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THE JASPER HIGH SCHOOL GYMNASIUM

The new Jasper High School Gymnasium now nearing completion is an imposing cream brick structure with Indiana limestone trim, one hundred and twelve feet wide and one hundred sixty feet long, matching in style of architecture the Jasper High School building dedicated in November, 1935. Capable of seating thirty-two hundred spectators, and with a playing floor fifty by seventy-four feet, the gym should care for Jasper's athletic needs for many years to come. In the financing of this project, the school city is being materially aided by the civil city of Jasper and by the Public Works Administration.

HONOR AWARDS 1939

Honor awards will be made by the principal, Mr. Miller, at the Commencement exercises, June 1. The awards are a recognition of superior scholarship and behavior. The "J" feels that its recipients are deserving of special congratulation.

Gold Pins		Gervase Schwenk	91.5
Ruth Krodel	94.4	Dolores Kuper	91.4
Louise Fritch	94.3	LaVere Rudolph	90.0
Evelyn Zehr	91.6		
Mildred Stratman	91.1	Chenille Letters	
Norbert Schneider	90.7	Lloyd Miller	94.0
Ruth Marie Berger	90.0	Ambrose Burger	93.2
cu p.		Jack Rumbach	92.4
Silver Pins	05.1	Mildred Uebelhor	91.9
C. Ray Miller		William Haller	91.5
Anna Schmitt		Robert Gramelspacher	91.5
Helen Berger	91.0	Harold Smith	91.4
Bronze Pins		Anton Bockelman	91.3
Bernard Vonderschmitt	95.1	George Lukemeyer	91.1
Dolores Ernst	94.2	Othmar Burger	91.0
Mildred Smith	93.8	Edwin Beck	90,9
Alfred Kuper	93.0	John Stratman	90.5
Irene Gutgsell	92.3	Arnold Kunkler	90.4
Anna Marie Shurig	92.2	Lila Mae Streicher	90.0

To be eligible for an honor award, a student must maintain a scholarship average of 90 per cent or more in at least four subjects. In addition his annual citizenship average must also be 90 per cent.

The honor award for the first year is a gold chenille JS (Jasper-Scholarship). The student who merits honors for the second year receives a bronze pin; for the third year a silver pin; while the fourth award, a gold pin, is the highest award in scholarship that can be attained.

FACULTY



HUGH CATHCART
Superintendent

MR. CATHCART

Mr. Cathcart occupies the superintendent's—shall we say throne?—with a great deal of wisdom and with unfailing tact and understanding. Timorous Freshmen are quickly put at ease by his kind smile; Seniors have learned to turn to him in whatever exigency arises. Besides "superintending," Mr. Cathcart teaches geography and mathematics.

MR. MILLER

Mr. Miller, the principal, purveyor of grades and tardy slips and keeper of credits, has numerous other duties. He is manager of the Athletic Association, advisor of the Student Council, teacher of Latin and mathematics, and besides these manifold school activities finds time to be an active civic worker. The Seniors know him for his ready wit.



CLAUDE MILLER Principal







Coriene Wilhelmus



G. Virgil Gobba



Mecie Ross



Elmer Hunefeld

FACULTY

We don't know any teacher more actively interested in his own particular field than Mr. Stroud is in the social sciences. He's a Junior class advisor, too.

Miss Wilhelmus is one of the Sophomore class advisors and teacher of biology, safety, world history, and director of girls' athletics. The boys like to kid her!

Much of the progress of the musical organizations is due to Mr. Gobba's self-sacrifice and interest not only in groups, but also in the individual members. His good-natured attitude toward the students is one of his greatest assets.

Miss Ross and Mr. Weir have something in common with the Seniors; they too came to Jasper High School in the fall of '35. With her modern ideas about homemaking, Miss Ross's popularity has attracted many girls to her classes. During our second year, a new class, Related Arts, was added through Miss Ross's efforts.

Mr. Hunefeld gives the industrial world much worth while material through his classes in mechanical and industrial training. The Seniors first met him in '35 when he instructed them in biology and industrial arts.

Mr. Weir, the other "senior," is the man behind the Wildcats. Besides his ability as director of athletics, his keen knowledge of mathematics has given many a student a new light on the subject. Everybody likes "Woody."

To the Seniors *Miss Sonderman* means more than just another home room sponsor. Not only is she interested in the Senior activities, but in the progress of her classes in English and speech as well.

Mr. Merder, energetic sponsor of the Comet and debate club, is one of the most active teachers at Jasper High. He is Sophomore class advisor, and any member of his English classes will agree that he has boundless patience and insight.

Miss Doyle's commercial classes are an accurate training ground for the world of business. Miss Doyle is well liked by all the students for her Irish wit and her ability to forgive and forget. As one of the Junior class advisors, it is through her efforts that the Junior-Senior receptions have always been so successful.

Mr. Johnson's interest in extra-curricular activities was proved when he accepted the sponsorship of the Camera Club. His classes in math and physics hold nothing but praise for him.



Woodrow Weir



Louise Sonderman



Kenneth Merder



Dorothy Doyle



Ben Johnson

CLASSES



FRESHMEN

ROW 1: (Kneeling) Left to Right: Alberta Meyer, James Brown, Leatrice Striegel, Frank Renneisen, Pauline Hoffman, Edward Beckman, Beatrice Kuntz, Charles Heichelbech, Betty Campbell, Eugene Schuetter, Louise Merkley, Wilfred Schneider, Agnes Wigand, Cletus Mehringer.

ROW 2: (Seated) George Matthews, Ardella Birkle, Marvin Alpers, Betty Kunkel, Robert Gutgsell, Virginia Merry, Karl Wallace, Margaret Pfeffer, Dale Barnhart, Dorothy Pittman, Louis Lampert, Madlyn Opel, Charles Merchant, Adlyn Opel, Laurence Stemle.

ROW 3: (Standing) Robert Gramelspacher, Betty J. Krempp, Anthony Kunkler, Margie Miller, Ruben Schmitt, Josephine Traylor, LeRoy Gehlhausen, Clara Mae Troxler, Anton Bockelman, Anna Mae Kunkler, Jerome Wuetcher, Margaret Merkley, Laurence Stenftenagel, Loumilda Schuetter, Ralph Vollmer.

ROW 4: (Standing) Ardella Voegerl, Arnett Breidenbaugh, Marilee Morgan, Paul Vonderschmidt, Rita Burger, Robert Hemmerlein, Lucille Freyberger, Cyril Sermersheim, Harold Smith, Dolores Reising, Edwin Beck, Dorothy Gerber, Norbert Alles, Dorothy Kunz, Maurice Kuper.

ROW 5: (Standing) Roman Bettag, Pauline Dosch, Robert Kunkel, Thelma Fuhrman, Robert Vogel, Vivian Jackson, Sylvester Mehringer, Ruth Sturm, Roger Gutgsell, Mary Nordhoff, Lloyd Miller, Ann Amelia Fleck, Earl Salb, Betty Gramelspacher, Othmar Schlacter.

ROW 6: Richard Krodel, Edwin Rumbach, Martha Beyke, Barbara Neukam, Andrew Knies, Annetta Fuhs, Ambrose Burger, Louis Bettag, Caroline Schenetzke, Oscar Englert, Mary C. Gramelspacher, John Eckerle, Mildred Uebelhor, Robert Stallman, and George Lukemeyer.

FRESHMAN HISTORY

Registration Day, September 6, was indeed a strange and momentous day for our freshman class, the class of "1942." As we poured in at the entrance, we gathered in groups. Presently Mr. Miller interrupted our tales of the summer's delights and pushed us into a room governed by two stern and rock-bound teachers who greeted us with an air of "We're here to skin you alive." Brrr—the seats shook! But nothing more fatal than filling in I. Q. test blanks happened to us, and the opening day found us all neatly pigeon-holed as sections A, B, or C.

After the acquisition of a heap of shining new text books, we were initiated into the rites of the Locker. "Turn completely around the dial twice — stop at the first number, go backwards (of all things) stop at the second number, then turn right (sounds like a road map)" and if you're lucky — click — presto, your vault is opened!

On November 5 we really got into the spirit of the school. It was not only the first basketball game of the season with the crowning of the queen, but it also showed us what promising basketball players our class had — Eddie Rumbach, Earl Salb, and George Lukemeyer.

One day Miss Ross and Mr. Hunefeld, our class sponsors, announced that we would elect class officers. The outcome gave us Frank Renneisen as president, Eddie Rumbach, vice president, George Lukemeyer, secretary, and Ardella Birkle, treasurer. Ruth Sturm and Margie Miller were chosen to represent their respective home rooms in the Student Council.

Our social life began at the Debate Club Dance in December. At this school mixer we became acquainted with our upper classmen, and found them not so bad as hitherto suspected. We had our class party in January. Some danced, some played Chinese Checkers, everybody ate. It was swell!

The home economics classes gave a party for their mothers in February, with a program and a lunch exhibiting the art of cooking acquired by the girls. A Convocation program gave some of the bashful Freshman boys an opportunity to display their histrionic abilities in a burlesque playlet, "The Fatal Quest." And a few of our feminine warblers, during Glee Club practice, insisted upon bellowing "O yes, John, yes John, yes John," in the familiar "O No, John."

All in all, we think the Freshies have done their part. They have furnished their share of band and orchestra members, of participants in club activities, of athletes, and, above all they have outnumbered all other classes in honor students!

Class Officers:

President Frank Renneisen Vice-President Edwin Rumbach Secretary George Lukemeyer Treasurer Ardella Birkle Sponsors Miss Ross, Mr. Hunefeld

Class Notables:

For	Class Spirit	Margie	Miller
		Lloyd	
For	Beauty	Virginia Lee	Merry
For	Popularity	Marilee	Morgan
		Roger C	

SOPHOMORES

ROW 1: James Wallace, Armella Tempel, Richard Krodel, Mary Lou Berger, Eugene Hoffman, Dorothy Buechlein, Robert L. Berger, Anna Marie Schurig, Irene Gutgsell, Dennis Schuetter.

ROW 2: Dennis Critchlow, Rosemary Fuhs, James Gramelspacher, Mildred Campbell, Bernard Bockelman, Rita Mae Schneider, Roy Rush, Viola Seger, James Jerger, Florence Hoffman, Norman Huber, Betty Kunkel, Bernard Vonderschmitt.

ROW 3: Mary Fields, Albert Uebelhor, Bernadette Murphy, Gervase Schwenk, Mildred Smith, Richard Boehm, Ada Mae Miller, Marcus Kluesner, Louis Schmidt, Lila Mae Streicher, Jerome Schmitt, Anna Mae Kiefer, Francis Herbig.

ROW 4: Felix Hoffman, Susan Buckler, Denzel Conolty, Louise Bauer, Raymond Pfeffer, Frances Lampert, Edward Hoffman, Betty J. Krodel, J. W. Shafford, Fidelia Schuble, Jerome Obermeier, Frances Schwartzmiller, Roman Brosmer.

ROW 5: Edward Rohlman, Alfred Kuper, Anna M. Singer, Albert Vonderschmidt, Mary C. Berger, Jack Rumbach, Doretha Rasche, Jack Hief, Pauline Jackson, Jerome Beyke, Geraldine Fisher.

ROW 6: Dennis Fleck, Alma Krodel, Louis Sermersheim, Peggy Litchfield, Roman Pfeffer, Evelyn Buechlein, Edward Boehm, Robert Luegers, Dolores Ernst, John Stratman, Virginia Burger, Eugene Kuntz, Virginia Urich.

Those absent are — Edward Schaaf, Henry Stemle, Elmer Vonderheide.



SOPHOMORE HISTORY

It was September sixth and we were once again back in harness. No trace of the inferiority complex that prevailed in the preceding year was found in this band of Sophomores, 81 strong, who swarmed the library that opening day. Would it be Latin and Geometry or just Commercial Arithmetic to ply our brains with? That was the question we asked ourselves as we pondered over the instruction sheets.

At first the days were hot and sultry and nobody felt like working, but came October and officers were elected. The victims were: Jack Rumbach, president; Denzel Conolty, vice president; Eddie Schaaf, treasurer; and Rita Schneider, secretary. The Sophomore candidates for Basketball Queen were: Anna Marie Shurig, Rita Mae Schneider, and Anna Mae Kiefer. The first basketball game saw two sophomores, Roman Pfeffer and Felix Hoffman fighting for J. H. S., while two more Sophs, Betty Krodel and Mary C. Berger, filled yell leaders' shoes (or shall we say shirts?) as chief Wildcat spurrers-on. By November the class was pondering over the bids for class pins and finally decided upon one. We chose blue and gold as class colors. About this time we passed a new measure calling for an Executive Committee which provided for the Secretary of Social Affairs, Anna Mae Kiefer and Secretary of Programs, Bernard Vonderschmitt.

The class would-be actors had a chance to show their ability when the Sophomores presented a Swing Version of the Death of Caesar as an assembly program on January 23. When the sectional debate tourney was held here in February, Sophomores Mary Catherine Berger, Anna Mae Kiefer, Betty Jean Krodel, and Roy Rush were among the host debaters. In our second assembly program we paid tribute to the basketball team. The band, of which nine classmates are members, graciously aided us in putting on this post-season pep session.

In the spring, the "gay young Sophomore's" fancy turns lightly to romance and baseball. We'll leave the ever-changing romance to take its course but we find that on March 30, when Coach Weir called for baseball candidates, second yearlings Pfeffer, Vonderschmitt, Conolty, and E. Hoffman were among the aspirants to appear.

On April 27 the much anticipated, often postponed Sophomore party materialized. Its success was due to the efforts of a committee composed of Anna Marie Shurig, Mildred Smith, Dolores Ernst, P. Litchfield, Jack Hief, and Betty Krodel.

So, as May rolls by, we take leave of the "ole schoolhouse" until September when, as Jolly Juniors, we shall again "tread the halls of learning."

Class Officers:	Class Notables:	
PresidentJack Rumbach	For Class SpiritJack Rumbach	
Vice-PresidentDenzel Conolty	For BrainsBernard Vonderschmitt	
SecretaryRita Schneider	For BeautyAnna Mae Kiefer	
Treasurer Edward Schaaf	For PopularityRoman Pfeffer	
SponsorsMiss Wilhelmus, Mr. Merder	For "Cussedness"James Wallace	



JUNIORS

- ROW 1: Norbert Spellmeyer, Sylvia Fritch, Thomas Renneisen, Juanita Pittman, Thomas Jones, Ruby Huls, Andrew Klingel, Ardella Meyer, Donald Grewe, Viola Fritch, Joseph Haller.
- ROW 2: Herman Gramelspacher, Betty Eckerle, Raymond Hemmerlein, Lorayne Melchior, Claude Egler, Bernice Vollmer, Arthur Himsel, Mildred Schuetter, Ralph Pfau, Cyrilla Ebenkamp, Eugene Denk.
- ROW 3: Anna Mae Bockelman, Robert Buehler, Joan Vogel, Edward Jones, Charlotte Reynolds, Joseph Schwenk, Mary Alice Harder, Omer Sturm, Julia Booth, Maurice Mendel, Marie Schwenk, Donald Pfister.
- ROW 4: Ambrose Vollmer, Ray Miller, Edna Mae Zehr, Tom Salb, Louise Klein, Tom Tucker, Earl Cherry, Mary Ann Berger, John Gramelspacher, Albert Eversman.
- INSET: Rose Mary Adkins, and Mary Ann Sturm (absent when picture was taken).

JUNIOR HISTORY

The Junior Class began the year's activities by electing Albert Eversman, president; Lorayne Melchior, vice president; Betty Eckerle, secretary; Viola Fritch, treasurer. A. J. Eversman made himself famous at a class meeting when he asked everybody to hold hands if they were in favor of a certain bill which was before the class. Immediately there was a mad rush on the part of the boys to the front of the room where the girls were sitting. Gold and green were chosen as the colors for the class jackets after much deliberation. Next the class voted in favor of reinstating the Reorganization Bill, and Omer "Blushing" Sturm and Eddie "F.D.R." Jones were elected Secretary of Social Activities and Programs, respectively.'

Claude Egler put on the "Boots" Poffenberger act, and disappeared two weeks before Christmas, next being heard of from Chattanooga, Tenn., where he met the "cute little tricks" from Dixie. Everyone was surprised to see him back so soon.

The Junior Christmas party at the Country Club was a huge success even though O. S., master of ceremonies, failed to attend due to conditions beyond his control.

Many members of the class were brought into the limelight at the Home Room Programs Period. Among those were Lee Himsel and Tom Salb, when they put on their pugilistic debut as Tony Galento and Joe Louis. A new Demosthenes was discovered when Ray Hemmerlein made his famous deathdefying speech dedicated to the seniors.

Tommy Tucker, the tallest boy in school; Ray Miller, who is not only president of the camera club but also a student who has topped the honor roll for the three years; Omer Sturm, leading scorer for the Wildcats; Sylvia Fritch, J.H.S. drum major; Eversman, Egler, Himsel, and Hemmerlein, leading debaters of J.H.S.; and Don Grewe and Tom Renneisen, leading sports scribes of the Comet are just a few of the members who have brought prominence to the Junior Class. The Juniors, paced by Andy Klingel with a 153 average, also took honors in indoor sports by capturing both halves of the Bowling League.

The success of the Junior-Senior Prom, the largest and only formal event of the year held at the Country Club, was due to the efforts of a committee consisting of Mary A. Sturm, John Gramelspacher, Mildred Schuetter, Ray Hemmerlein, and Bob Buehler. The Prom was thoroughly enjoyed by everyone. As the "J" goes to the printers, the Juniors look forward to one more party — the annual picnic at which Seniors are hosts to Juniors.

Class Officers:

President Albert Eversman Vice-President Lorayne Melchior Secretary Betty Eckerle Treasurer Viola Fritch Sponsors Miss Doyle, Mr. Stroud

Class Notables:

For	Class Spirit	Albert Eversman
For	Brains	Ray Miller
For	Beauty	Ruby Huls
For	Popularity	Omer Sturm
For	"Cussedness"	Norbert Spellmeyer

HUBERTA BAUNACH

Comet Staff '39 Glee Club '36 '37 '38 Outdoor '38 Senior Play

HELEN BERGER

Comet Staff '38 Glee Club '36 '37 '38 Outdoor '38 Senior Play

RUTH MARIE BERGER

Student Council Secretary '39 Hall Monitor '38 Comet Staff '38 '39 Glee Club '36 '37 '38 Outdoor '38

MARY LEE BOCKELMAN

J Staff Comet Staff '38 '39 Glee Club '36 '37 '38 Senior Play

ANNE ELIZABETH BUCKLER

Comet Staff '39 Glee Club '36 '37 '38 Outdoor '38



OTHMAR BURGER



ARDELLA DEINDERFER Comet Staff '39 Glee Club '36 '37 '38



MARY LOU DISCHINGER Glee Club '36 '37 '38







CHARLES DUDINE Class Vice-President '39 Student Council '38 '39 Comet Staff '38 Glee Club '36 Senior Play





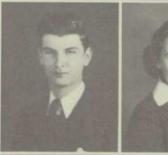
ROMAN DUDINE J Staff Glee Club '36 '37

BERNARD ECKERLE Outdoor '38 Senior Play



DOROTHY FRITCH
Comet Staff '39
Orchestra '36 '37 '38 '39
Glee Club '36 '37 '38

DENNIS ECKERLE
Band '38 '39
Orchestra '38 '39
Glee Club '36 '37 '38



LOUISE FRITCH
Salutatorian
Class Secretary '38
J Staff
Comet Staff '36 '38 '39
Band '37 '38
Orchestra '37 '38 '39
Glee Club '36 '37 '38
Outdoor '38
Senior Play

JOHN ECKSTEIN
Class President '36
J Staff
"Blow Me Down"
Band '37 '38 '39
Orchestra '37
Glee Club '36 '37 '38
Cheer Leader '36 '37
Senior Play



EVANGELINE FROMME
Comet Staff '39
Glee Club '36 '37 '38
Camera '39
Outdoor '38

Marie Egloff Comet Staff '39 Glee Club '36 '37 '38 Outdoor '38



AURELIA FUHS
Comet Staff '38
Band '37 '38
Orchestra '37 '38 '39
Glee Club '36 '37 '38
Outdoor '38

ROBERT FLICK Glee Club '36 '37



RICHARD FUHS
Orchestra '36
Glee Club '36 '37

ARDELLA GEHLHAUSEN Glee Club '36 '37 '38 Outdoor '38

JEAN HULS
Class Secretary '37
Comet Staff '38 '39
Glee Club '36 '37 '38
Outdoor '38
Basketball Queen '39
Senior Play

WILLIAM HALLER
Class Vice-President '38
Student Council '38 '39
J Staff
Glee Club '36 '37
Senior Play



RUTH ANN JAHN Glee Club '36 '37 '38 Outdoor '38

DOROTHY HOCHGESANG

J Staff
Comet Staff '38
Glee Club '36 '37 '38
Outdoor '38
Senior Play



MARY RITA KLUEMPER Comet Staff '38 '39 Glee Club '36 '37 Outdoor '38

CYRIL HOFFMAN

J Staff
Debate Club '39
Outdoor '38
Senior Play



EUGENE KREILEIN
Baseball '36 '37 '38 '39
Student Manager '37 '38 '39

EUGENE HUEBNER Band '37 Glee Club '36 '37 Basketball '38 '39



RUTH KRODEL
Valedictorian
Class Secretary '39
J Staff
Comet Staff '39
Glee Club '36 '37
Camera Club '39

CATHERINE KUNKEL

Comet Staff '39 Glee Club '36 '37 '38 Outdoor '38 Cheer Leader '39



JOHN McDonald Orchestra '37 '38 '39 Glee Club '36 '37 Senior Play

ARNOLD KUNKLER Debate '39 Glee Club '36



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SYLVESTER MEHRINGER

DOLORES KUPER
Class Vice-President '36
Comet Staff '39
Glee Club '36 '37
Outdoor '38





MARGARET OTTO Comet Staff '38 '39 Glee Club '36 '37 Camera Club '39 Outdoor '38

PAUL LINNE





HELEN PEAK
Comet Staff '39
Glee Club '36 '37 '38
Outdoor '38

RAY LINNE





URBAN PFEFFER
Baseball '36 '37,'38 '39
Basketball '37 '38 '39

HERBERT PITTMAN Glee Club '36 '37 '38 Baseball '36 '37 '38 '39



Anna Schmitt Comet Staff '39 Glee Club '36 '37 '38

VERNON REISING
Band '37 '38 '39
Orchestra '36 '37 '38 '39
Glee Club '36 '37 '38



RADIUS SCHNARR Glee Club '36 '37 '38

LAVERE RUDOLPH



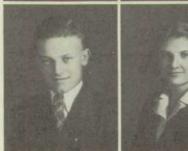
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Class President '37 '38 '39
Student Council '38 '39
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HILDA SCHERER
Comet Staff '39
Glee Club '36 '37 '38
Outdoor '38



JOHN SERMERSHEIM Glee Club '36 '37 '38 Outdoor '38 Baseball '36 '37 '38 '39 Basketball '36 '37 '38 '39

BERNARD SCHMITT Orchestra '36 '37 '38 Glee Club '36 '37 '38



MILDRED STRATMAN
J Staff Editor
Comet Staff '36 '38 '39
Glee Club '36 '37 '38
Debate '38
Camera '39
Outdoor '38
Senior Play

CYRILLA STRIEGEL
Class Treasurer '39
J Staff
Comet Staff '38 '39
Glee Club '36 '37 '38





ALBERT WEISMAN
Class Vice-President '37
Class Treasurer '39
I. U. Extension School '38



EVELYN ZEHR Class Treasurer '38 Glee Club '36 '37 '38 Camera '39 Outdoor '38

SENIOR HISTORY

After playing stooge to the Seniors for three years, we were finally elevated to the state of sophisticated Seniors. Which called for an election. We couldn't break the precedent, so the girls voted for the nicest-looking nominee, and the boys — well — they must have voted for him too, as Norb Schneider was elected to serve his third term as class president.

Before long, the basketballers were hard at it. "Nig" Pfeffer, Juny Sermersheim, Eugene Huebner and Norb Schneider were the Senior "hard-wooders." Add to that a coach, who came here when we did, in the fall of '35, a Senior student manager, "Boots" Kreilein, and a beautiful Senior basketball queen, Miss Jean Huls. Who wouldn't win?

We were just beginning to wonder why the underclassmen didn't show more respect to the wishes of the Seniors, when out of a clear sky, we were given first choice to — seats for the basketball games, were allowed to leave assembly programs before the undergrades and were granted first place in the Armistice Day Parade. — Some class, eh?

Are our rings here? was the big issue for the next few weeks, and poor Mr. Welp was besieged by a storm of phone calls, until finally on November 26, our rings did come. Maybe that's why we beat the Alices — and maybe it isn't.

SENIOR HISTORY

December came in cold and dreary, but we were all too busy writing to Santa to notice the weather. Of course, we don't really believe in the little fat gentleman in the red suit, but we had to let our mommas and dads "and others" know what we wanted. After a vacation of ten days, we came back to school still brushing the serpentine and confetti off our clothes, and the cobwebs from our heads.

The only privilege they have never given the Seniors is the right to see the test and answers before semester exams, and nobody can do anything about it. Now that the tests were over and the Hunters home again (they forgot to leave the Jug here) the Seniors needed a little relaxation. So the dear neighbors had to keep their windows down and plug their ears while the Seniors drowned their troubles in — Cokes — and almost flooded the Home Ec department when the ice in the leaky tubs began to melt — this at the Seniors' 'tween-semesters party.

In a post-season basketball game the Seniors played the underclassmen. It appears that next year's crop of Wildcats will do all right for themselves. Of course, the Seniors were a bit handicapped with only four players plus a student manager who fouled out in the third quarter! Our Seniors are O.K. though. They were crowned intramural champions, and then stepped all over the Faculty to win the "Paul Jones Memorial" trophy.

According to custom the Seniors were guests of the Juniors at the Country Club for the Junior-Senior Prom. Everybody in at 12 — the next day at school we were "all in." Seriously, it was a very swanky party, and we had a grand time.

As the "J" goes to the printer, the cast of "Guess Again" is busy conquering footlight fever and practicing being "bloomin' Englishmen — bah jove." The Seniors anticipate a bit more society when the Alumni entertain the graduates at the annual banquet and dance; they anticipate also the pleasure of hosting to the Juniors at the traditional picnic; they look forward, above all — half-regretfully — to that procession up the aisle of solemnly capped and gowned figures soon to be members, not of Jasper High — but of the "wicked world."

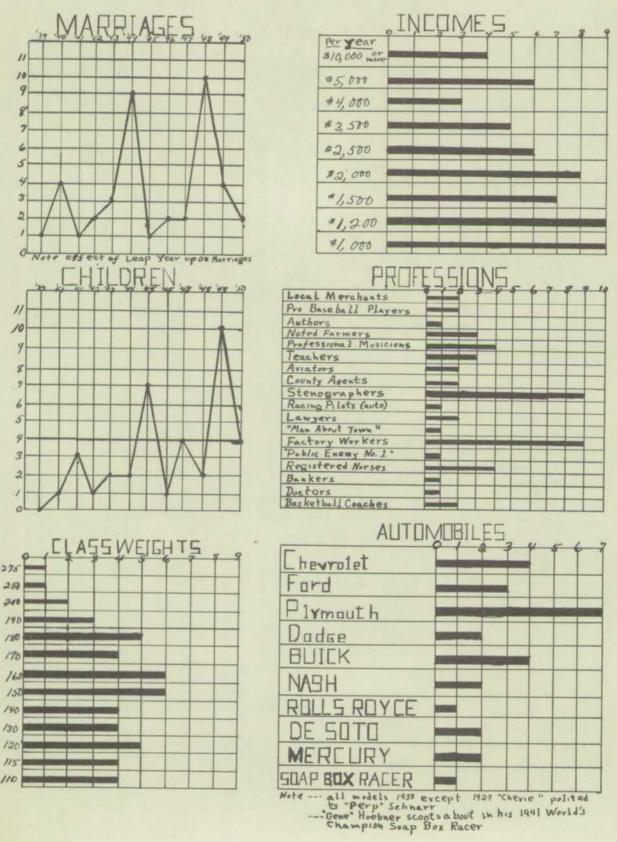
As we Seniors look back over our four years' stay at J. H. S. — the new school we began in as Frosh, the new gym we're going to get, the three times we saw our team beat the Hunters in the Sectional, our four Senior Wildcat lettermen, our four varsity baseballers, our Senior basketball queen, our members in the band, our long list of honor students and at last our diplomas — we're awfully proud of them. May the school they represent be equally proud of us!

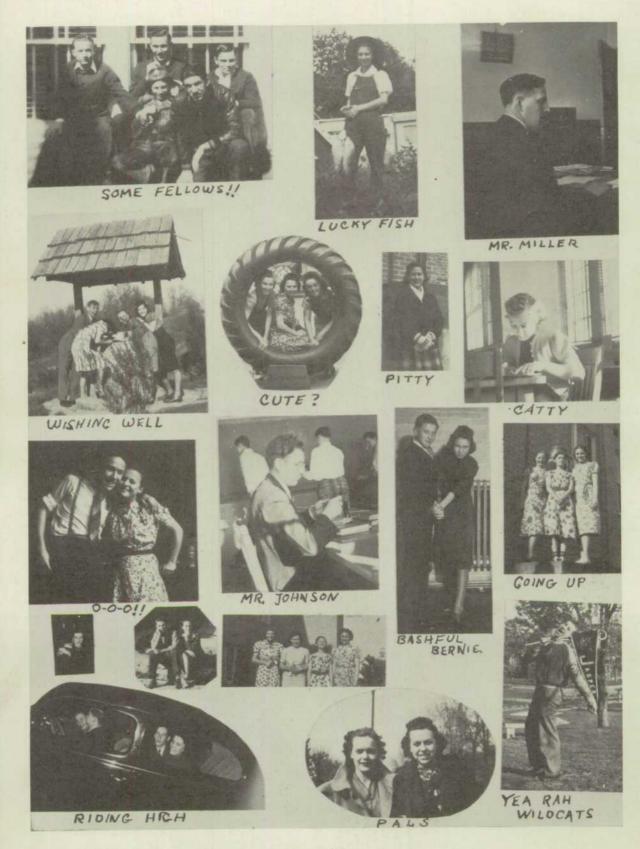
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For Brains	Ruth Krodel
For Beauty	Jean Huls
For Popularity	Urban Pfeffer
For "Cussedness"	Radius Schnarr





ACTIVITIES

STUDENT COUNCIL

Officers

PresidentNorl	ert Sc	hneider
Vice-President		
SecretaryRuth	Marie	Berger
Faculty Advisor	Mr.	Miller

In its second year of trial in Jasper High School, the Student Council has endeavored to maintain and to further the work begun last year. As provided by the Constitution, the Council is composed of eleven representatives of classes and extra-curricular activities, the class delegates being elected by vote of home rooms, the other council members by votes of the activities membership at large. The distribution is as follows: three Seniors — Norbert Schneider, Charles Dudine, William Haller; three Juniors — C. Ray Miller, Claude Egler, and Donald Grewe; two Sophomores — Anna Marie Shurig and Bernard Vonderschmidt; two Freshmen — Margie Miller and Ruth Sturm; one representative of extra-curricular activities, Sylvia Fritch; and a secretary appointed by the president, Ruth Marie Berger.

Meeting bi-weekly with Mr. Miller, the Student Council has acted not only as an assisting governing agent but as a clearing house for any controversies or discussions needing faculty-student co-operation. The Council has also undertaken the sponsoring and encouragement of clubs and programs, having pledged its support to the fostering of more and more varied activities for the student body. The Camera and Debate Clubs, Convocation programs, band concerts, and pep sessions were all organized by the Student Council; but the most popular innovation this year was that of school dances — "mixers" — open to all students with only a nominal entrance fee.

Receipts from the dances were one means of revenue used to help defray the expense of another pet Student Council project — vocational guidance, or at least vocational information, perpetrated through the weekly distribution of the pamphlet, "Your Future."

It is unfortunate that the fine student-supervised honor study halls and hall monitor systems as organized last year had this year to be discontinued. It is the hope of the 1938-39 Student Council that next year, in addition to the achievements of this year, a more active and efficient participation in school discipline will be made possible.

THE COMET

No annual would be complete without a brief account of the activities of the staff members of the Comet under the supervision of Mr. Kenneth Merder.

Our editor, Mildred Stratman, has successfully carried out the tradition of Jasper High School, that of always producing a school paper worthy of recognition. The paper consists of accounts of school activities, local news of general interest, and news from surrounding schools. The *Comet* has recently become a member of a news exchange through which it is able to become more closely associated with the activities of other schools.

Louise Fritch, news editor, always seemed to secure a surplus of news without any apparent effort, although we will give her the benefit of a few headaches.

The feature material was not too plentiful, but Betty Eckerle and Lorayne Melchior always did their utmost in contributing to the success of the paper. Don Grewe, the sports writer, had his share of worries, too, each month.

Mary Lee Bockelman and Ruth Marie Berger, circulation and advertising managers, respectively, each with a committee of four, willingly offered assistance, in foot work as well as brain work.

Claude Egler and Cyrilla Striegel figured largely in the actual process of turning out the paper, the former manipulating the mimeograph machine and the latter doing the art work.

Class reporters, Mary Rita Kluemper, Viola Fritch, Jack Rumbach, and Frank Renneisen, also did their share in adding to the length and volume of the paper, while the typing and stenciling staff deserve praise for their unceasing efforts in trying to make our *Comet* a better paper.

THE 1939 "J"

As you know if you have ever attempted an annual, be it ever so humble, the path of the staff is not exactly strewn with roses. Our own forty-page brain child is no exception.

Ruth Krodel and Cyrilla Striegel surmounted practically unsurmountable difficulties in their capacity of photographic managers. They cajoled class groups into looking pleasant please. They prayed for clear weather. They bullied and bribed owners of prized snaps to give them up, snipped the snaps to fit available space, and covered themselves with gooey cement mounting them.

Johnny Eckstein knows now the financier's headaches. He learned the value of co-operation from Roman Dudine, Bernard Eckerle, and other seniors.

Mary Lee Bockelman, Dorothy Hochgesang, and Bill Haller have a future as Fuller Brush men. Getting subscriptions for the "J" trained 'em!

Louise Fritch obligingly wrote up this and that, read proof, and was chief assistant worrier for the editor. Cits Hoffman did likewise; what's more he made no fewer than six copies of his Senior Statistics before he got an unblotted one!

Numerous big-hearted seniors solicited patrons, typed, and helped with innumerable odds and ends, while Margie Miller, Jack Rumbach, and Viola Fritch cheerfully furnished class histories.

The editor and the sponsor each lost five pounds, hours of sleep, and considerable serenity of disposition doing all the things they couldn't hound anybody else into doing.

DEBATE CLUB

Officers

President	Claud	e Egler
Secretary-Treasurer	Lee	Himsel
Sponsor	Mr.	Merder



MEMBERS: Row 1: C. Egler, B. J. Krodel, A. M. Kiefer, A. Kunkler; Row 2: L. Himsel, A. Eversman, C. Hoffman, R. Hemmerlein.

To awaken interest in the art of debating has been the aim of the Jasper High School Debate Club, reorganized in October, 1938.

Meetings were held bi-weekly, mainly during convocation periods, sometimes at night, and were conducted as informal discussions of the proposed question given by the State High School Debating League, "Resolved that the United States form an alliance with Great Britain."

To add zest and competitive interest, the club engaged in active debates with high school clubs of other towns, winning over Reitz and Marengo affirmative teams and Reitz and Huntingburg negative teams. However, they bowed to Princeton, Reitz, and Mt. St. Francis of New Albany negative teams and New Albany, Princeton, and Reitz affirmative teams. The Jasper negative and affirmative teams also engaged in debates for Convocation programs and once for the Knights of Columbus.

On February 25 the club was host to the sectional debate tourney in which six teams participated. Sorry to say, Jasper was the perfect host, allowing New Albany to take first honors and Mt. St. Francis second before they stepped in for third.

The Club also had a social side, sponsoring a dance for the entire school in January, with music by "Pitch" Eckerle and his Kings of Swing. To raise funds for transportation to the debates in other towns, the members sold Wildcat emblems to the school and general public.

Much credit must be given the Club's sponsor, Mr. Merder, who coached the Club and always lent a helping hand. Of him it may be said, "He was always there when needed."

CAMERA CLUB

Officers

President	Ray	Miller
Secretary-TreasurerMildred	I St	ratman
Sponsor	Ir. J	ohnson

MEMBERS: R. Kunkel, E. Rohlman, G. Lukemeyer, R. Gramelspacher, K. Wallace, J. Rumbach, A. Kunkler, J. Wuetcher, R. Stallman, E. Fromme, E. Rumbach, M. Opel, M. Stratman, B. Kuntz, A. Opel, R. Krodel, E. Zehr, J. Wallace, R. Miller, L. Lampert, and J. Shafford. Other members of the club not present when the picture was taken are: T. Salb, R. Rush, and Mr. Johnson.

The enthusiastic camera fans of Jasper High School organized a club early in the school year on October 7, 1938. The club was organized (1) to further the knowledge of cameras and improve their use; (2) to learn developing and printing technique; and (3) to furnish pictures for the school annual.

From the beginning the Camera Club was guided and controlled by a constitution which made parliamentary law official at weekly meetings.

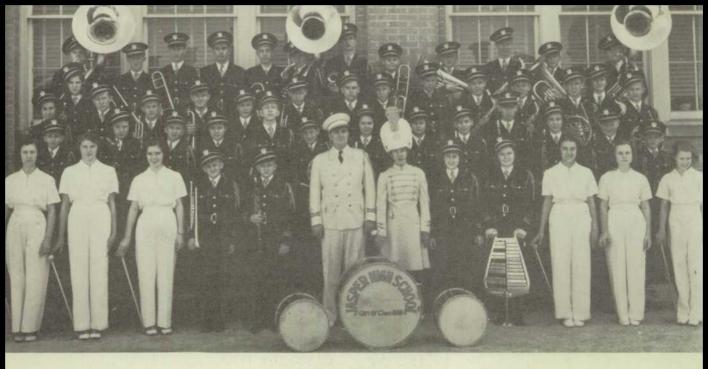
Surprisingly enough, the financing of the photographic organization was stable from the start through profits derived from entrance fees, a flower sale, and especially from popcorn sales at the basketball games. This money was used to build a luxurious darkroom located in a storeroom of the gymnasium. A developing tank, a printing box, three gross of sensitive papers, and a storage vault were among the many accessories purchased by the club to improve the darkroom, which was, incidentally, ine first ever set up by students of Jasper High School.

Monthly lantern-slide programs together with helpful lectures and discussions furnished the means for furthering photographic knowledge.

One intra-club snapshot contest on winter scenes was staged with R. Miller's "North Jackson Street" scene awarded first prize and R. Rush's "Children in the Snow" was given second prize by the judge of the contest, Father Urban.

Late in the school year a combined outing and photographic hike at the Jasper Lake furnished both social and photographic entertainment.





BAND

Every afternoon promptly at one o'clock, the fanfare of trumpets informed the rest of us here in J. H. S. that the band was in session.

It might have been the addition of the glockenspiel, it might have been the new uniforms, or it might have been the untiring efforts of music maestro, Mr. Gobba; but whatever the cause, the band deserves praise for the impressive showing it has made the entire year.

During the basketball season, the band performed regularly at every home game. Whenever we hear the familiar strains of *Indiana*, we shall always remember that flashy Jasper high school song as it was played by the J. H. S. band. The Christmas concert presented at the Court House was a memorable one because of the band's first appearance in the new uniforms which were obtained through the efforts of the popular Mothers' Club. Two concerts were presented for the public in the gymnasium, and out of appreciation to the Mothers' Club, the band appeared at several meetings to entertain the mothers.

At the recent music contest which was held at Huntingburg the band was among the five out of the eight Class B bands, to place in the first division.

Drum-major Sylvia Fritch deserves special mention. To her belongs the credit for much of the flash of the marching band. A high stepper and a baton twirler of no mean repute, Sylvia has likewise found time to instruct a class of six apprentice twirlers. Contesting with twirlers of much more experience and from larger schools, Sylvia placed in second division.

The band is composed of the following: Dennis Eckerle, Vernon Reising, John Eckstein, Norbert Schneider, Betty Eckerle, Sylvia Fritch, Viola Fritch, Mary Alice Harder, Edward Jones, Thomas Jones, Ray Miller, Juanita Pittman, Joe Schwenk, Ambrose Vollmer, Anna Mae Bockelman, Bernard Bockelman, Richard Boehm, Denzel Conolty, Dennis Critchlow, Jack Hief, Jack Rumbach, Rita Mae Schneider, J. W. Shafford, James Wallace, James Brown, George Lukemeyer, Lloyd Miller, Karl Wallace, Lila Lee Giesler, Glenn Gramelspacher, Tony Habig, Sarah Lukemeyer, Melba Miller, Mildred Nicholson, James Hoffman, Earl Fritch, Kenneth Kuper, Archie Schwinghamer, Robert Gramelspacher, Robert Lee Weigel, LaVere Fuhrman, John Wuchner, Kenneth Gramelspacher, Paul Hoffman, and Betty Jean Krodel.

ORCHESTRA

While the band was "pepping it up" with snappy marches in two-four time, the orchestra concentrated on the more sedate rhythms of Strauss and other waltz kings.

In striking contrast to the gold trappings and black uniforms of the band were the simple white outfits of the orchestra, which added another plaque to the music division of the trophy case, our orchestra being judged the best all-around appearing unit in Class B.

Preparatory to the music contest, the orchestra presented a public concert in the gymnasium. A week later at the contest it placed in the second division of the Class B organizations. The orchestra will also play the march for the Commencement exercises.

The addition of the harp, the new outfits, and the mastery of well-known selections all added to the popularity of the orchestra; however, the impromptu syncopation that Pitch Eckerle managed to "swing in" was one of the greatest attractions to all — but Mr. Gobba.

The members of the orchestra are: Dorothy Mae Fritch, Louise Fritch, Aurelia Fuhs, Dennis Eckerle, Vernon Reising, John McDonald, Mary Ann Berger, Cyrilla Ebankamp, Joan Vogel, Mary Catherine Berger, Mary Lou Berger, Robert Lee Berger, Evelyn Buechlein, Geraldine Fisher, Rosemary Fuhs, Anna Mae Kiefer, Virginia Urich, Elmer Vonderheide, Edwin Beck, Robert Stallman, Louise Hauser, Frances Jean Jasper, Dallas Fuhrman, Mary Jane Jerger, Emil Urich, Audrey Fisher, Lelia Jane Jerger, Frances Voegerl, Anna Marie Shurig, Sylvia Fritch, Mary Alice Harder, Viola Fritch, Anna Mae Bockelman, Richard Boehm, Denzel Conolty, Jack Hief, Rita Mae Schneider, George Lukemeyer, Glenn Gramelspacher, Sarah Lukemeyer, Melba Miller, Robert Gramelspacher, John Eckerle, and Betty Jean Krodel.



SENIOR CLASS PLAY

"GUESS AGAIN"

The offering of the 1939 installment of would-be Barrymores and Garbos was a comedy called "Guess Again." We don't know whether the audience was mystified at all by the machinations of real and would-be lords as hotel guest bait; but if laughs are any indication, the audience was amused. Though the director's disposition was not prevailingly sunny, rehearsals were fun, if somewhat hectic.

The cast (given in full below) included the handsome Norbert Schneider as Bill Douglas, romantic male lead; the beautiful Jean Huls as Janet, the "shero;" Johnny Eckstein, that veteran of the footlights, as Waldo, chief comic relief; and eleven other characters who furnished assorted dramatic complications and laughs at obliging intervals.

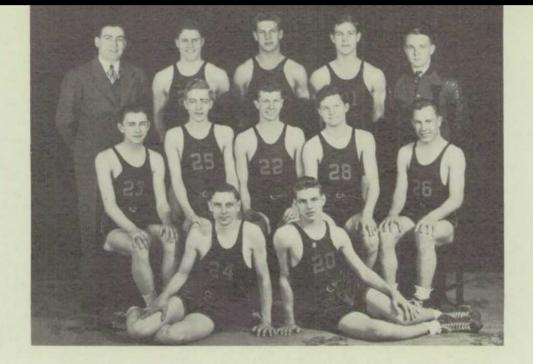
The plot was centered mostly about the guests at Edgewater Inn, "down the coast from Hollywood." In the play, a love story, and a near panic resulting from an overly successful attempt to bolster the failing guest list of the inn by the alleged registration of a real and a fake English lord — rubbed shoulders amiably with a health enthusiast's and a fond mama's ambitions to marry off her eligible daughter.

THE CAST

Waldo (porter and would-be actor)	John Eckstein
Henry Grimes (owner and manager of inn)	
Olive Ordway (a health faddist)	Mildred Stratman
Bill Douglas (a college boy)	
Mrs. Skinner (a guest at the inn)	
Dora Mae (her saucy daughter)	Mary Lee Bockelman
Janet (a college girl working at inn)	Jean Huls
S. H. Pratt (a local banker)	Charles Dudine
Lord Wiggleton (from England)	Bill Haller
Marcella Jenks (a reporter)	Huberta Baunach
Bertie Blodgett (from England)	John McDonald
Renee Lamour (from Hollywood)	
Lulu Perkins (a newspaper columnist)	Helen Berger
Sol Messer (movie magnate)	Bernard Eckerle

PRODUCTION STAFF

Prompters	Hilda Scherer, Mary Rita Kluemper
	Othmar Burger
Property Manager	Herbert Pittman
Director	



BASKETBALL

Coach Weir, Sturm, U. Pfeffer, R. Pfeffer, Student Manager, Kreilein; Huebner, Miller, Schneider, Hoffman, Pfister; Jones, Sermersheim.

Twenty-five victories and but five defeats! The Old Post Tourney Champion-ship! The Sectional Championship! To better that record was the task faced by the Wildcats at the beginning of the season. After a long season made tougher by a series of "bum" ankles, third quarter jinxes, heart-breaking overtime losses, and what-not, the record for the '38-'39 season reads sixteen wins and nine losses. Not quite as impressive as last year's record, but good enough against some of the stiffest opposition in the state. A close examination of the record reveals that six of the nine losses were by two points or less. Included among the losses are a double overtime loss to the H'burg Hunters and a sectional loss to a crew of "Hot" Purple Aces representing Stendal High School.

SENIOR MEMBERS OF THE TEAM

"Junie" Sermersheim — a classy dribbler — dazzling speed afoot — a long shot artist, and the sparkplug of the team.

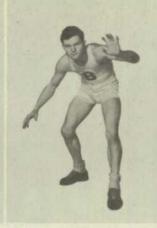
"Nig" Pfeffer — offensive threat — powerhouse on defense — a "picture" player.

"Norb" Schneider — a capable replacement — tough off the back-board — fine dribbler.

"Gene" Huebner — a capable replacement — hook shot specialist — expert long range bomber.





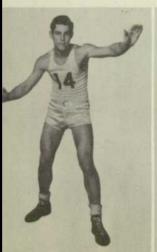






SEASON'S RECORD

		Opponent	Opponent's Score
Jasper	40	Petersburg	22
Jasper	32	Paoli	23
	41	Tell City	
Jasper	28	Huntingburg	
	33	Vincennes	28
Jasper	24	Bedford	
Jasper	34	French Lick	
Jasper	25	Mitchell	33
Jasper	47	Wabash	24
	27	Washington (overtime)	25
	26	Washington	27
Jasper	38	Bedford (consolation)	
Jasper	32	Salem	18
Jasper	34	Petersburg	28
Jasper	25	Reitz (Evansville)	27
Jasper	48	Tell City	32
Jasper	40	Princeton	
Jasper	27	H'burg (double-overtime)	28
Jasper	23	Washington	28
Jasper	26	Southport	24
Jasper	16	Central (Evansville)	27
Jasper	33	Martinsville	31
	SE	CTIONAL TOURNEY	
Jasper		Huntingburg	26
		Ireland	
	35	Stendal	













Top Row: Conolty, Pfister, Vonderschmitt, Jones, Sermersheim. Second Row: Kreilein, R. Pfeffer, Tucker, U. Pfeffer, Sturm. Third Row: Grewe, Pittman.

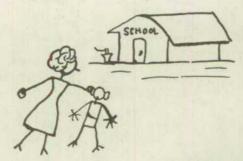
BASEBALL

As the "J" goes to the printer, the Wildcat baseball nine has just begun its season. The assignment faced by the 'Cats was a tough one, as the '38 team won the Pocket Athletic Association Championship.

Though several key players graduated, experienced players are available to fill the vacant positions. Veterans were Kreilein, U. Pfeffer, Sermersheim, Pittman, Pfister, Sturm, R. Pfeffer, and Tucker. Newcomers with a season of Junior Legion ball behind them were Vonderschmidt, E. Hoffman, Vollmer, Conolty, Grewe, and Jones. The schedule arranged for the 'Cats was probably the stiffest ever faced by a JHS Baseball team.

By May 9, the Wildcats, their schedule unfinished, had captured nine successive tilts. Their string of victories included eight shutouts, as the 'Cats outscored their opponents 76 to 1. This record supports the 'Cats' claim of being the outstanding high school baseball team in the state.

MARCH OF '38-'39



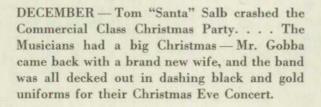
SEPTEMBER — Registration and the arrival of Mr. Johnson. All the little Katies and Willies got their ears washed — school begins. . . . Basketballers go to work on new plays. . . . "Pitch and his Swing Kings" present their first convocation program.

OCTOBER — World Series broadcast in classrooms — too bad they don't have them oftener. . . . Camera Club opens dark room in gym . . . no couples without chaperones allowed. . . . Teachers' Institute at Indianapolis — school dismissed at noon of Thursday. . . . Comet makes its first appearance.





NOVEMBER — Jean Huls crowned basketball queen, and the Cats are off to a good start! . . . Students take part in Armistice program at Memorial Park. . . . Tell City is third victim of the Wildcats. . . . And then came the Hunters!





MARCH OF '38-'39

JANUARY — The morning after the year before, and "Nig" P. came home with the milk man — one resolution blasted. . . . Turn over a new leaf — second semester begins the 20th. . . . Still no "Brown Jug" — oh, you mean old Hunters!





FEBRUARY — Where in the dickens is Odon? . . . "I smell smoke" — "I feel it!" yelled Perp Schnarr as he dashed from the room with a smoke screen puffing from his left hip-pocket. . . . Pfeffer and Williams (S'port) mixed boxing with basketball, and they both went out on the count. . . . We won our last game in the old gym — Martinsville's Artesians didn't click either.

MARCH — Huntingburg, here we come — hurray for our side! . . . Stendal won the sectional, but I guess that's basketball. . . . Jan K. Merder arrives via Stork Express.





APRIL — Student Council Hop — more fun . . . and then the Junior-Senior Reception — still more fun! . . . Baseball season opens.

 $\rm MAY-Senior$ boys are all adopting English accents for the class play, GUESS AGAIN . . . Senior thespians strut their stuff. . . . Everybody's cramming for the finals.





JUNE — Commencement and awards. . . . Then vacation.



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IN MEMORIAM

ROBERT JERGER

Freshman

Honor Student

Athlete

Band Member

who died March 3, 1939