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A large, stylized letter 'J' is the central graphic. At the top of the vertical stroke of the 'J', a small car with two people inside is driving. On the left side of the curve of the 'J', a student is sitting and reading a book. At the bottom of the curve, two students are standing and talking. The word 'THE' is to the left of the 'J' and 'BOOK' is to the right.

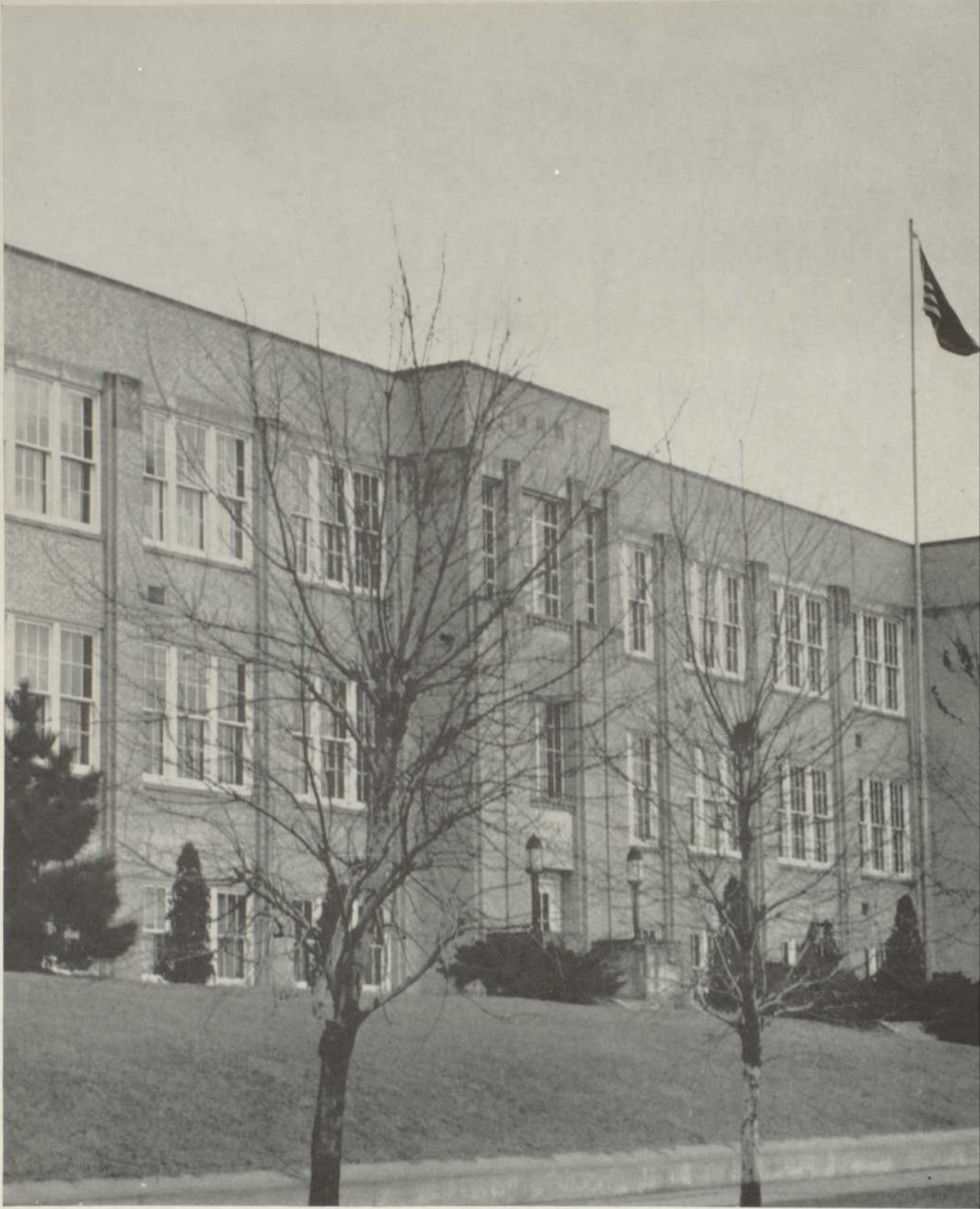
# THE BOOK

OF THE STUDENTS OF JASPER  
HIGH SCHOOL...JASPER, IND.  
TELLING THE STORY OF AN  
EXCITING YEAR....1943-44

## FOREWORD

The two-fold purpose of this book is to keep fresh in our memories the pleasant thoughts of true fellowship with our High School friends and faculty, and to cause others to appreciate more fully the aims and ideals of the school we love.







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**EDMUND DENNING**  
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# T H E F A C U L T Y

As we, the members of the class of 1944 leave the classrooms of Jasper High School to journey into the world, we shall never forget our teachers who so patiently helped us in all we strived to do.

We realize how unappreciative we have been at times; however, their helpfulness in all our undertakings and problems prove to us now just how they understood us.

We hope that in years to come Jasper High School and its faculty will be as proud to claim us as their graduates, as we know we will be in claiming her as our Alma Mater.

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# THE *Classes*

# S E N I O R S



**JEROME ALLES:**

"Chic" is either in trouble or trying to get out of it, but he's still a good classmate. We are justly proud of his fine work on the great '44 Wildcat team. He helped put out the "J" by landing the most difficult ads.



**DONALD BARTLEY:**

"Digger" may be small, but he's the mightiest of them all when it comes to bowling — strike! strike! Those wisecracks of his add humor to any group.



**DOROTHY ANN BECHER:**

Although this is "Dottie's" first year at Jasper High, she has wormed her way into the hearts of everyone. She hails from Dale High School, and we're happy to say "their loss was our gain."



**CLAUDE BEITER, JR.:**

"Junie" was the co-captain of our basketball team. He's not only a star athlete but is also our "Frank Sinatra." Small, handsome, and dramatic, he has had leading parts in all operettas and also in our class play.



**THOMAS BERGER:**

"Rags's" favorite pastime is playing cards. (He's not at all bad at it either.) His folly is always getting into trouble, but when he is accused of a wrongdoing, he can always play innocent. He's the sports editor of the "J."



# SENIORS

## MARY HELEN BEYKE:

"Beak" has the gift of gab. You can count on her to play dumb when something is amiss. Her jolly personality has won for her many friends.



## BETTY BOCKELMAN:

Betty, our salutatorian, is the go-getter of our class. She has helped lead our class from way back when — . She also assisted in bringing forth this "J." Kind, faithful, true — that's Betty.



## CHARLES BOHNERT:

"Bottles" is another of our fun-makers. He adds life to every class. "Bottles" is one of the best on the Senior bowling team. Although not on the "J" staff, he helped solicit ads and subscriptions, for which we're grateful.



## DORIS BREIDENBAUGH:

Doris, our valedictorian, is a genius in her studies. Sweet, timid, and dainty, she was exchange editor of the **Comet** and did a fine job. Every class should have more pupils like Doris.



## CLARISSA DIENDERFER:

"Criss" is a "whizz" at typing and is also very good in shorthand. If anyone needs assistance in anything, she is always ready and willing.



# S E N I O R S



**DORIS DUDINE:**

If there is a consistent humming and singing in class (or anywhere for that matter), you may be sure it's "Duds." Kind and jovial, you can always depend on her to add humor to any class.



**FRANCES FLECK:**

"Fannie" is noted for the many and varied flowers she wears in her hair. Friendly and unselfish, she has a smile for everyone.



**BERNADETTE FRITCH:**

"Bunny" is our athlete, the captain of the G.A.A. Basketball Team — a "tomboy" in all respects. All her pastime was spent fixing pictures. She had the classiest car of us all (remember her convertible) — Barbara was her constant companion.



**BETTIE LOU FRITCH:**

"Choc" is cute and dramatic. (Remember her as Clover, the colored maid in "Getting Pinned"?) Prominent in social affairs, she has served in the Basketball Queen's court for two years. She served on the annual circulation staff.



**EARL FRITCH:**

Earl is the "brains" of our class. He has helped lead our class and is one of the assistant editors of the **Comet**. Tall, light, and handsome, he's the answer to any maiden's prayer.

# SENIORS

## DOROTHY GUTSELL:

"Guk" is really "full of pep." She's here, there, and everywhere, adding gaiety and life wherever she goes. She gave a creditable performance of Dinah Sterling, the brat, in "Getting Pinned," and was also in the class play. Soliciting subscriptions for the "J" was one of her jobs. "Dots" is a **must** in any class.



## LOIS JEAN HALLER:

Lois is quiet and unassuming but can be depended upon to perform any task that is assigned to her. She can be identified by her nonchalance in any crowd.



## MARY JEAN HASENOUR:

"Jean" is a wonder at the typewriter. Kind, sweet, and friendly, she is an active member of the Defense Council. If someone were to be given the title "The Perfect Secretary," it would surely be "Jean."



## JAMES HOFFMAN:

"Jimmy" is staff photographer for both the **Comet** and the "J." Because of his enthusiasm, stick-to-it-iveness, and ability to get things done in a hurry, we elected him as one of our class representatives on the Student Council.



## WAVA HULS:

Calm, quiet, with an unruffled personality, "Wava" has a way about her which one can't help but like. She's always ready to meet an emergency like the shortage of ink in bookkeeping class, as her classmates in the sixth period class will bear witness.





# S E N I O R S



**SYLVESTER HURST:**

"Si" gives one the impression of being reckless and daring, but as the old saying goes, "his heart is as good as gold." He was ready to lend a hand whenever help was needed. He served as circulation manager of the *Comet*, but is now serving Uncle Sam in the Navy blues.



**ROBERT KLU EH:**

"Bobbie" is definitely not the quiet type. He has an air about him that makes him necessary at any class party, school dance, Where's, or anywhere else. He can be classed as the "idol of any girl's heart." He was a capable business manager of the *Comet*.



**CATHERINE KLUESNER:**

"Kitty" is gay and lovable. She is the living proof of the saying "all good things come in small packages," for she is one of the midgets of our class.



**BONNIE JEAN KRESS:**

"Bonnie" has a sparkling personality. With her pleasant and neat appearance, she is a good companion to anyone.



**GEMMA MAE KUNKEL:**

Gemma is serious but full of fun. She was Mrs. Sterling in "Getting Pinned" and was ideal for the part. Her good will and hospitality have won her many friends in her high-school days.

# SENIORS

## EDWARD KUNKLER:

"Ed," the St. Anthony playboy, was always around when help was needed to prepare for some class or club activity. He was also a member of the **Comet** staff. Shy and bashful, he was a friend to all.



## FRANCES KUNKLER:

"Franny" has dark eyes and a winning smile, which make her everybody's friend. Even though she is from Huntingburg, she says she prefers Jasper any day.



## ROSEMARY LAMPERT:

"Rosie," because of her beauty, was chosen our Basketball Queen this year. She also served as the other assistant editor of the **Comet**. She's friendly and ambitious. Therefore we know she will succeed in her chosen field, The U.S. Cadet Nurses' Corps.



## PATRICIA LUEGERS:

If you see someone with the cutest hair-do's and dressed to a "T" going down the hall jabbering, you will know it's "Pat." Kind, sweet, considerate, she is liked by everyone. Her whispered wisecracks in class are always a cause of laughter to those around her, but are a menace to the teacher who doesn't know what it is all about.



## SARAH JANE LUKEMEYER:

"Luke" has that certain something that draws you to her. She has served as Drum Major ever since she entered high school. She has also been an attendant to the Queen several years. She's one feature editor of the **Comet**, and was also in the class play. Gay, lively, sophisticated, with personality-plus, that's "Luke."



# S E N I O R S



## RUTH MATTHEWS:

Ruth is one of the "brain" girls of the school. She came to us from St. Mary-of-the-Woods last year, but immediately took hold and became one of us. She's the other assistant editor of this "J." Pretty, talented, and charming, Ruth exemplifies our idea of what an ideal high school girl should be.



## EDWIN MEHNE:

"Little but mighty," that's Ed. Dynamic in movement, he can be counted upon to have the right answers to everything. (Remember him as Hayward Dorrance in "Getting Pinned"? Wasn't he just super?)



## COZETTE MEYER:

Soft-spoken, energetic worker, and without worries, is gentle-mannered "Cozie." Neat and attractive in appearance, she can readily be picked out in a crowd.



## MELBA MILLER:

"Mop" is editor of the **Comet**, and is also our class president. Possessing the qualities of courtesy, leadership, and citizenship, she was awarded the D.A.R. good citizenship award. Need we say more?



## JACK NEWTON:

Co-captain Newton was a headline-getter in basketball. Calm, cool, and unconcerned in appearance, he can add a touch of humor to an otherwise dull class by some innocent remark which has an altogether different meaning to his classmates. Jack and Klueh attended to the business matters of the **Comet**. He is also a member of the circulation staff of the annual.



# SENIORS

## MILDRED NICHOLSON:

Kind, obliging, considerate, and sedate, all add up to "Nicky's" winning personality. She also has a "nose" for news as evidenced by this year's **Comet**.



## BETTIE PFAU:

When it comes to shorthand, "Pike" is super. She takes life easy and worries are unknown to her. Happy-go-lucky, she is always making faces, with a pencil, of course. Tiny and terrific is Bettie.



## IVO PFEFFER:

"Ivo" is another Senior who must vacate the ranks of the Wildcats because of graduation. He did a fine job of recording sports for the **Comet**. He has a policy of getting to school and classes just as the last buzzer sounds, or maybe a second later. Sometimes he's serious and sometimes gay, but always jovial.



## DENNIS PFISTER:

Slow, easy-going in manner, is "Doc." He has a deep, drawling voice that makes you want to listen to him. His one fault (as we discovered while discussing current events in gov't class) is failing to read the papers or listen to news on the radio. His congeniality and downright wholesomeness will long be remembered by his teachers and classmates.



## ROBERT RECKELHOFF:

Friendly, pleasant, with a genial smile, "Rick" is one of those guys who take things as they come. He was the first of our classmates to enter the Service, choosing the Army Air Corps. Keep 'em flying, "Rick." We're proud of you.



# S E N I O R S



**MARY JANE SALB:**

Gay, vivacious, bubbling — these adjectives are synonymous to "Slab." She can act, too, as you may remember her in Drama Club productions and in the class play. "Janie" is the only true blonde of our class and was the other feature editor of the **Comet**.



**EDNA SCHAAF:**

Studious in class, but fun-loving and cheerful outside, Edna is one of the few people who really takes life seriously. Her integrity, good sportsmanship, and goodness, make her first in the hearts of all her friends.



**BARBARA JEAN SCHERLE:**

Tall, dark, and charming is "Barb." She's kind and considerate, and willing to help everyone. Her genuine undertakings led our class through their four years of work. We were proud to name her editor of our "J."



**JAMES SCHUTZ:**

"Skinny" is an "all-around" guy. He believes that there should be no end to good times. He regards assignments as unnecessary evils and treats them as such.



**ARCHIBALD SCHWINGHAMMER:**

"Arch" served as president of our class last year, and as president of the Student Council this year and did a marvelous job of planning and conducting those Friday convocation period programs. He has an agreeable, loud-spoken personality that commands cooperation. He has the ability literally to make his trumpet talk.

# SENIORS

## MARY FLORENCE SENG:

Dependable, consistent, helpful, describe Mary Florence. Her casual manner is illustrative of the optimism that is so characteristic of her every action. She worked with Doris Breidenbaugh as exchange editor of the Comet.



## ARNOLD STEFFE:

"Arnie" pretends to be a cynical, world-weary individual, but is really kind and noble. He deserves a lot of credit for his work of collecting subscriptions for this annual.



## DOROTHY STEFFEN:

"Dots" is a pleasant, demure young lady with a smile that tends to go into laughter at the slightest provocation. No matter where she is, the atmosphere seems brighter because of her sunny disposition.



## JAMES STRIEGEL:

"Striegel" is our class problem child. He manages an amusing answer to any question asked or remark made during class. His curls and dazzling smile make you set aside a place in your heart for him.



## ROBERT TUCKER:

Quiet and dignified in appearance, you would never guess Bob is full of fun and practical jokes until you really get to know him. He is a sports enthusiast, to say nothing of his being a very capable business manager of the "J."





# S E N I O R S



**ANNA ROSE WENDLING:**

"Annie" has lustrous black hair and dark eyes that speak volumes. Anxiety and fear are emotions foreign to her as her come-what-may attitude identifies her.



**BETTY ZEHR:**

Quiet, sedate, and refined is Betty. Her cute figure and pleasing disposition make us glad that she is one of us.



Freshmen . . . green as they come . . . Sophomores . . . thought we knew it all . . . Received our class pins and did we strut . . . Juniors . . . found out we didn't know as much as we thought . . . Got our class sweaters . . .

Seniors . . . Found out how much we really didn't know . . . got our class rings . . . Class Play . . . Junior-Senior Prom . . . Commencement . . . 4 wonderful years.













## JUNIORS

Upon entering Jasper High School 1943-44 there were eighty students who composed the secondary division of the upper classmen. At election time they selected James Renneisen to lead the class through its Junior year. Charles Haller, Eldon Colton, and Leroy Reker made up the rest of the executive body. Miss Heine and Mr. Brollier were the sponsors.

Following the custom of other Junior classes, they ordered sweaters. The blue and white garments added to the scenery of J.H.S.

We believe that the Juniors have added much to the color of days in J.H.S.

Beck, Raymond; Beckman, Dorothy; Beckmann, Gloria; Berger, James; Berger, Marjorie; Birk, Raymond; Bockelman, Helen; Boehm, Erwin; Bohnert, Thomas; Booth, Mary; Braun, Lavada; Buecher, Phil; Buechler, Earl; Campton, Dolores; Colton, Eldon; Dischinger, Urban; Eckert, Earl; Eckstein, Richard; Eckstein, William; Egloff, Jackie; Elliott, Alva; Eversman, Flora; Fierst, Peggy; Fisher, Audrey; Gasman, Mary Jane; Gramelspacher, John; Gutsell, Robert; Gutsell, Sylvester; Haas, Rose Lee; Haller, Charles; Hemmerlein, Carl; Hoffman, Dorothy; Hoffman, Thomas; Huls, Larry; Jerger, Lelia; Johnson, Jesse; Kiefer, William; Knies, Victor; Kreilein, Wilfred; Krempp, Stanley; Kunkel, Gerald; Kunkler, Urban; Lampert, Doris; Loepker, George; Loveall, Benny; Lukemeyer, Virginia; Mehne, Betty; Mehringer, Dennis; Mehringer, Dorothy; Merkel, Joseph; Merkley, James; Neukam, Kenneth; Newman, Leonard; Peak, Betty; Reese, Mary Helen; Reker, Leroy; Renneisen, James; Rohlman, Agnes; Royer, Blanche; Rudolph, Thomas; Rumbach, Margaret; Sakel, Robert; Schaaf, Patricia; Schitter, Imelda; Schlachter, Elaine; Schnarr, Dorothy; Schneider, James; Schuch, Charles; Seifert, Helen Rose; Sermersheim, Thomas; Siebert, Robert; Stenftenagel, Betty; Stenftenagel, James; Stratman, Mary Louise; Stuehrk, Carl; Vonderschmidt, Mary Rita; Weigel, Robert; Welp, Kathleen; Wuchner, Vera; Wuchner, William.



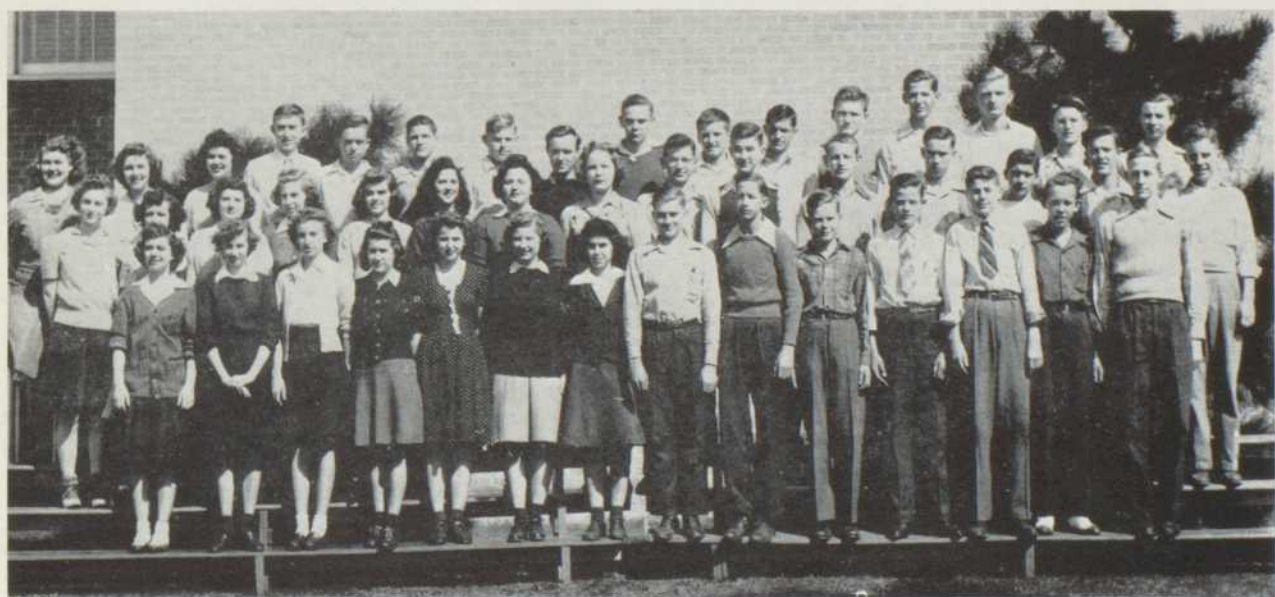




## SOPHOMORES

Upperclassmen and Freshies sometimes labor under the assumption that Sophomores aren't important, but we think differently. Sophomore celebrities in J.H.S. are many, and Sophomore influence has made itself felt in every field, curricular and extra-curricular. The honor roll and registration of clubs, the music and athletic pages prove our point. Miss Wilhelmus, Mr. Hunefeld, and Mrs. Walters were class sponsors and the class elected Thomas Habig, president; Ann Kuebler, vice-president; Agnes Dudine, secretary; and treasurer, Delbert Kieffner.

Alles, Edward; Baker, Doris; Barnhart, William; Barth, Elaine; Beck, Rita Mae; Berg, Ruth; Beyke, Dennis; Bohnert, Doris; Bredhold, Clarence; Breidenbaugh, Richard; Brosmer, Mary Catherine; Brosmer, Ralph; Buckler, Mary Jane; Buehler, Betty; Buehler, Jane; Burger, Bernard; Burke, Max; Byrd, Ruth; Dittmer, Jack; Dosch, Bettie; Dudine, Agnes; Durcholz, LaVerne; Eckler, Richard; Fehribach, John; Fierst, John; Fleck, Anna; Fritz, James; Giesler, Viola; Gramelspacher, Connie; Gramelspacher, Kenneth; Gramelspacher, Rosemarie; Haase, Eugene; Habig, Thomas; Hedinger, Dorothy; Hedinger, Mae; Heichelbech, Louise; Heldman, Agnes; Hochgesang, Patricia; Hoffman, Dorothy; Hoffman, Mary Lou; Hoffman, Maurice; Holder, Jacqueline; Huls, Phyllis; Hurst, Mary Ann; Jochim, Thomas; Jones, Norbert; Kieffner, Charles; Kieffner, Delbert; Kleiser, Leroy; Knabel, Robert; Knies, Oscar; Korff, Louis; Kraft, Ida; Kreilein, Betty; Kress, Edna; Krodell, Dallas; Krodell, William; Kuebler, Ann; Kuebler, Joan; Kunkel, Geraldine; Kunkel, Gloria; Kunkel, Joan; Kunkler, Dennis; Lampert, Paul; Lechner, Luella; Matthews, Wilma; McGregor, Jacqueline; Menner, Charles; Merder, Charlene; Merkley, Joan; Meyer, Harold; Meyer, Wanda; Miller, Elfrieda; Moeller, Rita; Mustin, Barbara; Nalin, William; Obermeier, Albert; Obermeier, Marcella; Pfister, Leon; Reising, Inez; Ruckriegel, Hilbert; Rudolph, Mary; Salb, John; Schenetzke, Mary Lou; Schipp, Elmer; Schlachter, Edgar; Schmidt, Charles H.; Schmitt, Ambrose; Schneider, Eugene; Schott, Eugene; Schroeder, Roman; Schuble, Betty; Schwenk, Rose Marie; Schwinghammer, Robert; Sermersheim, LaVerne; Sermersheim, Luella; Sermersheim, Theresa; Spillmeier, Betty; Steffe, Rosa Lee; Steffen, Robert; Sturm, F. X.; Sturm, Pat; Toole, James; Voegerl, Frances; Vollmer, Thomas; Vonderheide, Beatrice; Vonderschmidt, Imelda; Witcher, Cyrilla; Woolsey, Harmon; Yaggi, Kenneth; Summers, Charles.







# FRESHMEN

One hundred three somewhat giddy looking lads and lasses — yes, green, too — sobered and settled into a fine looking Freshman class.

In order to pin the responsibility of class activities on those certain ones, they chose Mickey Sermersheim, president; Bill LeMastus, vice-president; Clara Mae McDonald, secretary; and treasurer, Ramona Sermersheim. Under the guidance of their sponsors, Miss Cornick, Mrs. Chapell, and Mr. Irons, the Freshmen completed a successful year.

They did their part in filling the rosters of the school clubs, sports, band, and chorus. They are not only full of vitality, but also display excellent ability and school spirit.

Alpers, Mary Jean; Bahlman, Theresa; Bartley, Doris; Bauer, Russell; Beck, Kenneth; Beckmann, Marcus; Blackgrave, Mary; Blessinger, Richard; Bockelman, Harold; Bohnert, Thomas; Booth, Margaret; Braun, John; Buechlein, Raymond; Burger, Margaret; Burkem, Mary; Byrd, Paul; Colton, Russell; Dischinger, Charles; Dudine, Kenneth; Durcholz, Harold; Durlauf, Jerry; Egloff, Rosemary; Elliott, Shirley; Elliott, Ted; Eppele, Roman; Eversman, Thomas; Fleck, Albert; Fritch, James; Fritch, Joseph; Fritch, Thomas; Fuhrman, Betty Jean; Gardner, Mary Lee; Gramelspacher, Francis; Gutgsell, Loraine; Hackman, Marcella; Hall, Eugene; Hief, Morton; Hochgesang, Margaret; Hoffman, Andrew; Hoffman, Billy; Huther, Robert; Jenkins, Sally; Jurgens, John; Klem, Robert; Kluesner, Charles; Knabel, Betty; Kreilein, Louise; Kreilein, Maxine; Kreilein, Norbert; Krempp, Robert; Krodell, Margaret; Kuebler, Julianne; Kunz, Denis; Lampert, Joseph; Lannon, Kenneth; Lannon, Martha; LeMastus, Bill; Lorey, John; Luegers, Thomas; Lukemeyer, Robert; McDonald, Clara Mae; McFall, Catherine; Mehling, Ralph; Merder, Rosemary; Merkley, Norbert; Miller, Floyd; Moeller, Dennis; Moeller, Kenneth; Neukam, Jacqueline; Newton, James; Opel, Wayne; Parker, Lois; Perrin, Catherine; Pfau, Robert; Reckelhoff, Francis; Reckelhoff, Wilfred; Renner, Donald; Rudolph, Sara; Scherer, Lucille; Schnarr, Robert; Schneider, Paul; Schnell, Genevieve; Schuch, Mary; Schuetter, Basilla; Schwenk, Henrietta; Schwinghammer, Joseph; Seger, Robert; Seifert, Margaret; Seng, William; Sermersheim, Jerome; Sermersheim, Joan; Sermersheim, Michael; Sermersheim, Ramona; Steffe, Robert; Steinhart, Richard; Stratman, Paul; Vanderheide, Mary; Vanderheide, Otto; White, Louis; Wigand, Leon; Wolfe, Robert; Stroud, Laverna.





# THE *Activities*





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The "J" wishes to thank the remaining members of the Senior Class for their cooperation and help in publishing the "J," and the patrons and advertisers who made the publication of this book possible.

To Mr. Leas, Miss Heine, and Mrs. Chappell, our consulting sponsors, who gave freely of advice and words of encouragement, we extend our sincere thanks.





# STUDENT COUNCIL

President .....Archibald Schwinghammer  
Vice-President .....Sarah Lukemeyer  
Secretary-Treasurer.....Rosemary Lampert  
Advisor .....Mr. Miller

In order to give the student body a voice in school government, a Student Council has been organized again in Jasper High School.

The 1944 council, totaling 17, showed a striking increase over last year's council of 8. This year, in addition to 2 members from each class, the various clubs, departments, and organizations of J.H.S. were equally represented. At least a "B" average in both citizenship and regular subjects was required in order to be eligible for membership in the organization.

Their target of the year was to tune in on, and fulfill the requests of, the student body. One of the main functions performed by the council was the Friday Convocation program, which certainly chalked up a score among the students and faculty. Sometimes the Assembly was entertained with a citizen of our community, introducing us to his profession. Movies, a spelling bee, Truth or Consequences, and several other quiz programs were also provided by the council. The selection of the Cheer leaders was another task of the council. In addition, they fostered several pep sessions which helped spur the boys on to victory.

This year's council has been unusually fortunate in its make-up; each member has been willing to cooperate to the best of his ability.



#### COMET STAFF

President.....Margaret Mary Rumbach  
 Advisor .....Mr. Miller  
 Editor .....Melba Miller  
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 Circulation Managers..Sylvester Hurst, Edw. Kunkler  
 Advisor .....Louise Sonderman

## DEFENSE COUNCIL

#### CIRCULATION STAFF

Leonard Newman, Margaret Mary Rumbach, Peggy Fierst, Roman Schroeder, Kenneth Gramelspacher, Betty Knabel, Tommy Fritch

To promote the sale of war stamps and bonds among the students of Jasper High School, elections were held October 7, to elect a representative from each home room to the Defense Council.

The Council has been a well-established agency in J.H.S. for the past two years, its bond and stamp sales totaling many thousands of dollars. As the "J" goes to press, the present amount of sales is \$13,035.30. The plans of the Defense Council are to purchase two jeeps and one glider. The members may be very proud of the record attained in cooperation with the students and faculty of Jasper High School.

As each class is represented in the Council according to its number of home rooms, there is a minimum of two and a maximum of three persons representing each class. It is composed of the following members: Seniors, Mary Jean Hasenour and Mary Jane Salb (replacing Robert Reckelhoff who joined the Army in January); Juniors, Margaret Mary Rumbach and Charles Haller; Sophomores, Rose Marie Gramelspacher, Delbert Kieffner, and Pat Sturm; and Freshmen, Mickey Sermersheim, Andrew Hoffman, and Jackie Neukam.



# MIGHTY WILDCATS BOW TO HATCHETS

Before



With but 20 seconds to go, the game-tying free toss, a three. Time out was called and left facing camera.

## Sharp Hatchets, Sullivan, Fall In First Session

Despite a thrilling, tense, and dramatic last minute drive, the Washington Hatchets eliminated the favored Jasper Wildcats, 41 to 38, in the final game of the IHSA regional tournament, at Washington.



tepped, bucketed a one-hander, and was fouled by Hallow in the attempt. Washington downed the Hatchets in just 17 minutes.



er, the Arrows leading. They the Jasper was sixties. Sullivan's more points while Jasper



# The COMET

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## Army-Navy College Schnabel To Tests To Be Given For Active Se

The third Army-Navy College Qualifying Test for the Arms Race, Navy, will be on Wednesday, March 1, at 8:00 P. M. It will be a written test in the subjects of English, Mathematics, and Science. This is the first of a series of tests which will be given to the active members of the Navy and Army.



The Army Specialized Training Program is aimed to meet the army's need for specialists and technicians in certain critical fields of study. Academic work is at the college level at government expense.

The Navy College Program also enables students to continue sea-



man, Sullivan's high scorer who accounted for six field goals to lead the scoring on both sides. Rines scored eight points, and teammates Smith and Owing added five and four points respectively.

The Jasper scoring was well distributed, with almost all who played making at least two points. Newton was high with nine points, four field goals and a free throw.

## Less As Ernest B. Archibald Sch

"This is My Country." Mr. Schnabel at which probably his last concert. His sincere thanks to all the members of the band for the response they had given, and also the and citizens of Jasper for the plate backing in all of the activities.

This concert, presented by the largest crowds of the town, was the third of the series. It was attended by a large number of out-of-town guests and personalities.



Mr. John Schnabel, music department, passed the test with a score of 85. He will be one of the active members of the Navy and Army.



You mean you don't know what we're talking about? kid, don't you ever read papers? We mean "Paul Hoffman!" He is the brain when it comes to that ball through.

Did you ever dream that you could be a photographer?



A photo display and contest is being planned for the last week in March. This will consist of a display of pictures taken, developed, and enlarged by the members, to be entered either in the Junior or Senior division. Prizes are to be awarded to the winners.

## Senior Boys Take Navy Radio, Electricity Tests

Navy V-8 tests for radio and electricity training were given Wednesday, March 1 to senior boys by the first class Petty Officers from VI







# CAMERA CLUB

President.....J. P. Salb  
 Vice-President .....Paul Lampert  
 Secretary-Treasurer.....Pat Schaaf  
 Sponsor .....Mr. Irons

At the very beginning of this school year, the more active shutter-bugs of Jasper High School reorganized the Camera Club.

As in previous years, the '43-44 Camera Club also held the photography test for the new members. All ten members passed the test, which consisted of 32 questions of developing, printing, and enlarging. Prior to the test the members had been instructed in the use of the darkroom in an additional eight weeks' instruction period after school. The club is planning to award to each member, before the year ends, a pin in the shape of a miniature camera. A dance and party are also underway as the "J" goes to press.

A photograph display and contest was held the last week in March. This consisted of pictures taken, developed and enlarged by members, to be entered in the Junior and Senior division. The beauty of the winning pictures proved the technique which the fans acquired from the club's course.



## DEBATE CLUB

The main objective of the Debate Club of Jasper High School is to develop ability in argumentative and discussion types of speaking. Under the guidance and supervision of the sponsor, Miss Heine, the club chose as its leaders Melba Miller, president; Joe Fritch, vice-president; Dorothy Beckman, secretary-treasurer.

"Resolved that the United States should join in reconstituting the League of Nations," was the debate question selected for the year.

On January 8, the team traveled to Terre Haute to compete in the Indiana State Teachers College Forensic Festival. The student body and faculty of J.H.S. were entertained by the Debate Club at one of its weekly Convocation programs. The club also accepted an invitation from the New Albany High School to be its competitor in a heated word battle on February 19.

The negative team is composed of Tom Fritch, Paul Byrd, Morton Hief, and Dorothy Beckman. Melba Miller, Joe Fritch, Tom Eversman, Eldon Colton, Ralph Schnarr, Earl Buechler, and Russel Colton are the members of the affirmative.







## DRAMATICS CLUB

President.....Mildred Nicholson  
Secretary-Treasurer.....Ruth Matthews  
Sponsor.....Mr. Leas

"Ready! Curtain!" were the shouts one would hear if he happened to be wandering about in the auditorium during the Dramatics Club meetings on Thursday of each week.

"Getting Pinned" was selected as the first dramatic production of the club. It was presented for the student body and faculty of Jasper High School on Friday, March 3, in the high-school auditorium. "Getting Pinned" is a modern comedy dealing with collegiate life that is refreshing and exhilarating. Bright with sparkle and vivacity of modern youth, this grand comedy deals with life in a co-ed college town.

Immediately after completion of the successful play, the club began action on several other one-act plays.



## GIRLS' ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

President.....Mary Jane Salb  
 Vice-President.....Mary Louise Stratman  
 Secretary.....Mary Rita Vonderschmidt  
 Treasurer .....Lelia Jerger  
 Sponsor .....Miss Cornick

The Girls' Athletic Association in its fourth year of existence went over with an even bigger bang this year than in the past.

On Thursday, October 14, thirty girls of the athletic type met to get the ball rolling. The club's main purpose was to promote better sportsmanship and leadership among the girls.

A new system of awards was put into effect concerning the basis upon which the G.A.A. will be executed. The girls will be eligible for letters in various sports if the chosen committee finds the individual to be outstanding in that particular sport. If the girl receives citation in several sports she will be presented with a J monogram at the end of the year.

Basketball, softball, volleyball, deck tennis, badminton, archery, tumbling, track and bowling were the various sports from which the members might choose.



## HOME ECONOMICS CLUB

The girls of Jasper High School who are domestically inclined met with the capable Home Ec instructor, Miss Ross, on October 14, to reorganize the Home Economics Club. They chose as their leaders Barbara Scherle and Mary Schuch, President and Secretary-Treasurer, respectively.

In order to maintain membership during the year, each person was expected to complete three projects relating to Home Economics. While some decided to make pillow cases, towels and scarfs, others produced those novelty pins which some of the girls are proudly displaying on their sweaters and jackets.

The club obtained its seasonal funds by selling cokes at several ball games. Part of the income was used to purchase a silverware case. The remainder was put into a reserve until after the war when priority will be a word of the past, and the club will have the opportunity to buy what it desires.





## EVER SINCE EVE

By Florence Ryerson and Colin Clements

This comedy reveals the typical life of high-school students and their difficulties in the editing of the school paper, "The Penguin." The girls of the school decide to step in and help Johnny Clover, editor, adding their own original ideas, of course.

The little southern belle, Lucybelle Lee, creates havoc among the faculty and the students, by her fluttering lashes and soft drawl. Susan Blake, Johnny's self-appointed assistant editor, almost wrecks "The Penguin" by her sincere efforts at improvement. When Johnny and Spud, the paper's business manager, come down with the measles, all seems lost, but Susan saves the day by selling ads on the barter system.

After try-outs, the seniors selected were:

|                     |                      |
|---------------------|----------------------|
| Mrs. Clover .....   | Melba Miller         |
| Johnny Clover.....  | Claude Beiter, Jr.   |
| Mr. Clover.....     | Bob Klueh            |
| Spud Erwin.....     | Jack Newton          |
| Susan Black.....    | Sarah Jane Lukemeyer |
| Betsy Erwin.....    | Dorothy Gutsell      |
| Martha Willard..... | Mildred Nicholson    |

|                              |                      |
|------------------------------|----------------------|
| Officer Simmons (Cappy)..... |                      |
| .....                        | Archie Schwinghammer |
| Henry Quinn .....            | Earl Fritch          |
| Lucybelle Lee.....           | Jane Salb            |
| Preston Hughes .....         | Ivo Pfeffer          |
| Basketball Players.....      | James Schutz         |
|                              | Charles Bohnert      |
|                              | Arnold Steffe        |

Director — Mr. Jack L. Leas



## OPERETTA

After much swinging and swaying and alto and soprano blending, the chorus presented the Operetta, "In Gay Havana" on November 17, under the direction of Miss Matthews. The music was furnished by a selected orchestra under the baton of Mr. Schnabel, and the "make-up" was under the supervision of Miss Sonderman and Mr. Leas.

The action of "In Gay Havana" took place in the patio of the Isle de Cuba, a newly opened hotel managed by Senor Alvarez, played by Robert Weigel. Its first guests were a tourist party consisting of a group of American college students under the leadership of Claude Beiter and Eldon Colton, and a newlywed couple played by Mary Jane Salb and James Berger.

The climax centered around the disappearance of Margot (Audrey Fisher), a beautiful Cuban girl, and George Potter, the groom.

The entire operetta was a humorous satire upon the Cuban costumes and temperament. Comedy was supplied by the honeymooners, the middle-aged Beadle sisters (Virginia Lukemeyer and Inez Reising), and the chorus of chaperones. Native musicians lent charm and local color.

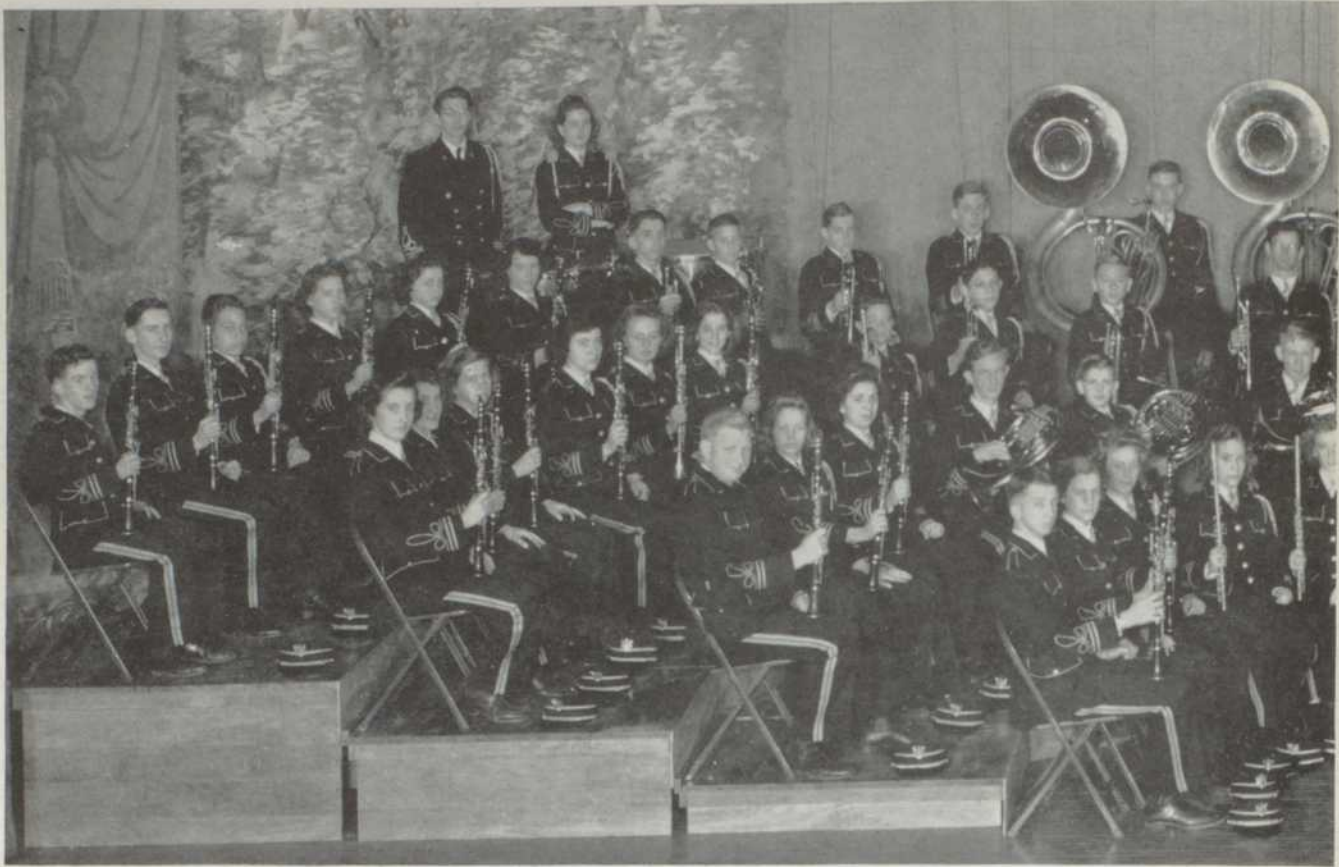
## CHORUS

CAUSE: Crooners itching with impatience to stretch their vocal chords.

EFFECT: Organization of the Jasper High-School Chorus under the direction of Miss Matthews.

The Chorus, composed of 60 members, entertained at a Kiwanis luncheon. They also made several joint appearances with the band at concerts held at St. Joseph School. The Yuletide was ushered in with the Chorus' annual caroling at a Convocation program before Christmas vacation. They made their final appearance of the year at the Commencement Exercises, May 26.





## MUSIC

Under Mr. Schnabel's direction the Jasper High-School Band shaped into an organization which did credit to the school in many public appearances.

One of these appearances of which we are justly proud was the Central Southern Indiana High-School Band and Orchestra Music Contest Festival held in Jasper on May 1, 1943. Six of the finest bands and two orchestras strutted their stuff before the judges who had the task of deciding the winners. The six bands included Jasper, Tell City, Mount Vernon, Huntingburg, Boonville, and Princeton. The schools represented by orchestras were Jasper and Haubstadt.

In a final blaze of victory the J.H.S. Band covered itself with glory as it swept through the hotly contested band competition and captured the highest honors of the festival, the SWEEPSTAKES award.

Starting the contest "on the spot" by being the first band to perform in the morning, the Jasper Concert Band turned in the finest performance of the day in playing competition, and then at 4:30 in the afternoon, to climax the day, the Jasper Marching "48" came on the field to perform the intricate maneuvers which clinched the top award of the Festival.

In the orchestra contest Jasper received a second division ranking and Haubstadt a first.

One of the most outstanding events of the Music Festival was the patriotic demonstration by the six bands at the court house at 3:30 P.M. The bands massed on the west side of the court house and, to the raising of the flag, played our national anthem. A throng of about three thousand spectators witnessed the exhibition.





## DEPARTMENT

The four concerts that the band staged during this year were great assets to J.H.S. On several of these appearances they had as their guests Ernie Berger, pianist, and Belle Schnabel Gress, vocalist.

If facilities are available, the band will journey to Odon to participate in the Music Contest on April 22. On April 1 about 45 students entered the state solo and ensemble contest at Terre Haute.

The band, perched on the north end of the gym, added color and flash to the basketball games and pepped up players and fans with snappy marches and even a bit of swing.

Much of the "oomph" of the band was injected by the glamour of our high-stepping drum major, Sarah Lukemeyer, and the other twirlers.

Due to the difficulty in obtaining strings because of the war, the orchestra has not been very active this year.

One of the greatest red-letter days for the Band of J.H.S. was May 12, when they journeyed to Mount Carmel, Illinois, to be the guests of that city in a May Music Festival.

There was massed band playing under the baton of Franco Goldman, a famous conductor from New York City. In the afternoon a parade and a twirling contest were held. The day was climaxed with the playing of an All-Festival Band composed of the twelve best players of all the bands present. There were also dancing, favors, and refreshments later in the day.

# STATE SOLO AND ENSEMBLE CONTEST

## APRIL 1, 1944

We must give credit where credit is due. And due it is indeed, to our fine musical organization, the Band of Jasper High School.

The State Solo and Ensemble Contest at Terre Haute, April 1, has proved the great talent and ability available in our high-school Band.

Twenty-two first division blue and sixteen second division red ribbons were awarded to the students who demonstrated excellent ability in the contest.

Besides entrants in the instrumental contest, several participated in the twirling contest and also in the first vocal solo contest held in the state.

Five different ratings were possible according to musical performance. The following awards were presented to the participants:

First division: Benny Loveall, Delbert Kieffner, Archibald Schwinghammer, cornet; cornet trio; Carol Giesler, flute; Stanley Krempp, alto sax; Joe Schwinghammer, baritone sax; Eldon Colton, baritone; Paul Lampert, sousaphone; Mary Jane Gosman, tympani; Jack Schnabel, bassoon; Jim Hoffman, Bob Weigel, Joe Schwinghammer, and Stanley Krempp, sax quartet; and Mary Helen Reese, Russel Colton, Jack Schnabel, Morton Hief, and Mildred Nicholson, woodwind quintet.

Second division: Charlene Merder, clarinet; Mary Catherine Brosmer, Margaret Scherle, oboe; Melba Miller, flute; Rose Marie Hochgesang, alto clarinet; Morton Hief, horn; and LaVerne Hackman, Jane Kuebler, Rose Marie Hochgesang, and Gloria Jasper, clarinet quartet.

Those in the third division are as follows: LaVerne Hackman, clarinet; Julianne Kuebler, tenor sax; and Margaret Hochgesang, piano.

Entrants in the vocal contest were Audrey Fisher and Flora Eversman, both of whom were placed in second division.

The twirling contestants were: Ruth Byrd and Betty Dosch, Division II; and Peg Fierst and Audrey Fisher, Division III.



## THE QUEEN AND HER COURT

The most colorful event of the basketball year — the coronation of the queen — took place November 24. After all the votes were tallied, it was discovered that Rosemary Lampert was to reign. Her attendants were Sarah Lukemeyer, Bettie Fritch, Mary Jane Salb, Mary Helen Reese, Doris Bohnert, and Agnes Dudine. Amid the fanfare of the band, the queen and her attendants marched up the entire length of the basketball court, where Captain Newton crowned her basketball queen of the 1943-1944 season. Co-captain Beiter presented her with a bouquet of roses. It was then evident to all that King Basketball once again would reign supreme.





## JUNIOR-SENIOR PROM

"Seniors, Juniors, members of the faculty, and school board members," thus did the Junior class president start the ball rolling for the much awaited and most gala event of the school year the Junior-Senior Reception held at the Country Club. The mode of the evening "Serenade in Blue," was artistically carried through by the huge blue "J" composing the throne for the king and queen, the blue and white streamers suspended from the chandeliers, and the blue icing on the huge cake. The atmosphere was filled with the enthralling scent of lovely spring flowers. To climax the evening a grand march was led by Queen Sarah Jane Lukemeyer and King Jack Newton. The swish of formals let us know that dancing was in order for the rest of the evening. Then at the stroke of twelve, as in the story of Cinderella, the music stopped and the ball was over, but we still have the memories which will be cherished for many years.









# THE *Athletics*



## THE 'CATS ROAR IN '44

The Wildcats this year lived up to their motto by winning the SIAC Championship with ease, by keeping a firm grip on the Little Brown Jug, and by capturing the "Evansville Courier's" Southwestern Indiana Dope Bag. When the regular season ended, the 'Cats were ranked sixth in the state and were regarded as a serious contender for the state title.



When the Wildcats strolled out on the floor one evening last November, there was much doubt in the minds of many fans concerning their prospects for a successful season. To the surprise of most people they won their first four games before losing a high-scoring struggle to Jeffersonville. This setback seemed to spur them on, however, because they proceeded immediately afterwards to rack up ten straight wins. Among their victims were Bosse's Bulldogs, destined to become the State Champions of 1944. Two hair-raisers were dropped to New Albany and Washington during a home-stretch slump, but the Wildcats came back strong to humble Boonville.

Then came tourney time. The 'Cats walloped Huntingburg for the third successive time of the season, and went on to win the Sectional crown, emerging with one of the highest offensive records for sectional play in the state, having averaged 58.5 points a game.

Spirit and enthusiasm were high as the Wildcats journeyed to Washington. In the afternoon they conquered Sullivan after Washington had subdued Decker. In the play-off tilt, with but 4 minutes remaining in a thrilling battle, Washington was leading by 8 points, and Jasper fans were pulling for that last quarter drive which the Wildcats had displayed so often during the season. After a valiant surge the gap was closed to 1 point with 40 seconds remaining. When the final gun sounded, however, the score read Washington 41, Jasper 38. The Champions of the South had reached the end of the trail.

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| PLAYER                  | G. | FG. | FT. | PF. | TP. |
|-------------------------|----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| William Wuchner .....   | 23 | 93  | 29  | 49  | 215 |
| Jack Newton .....       | 24 | 76  | 54  | 37  | 206 |
| Thomas Hoffman .....    | 24 | 72  | 38  | 37  | 182 |
| Claude Beiter, Jr. .... | 24 | 57  | 27  | 39  | 141 |
| James Berger .....      | 24 | 50  | 15  | 31  | 115 |
| Jerome Alles .....      | 18 | 29  | 18  | 26  | 76  |
| Robert Siebert .....    | 21 | 25  | 8   | 33  | 58  |
| Gerald Kunkel .....     | 14 | 10  | 1   | 17  | 21  |
| Alva Elliott .....      | 12 | 5   | 2   | 9   | 12  |
| Robert Sakel .....      | 13 | 5   | 1   | 12  | 11  |
| Ivo Pfeffer .....       | 12 | 0   | 4   | 8   | 4   |

| Scoring by Quarters: | 1   | 2   | 3   | 4   | Total |
|----------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-------|
| Jasper .....         | 242 | 239 | 267 | 293 | 1041  |
| Opponents .....      | 168 | 191 | 219 | 214 | 792   |

**Average per game:**

|              |    |                 |    |
|--------------|----|-----------------|----|
| Jasper ..... | 43 | Opponents ..... | 33 |
|--------------|----|-----------------|----|



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## SEASON RECORD

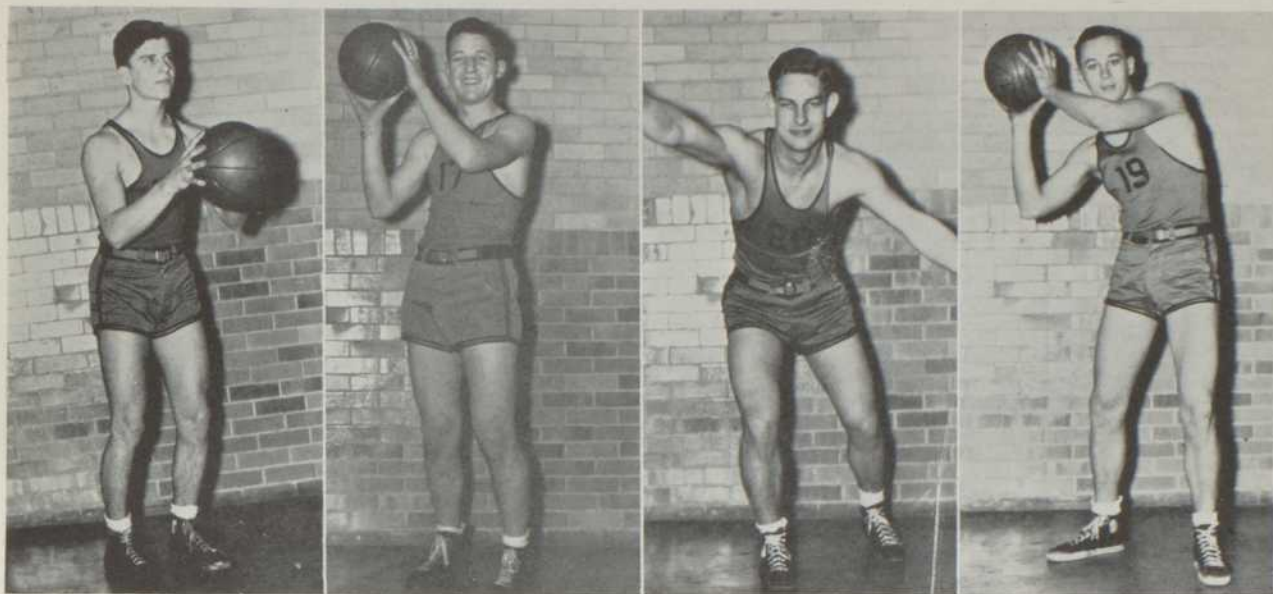
|                             | Jasper | Opponents |
|-----------------------------|--------|-----------|
| 1. Huntingburg (H) .....    | 39     | 29        |
| 2. Bedford (T) .....        | 30     | 28        |
| 3. Mitchell (H) .....       | 43     | 28        |
| 4. Washington (T) .....     | 39     | 35        |
| 5. Jeffersonville (H) ..... | 48     | 53        |
| 6. Reitz (H) .....          | 27     | 21        |
| 7. Vincennes (T) .....      | 40     | 37        |
| 8. Petersburg (T) .....     | 49     | 31        |
| 9. Spurgeon (H) .....       | 49     | 23        |
| 10. Vincennes (H) .....     | 34     | 31        |
| 11. Princeton (T) .....     | 54     | 29        |
| 12. Huntingburg (T) .....   | 49     | 40        |
| 13. Bloomington (H) .....   | 47     | 31        |
| 14. Bosse (T) .....         | 36     | 32        |
| 15. Central (H) .....       | 42     | 28        |
| 16. New Albany (T) .....    | 28     | 31        |
| 17. Washington (H) .....    | 28     | 30        |
| 18. Boonville (H) .....     | 46     | 23        |

### SECTIONAL

|                   |    |    |
|-------------------|----|----|
| Huntingburg ..... | 53 | 47 |
| Dubois .....      | 61 | 37 |
| Otwell .....      | 70 | 31 |
| Spurgeon .....    | 50 | 43 |

### REGIONAL

|                  |    |    |
|------------------|----|----|
| Sullivan .....   | 41 | 33 |
| Washington ..... | 38 | 41 |



## SENIOR MEMBERS OF THE TEAM

### CLAUDE BEITER, JR.

A three-year man and the Little Big Shot of the team. He was the Wildcat defensive star, but was very capable of scoring if needed. He garnered 141 points for the season, but his main duty was to hold down such scoring stars as Jerrel of Bosse and Oxby of Spurgeon, and he always turned in a good job. He was selected on the second teams of the SIAC and the Regional.

### JACK NEWTON

A two-year man who was the most serious scoring threat on the team. He had a total of 206 points in the 24 games of the season. Jack was known for his driving brand of ball which won many a game for the Wildcats. He made the first team of the SIAC and also made the all-star Regional five.

### IVO PFEFFER

A three-year man who has always been faithful to the Wildcats and was always ready to do the job when called upon. Outside of basketball, Ivo's mainstay was track. He was the man who made the points in the dashes and in the field events. Ivo is the last of the long line of Pfeffers who attained great fame at Jasper High School.

### JEROME ALLES

The most inexperienced of the quartet of Seniors. In his last year of school, "Chick" decided to come out for basketball, and before half the season was over he was a regular and an all-around basketball player. He could guard as well as score and was a handy man under the basket. Although he played only one year, "Chick" was a great asset to the team and helped them on to victory.

# B A S K E T B A L L



JIM BERGER



ALVA ELLIOT



TOM HOFFMAN



JERRY KUNKEL



BOB SAKEL



BOB SIEBERT



WILLIE WUCHNER



JIM RENNEISEN



# B A S K E T B A L L





# TRACK

Brr! April brought cold weather and a wet track, but still Coach "Nip" Wuchner found a little touch of spring and sent out a call for prospects for this year's track team. 31 trackmen, full of wind and pep, answered his call.

Nip worked his team around four-letter-man Ivo Pfeffer. He is the dashman and a good point-getter in the shot put, broad jump, and high jump. He is also on the one-half mile relay team. Other candidates for the dashes were Eldon Colton, Charles Bohnert, and Tom Jochim. Long distance runners were Alva Elliott, Charles Hal-ler, Jim Berger, and Jerry Kunkel. Putting the shot were Willie Wuchner, Tom Bohnert, and Ivo Pfeffer. Tom Hoffman, Jerry Kunkel, and Pfeffer were the jumpers. The pole vaulter was Ed Alles. Hur-dlers were Tom Hoffman, Bill Krodel, and Jerry Kunkel. These made up the nucleus of the team.

April 10—Away. Petersburg-Huntingburg-Jasper.

20—Away. Huntingburg-Loogootee-Dale-Mitchell-Jasper.

25—Huntingburg-Jasper.

29—Petersburg Relay.

May 6—S.I.A.C. Meet.





## B A S E B A L L

Early in April, even though there was no field ready and we still had bad weather, 26 boys answered Coach O'Neill's call for baseball candidates.

Despite the lack of transportation and other wartime difficulties, "Cabby" found plenty of competition for another J.H.S. baseball team.

"Cabby" built his team around six returning lettermen. These, with several rookies, furnished the year's baseball team.

Due to the loss of our veteran catchers, this job was taken over by an underclassman. "Micky" Sermersheim was Coach O'Neill's first choice. Also available were Ants Hoffman and Jurgens. At the other end of the battery were two able seniors, Bob Tucker and Tommy Berger. They received able assistance from Junior "Skip" Mehringer.

Candidates for infield positions were "Bumps" Hoffman, Junie Beiter, Bob Sakel, Jim Menner, and Robert Siebert.

Roaming the outer gardens were "Chick" Alles, Bob Tucker, Hasse, Mehringer, and Tom Habig.

|                   |             |          |
|-------------------|-------------|----------|
| Tell City .....   | There ..... | April 18 |
| Princeton .....   | There ..... | April 21 |
| Huntingburg ..... | There ..... | April 25 |
| Cannelton .....   | There ..... | April 28 |
| Huntingburg ..... | Here .....  | May 2    |
| Tell City .....   | Here .....  | May 5    |
| Huntingburg ..... | There ..... | May 9    |
| Bedford .....     | There ..... | May 12   |
| Huntingburg ..... | Here .....  | May 16   |
| Princeton .....   | Here .....  | May 18   |



# YELL LEADERS

LEONARD NEWMAN

PEG FIERST

MARY J. GOSMAN

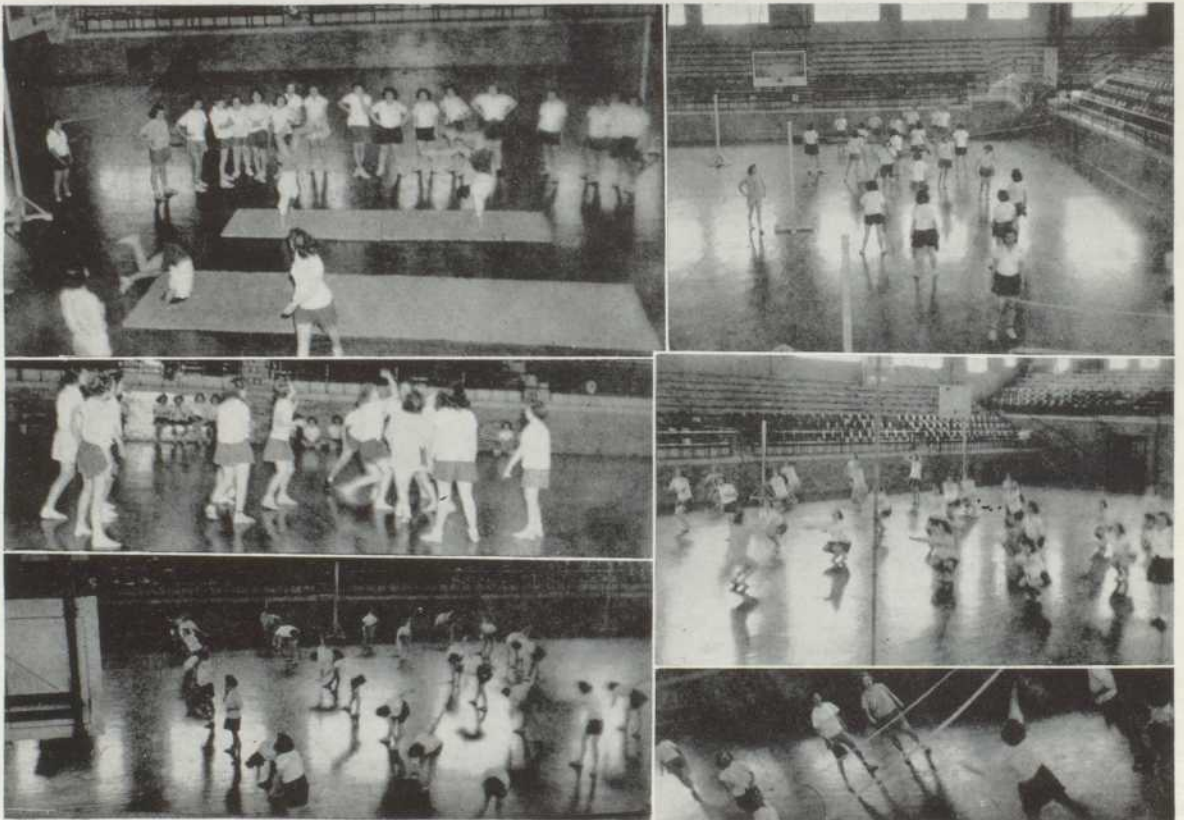
JIMMY KREMP



About that time when everybody was on edge to see who would survive the first basketball game, four other young people were busy getting the yelling section into A-1 condition.

There was Mary Jane Gosman on one end shouting, "Pep it up!" On the other end of the gym was Buddy Krempp trying very hard to find out what the yell was for sure. In the middle were Leonard Newman ("We can't hear you") and Peg Fierst yelling, "Let's give it!"

Much credit must be given to these yell leaders for the pep they gave the team.



# H I G H L I G H T S O F ' 4 4

## SEPTEMBER:

School opens officially with enrollment of 360 pupils . . . Comet Staff organizes with Melba Miller, editor . . . J.H.S. Band is organized under a student military system . . . Melba Miller selected to lead Seniors, James Renneisen selected as Junior president, Thomas Habig chosen to head Sophomores, and the Freshmen elect Mickey Sermersheim as their leader . . . School dismissed to attend Army Loan Show . . . Rhythmlads play at opening dance.

## OCTOBER:

The first concert of the season is presented by the Band in Kundeck Hall . . . Band and Orchestra hold annual party . . . Advanced Typing Class issues War Ration Book Four to 6,700 persons . . . First grading period ends, Juniors lead the Honor Roll . . . School dismissed for Teachers Institute . . . Halloween Dance in old gym . . . Seniors select their class rings . . . Juniors choose class sweaters in blue and white.

## NOVEMBER:

V-12 and A-12 tests administered to Senior boys . . . Glee Club presents operetta, "In Gay Havana" . . . Students enroll in Junior Red Cross . . . Armistice Day Parade sponsored by the American Legion . . . Annual Pep Session in preparation for first basketball game of the season . . . Jasper victorious over Huntingburg in opening tilt . . . Rosemary Lampert crowned Cage Queen at the Mitchell-Jasper game . . . Thanksgiving vacation . . . Student council organized with Archie Schwinghammer, president . . . Faculty is entertained by the Mothers' Club at semiannual potluck supper . . . Teachers enroll in refresher course to aid them to teach more effectively in wartime as well as in peacetime . . . Second grading period ends with Seniors and Sophomores heading Honor Roll.

## DECEMBER:

Student Council introduces the Friday convocation period programs with a "Truth or Consequences" thriller . . . Jasper meets first defeat at the hands of Jeffersonville . . . G.A.A. holds party . . . Boys win the "Battle of the Sexes" program . . . Reitz defeated by the Wildcats . . . Second Band concert held, featuring the "Overture of 1812" and "Stormy Weather" . . . Band presents a concert for the Seminarians at St. Meinrad . . . Strong Alices toppled by powerful Wildcats . . . Christmas program at Convo. period . . . Jasper easily downs Spurgeon in a pre-holiday game . . . Juniors sponsor a "Holly Hop" prior to vacation . . . Christmas vacation.



# H I G H L I G H T S O F ' 4 4

## JANUARY:

Debate Club entertains at Friday, Convo. period . . . Debate Club contest at Terre Haute . . . Semester ends . . . exams . . . Seniors sponsor a semester dance . . . beginning of second semester . . . Seniors sport new class rings . . . Entertainment at Convocation period by the Rhythmlads.

## FEBRUARY:

Glee Club holds a party . . . Valentine dance in old gym . . . Jasper host at sectional . . . Wildcats victorious . . . Mr. Schnabel, head of our Music Department, passes his physical examination for the Army and is subject to call any time after three weeks.

## MARCH:

Hatchets tame Wildcats in last game of the regional at Washington . . . Third Band concert is big success. Ernest Berger, High School Chorus, Belle Schnabel Gress, and Archie Schwinghammer perform . . . Dramatics Club presents one-act play "Getting Pinned" . . . Navy V-6 radio and electricity tests given to Senior boys . . . Senior pictures taken by Sprauer . . . Mr. August Krieg thrills students by reciting selections from our famed Hoosier poet, James Whitcomb Riley, and others, which he learned while taking speech at the Jasper Academy . . . Army and Navy V-12 tests given . . . Senior play and cast selected . . . Babylonian speaks to student body . . . Comet Staff enjoys big chicken dinner at Country Club . . . Red Cross First Aid begins for Seniors . . . Students and teachers who qualify give blood to the Donor Service . . . Sophomores sport new '46 class pins . . . Oratorical contest held at Jasper High School . . . Dr. Foster from Indiana University gives talk to Seniors . . . Movies by Student Council shown to students.

## APRIL:

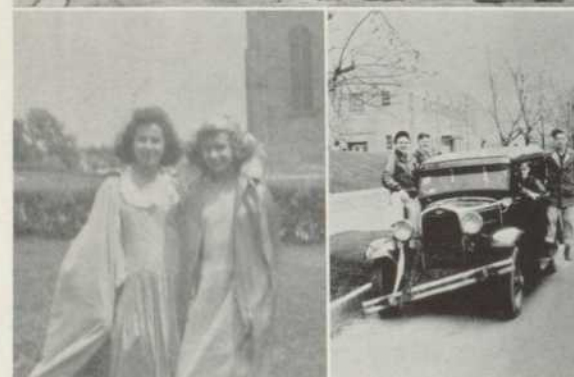
State Solo and Ensemble contest at Terre Haute . . . Easter vacation . . . Debate Club sponsors dance . . . Fourth Band concert held at Kundeck Hall . . . Civil Service tests given to advanced commercial students . . . District Band contest held at Odon, Indiana . . . State Merit examination for Indiana State Personnel Division given . . . Presentation of Senior class play, "Ever Since Eve."

## MAY:

Music Revue held . . . Junior-Senior prom held . . . Parties and dances sponsored by various classes and clubs . . . Seniors hosts to Juniors . . . Senior exams . . . Final exams conducted . . . Senior class day . . . and last, Commencement, marking the end of four memorable years spent in Jasper High School.







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