

1954

# BLUE and WHITE

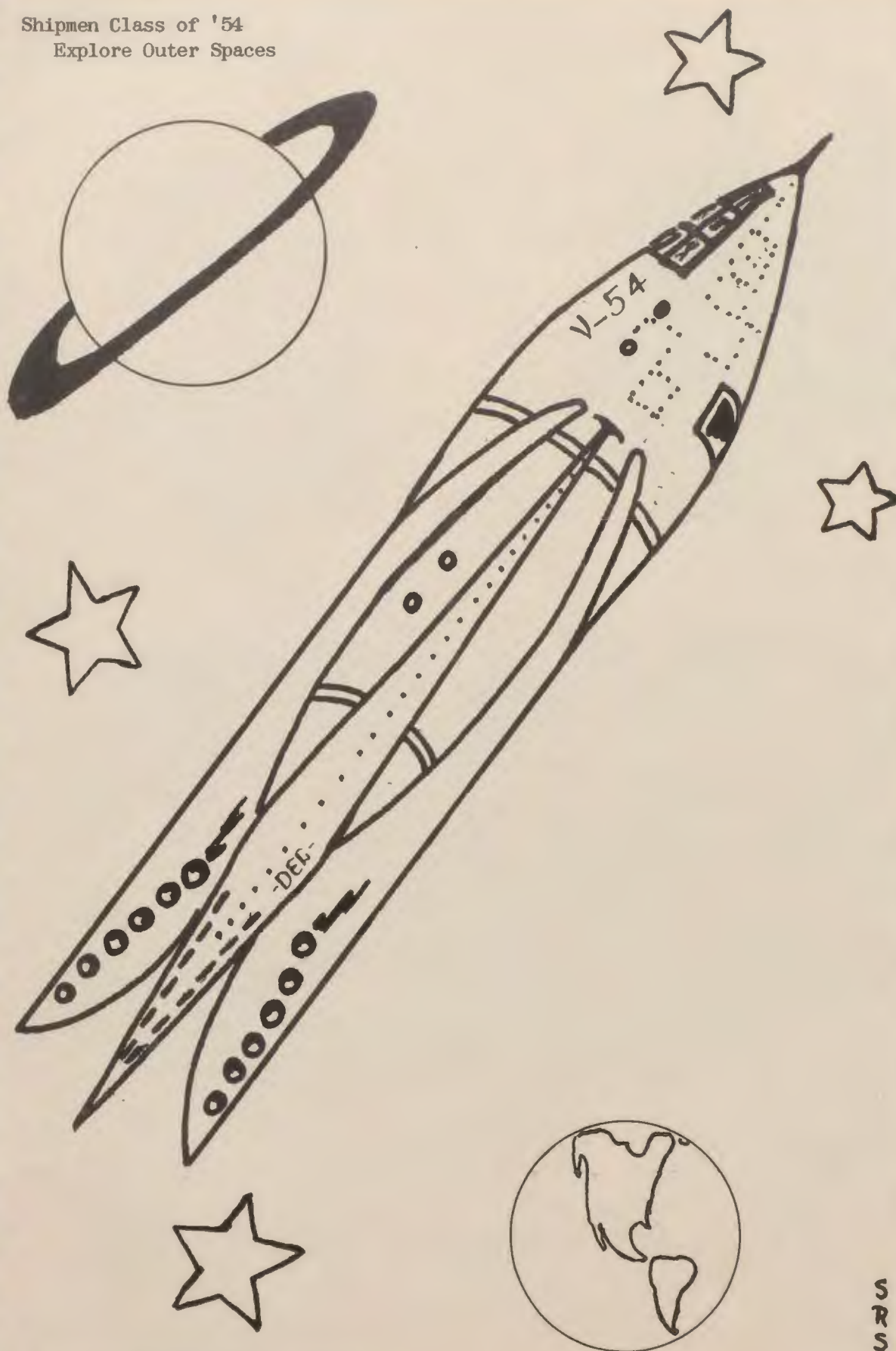


VERGENNES HIGH SCHOOL  
VERGENNES, VERMONT  
JUNE, 1954





Shipmen Class of '54  
Explore Outer Spaces



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"Adventures are to  
the adventurous"  
Benjamin Disraeli

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ROCKETEER



**Rocket V'54**

**Away!!**

**Ship V'54**

**Going Out!!**

## **To Our Alma Mater**

Although this building is old and grey  
With wrinkles on its walls  
And ancient markings of decay  
In narrow, dim-lighted halls,

Although the desks are aged and scarred  
From ink and pencil smears,  
And too, the blackboards may be marred  
From chalk mist through the years,

Still--this is beauty, all its own--  
A kind we'll long remember,  
For in this building we have grown  
In thought and body, ever.

'Twas here our teachers taught us truth,  
Which gives all knowledge birth,  
That we, still young in flesh and youth,  
Might make a better earth.

Our rocket's manned, we're going out  
From dear old Vergennes High,  
To realms and spaces far without,  
As we fondly say, "Good-bye."

M.J.F. Ripchik

**We Dedicate  
This Book**



# Ground Force

# The ADMINISTRATION



**Top Left**

LLOYD W. MOULTON, B.S. Dartmouth, M.A. Columbia University, Superintendent of Schools

**Top Right**

HOUGHTON D. PEARL, B.S. and M.Ed. University of Vermont; Principal; Science, Mathematics, Physical Education

**Front Row, left to right**

EDWARD R. WATKINS, B.S. University of Vermont; Eighth Grade (replacing Miss Whalley); Baseball Coach

WILLIAM C. SORTON, B.S. M.Ed. Fitchburg Teachers' College; Industrial Arts; Driver Training; Science

RAYMOND L. TUCKER, B.S. University of Vermont; Commercial

FRANCES W. FIELD, Ph.B. University of Vermont; M.A. Columbia University; English

SHIRLEY WHALLEY, B.S. in Ed. University of Vermont; Eighth Grade; Girls' Basketball coach at V.H.S.

VERNA L. EVARTS, B.A. Dickinson College; Seventh Grade

LAURA E. DEMERITT, B.S. University of Vermont; Home Economics

MERLE W. CROWN, B.S. University of Vermont; Mathematics, Science, Track Coach

**Back Row:**

WILLIAM H. ANDREWS, Served with U.S. Navy Band in W.W.I; Director of Music at Weeks School for 18 years and at V.H.S. for six years

ROBERT S. CLARK, janitor at V.H.S.

JEANNE BODETTE, B.S. University of Vermont; Guidance Director; Languages; Social Studies

HOUGHTON D. PEARL, Principal

RAY DAVISON, B.S. in Ag. University of Vermont; Agriculture

RONALD C. DAVIS, A.B. Northeastern University; Social Studies; Boys' Athletic Coach

ELIZABETH NELSON, B.A. Middlebury College; Latin, English

PRUDENCE F. BUSSEY, MUS. B. Oberlin Conservatory of Music; Supervisor of Music (replacing Donald Love)

# The Blue and White

# Yearbook



FRONT ROW: Sharon Spade (Art), Margaret Hanna (Editor), Marietta Willard (Business Board), Patricia Aubin (Photography), Marion Parkinson (Editor-in-Chief), Rachael Bristol (Business Board), Barbara Clark (Editor), Judith Sweeney (Art), Patricia Whitney (Business Board), Gerald Miller (Photography), James Peabody (Editor), Lloyd Evarts (Photography), Robert Ross (Business Manager), Donald Little (Art), Jessie Cochran (Photography), Miss Frances W. Field (Faculty Adviser), Howard Grant (Business Board) Top.

## Staff

The staff of the 1954 BLUE AND WHITE has been working hard in order to reproduce for you in picture form the activities of our school, and of the Senior Class, in particular, during the 1953-54 school year.

At this time we would like to express our sincerest gratitude to all who have helped to make our yearbook a success—to Prin. Houghton D. Pearl, for his wise council; George Little, our printer, for his helpful interest; J. E. Purdy Co., Inc., our official photographer, for their excellent workmanship, and our advertisers and subscribers, for their hearty support. Most of all, the staff would like to thank sincerely our faculty adviser, Miss Frances Field, for the long hours of untiring work and interest she has contributed to our yearbook.

We are living on the threshold of a breath-taking era—that of the atomic-driven rocket age. This is the reason we have chosen "Rocketing Through Outer Space," as the theme for this year's BLUE AND WHITE. Our scientists are working at top speed to make safe journeying into outer space possible, in the near future. It is a daring, courageous undertaking but "we have loved the stars too fondly to be fearful of the night."

By Marion Parkinson





PRINCIPAL PEARL



SCHOOL BOARD



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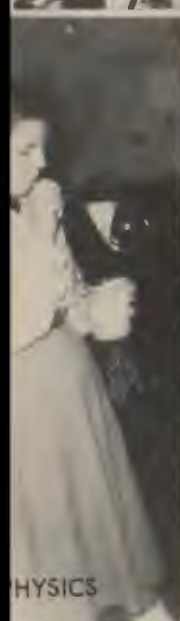
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STUDY HALL





Spacenutty stardusters  
Floating through raw space



# SPACENUTS

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" - Wanderers amid the stars -  
Venus, Mercury, Uranus, Neptune,  
Saturn, Jupiter, Mars. "

**Barbara Alberghini**

"Barb" can always be found curled up in a chair reading an encyclopedia or a book on Einstein's theory. When she's not doing this, she's usually entertaining herself by blowing bubbles with her bubble gum.



**Sally Bush**

If Elizabeth Taylor ever needs a stand-in, Sally is just the girl to call. Although she's quiet, her closer friends know she has many interests - history being one of them.

Basketball 2,3; Senior Play 4; Log Staff 4.

**Arden Allen**

Arden is the likeable Senior, who can always stand a ribbing. One knows that something is amiss when the well-known words, "Arden did it," are heard.

Glee Club 1



**Albert Chamberlain**

"Benny", we're told, likes to sleep late in the morning, but somehow he manages to get to school a second before the bell rings. He's a good card player, too.

**Ian Booth**

"Dan" is the quiet Senior with a charm that many girls have found irresistible - a hard-working fellow, who will be most attractive as owner of the local I.G.A.

Band 1,2,3; Orchestra 1,2,3; Basketball 3; All-State Chorus.



**Barbara Chamberlain**

"Barb" is the gal with a ready smile for everyone. Even though found in the ditch with the Driver Training car, her laugh could be heard for miles.

Patrol 1; Girls' Chorus 1,2; Basketball 1,3; Mixed Chorus 2,3; Log 4.

**Margaret Booth**

"Marge" is full of pep and fine school spirit. Remembered for her great dramatic talent in the Senior Play.

Girls' Chorus 1,2,3; Mixed Chorus 1,2,3,4; Patrol 1,3,4; Band 2,3,4; Orchestra 2,3; Basketball 2,3,4; Drill Team 3,4; Girls' State 3; Softball 3,4; Varsity Club 4; Senior Play 4; Log.



**Clara Chamberlain**

Clara always managed to find time for all her activities. Her fine school spirit will be missed next year.

Basketball 1, Mgr. 3,4; Cheerleading 1; Patrol 1,2,3,4; Girls' Chorus 1,2,3; Band 1,2,3,4; Asst. Mgr. 2; Mixed Chorus 2,3,4; Softball Mgr. 3,4; Drill Team 2,3,4; Orchestra 3; J.V. Basketball Mgr. 3; Log 3,4; Varsity Club 4.

**Rachael Bristol**

"Rae" is the honest, frank, "ambitious" girl of our class with a fine co-operative spirit, always eager to help.

Band 1,2,3,4; Girls' Chorus 1,2,3; Mixed Chorus 3,4; Log Staff 3,4; Yearbook 3,4; Senior Play 4; Varsity Basketball 3.



**Paul Chamberlain**

Although appearing to be a quiet guy, Paul certainly "gets around." A hard worker - he finds time to cut a square.

# The Seniors Are A Hardy Crew



## CO-VALEDICTORIAN

### Norbert Charbonneau

"Norb" a combination of good looks and excellent brains! His arguments with teachers - interesting - as he sometimes disproves their point.

Boys' Chorus 1,2; Mixed Chorus 1,2,3,4; Student Council 3; Band 3,4; Baseball 4; Class Officer 4.



### Kenneth Drew

"Ken", our big blonde, who acts shy in a crowd, but is usually at the bottom of mischievous pranks - excellent in sports.

Band 1,2,3,4; Patrol 1,2,3,4; Drill Team 1,2,3,4; Basketball 2,3,4; Soccer 3,4; Basketball 3,4; Mixed Chorus 3,4; Varsity Club 3,4; Senior Play 4; Soccer Co-Capt. 4; Basketball Co-Capt. 4; All-State Chorus 3; Boys' State 3; One-Act Play; All-State Chorus.

### Barbara Clark

"Barb's" good sense of humor is an asset! Remembered for her frank answers, and desire to marry a farmer.

Patrol 1,2,3,4; Girls' Chorus 1,2,3; Basketball 2,3; Softball 3; Yearbook 3,4; Drill Team 3,4; Mixed Chorus 4; Dramatics 3; Prize Speaking.



### Ruth Drew

Any cackles or giggles heard in the halls can usually be traced to Ruthie. Her attractiveness is even more added to by her dressy clothes, of which there seems to be no limit.

Patrol 1,2,3,4; Drill Team 1,2,3,4; Girls' Chorus 1,2,3; Mixed Chorus 3.

### Jessie Cochran

"Jess", a fine athlete, who loves sports, will also be remembered for her smile, co-operativeness, and dramatic acting.

Basketball 1,2,3,4; Girls' Chorus 1,2,3; Patrol 1,2,3,4; Mixed Chorus 3,4; Softball 3,4; Band 3,4; Senior Play 4; Yearbook 4; Drill Team 3,4.



### Allen Farnsworth

Allen tries to be rough and rugged with the girls, but we know he's a "softie" at heart - remembered as the Casanova of the class.

Soccer 3,4, Co-Captain 4; Basketball Manager 3,4; Boys' Chorus 1,2.

### Lucille Collette

"Sissy" keeps to herself, but we know she is really "full of it." With her big brown eyes, and long hair, she "catches many an eye."

Girls' Chorus 1,2; Softball 3; Senior Play 3,4.



### Willis Farnsworth

Willis' wit knows no end. He is remembered for his cross-country running, and his ability to incite his team mates to victory.

Patrol 1,2,3,4; officer 3,4; Drill Team 1,2,3,4; Mixed Chorus 3; Cross Country 3,4; One-Act Play 3; F.F.A., officer 4; Senior Play 3.

### Sandra Danyow

"Sandy" - known for her highly-personalized hair styles, fine spirit, co-operativeness, and many activities!

Basketball 1,2; Girls' Chorus 1,2,3; Mixed Chorus 1,2,3,4; Patrol 1,2,3,4; Drill Team 1,2,3,4; Band 1,2,3,4; Orchestra 1,2,3; One-Act Play 3; All-State Band 4; Cheerleading 3,4; All-State Chorus 2; All-New England 2.



## SALUTATORIAN

### Margaret Hanna

"Marge" - outstandingly athletic and popular - with a winning smile for everyone! Sincere and friendly, she's "tops" in her class!!

Basketball 1,2,3,4, Co-Capt. 3,4; Girls' Chorus 1,2; Class Officer 1,3,4; Band 2,3,4; Mixed Chorus 3,4; Patrol 3,4; Drill Team 3,4; Varsity Club 3,4, Pres. 4; Yearbook 3,4; Log 3.



#### James Hawkins

Polite and friendly — Jim has often tried to be different, but John seems to be against him. Seemingly shy and quiet in school — yet everyone knows he can be the life of the party.

Patrol 1,2,3,4; Drill Team 1,2,3,4; Basketball 3,4; Soccer 4.



#### Patricia Jaquith

Patty is the Senior who is always good-natured and easy to get along with. Her quiet, likable manner has made her popular with everyone.

Band 1,2,3,4; Mixed Chorus 1,2,3,4; Girls' Chorus 1,2; Orchestra 1,2,3; Class Officer 2,4; Softball 3; All-State Band 3; All-State Chorus 2,4.

#### John Hawkins

Athletic and friendly — John has often tried to be different, but Jim seems to be against him. He was little known his first two years in high school, but since then, he has "changed a lot."

Patrol 1,2,3,4, officer 3,4; Drill Team 1,2,3,4; Baseball 3,4; Basketball 3,4; F.F.A., officer 4; Soccer 4.



#### Ann Langeway

Ann is a cute senior, who has made many life-long friends at V.H.S. We'll remember her especially for the parties she "throws."

Girls' Chorus 1,2,3; Mixed Chorus 3,4; Basketball 2,3,4; Band 3,4; Log 4; Senior Play 4.

#### Martha Hawkins

Martha declares she wants to be an old maid, but her quiet manner is bound to lure someone. She's often found at the library reading a book on "How to Run a Horse Farm." Some day may see her riding beside Roy Rogers in the movies.

Girls' Chorus 1,2,3; Mixed Chorus 4.



#### Ronald Lawrence

"Ronnie" can usually be found with Norbert at a soda fountain. Popular with his classmates — he is sure to make many more friends in the future.

Patrol 1,2,3,4; Basketball Manager 3; Drill Team 4; Boys' Chorus 1,2.

#### Frederick Hoose

"Vern" can always be counted on for a good laugh. Quiet, sweet-acting in school, you should see him outside with his gun! He can quite easily out-talk the best of the opposite sex.

Band 1,2,3,4; Orchestra 1,2,3; Baseball 3,4.



#### Frederick LeBeau

Fred is the Casanova of the class. His ability to dance well has made him popular with the girls and his happy, care-free manner has gained him many friends.

Boys' Chorus 1,2; Mixed Chorus 1,2,3,4; N.E. Chorus 3; Basketball 2,3,4; Baseball 4; Student Council 4; All-State Chorus 2.

#### Earl Jackson

"Stonewall", voted the quietest of the class, is not so quiet when he gets behind the wheel of his car. He seems to have a way of escaping the questions the teacher asks in class.



#### Joyce LeBeau

If you want to see a good Jerry Lewis imitation, see Joyce LeBeau. Her quick wit and hearty laugh have gained her many friends.

Basketball 1,2,3,4; Girls' Chorus 1,2; Patrol 1; Mixed Chorus 3; Varsity Club 4; Softball 3,4; Dramatics 3; Prize Speaking 1.



### Donald Little

Don is the "guy with the mustache." Besides his singing talent, he is also noted for his drawings (see the rocket on page 1 of this book).

Patrol 1,2,3; Drill Team 2,3; Mixed Chorus 2,3,4; Band 3; Yearbook 3,4; Class Officer 1,2,3; Boys' Chorus 1,2.



### CO-VALEDICTORIAN

#### Marion Parkinson

Quiet, studious, helpful at all times -- that's Marion! Will the Dodgers win the next series? Ask Marion.

Majorette 1,2,3,4; Basketball 1,2; Girls' Chorus 1,2,3; Mixed Chorus 3,4; Yearbook 3,4; Editor-in-Chief 4; Orchestra 2,3; All-State Orchestra 3,4; Senior Play 4; Band 3,4.

### Gerald Miller

Anyone wishing to know anything about baseball rules, players, leagues, or anything else connected with baseball, should see "Beanie." He studies baseball day and night. Also "Beanie" is our great volleyball player!!

Basketball 1; Baseball 1; Mixed Chorus 2; Boys' Chorus 2; Boys' State 3.



### Jim Peabody

"Jim" is the ambitious engineer of the class. The part of a Casanova in the Senior Play made "Jim" a hit!

Patrol 1,2,3,4; Drill Team 2,3,4; Basketball 3,4; Log 4; Yearbook 3,4; Class Officer 4.

### Paul Milo

Paul doesn't have much time for extra-curricular activities, since he's always at the theatre, but his studies have not been forgotten, for he ranks in the top quarter of his class. Conscientious -- he will accomplish anything he attempts.

Boys' Chorus 1,2.



### James Provencher

Long-legged "Jim" is always found driving around in his Chevrolet. He's a good sport and gets along with most everyone.

Patrol 1,2,3; Boys' Chorus 1,2; Drill Team 2,3; F.A. 4; Cross Country 3.

### Shirley Mitchell

"Shirl", class dancer, knows how to "cut a rug." In quartette, she provides a fine, deep alto voice!

Majorette 1,2,3,4; Cheerleading 1; Basketball 1,2,3,4; Patrol 1; Girls' Chorus 1,2,3; Mixed Chorus 2,3,4; Varsity Club 4; Softball 4; All-State Chorus 2,3; Log 4.



### Mary Jane Ripchik

Our talented Jane can usually be found blowing on her trumpet. Likely she'll soon be playing duets with Harry James.

Basketball 1,2,4; Cheerleading 1,2,3; Patrol 1,2,3,4; Drill Team 1,2,3,4; Girls' Chorus 1,2,3; Mixed Chorus 2,3,4; Orchestra 2,3; Senior Play 4; Softball 4; Class Officer 3; Cheerleading Co-Captain 3; Log 4; Band 3,4; All-State Chorus 3.

### Carol O'Connor

Carol always seems to have time for school activities, a job after school, and boy friends. For some reason, though, she never comes to class on time.

Girls' Chorus 1,2,3; Mixed Chorus 1,2,3,4; Band 3,4; Drill Team 3; Patrol 3.



### Irene Rose

Irene is another of the quiet type. Serious-minded -- she is ready to put her shoulder to the wheel to help whenever needed.

Patrol 2,3,4; Girls' Chorus 1,2.

### Robert Ross

He's a " wonderful " guy!!

Class Officer 2,3; Student Council 3,4, Officer 4; Baseball 3,4; Basketball 1,2,3,4; Soccer 3,4; Yearbook 3,4, Business Mgr. 4; Log 3,4; Busi-Staff 3,4; Boys' Chorus 1; Mixed Chorus 1,2,3,4; N.E. Chorus 3; Patrol 1,2,3,4; Capt. 4, Asst. Capt. 3; Drill Team 1,2,3,4, Commander 4, Asst. Commander 3; Business Mgr. Mag. Camp. 4, Asst. Mgr. 3; Varsity Club 3,4; Home Room Capt. Mag. Drive 1,2; Senior Play 4.

### Leonard Surprise

" Soupy " is the guy in the loud clothes. His car is a haven for the boys without a car or a license. The "smoothy" criminal in the Senior Play was really a big hit with "Soupy" acting the part.

Soccer 3,4; Senior Play 4; Dramatics Club 3.

### Judith Sweeney

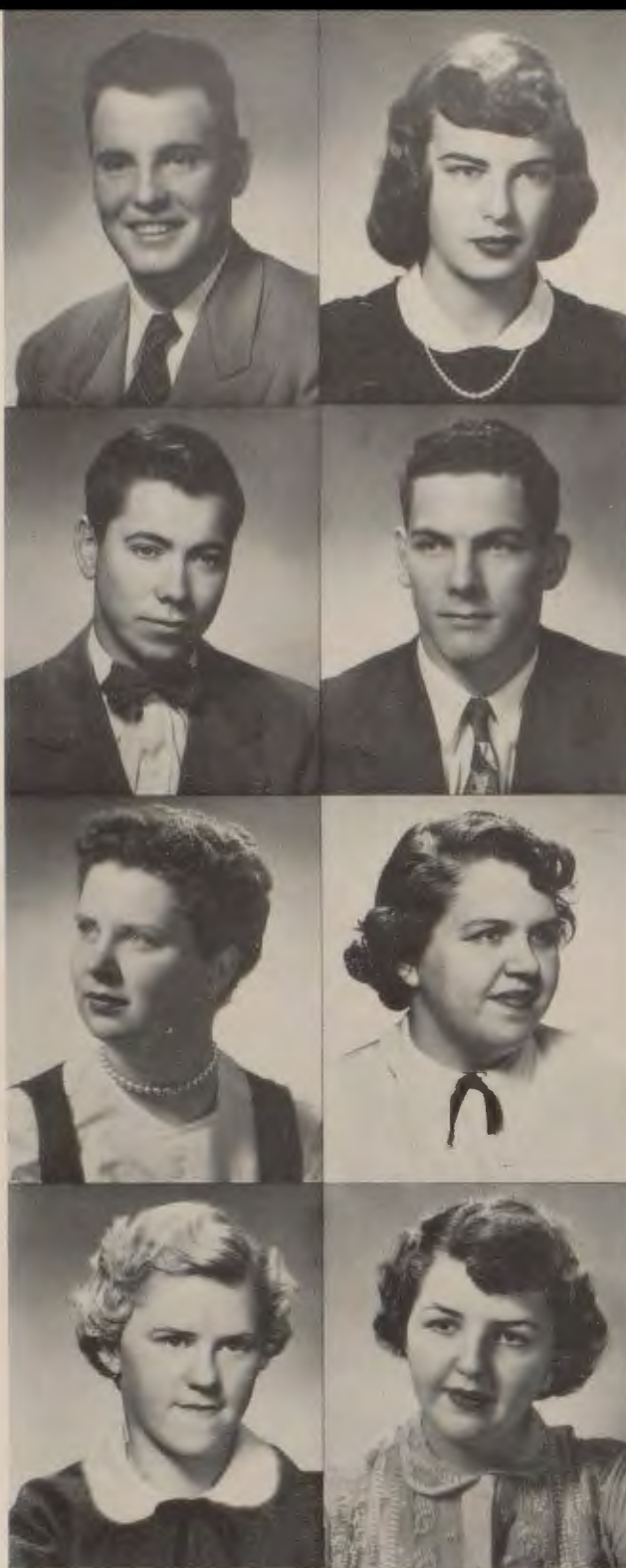
" Jade " will always be remembered for her giggle and crazy hairdo.

Girls' Chorus 1,2,3; Mixed Chorus 1,2,3,4; N.E. Chorus 3; Band 2,3,4; Sec-Treasurer 3; Basketball Mgr. 3, 4; Asst. Mgr. 2; Log 3,4; Yearbook 3,4; Student Council 3,4; Orchestra 2,3; Good Citizenship Girl 4; Student Council Officer 4; Class Officer 2; Senior Play 4; All-State Chorus 2.

### Janet Swenor

" Jan " is the blue-eyed, blonde bomb-shell, whose way with the boys is a stand-out. Her cheering has, no doubt, helped our team to victory.

Basketball 1,2,3,4; Patrol 1; Cheerleading 2,3,4; Alt. Capt. 2,3; Capt. 4; Student Council 4; Log 4; Softball 3,4.



### Sandra Tucker

" Sandy " has the self-confidence which she will need when she becomes a teacher. Her nickname, " Fireball ", proves that she is quite the girl!

Cheerleading 1,2, Alt. Capt. 2; Patrol 1; Basketball 1; Girls' Chorus 1,2; Mixed Chorus 2,3; Senior Play 4; All-State Chorus 2,3.

### James Underwood

" Jim " is the " Mr. Universe " of the class. With his good looks and powerful physique, he is definitely a ladies' man.

Boys' Chorus 1,2; Mixed Chorus 3,4; Soccer 4; Basketball 3,4; Cross Country 3; Soccer 4; Boys' State.

### Mary Whitney

Mary is the quiet friendly type, who is always looking out for her younger sister. She is the kind to become a success in whatever field she chooses.

Girls' Chorus 1,2,3; Mixed Chorus 4; Dramatics Club 3.

### Patricia Whitney

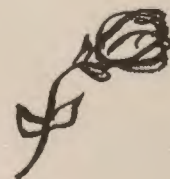
" Pat " can be found most anywhere where excitement is going on. Her restlessness will probably cause her to lead quite an adventurous life.

Girls' Chorus 1; Mixed Chorus 1,3,4; Yearbook 3,4; Middlebury High 2.

CLASS MOTTO - " In Ourselves Our Future Lies "

CLASS COLORS - Silver and Blue


CLASS FLOWER - Rose



# The Weather, Foul Or Even Fair



# Skyswriting



## The Prophecy

*As we climb higher into space and pass through ten years of time, we look into the past to see what the space cadets of the V<sup>54</sup> rocket ship have achieved. We find the following.*

Arden Allen is now the leading stunt man for the Lochman Hell Drivers in the annual World of Mirth Show at Coney Island. He plans on starting a school of his own soon, for inexperienced drivers.

Ian Booth attended a manager's school in Boston, Mass. He is now a manager of the I.G.A. store in a suburb of N.Y. He plans on getting married soon.

Margaret Booth, Janet Swenor, and Sandra Dan-yow have attended Business College and have become expert secretaries and who knows, they may have all married their bosses.

Rachael Bristol is playing her trumpet with the Clark Orchestra in New Haven every Saturday night. We hear the orchestra is something.

Albert Chamberlain, Fred Hoose, and Fred LeBeau have opened their new "Club 18" in Detroit, Mich. It is going quite well.

Sally Bush and Martha Hawkins have attended a New York Charm School and are now having a grand opening of their B. and H. School in N.H. Good Luck.

Barbara Chamberlain has married a childhood sweetheart and is living in a Navy trailer camp in Bainbridge.

Clara Chamberlain has obtained her B.A. degree. She plans to start teaching here next fall. Watch out, kids.

Paul Chamberlain has joined the Hawkins twins in a partnership and they now own the Vergennes Livestock Commission Sales. Those cattle are good sellers, so it is reported.

Judy Sweeney finished training at the Mary Fletcher where she obtained the Nurse of the Year Award. Now she plans on using her career on her children and husband.

Ken Drew attended the Navy and then the Atlas Training School. He is now holding a head job in a night club. He fulfills his job very well.

Willis Farnsworth is now the President of the Nation-Wide F.F.A. Association. From what we gather, the Future Farmers are learning fast.

Barbara Clark now runs a sewing school where she designs and makes her own styles. Her latest is?

Norbert Charbonneau and Ronnie Lawrence are attending the Tony Curtis School for actors. They alternate for his stand-in in his latest picture "The Big Switch." Some switch, huh?

Ruth Drew and Lucille Collette are married and are living with their husbands in Alaska and Greenland, respectively.

Allen Farnsworth joined the Navy and is now the navigator of a ship. We hear the ship has trouble keeping its course straight.

Paul Milo attended U.V.M. and is now an M.D. He plans to open his office in his home town soon. Good luck!

"Spot" Ross runs a diet school, but plans to enter the ministry soon to follow the footsteps of his father-in-law.

Marion Parkinson graduated from the Mary Fletcher Hospital and she now runs a Nursing Home. Didn't she marry an old flame from V.H.S.?

The Whitney sisters have recently opened their new Driver Training School. It seems they are teaching their pupils to watch out for the other driver. After all, that's what they learned at V.H.S.

Jessie Cochran is now the physical education teacher at U.V.M. She's teaching the girls her tricks that she acquired at V.H.S.

Margaret Hanna is now a successful Physio-therapist. She is working in India and is married to a brilliant young doctor.

Joyce LeBeau has put her dance steps to use by helping Arthur Murray out at his studios. In fact, she and her partner, I think Bob is his name, have derived a new step.

Jane Ripchik has graduated from nursing and is now in the Waves. Oh yes, I believe she met her sailor along the way.

Shirley Mitchell finally decided that "Beauty was her Business". She has opened the world-famous "Mitchell Salon" and you may be sure there is a Navy Cadet around.

Ann Langeway has married Bill Baldwin and they have three little Baldwins. Bill is an Admiral in the Navy.


Gerry Miller is now the manager of the Yanks. I hear he can really tell the umpires how to play.

Donald Little is living in N.Y. in his pent-house, drawing for large companies - his latest model being Sandra Tucker, who graduated from the Esquire School for Girls.

Earl Jackson, J. Provencher, and L. Surprise have opened a Service Station in Florida. It is right near a summer resort where most of the customers are girls. We thought you didn't like girls, fellows.



# Skyswriting



Jim Peabody graduated from G.M.S. and is now the inventor of the General Motors new automatic pencil, which does your work while you watch. Too bad you didn't have it at V.H.S.

Carol O'Connor has become a nurse and she has married a boy from V.H.S.

Jim Underwood is now with the Boston Celtics, showing them how to handle the ball.

Irene Rose has entered the W.A.F.S. and she has married a sergeant. Never let it be said that a sergeant is always rough.

Pat Jaquith is now a registered nurse and we hear she married her sailor.

*Now that we've had the roll call for our space cadets and we find them all present, we'll turn our ship toward home, in the hope that we shall all meet again somewhere in space.*

By Jane F. Ripchik and Judith A. Sweeney

## The Will

*We, the class of 1954, clad in pressurized space suits, and being possessed of sound minds and bodies, publish the following as our last will and testament.*

Fred LeBeau leaves his title of "Valentino" to Pat McNulla.

Janet Swenor leaves her nickname "Night-Hawk" to Galen Norton.

The Commadorettes leave to Mixed Chorus their ability to laugh through a song and still sound good.

Earl Jackson leaves to Dewitt Clark his title of "quietest boy in the Senior Class."

To the Sophomore Class we leave our after-game dance orchestra, two steel chairs, and a piano.

To Mr. Pearl we leave a pamphlet entitled, "Five-hundred and One Muscle - Building Exercises," published by the makers of Loan's Liniment.

For Mr. Sorton we leave the fender on the Driver Training Car.

To the Junior Class we leave our reputation as "Super Salesmen."

Joyce LeBeau leaves her guard position to her sister. We hope you "fill" it as well as she did, Shirley.

Leonard Surprise leaves his hot-rod Ford and a two-dollar bill to Charley Ross. The two dollars are to get it painted red, "Spider".

The Hawkins twins leave their ability to get places on time, to Arthur Norton. Keeps them guessing, Art.

Fred Hoose and Ian Booth leave their tag-team wrestling title to Gerald Chaloux and Jack Baker. Use plenty of grunts and groans, boys.

To Mr. Clark we leave the airplanes on the lights, the gum under the desks, and the paper on the floors.

To Mr. Tucker we leave a periscope so he can see over the crowds.

Paul Milo leaves his newer Chevrolet to "Hubie" Atkins.

We bequeath to Mr. Crown fifty old chairs and a third story window to throw them out of.

Rachael Bristol leaves her "Tallulah Bankhead" routine to Jane Cushman.

To Miss Field we leave the question of which Senior English division was worse.

Barbara Clark leaves her Middlebury High dates to Lorraine Mitchell.

Pat Jaquith leaves her love of horses to Bertha Fleming.

Lucille Collette leaves her quiet, gentle nature to Mary Palmer.

To Mr. Davison we leave a brand new 1954 Cadillac wind-shield wiper.

To Mr. Watkins we leave a dog-eared book entitled "How to Win Games and Influence Umpires."

To the Junior girls, Ann Laneway leaves her secrets of how to trap a man.

Irene Rose leaves her ability to get along with other people to the entire Junior Class.

To Eddie Austin, Sandra Tucker leaves her big vocabulary.

Robert Ross leaves his light eating habits to Paul Stanilonis.

To Mrs. Bodette we leave a case of soda pop and a box of chocolate bars for her noon lunch.

To Mrs. Nelson, we leave a musical door chime. Sounds much better than all the rattling and pounding of pupils on the outside front door.

To Mrs. Evarts we leave a new broom to - sweep out any young intruders!

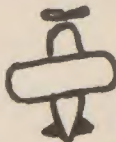
Allen Farnsworth leaves his driving skill to Tom McCormick. It'll come in handy if you want to be a race-car driver, Tom.

Judy Sweeney leaves a set of rubber gears for the next Driver Training car. They sound much quieter.

## All Hands On Deck For Graduation



# Skyswriting



Mary Jane Frances Ripchik leaves her extra middle name to anyone who wants it and can use it.

To Mr. Davis we leave a fifty-page essay, single-spaced, on "How to Write an Essay."

Arden Allen leaves to Bob Burroughs all his extra pencils. Make good use of them, "Pete".

Ken Drew leaves his All-American football playing to Art Norton.

Margaret Hanna leaves her left-handed hook shot to Patsy Aubin.

Pat Whitney leaves her Middlebury College dates to Bev. Cunningham.

Ruth Drew leaves her cousin, Ken, to anyone who'll take him.

To Sid Baker, Jim Underwood leaves a special formula for toughening elbows.

Jim Provencher leaves his 24-hour taxi service to Lee Veysey.

Paul Chamberlain leaves to Ben Douglass his nickname, "Flash".

To Tom Beauregard, Don Little leaves his drawing ability. Not that he needs it, of course. Just ask Mr. Sorton.

Marion Parkinson and Sally Bush leave their soda-selling job at basketball games to anyone with the courage to try it.

To Natalie Goss, Martha Hawkins leaves her knack of coming up with a good joke at unexpected moments.

Norbert Charbonneau leaves his special poker deck to Wayne Ganson. They're all aces, Wayne.

Jessie Cochran leaves some of her extra height to Peggy Cameron.

Clara Chamberlain leaves her squeaky laugh to any mouse in the school building that wants it.

To Jean Chamberlain, the class leaves a supply of erasers to replace forgotten loans.

Albert Chamberlain leaves his extra excuses for being late to school to John Campbell. Handy if you like to sleep, John.

Willis Farnsworth leaves an extra supply of paper to Carl Easter, for his term thesis to be required in English next year. Take heart, Carl.

Jerry Miller leaves his Mexican jumping-bean ping-pong balls to Geno Pantan.

Shirley Mitchell leaves her black Plymouth to the next Driver Training Class.

Mary Whitney leaves a book to Lloyd Evarts so he can appear with one in class next year. Hang on, Lloyd.

By Robert Ross and Jim Peabody.

# Starring Top



## The History

*Rocket V-54 stood in its launching pit, awaiting the last passenger who was buying his space ticket. Since the ship was going out into outer space, the students put on their pressurized space jackets and looked ahead into the next four years.*

In the first year Pilot Bob Grant (president) steered our ship, while co-pilot Bob Marshall (vice-president) stood by receiving directions from our ground commissioner, Principal Berry. Margaret Hanna (secretary) sat in the tail of our rocket, keeping a space diary on the journey, while Donald Little (treasurer) kept us supplied with the most important fuel, co-operation.

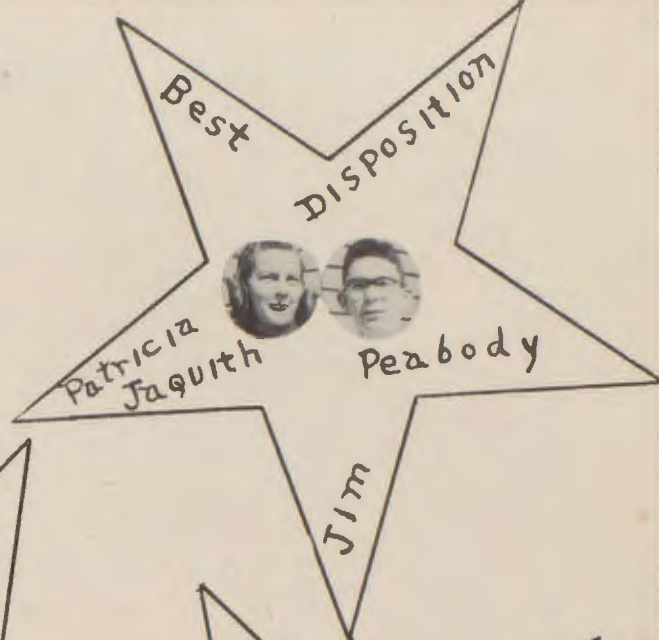
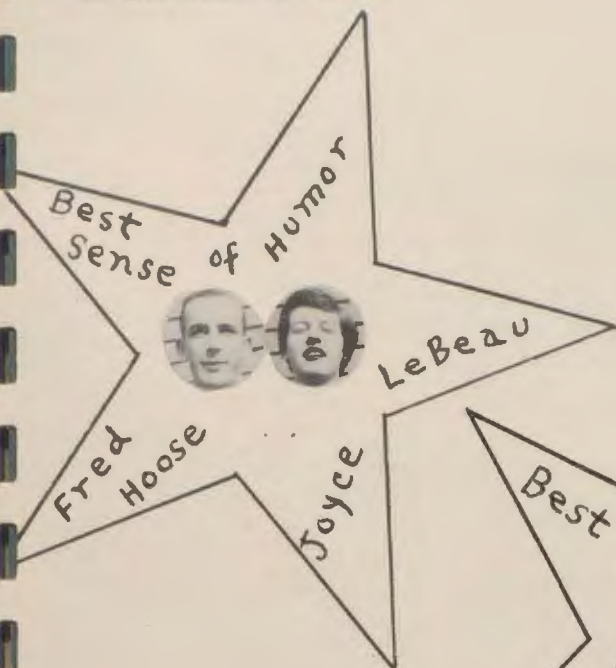
In the first year we were initiated by the Seniors to see if we qualified for the run through high school. Passing the test, we sped ahead and ended our year with a space picnic at Branbury Beach, where we all received space tans.

Starting the second year of our journey, we changed our crew with Judy Sweeney as Pilot, Robert Ross as co-pilot, Patricia Jaquith as space secretary, and Donald Little as space treasurer. In order to raise money for our class trip, we held several dances and food sales, ending our year at Branbury Beach again.

## Now Set The Dial For Outer Space



# Celebrities



As we sped into our third year, we gave our pilot and other crew members a rest and elected: Robert Ross, our pilot; Jane Ripchik, co-pilot; Margaret Hanna, secretary, and Donald Little, treasurer. We found the journey more difficult but our new ground commissioner, Prin. H.D. Pearl, steered us very successfully. More food sales and dances were held. We gave a Junior Prom. Margaret Booth and Margaret Hanna were chosen to go to Girls' State and Jim Underwood, Jerry Miller, and Ken Drew went to Boys' State. Our journey was closed with another picnic to Branbury Beach.

At last the fourth year had arrived and our flight through space was nearly finished. Norbert Charbonneau was chosen as pilot, Jim Peabody as co-pilot, Margaret Hanna, secretary, and Patricia Jaquith as treasurer. Judy Sweeney was named Good Citizenship girl. After initiating the coming Rocket-57, we found them worthy of joining our space line. For more money for our class trip we presented a 3-act comedy entitled, "Terror at Black Oaks" directed by Mr. Pearl, Mr. Love, and Miss Whalley.

For our class trip, we are planning to stop at a new planet, called New York City. After returning to our home pit, we shall begin our trip into raw, outer space.

Patricia Jaquith



## Into Life We'll Step, To Take Our Place !







# "Terror At Black Oaks"

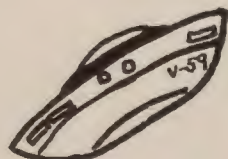
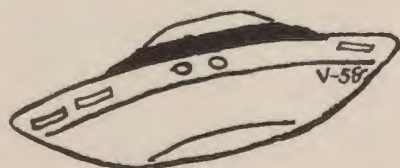
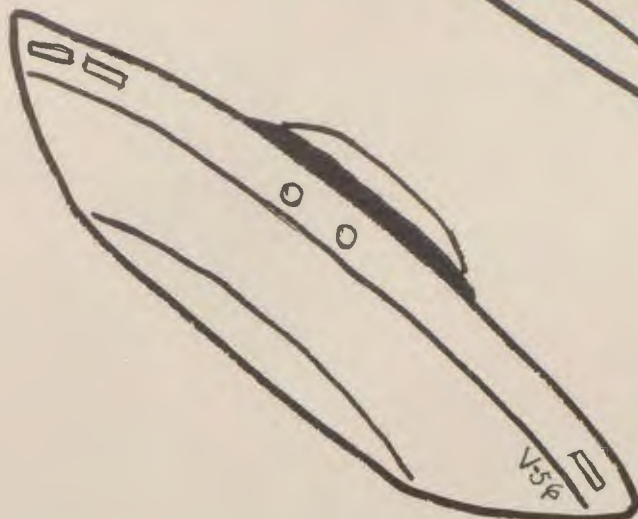
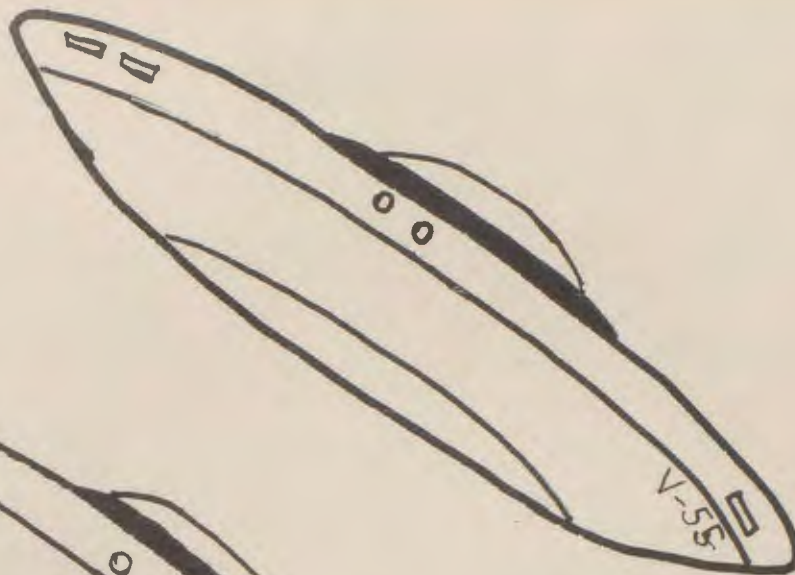


# NEW YORK TRIP





Dizzy Discs Spot  
Our Galaxy



"The planets in their stations  
list'ning stood."

Milton

WPS

# WORLDWIDE





# Juniors

FRONT ROW: P. Cameron, E. Bidwell, M. Willard, E. Danforth, L. Becker, C. Quenneville, G. Sheldon, H. Bull, B. Cunningham, R. Charlebois, S. Crow.  
 SECOND ROW: Mr. R. Davison (faculty adviser), J. Cushman, S. Spade, G. Norton, P. Aubin, M. Palmer, E. Brown, B. Clodgo, J. Chamberlain, L. Danyow, Mr. W. Sorton (faculty adviser)  
 THIRD ROW: E. Stearns, N. Goss, R. Pidgeon, H. Hallock, A. Norton, T. McCormick, W. Ganson, C. Ross, D. Clark, T. Beauregard, V. Gorham.  
 FOURTH ROW: C. Easter, S. Baker, L. Evarts, H. Atkins, D. Morton, P. Bristol, H. Grant, M. Spicer, J. Campbell, B. Douglass.

On September 9, 1953, a large, dizzy disc, manned by 40 rollicking teen-agers, revolved about Vergennes High and finally glided into Pit 11 to become known as the Junior Class.

After several whirls in an enthusiastic class meeting, class officers were elected. Arthur Norton emerged as president; Jane Cushman, vice-president; Galen Norton, secretary, and Wayne Ganson, treasurer. Howard Grant and Marietta Willard were chosen as Student Council representatives. Messrs. William Sorton and Ray Davison became our faculty advisers.

In athletics our class contributed Charlie Ross and Sid Baker in basketball and cross-country. Hubie Atkins and Tommy McCormick in basketball, Howard Grant in J.V. basketball, and Carl Easter and Harold Hallock in cross-country. Among the girls, Mary Palmer, Beverly Cunningham, Pat Aubin, Galen Norton, and Peggy Cameron were basketball players.

Socially we sailed right up front, with two Vic Dances, and a big Christmas Dance, while our Junior Prom looms in the near future.

We boast some special discers, too, like Ben Douglass, Rena Charlebois, John Campbell, and Sharon Spade, who is editor of the LOG, and an art editor of the yearbook. We have co-pilots like Dewitt Clark, "Pete" Burroughs, Betty Clodgo, and Jean Chamberlain, and radio man, Tommy Beauregard. Space does not allow to tell of this great class.

So now these discy Juniors will blast off for the Senior Haven in Pit 12.

By Arthur Norton

# Sophomores

FRONT ROW: H. Jackson, M. Rose, S. Jerger, K. Russell, M. Young, H. Danyow, B. Fleming, D. Sorrell, J. DiMello, D. Gould, R. Sears.  
 SECOND ROW: Miss L. Demeritt (faculty adviser), C. Bush, M. Jerry, E. Fenton, S. Stearns, C. Tucker, S. LeBeau, A. LeMay, M. Veysey, M. Miller, S. Tracy, B. Brown, J. Seymour, Mr. R. Tucker (faculty adviser)  
 THIRD ROW: R. Danyow, S. Danyow, C. Wrisley, W. Ward, J. Danyow, W. Hancock, C. Peabody, R. Atkins, R. Vincent, R. Pantan, L. Cass, L. Clark.  
 FOURTH ROW: D. LeDoux, J. Baker, E. Austin, S. Blacklock, G. Chaleaux, J. Burgey, W. Kennison, K. Shover, P. McNulla, L. Veysey, M. Carpenter.

Last fall on September 9, a second disc appeared near V.H.S. slightly smaller than the Junior one, but frisky in its maneuvers. This proved to be manned by none other than 45 Sophomores coming back from a long summer vacation on Venus.

We landed in Pit No. 10 and looked with envy on Pit No. 11 where we hoped to be another year, although among us were the usual number of shooting stars and falling meteors.

As Co-captains on our trip were Mr. Ray Tucker and Miss Laura Demeritt, faculty advisers for our class. We elected the following class officers: president, Carl Peabody; vice-president, Lyman Clark; secretary, Marjorie Veysey, and treasurer, Suzanne Jerger. We chose Richard Danyow and Catherine Russell to represent us on Student Council.

Our class was very active in basketball with Geno Pantan, Lee Veysey, Lyman Clark, Sid Danyow, John Burgey, Pat McNulla, and Carl Peabody playing on the J.V. squad. Sophomore girls playing basketball were Shirley LeBeau and Catherine Russell on the J.V.'s and Marjorie Veysey on Girls' Varsity Squad.

On Cross-Country were Lee Veysey, individual State Champion, Donald Ledoux and Lyman Clark.

Soon we'll blast off, 47 strong, for Pit 11.

By Carl Peabody

# Freshmen

FRONT ROW: J. Jackson, D. Smith, C. Hazelton, T. Dusablon, M. Wallin, M. Fisher, J. Chamberlain, M. Dike, M. Rivers, B. Jackson, M. Donnelly, Mrs. J. Bodette (faculty adviser), S. Veysey, N. Mitchell, C. Bristol, M. Cartier, T. Underwood, J. Booth, N. Swinton, S. Bodette, N. Aubin, M. Armell, J. Evans, Mrs. E. Nelson (faculty adviser).  
 THIRD ROW: E. Wrisley, S. Sprague, C. Bigelow, R. Hoague, E. Bousquet, R. Perkins, R. Ashley, R. Anderson, B. Ganson, D. Danyow, A. Robarge, E. Hallock.  
 FOURTH ROW: K. Tupper, R. Hamel, E. Flynn, L. Gebo, P. Stanilonis, M. Dudley, R. Loomis, E. Cameron, S. Tatro, C. Clough, S. Knapp, J. Litch, P. McGrath.

Sixty lively, enthusiastic young hopefuls entered the doors at V.H.S. last September 9, in the roll of Space Cadets on the rocket ship marked "Vergennes High."

Soon after their arrival, they banded themselves into what is now known as the Freshman Class, and elected class officers as follows: president, Paul Stanilonis; vice-president, Elisse Hallock; secretary, Joanne Chamberlain; and treasurer, Stanley Veysey. Stephen Knapp and Carol Bristol were chosen to represent their class in Student Council. Mrs. Elizabeth Nelson and Mrs. Jeanne Bodette became our faculty advisers to pilot us along the way.

Our class gave to the school unsparingly of its ability in extra-curricular activities. As the school year draws to a close, we shall head our ship toward Pit 10 to become Sophomores.

By Paul Stanilonis



# Eighth Grade



FRONT ROW: M. Stephens, M. Gale, A. Adams, L. Derway, V. LeBeau, S. Murray, J. Gebeault, G. Bristol, M. Booth, J. Barrows, J. Jenkins.  
SECOND ROW: Miss S. Whalley, (Instructor), J. Collett, T. Charbonneau, L. Cunningham, R. Clark, E. Chamberlain, L. Husk, P. Milo, L. Clark, D. Sheldon, D. Curler, E. Smith.  
BACK ROW: R. Spade, H. Spencer, C. Chapman, J. Parkinson, R. Smith, B. Lasher, N. Rose, D. Burnett, S. Olson, J. Rivers, P. Hallock.

On September 9, 1953 Rocket '58 entered Pit 8 at V.H.S. under the command of President John Collette. His fellow space officers were: Vice-President Tommy Charbonneau, Secretary Gail Bristol, and Treasurer Robert Smith. We blasted off into space with Commander-in-Chief Miss Shirley Whalley, at the controls of our Master Space Ship. Descending into the spacelocks of Mercury, we left our ship in Pit No. 7 to attend a Christmas Dance. Having completed this social maneuver, we headed our craft toward Mars. After a short time of just cruising along in our Master '58, we eased it into a pit at Venus to enjoy another dance.

Much to our sorrow, our Commander-in-Chief, Miss Whalley, was assigned to another interplanetary position and our new Commander, Mr. Edward Watkins, took immediate control of our space crew.

After blasting-off from Venus, we headed our ship to Pluto where our basketball cadets had several games with other space cadets. Our teams did not have much luck in these interplanetary events, but we gained good experience even if we won only one game.

We cruised through a field of little meteors but steered our Rocket clear of any disasters. Our ship righted, we headed it toward graduation and coming events in our space time. Smooth sailing is expected and we shall soon be landing on earth to change space ships to a higher rank.

By John Collette

A daytime sighting squad of 34 Seventh Grade Rocketeers carefully mapped out their cruise into V.H.S. last September, to try to conquer subjects such as mathematics, English, science, geography, and spelling.

Our extra-curricular activities included basketball, volleyball, baseball, and snowballs, with an occasional spitball in the air. Some of our rocketeers drifted into Drill Team and Band.

We were active socially, too, putting on a grand Christmas Party in which we had flying saucers in the form of paper plates, and flying discs in the form of candy and dry ice. All pupils, teachers, and guests received gifts.

Our class officers were: Alice Jackman, president; Mary McNulla, vice-president; Brian O'Connor, secretary, and Paul Quinton, treasurer. Mrs. Vema Evarts was our faculty adviser.

By Alice Jackman

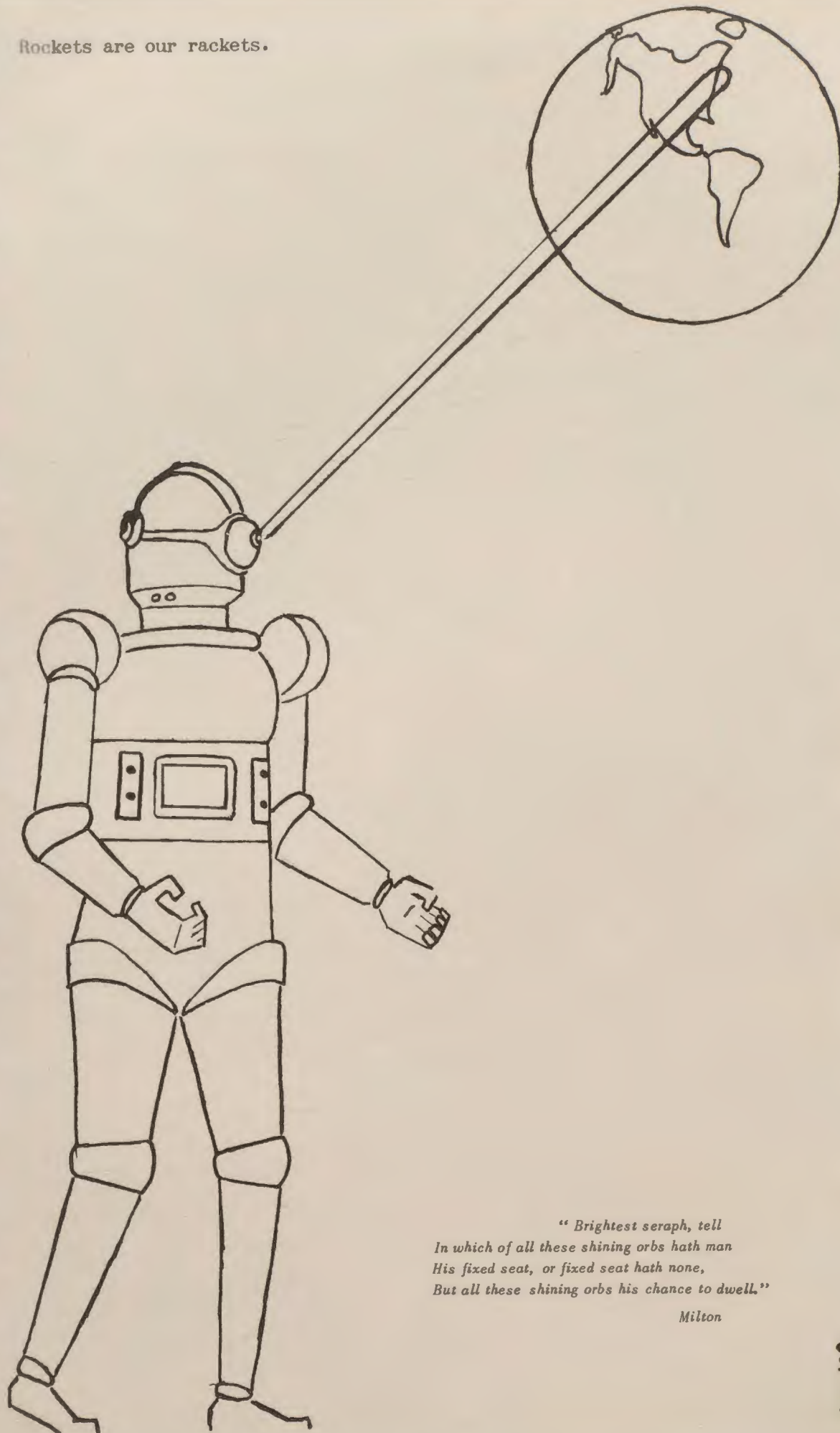
FRONT ROW: E. Blair, J. Burnett, B. Brown, M. Sauter, C. Gregory, A. Jackman, J. Norton, C. Tucker, E. Chamberlain, C. Brill, D. O'Connor.  
SECOND ROW: Mrs. Evarts (faculty adviser), S. Caswell, F. Rheume, M. Abair, S. Mitchell, M.J. Rivers, F. Ouellette, M. McNulla, J. Wagner, T. Clark, L. Rheume.  
BACK ROW: W. Douglas, S. Wright, F. Hall, D. Ouellette, C. Helsler, R. Desjard, R. Cunningham, L. Brown, P. Quinton, R. Hallock, P. Lawrence, L. Wimet.



# Seventh Grade



Rockets are our rackets.



*"Brightest seraph, tell  
In which of all these shining orbs hath man  
His fixed seat, or fixed seat hath none,  
But all these shining orbs his chance to dwell."*

*Milton*

SRS

# ACTIVITYES







FRONT ROW: C. Ross, S. Baker, A. Farnsworth (Manager), R. Ross, T. McCormick.  
 BACK ROW: J. Peabody, J. Hawkins, H. Atkins, Coach " Moose " Davis, J. Hawkins, K. Drew, J. Underwood.

## Boys' Varsity Basketball

At the close of the 1953-54 basketball season, the Commodores, coached by Ronald C. Davis, held a record of eight wins and 11 losses. Although playing one of their stiffest schedules, they managed to take some of the bigger schools such as Winooski and Essex. In several games the final score was a difference of only a few points, so the won-lost column did not show the brand of play. Tom McCormick led in the scoring department, with an even 10 point average for the season. Charlie Ross had 9.7, Jim Underwood 7.2, ".Spot " Ross had 6.3, and Ken Drew had 5.5.

The Davismen started off on the wrong foot dropping their first three games to Brandon, Morrisville, and Ludlow. Then they began to click in their win over Middlebury. In their next outing they ran up against Burlington and were beaten. However, they bounced back to trim Winooski on the latter's court. In their last game of the " 53 " season, they were beaten by Brandon. In the " 54 " portion they beat Bristol in their first game and followed that with a loss to Stowe High School. Then they ran up two straight wins against Randolph and Essex Junction. They were defeated by Cathedral, but came back to trounce Middlebury. In their second outing against Bristol they were beaten and the same thing happened in the Essex Junction game on their home court. In the play-off game with Bristol on the Weeks Court they were beaten 48-43. However, they took two out of their last three, losing to Stowe and beating Randolph and Weeks School.

By Wayne Ganson '55



FRONT ROW: M. Booth, P. Aubin, S. Mitchell, A. Langeway, M. Veysey, J. Ripchik.  
BACK ROW: C. Chamberlain, J. LeBeau, M. Hanna, Miss Whalley, (coach), M. Palmer, J. Cochran, J. Sweeney, Mgr.

## Girls' Varsity Basketball

Congratulations are in order for the V.H.S. Girls' Basketball team! This season has been one of the best, with a ten-win and three-loss record. Coached by Miss Shirley Whalley, the team showed much spirit and hard work in its victories over Ludlow, Middlebury, Bristol, Randolph, and the Alumnae.

B.F.S. of St. Albans, the best girls' team in the state, was the only opponent which proved undefeatable. Burlington took a close home game but in the return game, our determined and confident girls pulled through to achieve, by two points, a long-awaited win. Looking back into the records, we find this is the first time Vergennes has been the victor over Burlington.

Seven veterans on Girls' Varsity will graduate this year. "Lefty" Margaret Hanna was able to score from most any spot on the floor and racked up a grand total of 207 points. Shirley Mitchell played a good, fast game and pulled the team through any tight spots. She totaled 122 points with her favorite set-shot. Ann Langeway, although not as experienced, was very aggressive and could always be depended on. She hit the nets for 6.3 points. Jessie Cochran proved to be a most valuable player. Good at intercepting passes as a guard, she could also play in a forward position and do equally as well. Joyce LeBeau, whose height was a great asset, always seemed to be in the right place at the right time. Margaret Booth and Jane Ripchik were dependable substitutes when Mary Palmer was unable to play. Good luck to next year's team!

By Margaret Hanna





FRONT ROW: R. Ashley, L. Veysey, C. Ross, S. Baker, C. Easter, A. Robarge.  
BACK ROW: Coach M. Crown, L. Clark, W. Farnsworth, S. Blacklock, P. Bristol, trainer, D. LeDoux, H. Hallock, A. Norton.

## Cross-Country

### V.H.S. Runners Place Second In State Meet

#### Veysey Leads Field Team to Complete in New England Meet at Boston on Nov. 14th

Despite the loss of four from last year's team which won the State Cross-Country championship, Vergennes High School Cross-Country team, ably coached by Merle Crown, valiantly lost the title only to a surprisingly strong Burlington squad. Other competing were Jericho, Alburg, Brattleboro, Johnson, Waterbury, Danville, Putnam, and Richmond.

Lee Veysey, a new-comer to the sport, displayed excellent running ability and showed the state competitors that he would be a definite threat to all again next year, as he garnered first position in the State Meet by means of a powerful sprint in the last three hundred yards.

Captain Charlie "Spider" Ross showed steady improvement throughout the year, and displayed a remarkable "grit and spirit" as he overcame a very poor start in the State Meet and finished in sixth position. He will be a valuable asset to the club next year. Carl Easter, another newcomer to the squad, has showed steady improvement and ran a grand race in the State Meet to finish in 11th position.

Sidney Baker, one of our most dependable team members who has shown steady improvement over last year and who ran an excellent race Saturday to receive the 23rd position. He was closely followed by freshmen, Bert Robarge and Richard Ashley in 24th and 33rd position. These two boys will really help the team in future years.

Other members of the Country squad who have worked hard and faithfully this fall are Harold Hallock, Stuart Blacklock, Lyman Clark and Arthur Norton. These boys will improve and strengthen the team next year.

The team this year has showed a great deal of spirit and sportsmanship. They were a team that ran the hardest when the odds were against them. It was the high school Cross-Country team to defeat the University of Vermont's freshman team for many years. All the team members should be running again next year so it looks like another grand team next fall.

Because the team placed second in State competition, they are eligible to compete in the New England meet to be held at Franklin Park, Boston, Mass., November 14. The following boys will leave Friday afternoon: Veysey, Charlie Ross, Sidney Baker, Carl Easter, Donald LeDoux, Bert Robarge, Richard Ashley, Arthur Norton. They will be accompanied by Mr. Davidson, Davis and Mr. Crown of the faculty.

### V.H.S. Cross Country Team Tops Richmond; Set for State Meet

V. H. S. trounced Richmond High School in a cross-country meet Tuesday, November 3 on the State Meet course. The best of the Crown's men made the best time, which is 15-40, in first for Vermont.





BOYS' J. V. BASKETBALL

FRONT ROW: B. Ganson, J. Burgey, C. Peabody, P. McNulla,  
L. Veysey, F. LeBeau, R. Hamel, L. Clark.  
BACK ROW: Coach R. Davis, R. Panton, S. Danyow,  
L. Gebo, H. Grant, P. Stanilonis, J. Litch, A. Norton, Mgr.

VARSITY CLUB



FRONT ROW: J. Cochran, M. Booth, M. Palmer, J. LeBeau,  
S. Mitchell, M. Hanna, C. Chamberlain.  
BACK ROW: Coach R. Davis, S. Danyow, R. Ross, K. Drew,  
H. Atkins, S. Baker, L. Veysey, Coach S. Whalley.

BASEBALL



FRONT ROW: S. Danyow, K. Drew, R. Ashley, L. Clark,  
D. Clark, L. Surprise, L. Vaysey, C. Ross  
SECOND ROW: Coach R. Davis, N. Charbonneau, R. Hoss,  
H. Grant, J. Hawkins, W. Ganson, D. LeDoux, S. Baker  
BACK ROW: B. Ganson, E. Flynn, L. Gebo, R. Perkins,  
P. McGrath, C. Peabody.

7th & 8th GRADE BASKETBALL



FRONT ROW: J. Collette, R. Clark, B. Lasher, J. Parkinson,  
R. Cunningham, P. Hallock.  
BACK ROW: P. Lawrence, S. Wright, Prin. Pearl (Coach),  
T. Clark, L. Wimet.



# Squadrons

FRONT ROW: J. Evans, J. Swenor, K. Russell, B. Cunningham, N. Mitchell, G. Norton.  
SECOND ROW: Miss Whalley (Coach), M. Donnelly, S. Bodette, N. Swinton, S. LeBeau, P. Cameron, J. Cushman, Mgt.



GIRLS' J. V. BASKETBALL

SOCCER

SOFTBALL



FRONT ROW: L. Gebo, B. Ganson, R. Ross, A. Farnsworth, K. Drew, D. Clark, L. Surprise.  
SECOND ROW: Coach R. Davis, S. Veysey, E. Flynn, P. McNulla, C. Peabody, W. Ganson, R. Perkins.  
BACK ROW: S. Danyow, J. Hawkins, J. Underwood, J. Hawkins, L. Evarts, P. Stanilonis.

V.H.S. FOOTBALL TEAM

50 YEARS AGO



FRONT ROW: M. Booth, J. Evans, S. Mitchell, S. Lanou, M. Willard, N. Mitchell, K. Russell, M. Donnelly, H. Jackson, M. Rivers, B. Jackson, S. Jerger.  
SECOND ROW: B. Cunningham, M. Maloy, M. Veysey, G. Norton, C. Bristol, D. Gould, T. Underwood, J. Chamberlain, J. Booth, N. Swinton, S. Bodette, Miss Whalley (Coach).  
BACK ROW: C. Chamberlain, C. Tucker, J. LeBeau, S. Stearns, N. Aubin, M. Armell, S. Tracy, N. Goss, J. Chamberlain, S. LeBeau.



FRONT ROW: W. Middlebrook, C. Woodman\*, L. Daniels\*, R. Seiple, L. LeBoeuf\*.  
CENTER ROW (Kneeling): R. Booth, E. Ryder, G. LaJole.  
BACK ROW: R. Ketcham, W. Carter, G. Haight\*, L. Pratt\*, G. Slack.

\*Deceased

# Flying



BAND

FRONT ROW: M. Donnelly, N. Swinton, S. Bodette,  
M. Parkinson, B. Cunningham, S. Mitchell  
SECOND ROW: N. Mitchell, S. Danyow, C. Chamberlain,  
R. Bristol, P. Milo, M. Stephens, A. Langeway, J. Cushman,  
P. Aubin, S. Jerger, G. Bristol, J. Gebo, M. Young  
THIRD ROW: E. Hallock, A. Robarge, R. Clark, L. Clark,  
R. Pidgeon, D. Clark, M. Dudley, F. Hoose, J. Parkinson,  
L. Danyow, M. Rivers, J. Booth, D. Fishman, S. Benton,  
D. Barney, G. Ganson  
FOURTH ROW: R. Curler, J. Ripchik, A. Jackman, C. Bristol,  
R. Panten, N. Charbonneau, P. Stanilonis, R. Vincent,  
M. Hanna, D. Sheldon, M. Willard, J. Norton, J. Anderson,  
L. Wilmott, D. O'Connor  
FIFTH ROW: P. Bristol, A. Norton, C. Helsler, P. McGrath,  
J. Danyow, J. Cochran, K. Drew, S. Danyow, S. Baker,  
P. Jaquith, M. Booth, C. O'Connor, B. Jackson, J. Sweeney,  
M. Palmer

DRILL TEAM



FRONT ROW: A. Norton, P. Aubin, C. Chamberlain,  
M. Hanna, M. Booth, M. Willard, S. Danyow, J. Hawkins,  
J. Hawkins, R. Vincent, R. Panten  
SECOND ROW: W. Sorton, (faculty adviser), H. Jackson,  
K. Russell, M. Veysey, J. Ripchik, J. Cochran, B. Clark,  
R. Charlebois, R. Drew, B. Fleming  
BACK ROW: Mary Palmer, Jack Danyow, W. Farnsworth,  
J. Peabody, K. Drew, L. Everts, R. Lawrence, D. LeDoux,  
R. Ross.

AGRICULTURE



FRONT ROW: R. Atkins, E. Bousquet, P. McGrath,  
W. Farnsworth, H. Atkins, W. Hancock, L. Gebo, C. Clough.  
SECOND ROW: Mr. Davison (instructor), J. Provencher,  
J. Litch, T. McCormick, L. Veysey, C. Bigelow, R. Anderson,  
S. Tatro, R. Perkins  
THIRD ROW: B. Kennison, J. Campbell, J. B. urgey, J. Hawkins,  
D. Marton, M. Spicer, C. Easter, K. Shover, S. Blacklock,

THE LOG



FRONT ROW: A. Langeway, B. Chamberlain, S. Spade,  
L. Everts, J. Sweeney, C. Chamberlain, R. Bristol  
BACK ROW: Mr. Tucker (faculty adviser), C. Peabody,  
D. LeDoux, R. Ross, J. Peabody, L. Clark, Mrs. Nelson,  
(faculty adviser).



# Squadrons

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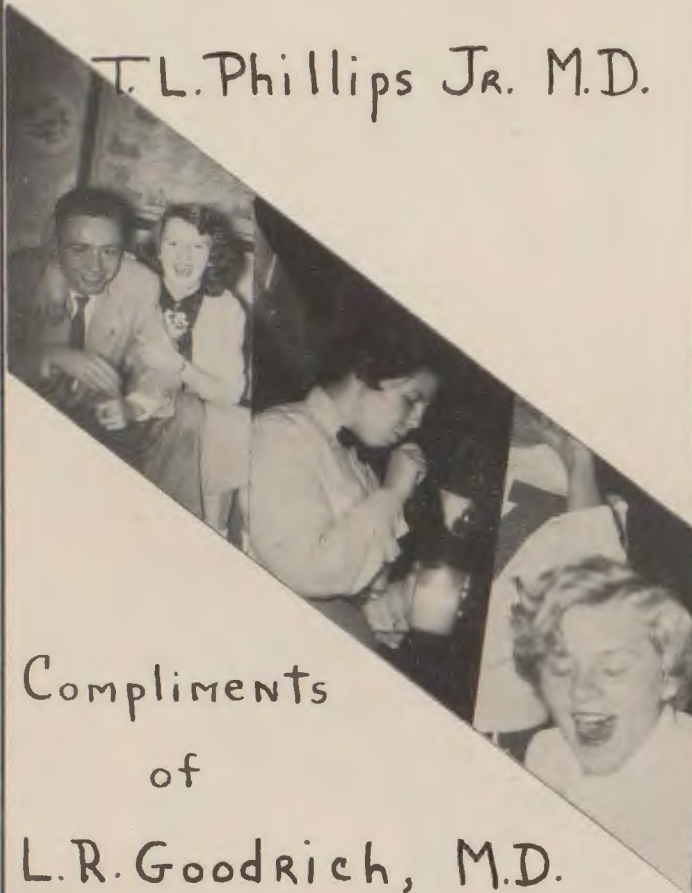






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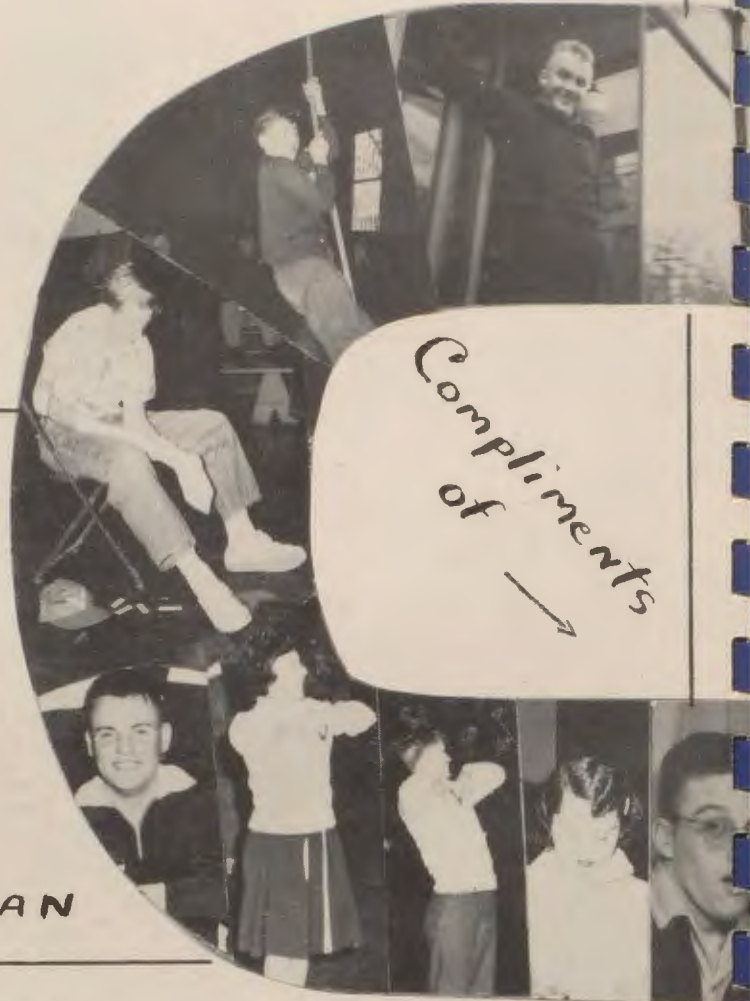
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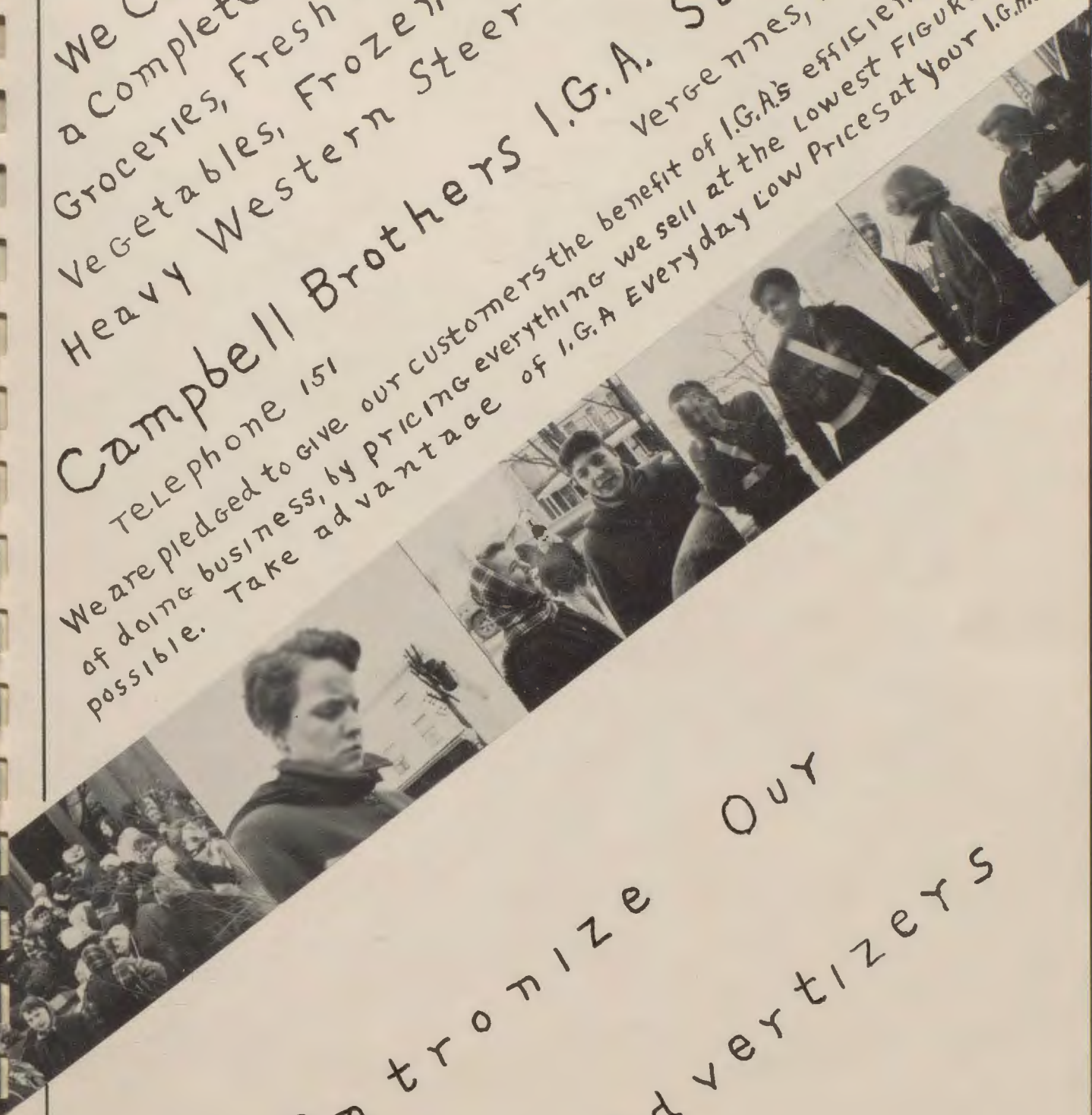
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## HS Boys' Varsity Tops Bristol; Girls also Win but Bow to B.F.A.

### Vergennes Edges 41 to 39 Victory in Overtime Game

(By Wayne Ganson)  
H. S. basketballers took an overtime win from Bristol High 41 to 39 in the Vergennes court January 12. The Davis men just edged the Bristol quintet in a nine-minute game.

### Christmas Concert Given by VHS Band and Mixed Chorus

Outstanding musical ability and a full performance marked the annual Christmas concert held in the gym last Monday night, Dec. 10, by the Vergennes High School band of 55 pieces and mixed chorus of 85 voices, directed by Mr. William Andrews and Mr. Donald Veve, respectively, before a large, responsive audience.

In keeping with the holiday season, the gym was decorated with festive colors. A large Christmas tree, bedecked with multi-colored lights and silver icicles, was placed at the west end of the gym, with the band in full uniform seated on one side and the chorus on the other.

The fine program drew hearty applause from the audience. Highlights of the affair included a mockout demonstration by Marion Parkinson and Shirley Mitchell, majorettes, who had small lights on the end of their batons to give an unusual effect. Chorus soloists, Andrea Danyow, Margery Veve, and Marilyn Atnell sang "O Christmas Tree" and there was a flute solo consisting of Marion Parkinson, Berry and Mary Yarnall. Two bass horn solos were played by Paul Bristol, accompanied by Mrs. Mussey.

Toward the end of the performance, the donors Mr. Andrews and Mr. Veve were presented with gifts in token of appreciation for their services.

Mary Jane Ripchik, Jane Cushman and Paul Bristol were the piano accompanists for the chorus. According to custom this concert took the place of a regular PTA meeting.

Principal Pearl and a pupil, Edward Austin, took pictures during the performance, to be printed in the 1954 yearbook.

The concert was given in dress rehearsal for the VHS student body and faculty last Friday in assembly in the gym.

By mistake three names were

## VHS Nips 2 Point Win Over Essex; Smothers Middlebury; Defeated By Cathedral 62-44

### Girls Top Middlebury

### Essex Victory Close

(By Wayne Ganson)  
Vergennes edged out Essex Junction 56-54 in a close game of basketball on the Vergennes court on Wednesday night, January 20.

In a good battle all the way, Vergennes pulled out a close game in the win column. Charlie Ross and Tom McCormick led the scoring for Vergennes, while Ken Drew was the backbone of the team on defensive play.

## Norbert Charbonneau, Marion Parkinson For Senior Honor

### Margaret Elaine Hanna Is Salutatorian

Norbert Charbonneau, son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred W. Charbonneau, of South Maple Street, Vergennes, and Marion Parkinson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Parkinson of Ferrisburgh, have tied for the honor of salutatorian of the class of 1954 at Vergennes High School.

Both have maintained an excellent scholastic record, as well as having taken leading parts in extra-curricular activities, thereby performing invaluable service to the school.

Norbert's activity list includes Boys' Chorus, Mixed Chorus, Student Council, Band, Baseball and Class Officer.

Marion's activities consist of majorette, band, basketball, girls' chorus, mixed chorus, yearbook staff, orchestra, all-state orchestra, and Senior Play.

Margaret Elaine Hanna, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. Howard Hanna of West Addison, has been announced salutatorian of the class of 1954 at Vergennes High School.

Margaret has maintained an excellent scholastic record and she has also been a leader in outside activities. Her activity list includes

## V.H.S. Smothers Burlington; Wins, Loses with Bristol

By Jane Cushman  
In the VHS gym, February 2, the Vergennes Girls' Varsity sent Burlington home as losers for the first time in years, with a winning score of 41-39.

In the most exciting game so far played by the Girls' Varsity, the girls put up a good hard winning

## VERGENNES HIGH SCHOOL NEWS

Amidst festive holiday decorations a large crowd danced from 11 a. m. to the tunes of Preble's Night Hawks at a Christmas Formal sponsored by the Junior Class. December 22, in the VHS gymnasium. An especial feature of the evening took place when Robert Ryan crowned the queen of the evening as king, of the ball. Transformed for the Christmas theme, the detail by the artist, which was dancing and singing and greeting the guests. The evening was covered by a large number of the faculty and Mr. and Mrs. Harland Bodette and Mr. and Mrs. William Sorton from the faculty and Mr. and Mrs. Harold Bristol.

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Judith Anne Sweeney, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth W. Sweeney of 34 East Street in Vergennes has been selected by the members of the senior class and the faculty as the Good Citizenship girl of Vergennes High School this year. It is felt she best exemplifies those qualities of Dependability, Service, Personality and Patriotism as set forth by the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution.

Judy is a very popular member of her class, always cheerful and cooperative. She has sung in the chorus for four years, played the band for three years, managed the girls' basketball three years, and served on the Blue and White Staff, a class officer, Student Council officer, an honor student and an active member of the Y.O. of Vergennes.

## Vergennes Teams Topple Randolph

(By Wayne Ganson)  
Vergennes easily toppled Randolph 74-25 in a basketball game played on the Randolph court, on February 12.

For the second time this season the VHS Commodores handed the boys from Randolph a thorough beating. Charlie Ross and Tom McCormick led in the scoring.

## "Terror in Black Oaks" is Title of V.H.S. School Play

Mystic U.  
The setting of the play is a large ancestral house with the memory of murder for money still hanging over its haunted rooms. To the house with its mysterious past, a convalescent actor, Rusty Gates, and his friend and partner in television, Hank West arrive for shelter on a stormy winter night. Relatives of the family and others arrive and as the evening hours pass, the story of rich old Algernon Blakely murdered for his money begins to be unfolded, together with that of Ted Blakely, who was convicted of the murder and sent to prison. In the unfolding plot, Ted Blakely returns, another murder is committed, pearls in a picture are stolen and the real murderer turns out to be not Blakely but Dave Edwards, a true crime writer. In the end, the convalescent actor marries the prospective heiress.

The cast of characters were as follows:

Willie, a mental case, Ken Drew; Rusty Gates, a convalescent actor, James Peabody; Hank West, his friend and partner, Norbert Charbonneau; Elvira, a housekeeper, Jessie Cochran; Bonnie Blakely, a prospective heiress, Sara Tucker; Flo Turner, her dead friend, Sally Bush; Scott Radford, an attorney, Robert Ross; Clara Blakely, a crotchety old maid, Michael Bristol; Dave Edwards, a true crime writer, Leonard Sweeney; Mildred Blakely, another prospective heiress, Jane Ripchik; Kate Blakely, a third prospective heiress, Judy Sweeney; Julie Blakely, an out-and-out brat, Marg Booth; Ted Blakely, a convicted murderer, John Hawkins.

## Weeks School and V.H.S. To Play March of Dimes Benefit Game Feb. 22

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