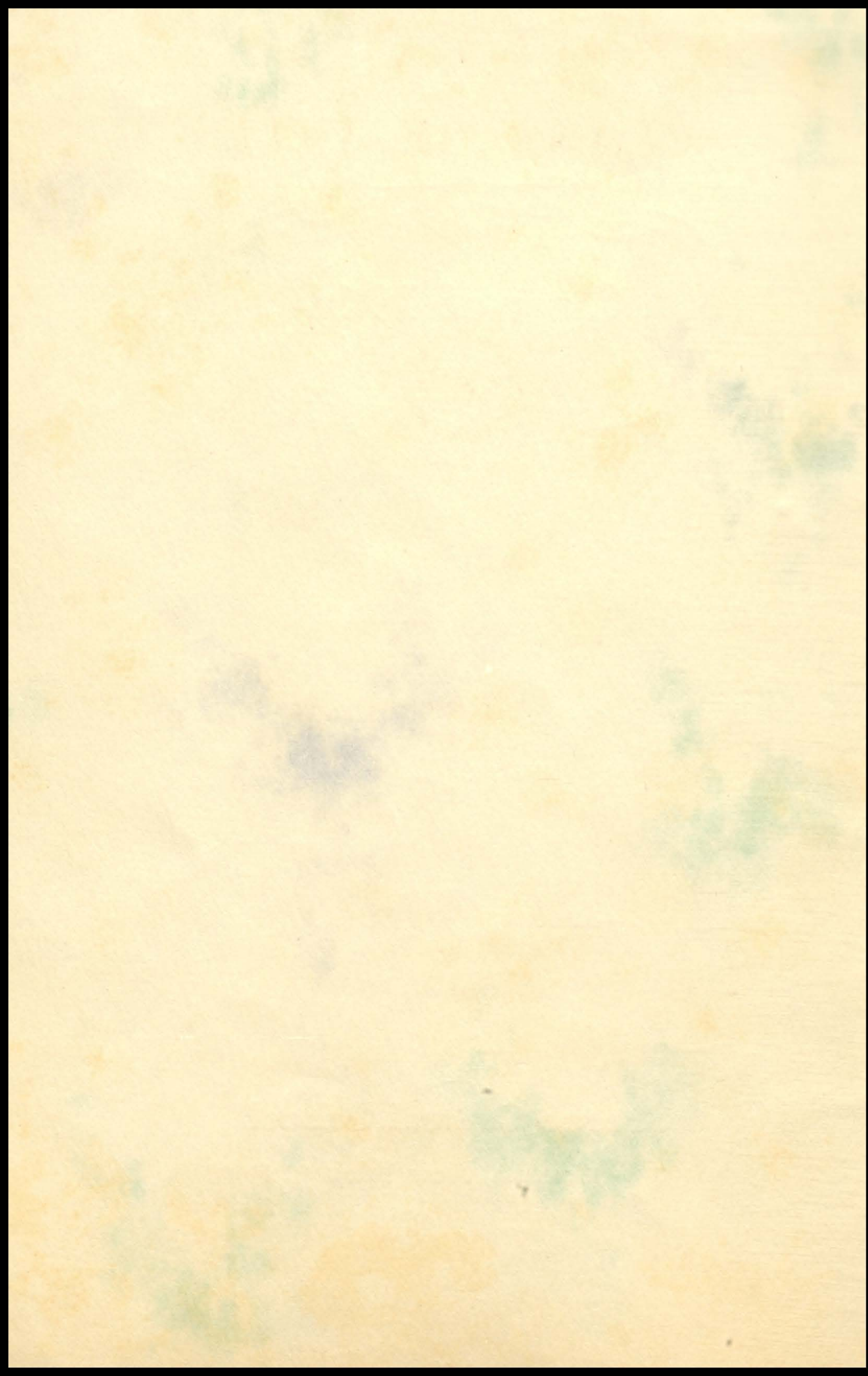


**Greene Central School**

**Greene, New York**



# CLASS OF 1944



## **Class Flower**

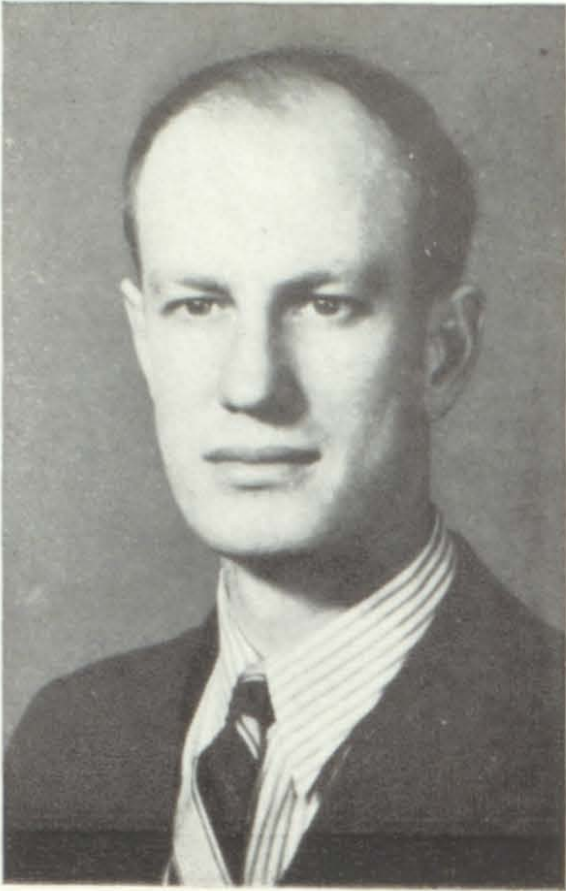
Rose

## **Class Colors**

Blue and White

## **Class Motto**

“Thus Endeth Our First Lesson”



## **Dedication**

We, the graduating Class of 1944 of Greene Central School, dedicate our classbook to Mr. DONALD ROBB in appreciation of the helpfulness and leadership he has shown us throughout our high school course.

## In Honor of Those in Service

So many boys have left us,  
Gone forth from Greene High School,  
To a fight that's hard and bitter,  
Where killing is the rule.

Dick Folsom and Fred Greene,  
Among the first to leave,  
Chose the Navy blue to wear  
Upon the seven seas.

The next to leave our happy group  
Were Friedman and Bill Carroll,  
Drawn to the thrill of the Air Corps,  
A service filled with peril.

Gar Carroll couldn't stay behind,  
The Air Corps was his job,  
So off he went. And now has gone  
Our dear friend, Calvin Cobb.

So in our hearts we honor them,  
We who were friends of theirs,  
With this book, a composite  
Of many happy years.

# Class Roll

Donald Excell	- - - -	President
Calvin Cobb, Jack Spring	-	Vice-Presidents
Barbara Conway	- - - -	Secretary
Ralph Gross	- - - -	Treasurer



**DONALD EXCELL** Agriculture

Nickname—"Red"  
 Favorite Saying—"Oh shaw"  
 After Graduation—Farm work  
 Activities—Baseball 1-2-3-4. Basketball 1-2-3-4. Football 1-2-3-4. Student Council 3-4. Footlights Society 3-4. Chorus 1-2-3-4. Athletic Association 3-4. F.F.A. 1-2-3-4.  
 Senior Class President

Hobby—Eating and sleeping



**CALVIN COBB** College Entrance

Nickname—"Cobby"  
 Favorite Saying—"Got your News Article in?"  
 After Graduation—Army  
 Activities—Chorus 1-2-3-4. Basketball 1-2-3-4. Football 2-3-4. Journalism 1-2-3, Editor 4. Footlights Society 3-4. Senior Class Vice-President. 4-H 1-2-3. Operetta 3. Sextet 3-4

Hobby—Sports



**JACK SPRING** College Entrance

Nickname—"Mike"  
 Favorite Saying—"Well, pretty darned near likely"  
 After Graduation—Premedical School or U. S. Navy  
 Activities—Student Council 3. Intramurals 1-2-3-4. Football 1-2-3-4. Basketball 1-2. Baseball 1-2-3-4. Track 1-2-4. Orchestra 1-2-3-4. Band 1-2-3-4. Im Cantos 2-3-4. Junior Class Treasurer, Senior Class Vice-President

Hobby—Sports



**BARBARA CONWAY** Commercial

Nickname—"Barb"  
 Favorite Saying—"Are you kidding?"  
 After Graduation—Work  
 Activities—Chorus 2-3. Intramurals 1-2-3. Commercial Club, Treasurer 3. Senior Class Secretary

Hobby—Sports



**RALPH GROSS** College Entrance

Nickname—"Big Foot"  
 Favorite Saying—"For corn sake"  
 After Graduation—Air Corps  
 Activities—Student Council 3. Chorus 1-2-3-4. Intramurals 1-2-3-4. Football 1-2-3-4. Basketball 1-2-3-4. Baseball 1-2-3-4. Track 3-4. Footlights Society 2-3, Treasurer 4. Operetta 3. Senior Class Treasurer

Hobby—Hunting

**VIOLA BOTTLE**

College Entrance

Nickname—"Violet"

Favorite Saying—"Oh go and jump in Lake Erie"

After Graduation—Cortland State Teachers College

Activities—Chorus 1-2-3-4. Orchestra 1-2-3-4. Intramurals 1-2-3-4. Library Club 3-4. Athletic Association 4. 4-H 1-2-3-4. 1-Treasurer, 3-Secretary, 4-Newspaper

Hobby—Swimming



**ROGER BREWER**

College Entrance

Nickname—"Flash"

Favorite Saying—"Well, I'll be darned"

After Graduation—Navy

Activities—Chorus 1-2-3-4. Band 1-2-3-4. Orchestra 1-2-3. Track 1-2-4. Baseball 2. Basketball 3. Football 3-4. Im Cantos 2-3-4. Athletic Association, Treas.-3-4. Boys Sextet 3-4. Operetta 3

Hobby—Hunting



**ISADORE DE GREGORIO**

Shop

Nickname—"Izzy"

Favorite Saying—"Never do today what you can do tomorrow"

After Graduation—Farm work or Air Corps

Activities—Basketball 1-4. Baseball 4. Intramurals 1-2-3-4. Chorus 1. F.F.A. 1-2-3. 4-H 1-2-3-4

Hobby—Girls



**EMMA JEAN ELLIOTT**

Home Economics

Nickname—"Blonde Bomber"

Favorite Saying—"It's the Navy for me"

After Graduation—Work

Activities—News, Typist 4. Homemaking Club 2, Newsreporter 1. Chorus 2-3

Hobby—Letter writing



**VIRGINIA ELLIOT**

Academic

Nickname—"Ginny"

Favorite Saying—"Oh, Gabby!"

After Graduation—Buffalo State University

Activities—News 1-2-3-4, Chorus 1-2-3-4. Footlights 3-4. Intramurals 1-2-3-4, Girls Quartet 4. 4-H 1-2, Leader 3-4. Art Club 1-2, Secretary 3-4. Student Council 4. Public Speaking 2-3-4. Trio 4

Hobby—Trying to find one



**JOHN ENNGAARD**

College Entrance

Nickname—"Johnny"

Favorite Saying—"Hey Babe, busy tonight?"

After Graduation—Syracuse University

Activities—Dramatics 1. Footlights Society 2-3-4. News 1-2, Sports Editor 3-4. Intramurals 1-2-3-4. Football 3-4. Basketball 2-3. Baseball 4. Aeronautics Club 3-4

Hobby—Hunting





PETER ENGLISH

College Entrance

Nickname—"Pete"

Favorite Saying—"Hi Doc"

After Graduation—Air Corps

Activities—News 1, Student Council 1-4, Football 3, Track 4, Chorus 1, Athletic Association 3-4

Hobby—Hunting



ESTHER EVANS

Academic

Nickname—"Jinx"

Favorite Saying—"But, Miss Race"

After Graduation—Stanford University

Activities—News 1-2, Art Editor 3-4, Chorus 1-2, Art Club 2, Treas. 3, Newsreporter 4, Footlights 4, Intramurals 1-2-3-4, 4-H 1-2-3-4

Hobby—Art



MARIAN FLANAGAN

Home Economics

Nickname—"Jerry"

Favorite Saying—"The Air Corps for me"

After Graduation—Work

Activities—Band 1-2-3-4, Orchestra 1-2-3-4, Intramurals 1-2-3

Hobby—Letter writing



MARY FORREST

College Entrance

Nickname—"Stupid"

Favorite Saying—"Oh Christmas"

After Graduation—College

Activities—Chorus 1-2-3-4, Footlights 2-3-4, Library Club 3, News 1-2-3, Assistant Editor 4, Student Council 2, Intramurals 2-3-4, Girls Quartet 4

Hobby—Bicycling



EDNA FOSTER

Business

Nickname—"Foss"

Favorite Saying—"Carn sarn it"

After Graduation—Work and Business School

Activities—Press Club 2

Hobby—Letter writing



ESTHER GARDNER

Commercial

Nickname—"Essex"

Favorite Saying—"Oh heck"

After Graduation—Office work

Activities—Commercial Club 3, News, Typist 3-4, Intramurals 2-3-4

Hobby—Letter writing



## CLARA HALL

College Prep

Nickname—"Kay"

Favorite Saying—"Man, oh Man"

After Graduation—Work

Activities—Footlights Society 4. Chorus 1-2-3. Public Speaking 3. News 2-3.

Hobby—Dancing



## CHARLOTTE HANNA

Academic

Nickname—"Chad"

Favorite Saying—"You'll be sorry"

After Graduation—Work

Activities—Chorus 1-2-3-4. News 3. 4-H 1. Pres. 2-3

Hobby—Fishing



## NORMAN HARRISON

Academic

Nickname—"Harmon"

Favorite Saying—"Ah . . . Now down in New Jersey . . ."

After Graduation—Navy

Hobby—Art



## DORIS HOLLENBECK

College Entrance

Nickname—"Do"

Favorite Saying—"Is that right?"

After Graduation—Geneseo State Teachers College

Activities—Library Club Sec'y 3, Vice-Pres. 4. News 1-2-3-4, Editor 1. Chorus 1-2. Intramurals 1-2-3-4. Student Council 3. Sophomore Class Secretary. Junior Class President, 4-H Secretary 1-2-3, Assistant Leader 4

Hobby—Being anywhere but home



## JOYCE HUNSICKER

Academic

Nickname—"Lambie"

Favorite Saying—"What's cooking"

After Graduation—Work

Activities—Band 1-2-3. Orchestra 2-3. News 2-3. 4-H Vice-Pres. 2. Chorus 1-2-3. Dramatics 1. Intramurals 1-2-3

Hobby—Letter writing



## FRANCIS KRIVICICH

Shop

Nickname—"Fritzie"

Favorite Saying—"Aw, forget it"

After Graduation—Navy

Activities—Intramurals 1-2-3-4. 4-H 1. Shop Club 1. Gymnastics 2-3-4

Hobby—Hunting





**HOWARD MARSH**

**Agriculture**

Nickname—"Marshy"

Favorite Saying—"What I like better than a little sleep is lots of sleep"

After Graduation—Farm work

Activities—Shop 1, Softball 1, Intramurals 1-2-3-4, Chorus 1, 4-H 1-2-3-4, F.F.A. 1-2-3-4

Hobby—Hunting



**MARIE MATTESON**

**Hospital Entrance**

Nickname—"Rea"

Favorite Saying—"For the luva Jim"

After Graduation—Work

Activities—Public Speaking 2-3-4, Chorus 1, Intramurals 1-2-3

Hobby—Horseback riding



**PAUL NILES**

**Agriculture**

Nickname—"Paul"

Favorite Saying—"Hiyah"

After Graduation—Farm work

Activities—F.F.A. 1-2, Newsreporter 3, Secretary 4, 4-H 1-2-3-4, Intramurals 1-2-3-4

Hobby—Studying



**VIRGINIA OLIN**

**Hospital Entrance**

Nickname—"Ginny"

Favorite Saying—"Naturally"

After Graduation—Work

Activities—Intramurals 1-2-3-4, Dramatics 1, Library Club 3

Hobby—Swimming



**MARIE OUELLETTE**

**Commercial**

Nickname—"Lettie"

Favorite Saying—"Know what I mean?"

After Graduation—Photography or office work

Activities—Footlights 2-3, Pres. 4, Public Speaking 2-3, Cheerleader 2-3-4, Student Council 2-3-4, News 1-2-3-4, Chorus 1-2-3, Intramurals 1-2-3-4

Hobby—Coming late



**BARBARA PERRY**

**Home Economics**

Nickname—"Babs"

Favorite Saying—"Hey Butch!"

After Graduation—Work

Activities—Homemaking Club 1-2, Chorus 1-2-3-4, Library Club 2-3, Operetta 3

Hobby—Reading

**WILLIAM RHODES**

College Entrance

Nickname—"Bill"

Favorite Saying—"Louise"

After Graduation—Navy

Activities—Chorus 1-2-3-4. Football 3-4. Basketball 1-2-3-4.

Baseball 2-3-4. Track 2-3-4. Footlights 2-3-4. Sextet 4.

Intramurals 1-2-3-4.

Hobby—Sports



**MARGARET ROBERTS**

Commercial

Nickname—"Maggie"

Favorite Saying—"For crying out loud"

After Graduation—School

Activities—Intramurals 4

Hobby—Commercial work



**MAXINE SALISBURY**

Business

Nickname—"Maxie"

Favorite Saying—"Give me the Marines"

After Graduation—Business School

Activities—Band 1-2-3-4. Orchestra 1-2-3-4. Art Club 4. In-

tramurals 1-2-3-4. Ass't 4-H Leader 3-4. Chorus 1

Hobby—Dancing



**MINNIE SEYMOUR**

Home Economics

Nickname—"Min"

Favorite Saying—"I'll help Mrs. Mac"

After Graduation—Work

Activities—Homemaking Club 1-2. Intramurals 1-2-3. Libra-

ry Club 3-4

Hobby—Reading



**WANDA SHERWOOD**

Hospital Entrance

Nickname—"Mike"

Favorite Saying—"Huh!"

After Graduation—Work

Activities—Chorus 1-2-4. Library Club 2-3-4. Student Council

4. Intramurals 1-2-3-4. News 1-2-3. Typist 4. Hiking

Club 1. Aeronautics 3. Homemaking Club 1-2. Dram-

atics 1.

Hobby—Dancing



**MARGARET SMALL**

Academic

Nickname—"Peggy"

Favorite Saying—"Goodnight"

After Graduation—Harriet Mills Training School

Activities—Chorus 1-2-3-4. Orchestra 1-2-3-4. Intramurals 1

-2-3-4. Art Club 4. Operetta 3

Hobby—Dancing





**IDA STANTON**

Home Economics

Nickname—"Shorty"

Favorite Saying—"Don't bother me"

After Graduation—Cornell University

Activities—Homemaking Club 1-2. Library Club 2; Treas. 3-4. Intramurals 1-2. Hiking Club 1.

Hobby—Hiking



**WINIFRED STONE**

Art

Nickname—"Winnie"

Favorite Saying—"I love the Marine Corps!"

After Graduation—Work

Activities—Art Club 1-2-3-4, Vice-Pres 2. News 4. Footlights 4. Student Council 4. Athletic Association 4. Chorus 1-3.

Hobby—Art



**DOROTHY TRAVIS**

Commercial

Nickname—"Dot"

Favorite Saying—"Oh"

After Graduation—Cornell University

Activities—Chorus 1-2-3. Photography 2. Knitting 2. Commercial 2. Shop 3. Shorthand 3. Intramurals 1-2-3. Safety 3.

Hobby—Stamp and picture collecting



**DOROTHY WEAVER**

College Entrance

Nickname—"Dot"

Favorite Saying—"Nuts"

After Graduation—Geneseo

Activities—Student Council 1. Chorus 1-2-3. Sec'y 4. Homemaking Club 1-2. Library Club 1-2. Vice-Pres. 3, Pres. 4. Intramurals 1. Operetta 3. Spring Festival 4. Hiking 1

Hobby—Reading



**STANLEY WHEELER**

College Entrance

Nickname—"Gabby"

Favorite Saying—"Ginny, are you coming?"

After Graduation—Army

Activities—Chorus 1-2-3-4. Baseball 2-3. Basketball 2-3-4. Track 3-4. Sextet 4. Intramurals 1-2-3-4.

Hobby—Basketball



**VIRGINIA YOUNG**

College Entrance

Nickname—"Ginny"

Favorite Saying—"Here, Pompey!"

After Graduation—Albany Teachers College

Activities—Footlights 3, Vice-Pres, 4. News 1-2-3, Ass't Editor & Editor 4. Cheerleader 3-4. Athletic Asso. Mgr. 4. Intramurals 1-2-3-4. Chorus 1-2-3-4. Operetta 3. Freshman Class Vice-President

Hobby—Airing the dog

## Class History

Dear Diary -

First I will tell you what I plan to do. I am going to tell you everything that happens during my school years, from first grade through high school. If at times I bore you, please stand by, for someone is bound to throw a shoe out of the window soon.

September 1932

My first day at school was a lot of fun. There are 22 in our class, 12 of these are boys and 10 are girls. I'm glad there are more boys than girls. It's more interesting. P.S. I think Ginny Elliot likes Harvey Decker.

Miss Ernest keeps a bar of soap on the shelf. I think it's to use if anyone says something bad.

December 23, 1932

Today we had our Christmas party at school. Miss Ernest gave each of us girls a cook book. We also had nice refreshments of Christmas cookies and ice cream.

June 28, 1933

Today was our last day of school for the year. We had a picnic on the ball flat. Then we went down to Lily Lake. You should have seen Billy Rhodes trying to swim. He thought he could anyway but he really couldn't.

October 1933

I'm sorry, diary, for neglecting you but second grade has kept me very busy. We have been learning to sit on the floor since some of us are still unable to master the art of sitting on four legs. It doesn't seem quite so much like punishment when half the class is there.

What I really wanted to tell you about is the play we are having. It is "Cinderella." Ginny Elliot is Cinderella and Patty Martin and Mary Forrest are the wicked sisters. P.S. They make good wicked sisters.

February 22, 1934

Our grade put on an assembly today. We presented a play about George Washington and the first flag. Harvey Decker was George Washington and Kathryn Gillette was Betsy Ross and Emerson and Ralph were General Washington's aids.

January 1935

Today we went for a sleigh ride. Mr. Cobb came with his sleigh and horses and took us for a long ride. We got stuck in a big drift though so had to come back home. Ralph Gross sat with Ginny Young all the way home, probably trying to keep her warm.

April 1935

They have finally finished the new grade building and we are going to move there tomorrow. There is even a lunch kitchen and it is right near our room.

November 1935

Fred Greene was in assembly today and spoke "O Fir Tree Green." Now we are going to call him Firtree Greene.

February 1936

I am going to take my lunch tomorrow so I can play in the cloak hall with the rest of the kids. Ginny Elliot, Gar Carroll, Bill Rhodes and Ginny Young told me about a new game they play. It's bank or post office or something like that.

February 1937

Our fifth grade won honor from the P.T.A. for having the best attendance. At last we have the goldfish away from the second grade. Our grade chorus is planning to put on the operetta "Hansel and Gretel." I think Mary Forrest is going to be the witch.

September 1937

We have a new teacher. Her name is Miss King and I think we will like her.

January 1938

Miss King has gone to Florida for a few weeks so our teacher is Mrs. Rounds. The ceiling of our room is all covered with spit balls. What will Miss King say when she sees that?

May 1938

We started out on a class picnic today to Bartlett's Cave but we never did get there.

June 1938

We have decided to have our grade graduation in the afternoon instead of evening—just to be different. Our class play is going to be "The Twelve Dancing Princesses."

September 1938

Our first day in junior high was a lot of fun, except that everyone calls us "seventh grade babies." We don't mind though, because now we can move around from class to class.

There are a lot of new kids in our grade. Most of them are from Brisben—except Letty. We just knew that Letty couldn't be from Brisben.

Christmas 1938

Roger gave Maxine Salisbury (one of the new girls from Brisben) a poinsettia. Dear Diary—guess what that means!

September 1939

We have a new homeroom teacher for eighth grade, Miss Fulmer. The other homeroom teacher is Miss Wrench.

April 1940

Our science class went on a hike today. We took our lunch up the creek and then looked for wild animals and birds. Some of the boys wanted to go swimming in the creek but the teacher wouldn't let them. P.S. I think some of them did after we girls left.

September 1940

At our first class meeting we elected officers. David Kilgus is president (he's the cute red headed one from Smithville that Ginny Young likes.) A lot of the other kids came from Smithville this year, too.

May 1941

Tomorrow our class is going to Binghamton on the usual sight seeing tour. Because of the war we cannot visit I.B.M. so we are going to Binghamton Press, Spaulding and Endicott Johnson.

June 1941

At our class meeting we started making plans for graduation. Our theme is going to be "Pan-America." At last I can have a long dress.

September 1941

Miss Knuppel is helping us plan a Hallowe'en Dime Dance—it should be pretty good.

May 1942

We had a May Day Dance last night and it was a big success. The gym was decorated with apple blossoms. We have made quite a bit of money on dime dances this year.

October 1942

A man came today to show us class rings. After a great deal of discussion over the style we finally decided to keep the old one.

June 1943

Tonight is our junior prom and we spent all afternoon dec-

orating for it. A lot of seniors came over and helped and it's a good thing since not many juniors showed up.

September 1943

At last we are seniors! This almost speaks for itself. At our first class meeting we elected Donald Excell, president; Calvin Cobb, vice-president; Barbara Conway, secretary; and Ralph Gross, treasurer. Several boys are missing from our class this year. They are; Stewart Smith, Dick Folsom and Bill and Gar Carroll plan to leave soon.

January 1944

We have just completed a big war stamp drive and our class was victorious, having bought the largest number of stamps. As a reward we had two activity periods off.

February 1944

Norman Harrison (that new yokel from New Jersey) seems to be a brain storm (or at least storm) in sciences.

April 1944

Calvin Cobb is leaving Monday for the Army and we had a big party in the gym for him. A collection was taken up and we bought him a nice service kit.

Mr. Bowman is going to take our class pictures tomorrow. Oh dear, what shall I wear?

Gotta hurry now so I can go to the three-act play. They say Bill Rhodes is a scream in it. But then, he wouldn't be Bill Rhodes if he weren't a scream!

May 1944

Announcement was made today that Ida Stanton has been chosen valedictorian and Dorothy Weaver salutatorian. They are also going to try the Scholarship Exam, along with several others.

June 1944

Dear Diary -

Now it is over. We have walked up the aisle in our long gowns and have received our diplomas. We chose the red rose as our class flower and the gym was very nicely decorated in red and white. So now I will close these pages. You can't say I have been unfaithful to you, and how I'll enjoy reading each page in the years to come.



## Class Will and Testament

**WE**, THE Class of 1944, in 41 individual parts, being of sound mind and bodies, and after considerable consultation and discussion, do make and publish this last will and testament.

We give and bequeath to the faculty, our cleverness which has made their pathway easy in teaching us. We hope they can pass it on to the ninth grade.

We give and bequeath to the junior class, 41 distinct rays of light that each member may have one to guide him as he walks in our steps.

We also bequeath the following to individuals:

- to George Decker, Viola Bottle leaves her skill in Latin classes.

- to Peggy Elliot, Ralph Gross leaves a bit of his size.

- our six engaged girls leave a few hints to Daltsey Warfield. May they bring her as good luck.

- John Enggaard leaves a bit of his coy wolfishness to Stanley Clinton, of course, you realize that he simply couldn't part with it all.

- Pvt. Cal Cobb leaves some of his military training to all boys who plan to enter service and more to the ones who don't.

- Minnie Seymour leaves to Juanita Evans a portion of her reserved character. What do you suppose she will do with it?

- Clara Hall leaves her flippancy to Bev Parker so Bev's face won't get quite so red.

- Norman Harrison leaves his self-confidence to Horsey Thomas—not that he needs any.

- Ida Stanton leaves her scholastic record to Billy Gray—then Bill won't have to come to school at all.

- Charlotte Hanna leaves her correspondence file to Ella Bixby. Chad'll get a new one next year, anyway.

- Ginny Young leaves her three Latin books to any dog owner who hasn't as yet selected a name for his pet.

- Mary Forrest leaves her "serious" nature to Elizabeth Krivicich. We have no doubt she'll find use for it somewhere.

- Marie Ouellette leaves her skill in eluding the "wolf" to June Shaw. She might need its use someday.

- the class leaves a box of pencils to David Brawn—all engraved, too.

- Emma Jean Elliott leaves her blond curls to Mr. Robb—(period).

- Maxine and Winnie leave their "way" with the Marines to anyone interested. They seem to be doing OK.

- Dorothy Weaver leaves her ability to get things done to Mrs. Happich's Latin classes—slackers of the future.

- we were unable to get Jack Spring to part with his route toward Binghamton to anyone.

- Barb Conway and Cal pass on the private telephone line left to them last year to Don and Pat. They found it very helpful.

- Wanda Sherwood leaves her asset in carrying out what she starts, to Juanita Evans. The trouble is Nita seldom starts.

- to Mr. Bailey, Gabby Wheeler leaves a bottle of Vitalis—need you ask why?

We hereby appoint Mr. Keeler, sole executor of this last will and testament. In witness thereof, we, the senior class of 1944, the testators, have set our last seal this 16th day of June 1944.



## Class Prophecy

**I**N Grandmother's day it was the fashion to make quilts, and since we are going back into the past today, I too, wish to give you something of a day gone by. Mary and Doris, please help me with the quilt. (They hold the quilt until she finishes her speech and begins the prophecy. They may sit and hold it over their knees then.) Look at this quilt. Notice the bright colors in it. (Points.) The blues, the pinks, the reds, the greens—they are all there. There are flowers in some of the pieces; there are stripes and checks and conventional designs. And all the little intricate pieces put together make a finished product. But when this quilt is put into use, it will show the marks of time. Its beauty as a whole will not remain so. Some of the pieces, woven in more sturdy material will keep their original color and design, yet others will fade and wear out; some of the flowers will always be lovely and bright, but others will disappear. The quilt can be patched and mended, and even dipped into dye to brighten it up again. If the quilt were stored away in some dark chest with moth balls, it might hold its color and form, but it would become a musty stale old thing.

I use this quilt as a symbolism. Let us compare it with the personnel of the senior class.

Here we are. The class of 1944. Behold us! This class is a beautiful thing. There has never been one exactly like it before. It is a finished product as far as the teachers are concerned. We get our diplomas in June. Notice how young we are and new to the world. How bright and colorful are our hopes. We are together here like the pieces of this quilt. Tomorrow we will set out and marks of time will change us. The beauty of our class as a whole will not remain so. Some of the class made of more sturdy material will make a place in the world and weather all hardships in life; some will live flowery lives until the end; but others will live gray and drab lives, and a few will give away entirely to the tear of life. A few will patch up their lives and start anew. Some of the class may sit at home, sheltered from the world, inactive, taking care of their precious selves. But if they do they will be musty old things, hiding their talents.

Johnny, please hand me my sewing basket. (John hands her basket.) I have been associating with my classmates for some

time, and I have picked up little pieces of information about them. I have heard little scraps of conversation, and gathered little bits of personality until I think I really know what the future is for this class. I have here a piece for each member. (She removes a piece of cloth from the brsket on which is pinned a prophecy and reads it. There is a scrap of different color design for each senior.)

This first piece of bright yellow reminds me of Barbara Conway. She's the winner of the D. A. R. award, and is one of the main "Sparkplugs" of our class. She'll be a promising secretary if the Army doesn't get her first!!

And of course, Viola Bottle sent me this cloth with the tiny children in it. Guess she was too bashful to give it to me in person—I ask you! Do I look as bad as all that?? (silence) Well (ahem) to get on with Viola. It rather looks as if she might be a kindergarten teacher—or could it possibly mean the patter of little feet!!

This lavender piece—oh yes! Of course, it's Virginia Young. Ginny **says** she's going to be a Latin teacher but liking an old maids' color like that, she'd better be careful of that fireplace, purring cat, and the inevitable knitting—or does Emer like lavender?

Yipe! What's this? It **feels** like cloth, but that's as far as it resembles anything I've seen in a long time. All those lines, circles, and shapes are supposed to be pretty, I guess. I'm afraid I just don't appreciate art. Now I remember. Esther Evans dropped this scrap into my basket, and at the same time dropped some hints around about becoming an artist. If that's her conception of art, I'm warning her right now that she had better start hunting another profession.

Winifred Stone tucked this little scrap of pretty material in my sewing basket. It probably means that Win will become a successful fashion designer. Of course, she'll be spending most of her time with that Marine.

These little dabs of gray will add a lot to my quilt, don't you think? How pleasant they'll look after seeing glaring reds and greens. Clara Hall and Wanda Sherwood gave me these scraps, and the first thing that I thought of was the innocent dove of peace, which may be just what they'll need when they get married!! Ah! sweet romance—and me an old maid!!

I don't know how this feedbag material will look but Stanley Wheeler gave it to me with the compliments of Barton's Feed Store. Could this possibly signify a career there as manager? Anyway, it's a cinch "Gab" will be playing right-forward on the

Brisben Town Team.

Barbara Perry and Minnie Seymour looked at me shyly the other day and, blushing deep red, gave me these two scraps of white flannel. Now whether this means they'll be making layettes for the Red Cross through the years, or getting ready for early winters, I'm sure I can't tell you. Must be something pretty thrilling!!

I hope nobody has come in late or they'll think we're running a bank-night up here. I assure you; I'm merely pulling pieces out of my sewing basket, and it's perfectly legitimate. To illustrate my point, I have here several pieces of heavy blue percale. This could mean the Navy, but in this case I think it is symbolic of a secretary's neat dress, and here I have four squares which represent Esther Gardner, Margaret Roberts, Marie Ouellette, and Maxine Salisbury. "Lettie" is still working down at Bowman's but she spends most of her time in the dark room. Funny thing, but Johnny swears his scientific genius seems to flourish in the dark. Good alibi anyway, Enggaard.

And Marian Flanagan, with great dignity, and a click of her heels, handed this scrap of black to me. Maybe she's planning on upholding the family tradition by being Mayor of Smithville. You know—Smithville, where the Bottles and Flanagans hail from.

Here's some white. You're probably wondering about this and so was I. So I sent my problem in to "the Mr. Anthony" and now I can tell my little story. He tells me it is the gown of a Doctor, and who else could that be but our own Jack Spring—well, maybe not **our** own, but **her** own anyway. Jack will probably take over Binghamton City Hospital as resident surgeon. He always did like to "cut-up." Corn!!—as Cal would say, "Right off the old Cobb." And speaking of Cal—now where did I put that piece of khaki? Oh, here it is! Calvin, who left our Senior class to serve his country, will become successful in aviation. This might be due to the fact that he had so much practice "flying" around Greene in his own P-40.

Everytime I see a piece of flowery material it reminds me of Roger Brewer who will carry on in his father's florist shop. 'Member back in the grades when Rog always gave his gal flowers? P.S. He's still doing it!!

I suppose this piece of brown material is symbolic of the soil. I immediately think of Donald Excell, Paul Niles, Francis Krivich and Isadore De Gregorio. We salute the Future Farmers of America. And by the way Pepper II is a member of the Excell clan now and is old enough to go after the cows.

Now this curtain material is going to look "ducky" in my quilt, I'm sure, but I suppose it might be considered the sign of a homemaker. Anyway, Emma Jean Elliott, Dorothy Travis, Margaret Small, and Edna Foster have it in mind to become someone's "little woman"—good luck, gals! There's a man shortage, you know!

I thought there must be at least one thrifty student in our midst, and here I hold before you a piece of scotch plaid donated to the cause by Marie Matteson. She'll need to be thrifty in her married life. 'Member how she always liked that song, "Jim"?

This piece of white downy material was thrown at me by one William Rhodes. Don't tell me Bill's going to run a turkey farm in collaboration with his father!!

What's this? A spy!! This is supposed to be pieces of material, but here I have a small scrap of leather dropped in my basket by Ralph Gross (long drop, wasn't it?) It seems that Jr. is going to be a model—of outsize shoes. Well equipped, isn't he?

This blank piece of cloth could belong to none other than the illustrious Mary Forrest. Of course this doesn't mean that her mind is a blank—oh no! nothing like that!! It probably just means that Mary *still* doesn't know what she's doing—or where she's going!!!

And now we come to the geniuses of the class; namely John Enggaard and Norman Harrison. These pieces of red do not signify the career of a bullfighter, but rather a brilliant career ahead for Mr. Simpson's "pets." They certainly livened up our classes. Especially John, "tu shay" the least.

Doris Hollenbeck and Dorothy Weaver called me up the other night and said they'd have to send me their material as they were on their way! Where? Don't ask me!! But if you did ask me, I'd say that anyone who got their homework in on time as much as those two could at least take the trouble to give me a couple scraps of material. After all, this is the first quilt I've ever made, and I want it to be a huge success!!

This plain piece of white material was pressed into my hand just a few minutes ago by Virginia Olin who has made up her mind to become a nurse! Don't tell me we have a hidden romance here between Ginny and Jack!! Or is her interest purely professional?!

I hate to get monotonous but I have another piece of white material, only this one has a small speck of—of chocolate of all things!! There is no question but what this belongs to Peter English, who's still jerking sodas down at the I.C.P. Pete's half owner now and he's changed the name to A. and P.—you can

guess what those initials stand for, can't you? Charming couple, aren't they?

Howard Marsh gave me this pillow-case—yes, the whole thing. Remembering some of our history classes, I didn't have to ask for an explanation. I think Howard is looking ahead to the time when he will sleep on a soft mattress in a store-window demonstration.

I always liked red and blue together, didn't you? I thought it was very nice that Charlotte Hanna and Joyce Hunsicker gave me these pieces. This probably means that, although they may have their small quarrels, they'll remain steadfast friends throughout the years.

Ida Stanton handed me this scrap of book-binding material. She may start out as a Home Ec. teacher but this probably means that she'll end up by writing a book on Etiquette to be dedicated to the students of G. C. S.—our teachers probably think this is a brilliant idea, which should have been done a great deal sooner.

That's funny! Here I've been running my head off to make sure that everyone gave me a scrap of material for my quilt—and guess what!! I forgot to get one for me. I hope that doesn't mean that I haven't any future. I have my hopes of becoming an Art teacher. Stranger things have happened, you know.

(Concluding.) I shall take these little scraps and piece them into a quilt. I shall use the quilt all the time. And I'll watch and see what the years do to the pieces that make up my special pattern. Classmates, may each little scrap in this senior's quilt, symbolizing your futures, maintain its bright hue and original design and last for an eon or two! (Sits.)



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