Shipmen Class of '54
Explore Outer Spaces

VERGENNES HIGH SCHOOL
VERGENNES, VERMONT
JUNE 1954

"Adventures are to
the adventurous"
Benjamin Disraeli
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
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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
Spacemutty stardusters
Floating through raw space

"- 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.

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

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.

Margaret Booth

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

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

Rachael Bristol

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

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

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.

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.

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 2,4; Log 4.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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; Bond 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.

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.

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.

Allen Farnsworth

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

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

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.

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 1,2,3,4; Bond 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.

All Man Their Ships, Not Just A Few;
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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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 LeBeau

Fred is the Casanova of the class. His ability to dance well has made him popular with the girls and his happy, carefree 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.

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; Demostics 3; Prize Speaking 1.

The Pilot Sets His Speed Our Pace
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.

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.

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.

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, 4; Log 4.

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.

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.

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.

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 3, 4; F.F.A. 4; Cross Country 3.

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; Girls' Chorus 1, 2, 3; Mixed Chorus 2, 3, 4; Orchestra 2, 3, 4; Senior Play 4; Softball 4; Class Officer 3; Cheerleading Co-Captain 3; Log 4; Band 3, 4; All-State Chorus 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; Business 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., Mq. Comp. 4, Asst. Mgr. 3; Yaralt Club 3, 4; Home Room Capt. 4; 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 "smootby" 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 bombshell, 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, 4; 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" in 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 2; Mixed Chorus 1, 2, 3, 4; Yearbook 3, 4; Middlebury High 1.

CLASS MOTTO - "In Ourselves Our Future Lies"

CLASS COLORS - Silver and Blue

CLASS FLOWER - Rose

The Weather, Foul Or Even Fair
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’54 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 L.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 Roose, 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 Chans 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.

Clarice 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.E.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 Physiotherapist. 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 penthouse, 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.

Equally, The Good Or Bad We Share
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 Commodorettes 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.

Rachel 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 Stanilenz.

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
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 Paty 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 Provence 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 Pantos.

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.
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, cooperation.

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.
As we sped into our third year, we gave our pilot and other crew members a rest and elected: Robert Roma, 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"
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“The planets in their stations
list'ning stood.”

Milton
On September 9, 1953, a large, discy, manned by 40 rollicking teenagers, 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, Huble 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

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-capains 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 Panion, Lee Veysey, Lyman Clark, Sid Danyow, John Burgey, Pat McNalla, 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

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, Elisha Hallock; secretary, Joanne Chamberlain; and treasurer, Stanley Veysay. 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 unspiringly 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
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 Gill 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 spaceclocks 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 Racketeers 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 McNalla, vice-president; Brian O'Connor, secretary, and Paul Quinton, treasurer. Mrs. Verna Evarts was our faculty adviser.

By Alice Jackman
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
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
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. 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
Cross-Country

The team this year has showed a great deal of spirit and sportsmanship against them. It was the team that showed another good performance. Carl Baker, one of our members, also ran a good race in the State Meet. The team placed second in State Meet to finish in the top ten positions.

Sidney Blacklock, new player and first year, was also one of our members and ran hard last Saturday to stay in the top ten positions. The team this year has showed a great deal of spirit and sportsmanship against them.

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V.H.S. FOOTBALL TEAM
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BACK ROW: Mary Palmer, Jack Danyow, W. Farnsworth, J. Peabody, K. Drew, L. Evarts, R. Lawrence, D. LeDoux, R. Ross

FRONT ROW: R. Atkins, E. Bousquet, P. McGrath, W. Farnsworth, H. Albright, W. Hoodcock, L. Goho, C. Clough
SECOND ROW: Mr. Davison (instructor), J. Provancher, J. Litch, T. McCormick, L. Veysey, C. Elspaugh, R. Anderson, S. Testa, R. Peraza

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in keeping with the holiday sea-
the gym was decorated with
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decorated with multi-color
its and silver icicles, was plac-
ed on the west end of the gym, with
the band in full uniform seated
one side and the chorus on the
other side. The fine program drew
applause from the audience. High
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