneth Hamm, James Huston, Pence Lilly, Venus Mann, Howard Martin, Fred McDaniels, Clarence Noble, Billy Roy Richardson, David Taylor, Alvie Turner, Jack Willey, Donald Woodrum, and Mr. Robert E. Via, Adviser.



AEROPAGUS STAFF



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## PRESS MEETINGS

The Sixth Annual Conference of the Concord Scholastic Press Association sponsored by Gamma Phi Omicron of Concord College, was held November 12, 1938.

At 9:00 Registration; 10:00 Speeches from different high school representatives; 10:15 individual meetings were held to discuss the different phases of Journalism; 11:00 a program was given in the Little Theatre at Concord College; 12:00 the business meeting was held for the purpose of electing officers; 1:15 luncheon was served in the dining room of the Girls Hall; 2:30 Concord-Potomac State Football Game; 8:00 to 11:30 Homecoming Dance. The delegates from Talcott High School were Leo Underhill, James Canterbury, Helen Hedrick, Adelaide Meader, Elvera Roach, Virginia Lowery, Miss Hill, Miss McNeil, and Mr. John Gwinn.

The Thirteenth Annual Congress of the United High School Press of West Virginia was held April 28 and 29, 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.

G-Man Walter V. McLaughlin, agent in charge of the Huntington field division of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, spoke on "Headlines and Handcuffs".

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 29. There was also a theatre party given for the delegates. The round-table and luncheon was held Saturday afternoon, April 29.

The following delegates were sent from Talcott High School. Elvera Roach, Virginia Lowery, Virginia Smith, Julia Underwood, Adelaide Meader, Violet Mann, Dorothy Hedrick, Ruth Lewis, and Adviser Mr. Ford.

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## GIRL RESERVES

President.....Mary Jane Honakor  
 Vice-president.....Ruth Lewis  
 Secretary.....Marjorie Whitlock  
 Treasurer.....Blanche Waddy

### Other Members:

Jane Alice Ahirey	Pearl Flint
Nancy Lilly	Juanita Allon
Mettie Sims	Louise Harris
Violet Mann	Evelyn Bragg
Mary Dell Taylor	Ruby Cox
Angenetta Meadows	



# LITERARY CONTEST

The District Literary Contest was held at Concord College, Athens, W.Va. March 25. Those representing Talcott High School were: Betty Ballengee....Oral Interpretation of Poetry; Peggy Hedrick....Oration; Marjorie Whitlock....Debate; Philip Mann, Extemporaneous Speaking.

The local speech contest was held at Talcott High School March 13, with the high school teachers acting as judges. The local contestants were: POETRY, Betty Ballengee, Evelyn Bragg, Imogene Boone, and Marjorie Whitlock; ORATION, Peggy Hedrick; DEBATE, Marjorie Whitlock, Evelyn Bragg, and Adelaide Meador; EXTEMPORANEOUS SPEAKING, Philip Mann,

The poems used for interpretation of poetry were "Birches" by Robert Frost, "Psalm 100", and "Silver" by DeLo Marc. The question for debate was, Resolved: "That the United States should establish an Alliance with Great Britain." The oration could be selected by the contestant. Peggy Hedrick selected "Youth's Duty To The Future" by J. Edgar Hoover. The topics for Extemporaneous Speech were selected from Review of Reviews Harpers, Forum and Scholastic.

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

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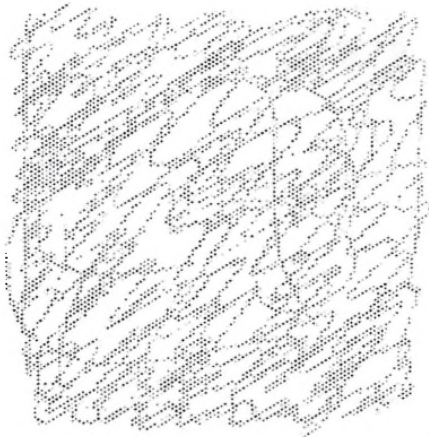


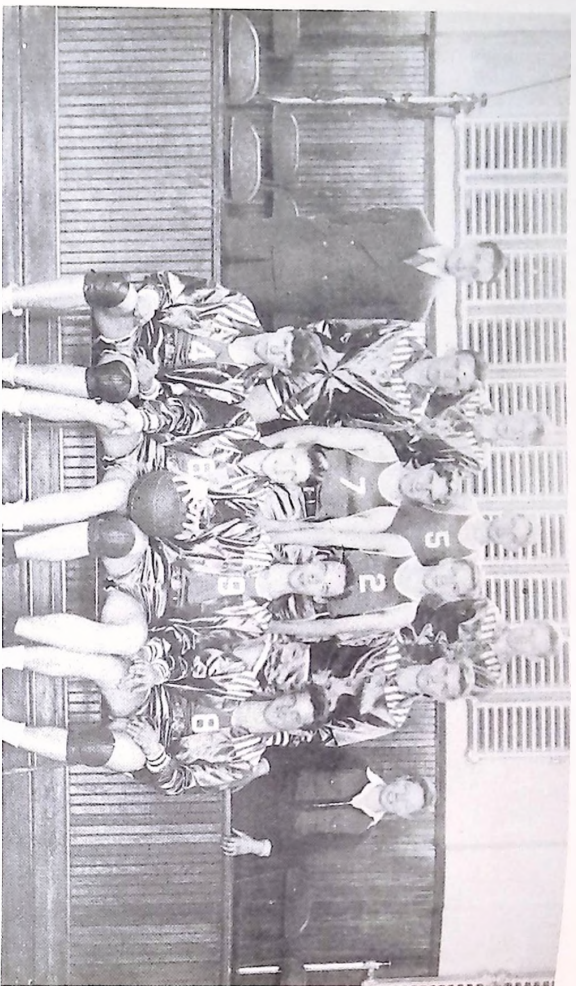
## COACH JOHN W. GWINN

Coach John W. Gwinn came to Talcott High School this year to take over the duties of Coach and Physical Education Director. He graduated from West Virginia Wesleyan, where he was a member of the football and basketball teams.

Coach Gwinn produced fairly good football and basketball teams this year in spite of injuries and ineligibility of some of the boys. The basketball team defeated Sandstone and Marlinton, something no Talcott team had ever done.

Under the direction of Coach Gwinn the physical education classes have progressed rapidly and this department has developed a well-rounded program.





BOYS' BASKETBALL TEAM



GIRLS' BASKETBALL TEAM

## BOYS' BASKETBALL TEAM

READING FROM LEFT TO RIGHT

FRONT ROW: James Canterbury, Gerald Campbell, Joe Mann,  
Shirley Maddy.

SECOND ROW: Philip Mann, Percy Halloran, Frank Ballengee,  
Alvic Turner, David Taylor, Mgr.

BACK ROW: Norman Kirkham, Calvin Wallace, James Glass,  
Coach Gwinn.

### SCHEDULE

Talcott....36	Sandstone....28
Talcott....16	White Sulphur....24
Talcott....17	Hinton.....32
Talcott....21	Lewisburg...22
Talcott....27	Shady Springs...30
Talcott....19	Greenbank.....26
Talcott....27	Renick.....25
Talcott....22	Marlinton....29
Talcott....41	Hillsboro....14
Talcott....38	Alderson....18
Talcott....22	Alderson....25
Talcott....30	Ronceverte...36
Talcott....33	Rupert.....28
Talcott...39	Rupert.....27
Talcott...24	Hinton.....52
Talcott....33	Shady Springs...30
Talcott....33	Marlinton...30
Talcott....24	Sandstone....31
Talcott....26	Greenbank....42
Talcott....24	Ronceverte...42
Talcott....38..	Renick.....26

## GIRLS' BASKETBALL TEAM

READING FROM LEFT TO RIGHT

FRONT ROW: Betty Ballengee, Mary Taylor, Betty Tolley,  
Pearl Flint.

SECOND ROW: Mary Jane Mann, Elvera Roach, Violet Mann,  
Helen Cales, Miss Cloteal Bragg, Coach.

BACK ROW: Adelaide Meador, Virginia Smith, Juanita Crawford.

### SCHEDULE

Talcott....32	Alderson....18(Away)
Talcott...25	Alderson....24(Home)
Talcott....12	Sandstone...1(Away)
Talcott...36	Hinton.....18(Away)
Talcott...36	Hinton.....18(Home)



# SENIOR ATHLETES

## (GONE WITH THE WIND)

### JOE MANN

Joe made varsity tackle as a freshman and since then has played left end. He was a terror to opposing teams who chose to run his end too often. Joe was placed on the All-Conference this year and given the honor of captain. He also plays center on the basketball team and is an outstanding player. Joe is known everywhere as a good sport and was honored last year by being selected as the best sport playing in the Summers-Monroe Sectional Basketball Tournament. He leaves us this year and we know that there will never be another just like him.

### GERALD CAMPBELL

Gerald has played regular guard on the foot all team for the past two years. He is small but teams throughout the valley have learned to respect his size. Gerald made honorable mention on the All-Conference eleven this year. He also plays guard on the basketball team. Gerald leaves us this year and we realize that he will be hard to replace.

### PERCY HALLORAN

"Brud" played halfback and forward on the football and basketball teams. For the past three years Brud has made a name for himself with his passing and punting as well as his brilliant broken-field running. This is Brud's last year at Talcott High and we know that his shoes are going to be hard to fill.

### JAMES CANTERBURY

"Al", another great end on the football team and forward on the basketball team. Al played regular end this year and proved himself a very fine player on both offense and defense. He leaves us this year to join the ranks of the graduated Pirates of Talcott High School.

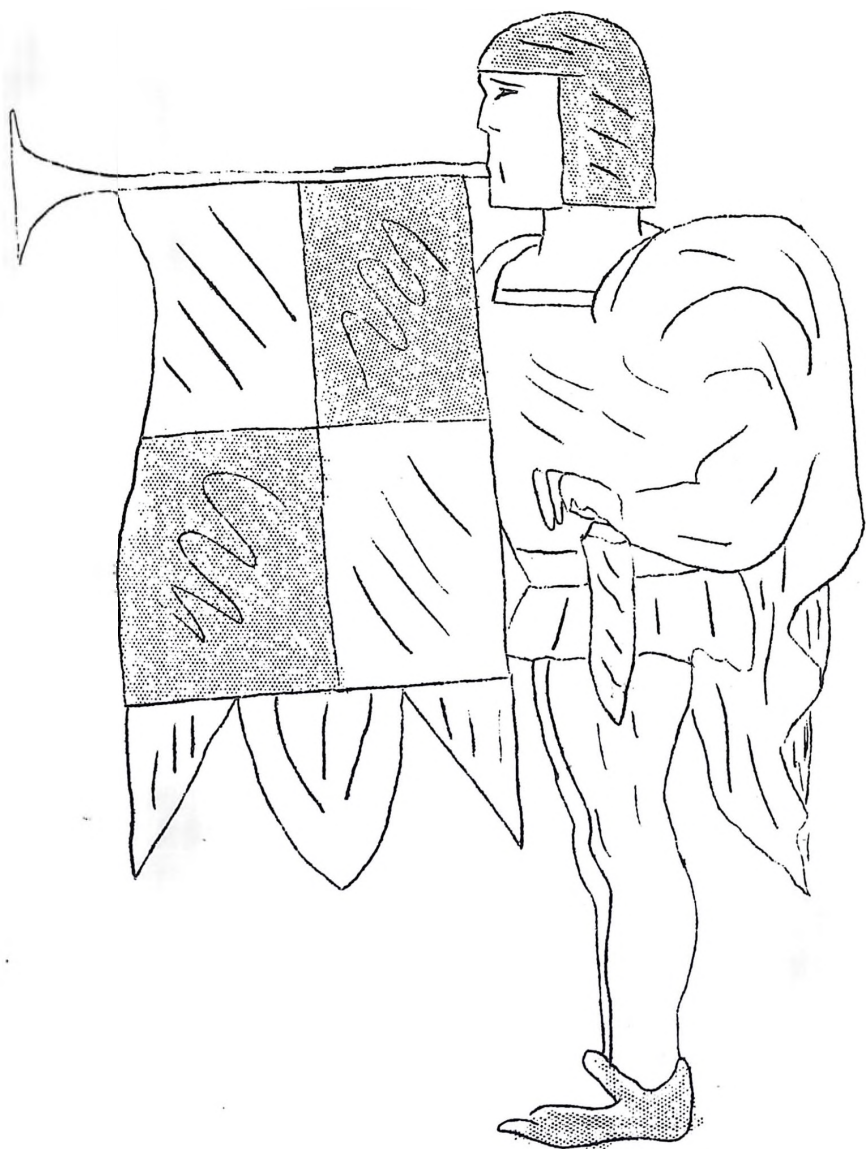
### PHILIP MANN

"Bob", played regular center and guard on the football and basketball teams. He played stellar ball throughout the year and made honorable mention on the All-Conference eleven. Bob leaves us this year along with the rest of the Senior Pirates.

### DALE LOWERY - WILLIAM MONAKER

Dale and William played substitute guard and tackle on the football team. These boys were capable and reliable players.

# FEATURES



## SENIOR NICKNAMES & AMBITIONS

<u>NAME</u>	<u>NICKNAME</u>	<u>AMBITION</u>
Romco Aliff	"Roc"	Prize fighter
Earlen Hutchison	"Pee-wee"	Grow Taller
James Canterbury	"Al"	Prof. ball player
Roy Walthall	"Boots"	Mechanic
Philip Mann	"Bob"	Hermit
Joe Mann	"Joe"	Football coach
Gerald Campbell	"Geraldine"	Aviator
Frank Rudisill	"Toad"	Farmer
Mason Comer	"Jude "	Aviator
William Honaker	"Bill "	Saw Mill Foreman
Mason Ford	"Maco"	Farmer
William Craft	"Billy Joe"	Detective
Evelyn Bragg	"Piggy "	Home Ec Teacher
Blanch Maddy	"Tuts"	Beautician
Gertrude Allen	"Gertie"	Nun
Lorene Honaker	"John"	Stenographer
Leon. Honaker	"Jim"	Stenographer
Virginia Smith	"Jinny"	Secretary
Elvera Roach	"Elsaira"	"Sob-sister"
Mettie Sims	"Met"	Nurse
Helen Hedrick	"Icony"	Nurse
Julia Underwood	"Ulia"	Aviatrix
Virginia Lowery	"Peggy"	Dress Designer
Percy Halloran	"Brud"	Dairyman
Dale Lowery	"Dale"	

# POPULARITY CONTEST

In the popularity contest sponsored by the Areopagus this year, there were many ties in both first and second places.

First place winners were: Ruth Lewis, most popular girl; Joe Mann, most popular boy, best boy athlete, and laziest boy; Norvin Bowyer, most courteous boy and neatest boy; Blanch Maddy, prettiest girl, wittiest girl, and tiest for most appealing personality; Dale Lowry, most handsome boy and tied for wittiest boy; Adelaide Meador, best girl athlete, most studious girl, and best all-round girl; Ophelia Flint, neatest girl; Charles Bryant, most studious boy; Lorene Honaker, most helpful girl to school; Viola Meadows, most courteous girl; Betty Tolley, laziest girl; Gerald Campbell, best all-round boy, most helpful boy to school, and most talented boy; Marjorie Whitlock, biggest girl pest; James Canterbury, biggest boy pest; Robert Smith, most appealing personality(boy); Patty Hammond, tied for most appealing personality(girl); Jane Shirey, most timid girl; Frank Coiner, most timid boy; Peggy Hedrick, most talented girl; James Canterbury, tied for wittiest boy.

Runners-up were: Peggy Lowery, most popular girl and tied for neatest girl; Gerald Campbell, most popular boy, neatest boy, and most courteous boy; Patty Hammond, prettiest girl, most courteous girl and neatest girl; Shirley Maddy, most handsome boy, and best boy athlete; Mary Jane Mann, best girl athlete; Lorene Honaker, wittiest girl; James Dotson, wittiest boy; Adena Garten, most studious girl; Arthur Dodd, most studious boy; Elvera Roach, most helpful girl to school; Dale Lowry, tied for most helpful boy to school; Joe Mann, tied for most helpful to school and best all-round boy; Dorothy Hedrick, laziest girl; Moses Wyant, laziest boy and most timid boy; Philip Mann, most talented boy; Adelaide Meador, most talented girl; Louise Harris, biggest girl pest; Ashby Rhodes, biggest boy pest; Norvin Bowyer, most appealing personality; Ruth Shirey, most timid girl.

Popularity  
Contest

Jane Alice Shroy



Jim Canterbury



Betty Toloy



Viola Meadows



Dale Lowery



Betty Hammond



Ruth Lewis



Opelia Flint



Gerald Campbell



De Mann



Beggy Hedrick



Blanch Maddy



Louise Kromaker



Marge Whitlock



Adelatic Meador





# SENIOR CLASS WILL

We, the Senior Class of 1939 of Talcott High School, being of reasonably sound mind, and, we hope, good judgment, do hereby make, execute, publish, and declare this to be our last, and only will and testament in the manner following on the 26th day of May, Anno Domini 1939.

- I, Romeo Aliff, bequeath my love of girls to Moses Wyant.  
I, Gerald Campbell, will my ability to fly to Betty Tolley.  
I, James Canterbury, will my quiet manner to David Taylor.  
I, Mason Comer, do will and bequeath my love of Chemistry to Dorothy Hedrick.  
We, Percy Halloran and Helen Hedrick, will our ability to get to school on time to Adena Garton and Madine Sherwood.  
I, Earlen Hutchison, leave my trumpet to anyone that can play music as well as I.  
I, Dale Lowery, leave my good looks to Shirley Maddy.  
I, Joe Mann, will my ability to sleep in class to Viola Meadows.  
I, Philip Mann, leave my ability to sing to Bobby Comer.  
I, Roy Walthall, do will and bequeath my seriousness to Louise Harris.  
I, Billy Joe Craft, will my sweet disposition to Mary Jane Honaker.  
I, Gertrude Allen, bequeath my lovely hair to Bonnie Snyder.  
I, Evelyn Bragg, will my quiet disposition to Juanita Crawford.  
We, Leona and Lorene Honaker, do will and bequeath our love of sports to Ophelia Flint and Virginia Lyons.  
I, Virginia Lowery, will my lovely singing voice to Peggy Hedrick.  
I, Blanch Maddy will my loveliness to Patty Hammond.  
I, Elvera Roach, will my ability to guard Rachel Crawford to Violet Mann.  
I, Virginia Smith, bequeath my height to Jean Taylor.  
I, Julia Underwood, do will and bequeath my ability to drive to Ruth Lewis.  
I, Mettie Sims, will my kind disposition to Virginia Underwood.  
I, Frank Rudisill, will my smiles to Norvin Bowyer.  
I, Mason Ford, bequeath my neatness to Billy Osborne.

THE SENIOR CLASS

WITNESSES:

Virginia Lowery  
Julia Underwood

# CLASS PROPHECY

As we were making a flying trip around the world in 1945, we became very much interested in what the Seniors of '39 were doing.

While reading the morning paper, we noticed where Miss Peggy Lowry had recently become the bride of Mr. Mason Comer. Romeo Aliff acted as best man and Evelyn Bragg was maid of honor, with the Rev. Mason Ford officiating.

As we flew across Pea Ridge our attention was attracted by a woman whom we recognized as Helen Hedrick who had remained a spinster because of her unhappy, high school love affair.

The plane, piloted by Gerald Campbell, soared over Hollywood, California, when Elvera Roach, the air hostess, said that the passengers wanted to stop and see the new picture "Paris in January", starring Julia Underwood and Bob Mann played the romantic lead with Joe Mann and Earlen Hutchison as comedians. The director of this great movie was Roy Walthall.

As we flew over Chicago we were informed that the Honaker twins, Leona and Lorene, had established a boxing school for girls in which Mettie Sims, Blanch Maddy, Gertrude Allen, and Virginia Smith were enrolled.

When we reached New York September 25, the world series was being played between the Yankees and the Chicago Cubs. We went that afternoon to see Jim Canterbury pitch the final game of the series.

As our plane made its way over Texas, we saw a big ranch with the inscription "Halloran - Rudisill" painted on the barn roof. Out in the field we saw a man whom we recognized as Dale Lowery hoeing onions. Billy Joe Craft was serving as water boy.

Thus we completed our journey, happy over having seen all our old classmates.

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# SENIOR CLASS HISTORY

The fall of 1935 found the present Senior Class entering Talcott High School as Freshmen with an enrollment of thirty-eight students. At a class meeting held Sept. 9, the following class officers were elected: President, Elvera Roach; Vice-president, Bill Maddy; Secretary and Treasurer, Woodrow Ratliff. The class adviser during the first year was Mr. Ford.

The Freshman year passed almost unbelievably fast and suddenly they were Sophomores. This time the officers were: President, Elvera Roach; Vice-president, Philip Mann; Secretary and Treasurer, Julia Underwood. The class motto was "Upward Slowly but Ever Climbing." The class colors were Red and Silver, and the flower chosen was the Red Rose. During the year the class adviser was Mr. Ford.

When school opened in 1937, the Junior Class elected the following officers: President, Philip Mann; Vice-president, Gerald Campbell; Secretary, Julia Underwood; Treasurer, Virginia Smith. The class had an enrollment of twenty-five. On February 5, the Juniors sponsored an amateur program to raise funds for the Junior-Senior Banquet. On May 13 the Juniors honored the Seniors by giving them a banquet at the Talcott High School gymnasium.

On September 8 the Senior Class entered Talcott High School for their final year. At a meeting held September 19 in Mrs. Perry's room, the following class officers were elected: President, Lorene Honaker; Vice-president, Gerald Campbell; Secretary, Leona Honaker; Treasurer, William Honaker. The colors selected were Green and Cream with Yellow Iris as the class flower. On October 13th the class met with the representative of L. G. Balfour Co. to select the rings and pins, calling cards, and invitations.

The following Seniors won places in the popularity contest sponsored by the Acropagus staff: Peggy Lowery, Joe Mann, Gerald Campbell, Blanch Maddy, Dale Lowery, Lorene Honaker, James Canterbury, Elvera Roach, and Philip Mann.

Philip Mann was Named Valedictorian and Lorene Honaker Salutatorian.

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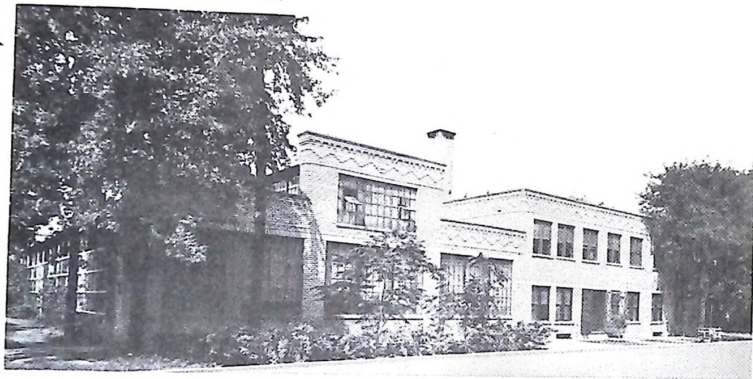
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Velle Ballengee

Class of '37  
Chester Ballengee  
Olvin Eggleston

Class of '38  
Martha Lewis  
Verna Belcher  
John Smith

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