North Bennington High School
COMMENTATOR

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“TIME travels in divers paces with divers persons. I’ll tell you who TIME ambles withal, who TIME trots withal, who TIME gallops withal, and who he stands still withal.”
—Commentator Theme of TIME

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Dedication

We the Class of 1943, solemnly dedicate this record of our high school days to all the men and women who have attended or taught at North Bennington High School and who are now in some branch of the armed services. We consider it a privilege to commemorate our book in their honor, since these people are risking their lives for their country and for us.

We especially dedicate this book to Lieutenant Everett C. Dimick, a former teacher at North Bennington High School who left our school to serve in the United States Army. His kindness and generosity have made him a special friend to all the students and faculty at N. B. H. S.
We have donated this page in a solemn dedication
To our alumni, who are fighting to save the nation
Soldier, Sailor, Marine, WAAC or WAVE
Each one, the hardships of war, must brave.
FACULTY
First row—Miss Marjorie Poor, Principal Clarence Amsden, Miss Nellie Kucinskis, Superintendent Francis Irons, Miss Violet Kettelle. Second row—Mr. Samuel Withers, Mrs. Genevieve Phillips, Mrs. Marjorie Porter, Miss Clara Gardner, Mr. Charles Swain.

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RALPH F. BARBER
“Ralph”
“Thou art—for the fashion of these TIMES.”
Ralph seems to be the playboy of the Senior Class. Besides being very well dressed, he has a knack for photography—and who doesn’t like to have their pictures taken by a “fashion-plate?”
Junior Hi-Y, 2; Vice-President of Class, 2; Hi-Y, 4; Commentator.

WILLIAM HAWLEY BURTON
“Bill”
“Let every man be master of his own TIME.”
“Bill” has given his time and efforts to many and various activities, thus winning the high esteem of all. We would say his theme song should be “We Three, ‘Henry,’ My Trumpet, and Me.” (Remember “Henry?” Not Aldrich, but “Bill’s” prized car.)
Junior Hi-Y, 1, 2; Basketball, 1, 2, 3, 4; Baseball, 1, 2, 3, 4; Glee Club, 1, 2, 3; Student Council, 1, 4; President, 4; Class President, 2, 4; Hi-Y, 3, 4; President, 4; Mask and Dagger Club, 4; Inter-class Contest Play, 4; Boys’ State, 3; Swing Orchestra, 4; Commentator.

EDWARD C. CARROLL
“Ed”
“He should count TIME by heart-throbs.”
“Ed” is torn between two interests, basketball and girls. It is only by counting a basket made for each of his girls that you can guess the extent and range of both of these fields.
Baseball, 1, 2, 3, 4; Football, 1, 2, 3, 4; Class Treasurer, 2; Basketball, 1, 2, 4; Commentator.

DONALD ALBERT CHERBONNEAU
“Nip”
“The TIME has come—to talk of many things.”
Donald has a “gift of gab” which gets him in and out of all sorts of predicaments. His more stable qualities show him to be a poet, a star on the basketball court, and a “king” on the stage.
Basketball, 1, 2, 3, 4; Baseball, 1, 2, 3, 4; Football, 1, 2, 3, 4; Junior Hi-Y, 2; Vice-President, 2; Hi-Y, 3, 4; Vice-President, 3; Treasurer, 4; Mask and Dagger, 3, 4; Inter-class Contest Play, 3, 4; Contest Play, 3; Spectator, 4; Commentator.
ELIZABETH DAILEY
“Betty”

“There is a TIME for some things, and a TIME for all things; a TIME for great things, and a TIME for small things.”

Betty manages to keep herself quite occupied by being a leader in everything that goes on at school. Could it be her Irish personality that has made her such a popular student?

Basketball, 1, 2, 3, 4; Hockey, 1, 2, 3, 4; Glee Club, 1, 2, 3, 4; Orchestra, 1, 2, 3, 4; Secretary and Treasurer, 2; Student Director, 4; Spectator, 1, 2, 3, 4; Assistant Editor, 3; Editor, 4; Modern Dancing, 2; Mask and Dagger, 2, 3, 4; Tri-Y Club, 3, 4; Girls’ State Representative, 3; DAR Representative, 4; All State, 3; State Contest Play, 3; “Holiday,” 2; Senior Play, 4; Inter-Class Play, 3, 4; Commentator: A Capella Choir, 4; Oration Contest, 4; Cheer Leader, 4.

FREDERICK JAY DEBELL, JR.
“Fred”

“And panting TIME toik’d after him in vain.”

Fred’s “busy-ness” is just another way to spell business. Although he always has a thousand and one things to do (“Business, you know!”) he maintains the excellent record of perfect attendance throughout his entire high school days.

Basketball, 1, 2, 3, 4; Football, 1, 2, 3, 4; Baseball, 1, 2, 3; Class Treasurer, 1; Junior Hi-Y, 2; Drama Club, 3, 4; Senior Hi-Y, 4; Commentator.

BARBARA MAY DUNHAM
“Barbara”

“Dost thou love life? Then do not squander TIME, for that is the stuff life is made of.”

The efficiency with which Barbara uses her time can be easily seen by her scholastic record and any work which she does. An example of the latter is the fine way she organized the business end of the “Commentator.”

Vice-President, 4; Dramatic Club, 4; Business Manager of Commentator, 4.

MARJORIE MARIE EASTMAN
“Marg”

“TIME brings great changes.”

For Marjorie, these changes have been for the better as she is now happier, livelier, and generally more poised than ever before—much to everyone’s delight. Therefore the future will find her “Personality Plus.”

Glee Club, 1, 2, 3; Tri-Y, 3, 4; Commentator, 4; Spectator, 4; Musical Festival, 1, 3.
EVELYN PHYLLIS HARRINGTON

“Si”

“TIME cannot Hush Me.”

She is a gal who always stands up for her rights, be it a debate in classes or an argument on the basketball floor. This latter field is the thing that has been nearest to her heart during high school.

Basketball, 1, 2, 3, 4; Co-Capt., 4; Hockey, 3, 4; Co-Capt., 4;
Glee Club, 1, 2; Modern Dance, 2; Mask and Dagger Club, 3, 4; Tri-Y, 4; Spectator, 4; Commentator.

JEANETTE ELEANOR HARRIS

“Jeanette”

“TIME rests lightly on her beautiful brow.”

Jeanette’s personality and humor makes her an asset to any crowd. Her main desire seems to be to have fun, although she has contributed much time to the musical productions.

Glee Club, 1, 2, 3, 4; Music Festival, 1, 3; All State, 3; Tri-Y, 3, 4; Orchestra, 4; Spectator, 4; Commentator.

LOUISE MARIE HARRIS

“Louise”

“TIME is an endless song.”

No one ever has to worry about a piano player when Louise is around. She plays anything from “Scatterbrain” to “Prelude In C Sharp Minor.” Her musical contributions during high school will long be remembered as well as her ever-present smile.

Glee Club, 1, 2, 3, 4; Music Festival, 1, 3; Secretary of Class, 4; Orchestra, 4; Inter-class Contest Play, 4; Tri-Y, 4; Mask and Dagger Club, 4; Spectator, 4; Commentator.

MARY FRANCES KENT

“Mary”

“TIME demands strong minds, great hearts, true faith, and willing hands.”

Mary is always ready and willing to lend a helping hand and manages to be around when help is needed. Her executive powers have been justly realized throughout high school by heading many organizations, coming through in her serene, quiet way, always a success.

Glee Club, 1, 2, 3, 4; Representative at Home Economic Conference at Burlington, 1; Basketball, 1, 3, 4; Mask and Dagger, 3, 4; Music Festival, 3; Hockey, 3, 4; Tri-Y, 3, 4; Vice-president, 3; President, 4; Spectator, 3, 4; Assistant Editor, 3, 4; Class Treasurer, 3; Student Council, 4; Vice-president, 4; A Cappella choir, 4; Secretary of Athletic Association, 4; Editor-in-Chief of Commentator.
EDWARD JAMES LEGACY, JR.
“Pete”
“Remember that TIME is money.”
“Pete” is a man of finances, as he is treasurer of both the Senior Class and the Athletic Association Basketball is another of his special achievements, for “Pete” was high-scorer of 1942-43 season.
Junior Hi-Y, 1; Basketball, 1, 2, 3, 4; Football, 1, 2, 3, 4; Orchestra, 1, 2, 3; F. F. A., 3; Treasurer of Athletic Association, 4; Class Treasurer, 4; Commentator.

CHRISAFULA OLGA PANOS
“Fula”
“Take TIME enough: All other graces will soon fill up their proper places.”
Even though “Fula” is a person of few words, she has made a name for herself by the ingenious use of her hands. Her profession could easily follow the line of fashions, for her sewing and knitting are pieces of excellent art.
Glee Club, 1, 2; Basketball, 1; Spectator, 3, 4; Tri-Y, 3, 4; Treasurer, 4; Commentator.

ROBERT EDWARD PECKHAM
“Bob”
“TIME, young man, has taught us many lessons.”
“Bob” is a lad who, as time moves along, is learning more about the fine art of self control. This can be seen whenever he enters anything, whether it be a crucial basketball game or a problem in the fairer sex.
Football, 1, 2, 3, 4; Basketball, 1, 2, 3, 4; Captain, 4; Junior Hi-Y, 2; President, 2; Baseball, 1, 2, 3, 4; F. F. A., 3; Hi-Y, 3, 4; Mask and Dagger Club, 3; Spectator, 3; President of Athletic Association, 4; Commentator.

RALPH RAYMOND ROBINSON
“Ralph”
“There’s a good TIME coming, boys.”
Yes, that’s Ralph, always seeking fun. The best description for him is that he is big both in stature and in heart for he is always willing to help a friend.
Glee Club, 1, 2; F. F. A., 2, 3; Vice-president, 3; Hi-Y, 4; Baseball, 4; Commentator.
PHYLLIS G. SANBORN
"Phyl"

“TIME waits for no man—or woman.”

Although Phyllis finds it hard to keep up with racing time, she usually makes up for tardiness by doing an extra good job in any work or sport she chooses.

Glee Club, 1, 2, 3, 4; Class Secretary, 1, 2; Hockey, 1, 2; Basketball, 1, 2, 3; Music Festival, 1, 3; Mask and Dagger Club, 2, 3, 4; Inter-class Contest Play, 3, 4; Spectator, 3, 4; Business Manager, 4; Girls’ State, 3; Tri-Y, 3, 4; A Capella choir, 4; Commentator.

DORCAS E. STRONG
"Dorc"

“Thou foster-child of Silence and TIME.”

Dorcas is a very quiet girl in manner, voice and smile. It has been this quiet type of pleasing personality that has made her so popular among all her class-mates.

Glee Club, 1, 2, 3, 4; Class Secretary, 3; Mask and Dagger Club, 3, 4; Inter-class Contest Play, 3; All-State, 3; Tri-Y, 3, 4; Spectator, 4; Commentator.

SUSAN MAY UNDERHILL
"Sue"

“TIME has laid his hand upon my heart.”

Everyone knows where Sue’s heart is. In spite of this “heart trouble” her keen sense of fun and happiness, and her generosity makes her a friend to everyone she knows.

Vice-president of Class, 1; President of Class, 3; Glee Club, 1, 2, 3; Basketball, 1, 2; Assistant Manager, 2; Musical Festival, 1, 3; Tri-Y, 3, 4; Secretary, 4; Spectator, 4; Commentator.
COMMENCEMENT

JUNE 10, 1943

AND SO THE TIME HAS COME.
Time Was, when . . .
CLASS ODE

And So Time Has Come

Time at last has come that we,
The class of nineteen forty-three,
Say good-bye to teachers and school,
And step forth 'to a world quite cruel.
Determined and sure, indeed, we'll be
To enhance North Bennington's history.

Indeed as we come to end school life
And venture forth into worldly strife;
We realize that our gen'ration
Must build up a world pow'rful nation.
Our education will help us along
As we make America for 'er strong.

Many classmates their lives will give
That all of us may peacefully live.
We must try to work with might,
So we'll be sure of Peace and Right.
But whatever task there is to do,
Count the class of '43 as true.

Even though our lives be filled with trials,
We shall face hardships with outward smiles.
And as each one takes his proper station
To save this—our democratic nation;
Ever our thoughts will wandering be
Back to the days of '43!

Words by Donald Cherbonneau
Set to Music by Louise Harris

CLASS MOTTO

"Tempora mutantur, et nos mutamur in illis"

Times change, and we change with them.
Class History

One bright day in the month of September in the year of 1939, a group of 35 young men and women entered the realms of higher knowledge at North Bennington High School. After several weeks of blundering around the halls and walking into classes at the wrong time, they settled down to the job of studying. But the Sophomores had other plans. These plans had to do with the Freshman Initiation. Much to their grief and surprise, they were put through their paces. Many remember that Mary Kent had to put curlers on Rudolph Moxley's hair. They also remember that Mr. Austin wasn't very pleased when Bill Burton broke one of his good brooms. The Freshmen then returned the "honors" and gave the upper-classmen the Sophomore Return. That year "Star Flower" was presented, with some help from the Freshmen. Along the dramatic line, the English class gave scenes from Treasure Island to the assembly. The following officers were elected: President, William Gordon; vice-president, Sue Underhill; treasurer, Fred DeBell, and secretary, Phyllis Sanborn.

They started 1940 with the loss of only five members, making a total of thirty in the Sophomore Class. This new class now had the pleasure that came to every second year man, Initiation. This meant that they could torture the poor Freshmen. That year Mrs. Porter presented the musicals "Lady Francis" and "Freshies," given by the Girls' and Boys' Glee Club, respectively. The Dramatic Club presented the play in which Betty Dailey was fortunate to receive a major part. The thing that is long awaited by every class had happened, the class rings were ordered and many members became the proud owners of new gold rings with the N. B. H. S. seal on them.

Although we did not know it at the time, the year of 1941 was the last time the high school was to be able to go to Lake Lauderdale, for the annual school picnic, for the duration. The officers chosen for the year were as follows: President, Bill Burton; vice-president, Ralph Barber; treasurer, Edward Carroll, and secretary, Phyllis Sanborn.

The class that started school as upper-classmen in the fall of 1941 now numbered only 23. The schedule for their Junior year was very full. Mrs. Porter presented "Words and Music" and also the "Varieties of 1942." This year the Drama Club sponsored the Inter-Class Plays, the first in the history of N. B. H. S. A cup was awarded to the winners, and the class of 1943 had the honor of being the first to have their class number engraved on this golden Mask and Dagger Cup. The crowning point of the year, a huge success, was the Junior Prom. The main point of the evening was the choosing of the king and queen, who were Edward Legacy and Phyllis Sanborn. The officers for the year: President, Sue Underhill; vice-president, Donald Chenbonneau; treasurer, Mary Kent; secretary, Dorcas Strong.

The Seniors started their final year with the following officers: President, Bill Burton; vice-president, Barbara Dunham; treasurer, Edward Legacy; secretary, Louise Harris. These Seniors now numbered only 19, compared to the original 35 that had entered the Freshman Class in 1939. The Senior play, "It Happened One Night" was given with Mr. Withers' help. Another dramatic success was the series of Inter-Class Plays. This year the Junior Class won the honor of putting their class on the Mask and Dagger Cup. Mrs. Porter presented the "Varieties of 1943." Because of the war, she sponsored a County Music Festival instead of preparing for the State Musical Festival.

For the first time the French Class presented a Mardi Gras. It is hoped that this will become a tradition of N. B. H. S. In the line of sports, a county basketball tournament was sponsored by the Bennington JV's, Wilmington, Arlington and the North Bennington basketball clubs. North Bennington proved to have the better team and won over the other three schools. Because of the present crisis, the Senior Class was unable to take a trip, much to their dismay. Graduation followed close on the heels of the year's exams. Much to the joy of some, and to the grief of others, the Senior Class took their departure from the halls of higher knowledge to start their future in a World at War.
"And departing, remember us for these 'Footprints' on the sands of Time."

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BACCALAUREATE PROGRAM

Sunday, June 6, 1943

Choir Processional, “Crusaders Hymn” . . . . . Silesian
Senior March, “War March of the Priests” . . Mendelssohn
Hymn, “Onward, Christian Soldiers”
Anthem, “God Is a Spirit” . . . . . . . . Bennett
Address
Benediction Anthem, “The Lord Bless Thee and Keep Thee”
Lutkin

CLASS NIGHT PROGRAM

Monday, June 7, 1943

Song . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . Senior Class
Greeting . . . . . . . . . . . . . . William Burton
Class History . . . . . . . . . . Phyllis Sanborn
Class Will . . . . . . . . . . . . . Betty Dailey
Class Prophecy . . . . . . . . . Donald Cherbonneau
Advice to Undergraduates . . . . Jeanette Harris
Presentation of Square . . . . . . William Burton
Response . . . . . . . . . . . . . Eileen Driscoll
Yearbook Dedication . . . . . . . . Mary Kent
Class Gifts . . . . . . . . . Edward Legacy, Evelyn Harrington
Ivy Oration (followed by Alma Mater) . . . Robert Peckham

COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES

Thursday, June 10, 1943

Senior March, “War March of the Priests” . Mendelssohn
Salutatory Essay . . . . . . . . Betty Dailey
“God Rest Our Glorious Land,” Engel . Mixed Glee Club
Valedictory Essays . . Barbara Dunham, Mary Kent
“March of the Brave,” Zamecnik . . . Orchestra
Commencement Address
John C. Huden, Supervisor of High Schools
Presentation of Diplomas . Member of the School Board
Announcement of Honors . Clarence F. Amsden, Principal
AND IN THE FUTURE TIME WILL FIND......
JUNIOR CLASS

SOPHOMORE CLASS
FRESHMAN CLASS

JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL
This year something new was added to the extra-curricular activities at N. B. H. S. This something was in the form of a dance—not that this is so very new—but the theme behind this dance was really very different. The planning and hard work for the festivity was done by the French II class, with the invaluable help of Miss Kucinski. You see, it was her idea in the first place. It seems that she participated in a “fete” of this kind in her college days.

Mardi Gras is a celebration eagerly awaited by old and young in old France and by the people of New Orleans in this country. It means songs, dances and old picturesque costumes on Shrove Tuesday, because the following day, Ash Wednesday, opens the Holy season of Lent, during which few social activities take place.

Here in North Bennington many people were mystified when the French students began talking about Mardi Gras. Most outsiders knew nothing at all about it, and a few had a vague idea of what the term really meant. Naturally the public was curious—this fact led to the selling of seventy-two balcony tickets so that many could get a peek on the night of February twenty-sixth, the date for the celebration.

Those permitted to come were the members of the French class plus their guests; the faculty; and honored guests such as Mr. and Mrs. Irons, and the judges chosen to pick the king and queen. The costumes were to be the deciding factors in this contest. After much discussion, the crowns were given to Mary Kent and Robert Blundon, dressed as a French peasant and a French cavalier, respectively. This took place about 10:30 in the evening so that the proud couple could be serenaded with French Folk dances and songs by the French class and their friends.

Refreshments were next on the program, which consisted of French styled sandwiches, cookies, bon bons, and punch. Dancing was resumed until 12 o’clock. At the original Mardi Gras this is the time when the Spirit of Lent enters to cease the merry making.

Each one expressed his enjoyment and it is hoped that Mardi Gras can become an annual affair at N. B. H. S.

Oui, La fête était une grande succès!
Autographs
All work and no play makes Jack a dull boy.

Time is

My time is your time.
SPECTATOR STAFF

TRI-Y, HI-Y
GLEE CLUBS

ORCHESTRA
SENIOR PLAY
Performers in the rear—Betty Dailey, Edward Legacy, Bill Burton, Donald Cherbonneau. Performers in front—Louise Harris, Barbara Dunham.

“WHO GETS THE CAR TONIGHT?”
Winning contest play—performers left to right—Betty Brash, Frederick Simmons, Gerald Whitman, Raymond Granger, Annora Harris.
Boys' Sports

War-time brought changes both in coaches and in sports.

The touch football season started with Mr. Fish as coach. Many fellows participated.

When basketball season came up they found they were minus a coach so Mr. Withers took over to the best of his ability with the invaluable assistance of Bob Keough.

N. B. H. S. turned out a regal basketball five. Due to transportation difficulties the Taconic League was disbanded but still N. B. H. S. maintained a schedule of nine games. Of the nine games played, only one was lost, a two-point loss at the hands of the Bennington JV's.

Perhaps the most thrilling game of the year was that overtime contest at Arlington, which we finally won to the tune of 33-31.

Upon completion of our schedule, N. B. H. S. was invited to the County Tournament at Bennington in which Arlington, Wilmington, Bennington JV's and North Bennington teams competed. N. B. H. S. first disposed of Arlington in the semi-finals; then went on to win the tournament from Bennington in a thrilling battle! This gave the team a total record of ten victories out of the eleven games played. This is about the best record ever held by a N. B. H. S. team.

Due to the shortage of material there was no Junior Varsity.

We hope that next year “Bob” Keough will be able to turn out just as good a team.

The war has brought another change in the gym schedule; this coming about when Military Drill was introduced. All the boys participate in this activity because they realize the help this will be when they are in there “pitching” with Uncle Sam.

An early spring gave the fellows a good season for baseball; while sports such as ping-pong, badminton and volley ball were also available to individuals, winding up a beneficial sports season.
BOYS' BASKETBALL
G. Muckle, R. Cole, P. Becker, P. Harris, F. DeBell, B. Keough, manager.

GIRLS' BASKETBALL
A. Muckle, co-mgr., Miss Nellie Kucinski, coach. Second row—B. Vail, P. Russell, B. Peckham, M.
Scarey, M. Powers, M. Harris, P. Butler, M. Grover, P. Harrington, A. Harris. Third row—D. Jones,
Marsh.
War-time conditions have handicapped sports to a great extent this year. Nevertheless, field hockey, one of the ever-popular sports of N. B. H. S., was carried on faithfully. Although only one outside game was scheduled for the season, the girls provided their own competition by dividing into two teams. Under the leadership of the co-captains, Barbara Peckham and Evelyn Harrington, many exciting battles ensued.

Basketball, by far the most popular sport at N. B. H. S., found a larger number of girls enrolled than ever before. Although only two players remained from that well-known squad which won the Taconic League Championship in 1942-43 season, it took only a few practices before Coach Kucinskas had a team picked which could hold its ground with any team and they did!

The North Bennington “basketeers” made this a season for victories. Defeating the Alumni at the beginning of the season gave the girls the confidence which they needed. After that they “took over” Arlington, Burr and Burton and Bennington in quick succession, on the opponents’ court as well as their own.

This season, the Taconic League title was abandoned because the schools in the league were unable to meet. We are sure the N. B. H. S. girls would now be holding that cherished cup in their hands if the League had been active.

The season finished with a delicious banquet for the boys’ and girls’ teams at which delightful memories of victories made all sure that basketball is, was, and always will be “Tcaps.”

Twice a week, gym classes met for 40 minutes. Military drill was introduced this year and it is felt now that the girls are almost as trim as the soldiers in the service.

Another new feature has been a folk dance program, in which girls tried the steps which are characteristic of many foreign countries. These were found to be as exhilarating as the exercises which were used to “warm us up.”

Such games as softball, ping-pong, badminton and volley ball have been available all year around to everyone.
NORTH BENNINGTON HIGH SCHOOL
North Bennington, Vermont

ANNUAL BULLETIN FOR 1943-1944

The philosophy of North Bennington High School aims to adjust the school to meet the needs of the pupils. Any pupil who has been granted a certificate showing a satisfactory completion of the elementary requirements is gladly received.

North Bennington High School is a Superior School and is approved by the New England College Entrance Board. Our program of studies includes the following departments: English, French, Mathematics, Sciences, Social Studies, Home Economics, Typing, Music and Physical Education.

The Music Guild is composed of the Boys' Glee Club, the Girls' Glee Club, the Orchestra and the A Capella Choir, which is a new feature added this year. The guild will also take an active part in the activities of Commencement Week.

The Mask and Dagger Dramatics Club presented the Inter-Class One-Act Play Contest. The trophy cup was won by the class of 1944 for their presentation of "Who Gets the Car Tonight"?

Physical Education is required of all students unless they are physically unfit or if they are members of a varsity athletic team. The State Department of Education is recommending that a well-balanced Physical Education program be offered in all schools. The Physical Education program offers opportunities in calisthenics, volley ball, field hockey (girls), tumbling, dancing, basketball, baseball and military drill.

The Department of Home Economics offers a wide scope in the field of homemaking. It affords every girl the opportunity to express herself in the household arts. Not only does it offer the traditional foods and clothing courses but nursing, interior decoration and gardening. Projects carried on under the supervision of the teacher, enables the girl to carry her classwork into practical use in her own home.

The much-needed library in the school was made possible by using what was known as the typing room. Shelves and cases have been installed and the books catalogued. Room E is now equipped with six typewriters, thus making it possible for thirty-three pupils to take a course in personal typing.

Several teachers have been taken from out of the faculty to help with the war effort. Our wood working shop had to be closed and in its place Mechanical Drawing and Junior High General Science have been offered. Aeronautics and Military Science were added to the curriculum. Military Science helps in the development of posture and in training the boys to take and give commands.

The High School Victory Corps consists of six branches, namely—"General Membership," "Production," "Land," "Sea," "Air," and "Community Service." About two-thirds of the student body belong to one of these branches. The corps has worked in various ways to help to win the war. They are giving special services to the community as Air Wardens, doing Red Cross work, aiding in the collection of scrap, promoting the sale of stamps and bonds and the like.
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