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We wish to extend
our gratitude to all of
those who have made
possible the publication
of the 1945 "J." To Mrs.
Chappell, our sponsor,
who gave freely of
advice, we extend
sincere thanks.

Presentation

In order to make this book
more than a decoration on the

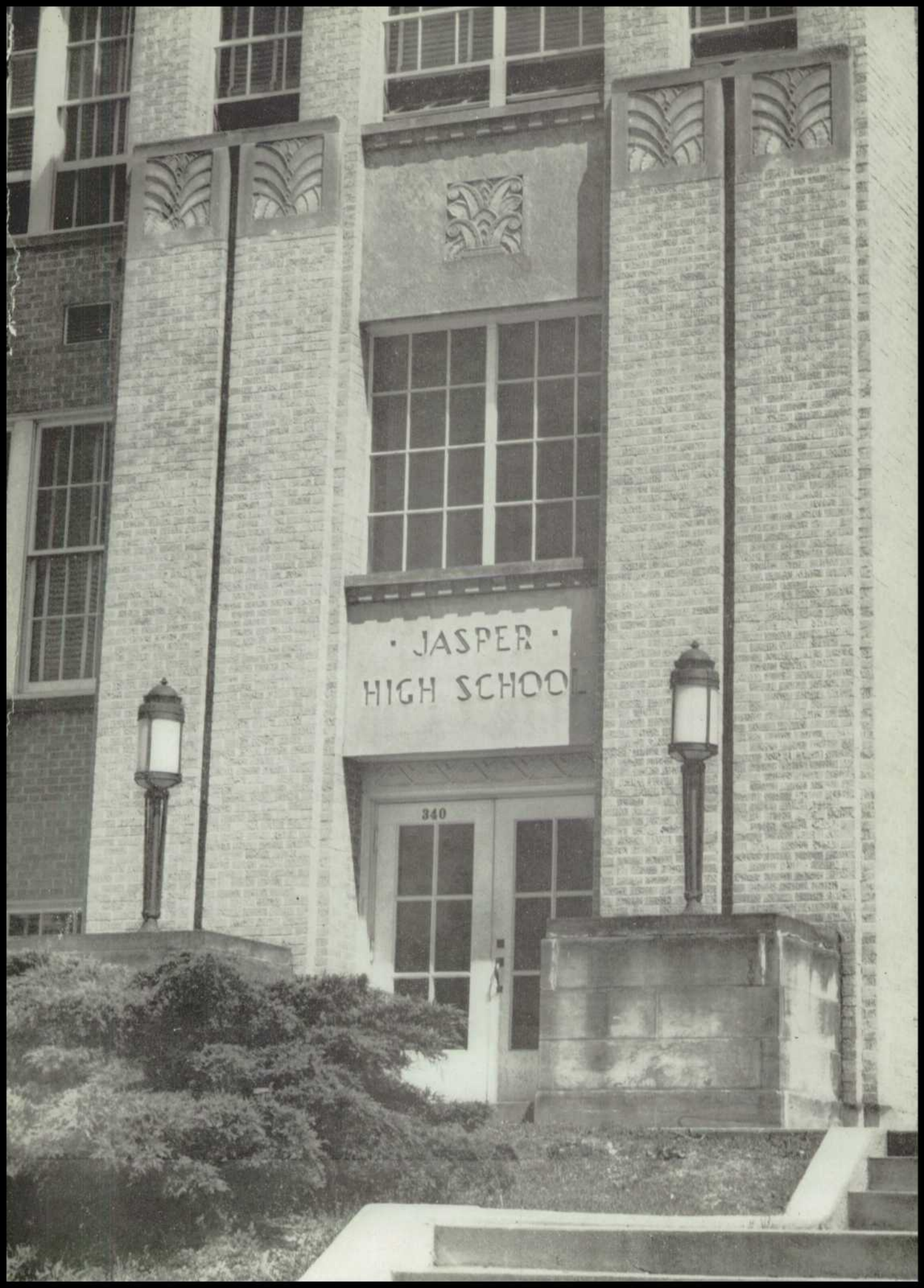
family bookshelf, the members of the

"J" staff have endeavored to
capture the feelings experienced by you
— the students —

in this eventful year and to keep
as memories for you the things you will
want to remember.

Dedication

To you — the students of Jasper
High School — in what you have
done in high school life, in what you
are doing for national defense, and
in what you will do to further
the ideals of our great country.



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HIGH SCHOOL

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Sponsor



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Government
Sophomore
Class
Sponsor

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Junior & Senior
Class Play
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Seniors of 1945



BECK, RAYMOND

BECKMAN, DOROTHY

Debate, Band, Comet Staff, Orchestra,
Scholastic Awards

BECKMAN, GLORIA

Comet Staff, Glee Club, Operetta,
Scholastic Awards, Senior Play



BERGER, JAMES

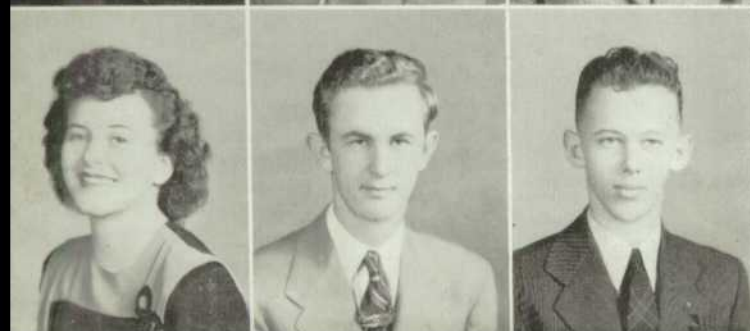
Comet Staff, Basketball, Track, Glee
Club, Drama, Pot & Pan Pals, Oper-
etta, Senior Play

BERGER, MARJORIE

Band, G. A. A.

BIRK, RAYMOND

Glee Club, Operetta, Pot & Pan
Pals, Arts & Crafts



BOCKELMAN, HELEN

Glee Club, Home Ec., G. A. A.

BOEHM, ERWIN

Band, Orchestra, Pot & Pan Pals,
Operetta

BOHNERT, THOMAS

BOOTH, MARY
Glee Club, Operetta

BRAUN, LAVADA
Scholastic Awards

BUECHER, PHIL
Glee Club, Bowling, Pot & Pan Pals,
Comet Staff, Camera Club, Operetta,
Math Club, Senior Play

BUECHLER, EARL
Student Council, Band, Pot & Pan
Pals, Defense Council, Comet Staff,
Orchestra, "J" Staff

COLTON, ELDON
Comet Staff, Debate, Pot & Pan Pals,
Band, Track, Basketball, Baseball,
Science, Operetta, Scholastic Awards

DISCHINGER, URBAN

ECKERT, EARL
Scholastic Awards

ECKSTEIN, RICHARD
Pot & Pan Pals

EGLOFF, JACQUE
Operetta, Glee Club, G. A. A.

ELLIOTT, ALVA
Basketball, Baseball, Pot & Pan Pals,
Math Club, Track, Comet Staff,
Science, Student Council, Senior Play

EVERSMAN, FLORA
"J" Editor, Debate, Glee Club,
Defense Council, Orchestra, Oper-
etta, Scholastic Awards, Senior Play

FIERST, PEGGY
Operetta, "J" Staff, Comet Staff, Glee
Club, Orchestra, Craft Club, Twirler,
Yell Leader

FISHER, AUDREY
Operetta, Glee Club, G. A. A.,
Twirler, Scholastic Awards, Senior
Play

GOSMAN, MARY JANE
"J" Staff, Band, G. A. A., Orchestra,
Operetta, Yell Leader, Senior Play

GUTGSELL, ROBERT

HAAS, ROSE LEE

HALLER, CHARLES
Comet Staff, Glee Club, Operetta,
Defense Council, Math Club, Science,
Track, Comet Staff

HOFFMAN, DOROTHY
G. A. A.





HOFFMAN, THOMAS

Basketball, Track, Comet Staff,
Science, Camera Club, Drama,
Senior Play

HULS, LARRY

Pot & Pan Pals, Science, Operetta,
Glee Club

JERGER, LELIA JANE

Glee Club, G. A. A., Student Council,
Operetta, Camera Club, Prom Queen



JOHNSON, JESSE

Math Club

KIEFER, WILLIAM

Track, Basketball, Glee Club, Arts &
Crafts, Pot & Pan Pals, Operetta,
Senior Play

KNIES, VICTOR

Pot & Pan Pals



KREILEIN, WILFRED

Pot & Pan Pals

KREMPP, STANLEY

Student Council, "J" Staff, Band,
Camera Club, Math Club

KUNKEL, GERALD

Basketball, "J" Staff, Track, Science,
Camera Club, Senior Play

Senior



KUNKLER, URBAN

Comet Staff, Math Club, Pot & Pan
Pals

LAMPERT, DORIS

Glee Club, Operetta, G. A. A., Comet
Staff, Home Ec., Senior Play

LOEPKER, GEORGE

Math Club, Student Mgr., Pot & Pan
Pals, Band, Debate



LUKEMEYER, VIRGINIA

Comet Staff, "J" Staff, Band, Or-
chestra, G. A. A., Glee Club, Oper-
etta, Student Council, Science, Arts
& Crafts, Basketball Queen, Scho-
lastic Awards, Senior Play

MEHRINGER, DENNIS

Baseball, Math Club, Pot & Pan Pals,
Student Council

MEHRINGER, DOROTHY

G. A. A., Home Ec.



MERKLEY, JAMES

Glee Club, Pot & Pan Pals

NEUKAM, KENNETH

Track, Pot & Pan Pals

NEWMAN, LEONARD

Student Council, Math Club, Glee
Club, Debate, Press Club, Science,
Operetta, Yell Leader

PEAK, BETTY

Glee Club, Arts & Crafts, Operetta

REESE, MARY HELEN

Glee Club, Operetta, Band, Student Council, Comet Staff, "J" Staff, G. A. A., Arts & Crafts, Scholastic Awards, Senior Play

REKER, LEROY

Science, Camera Club, Math, Pot & Pan Pals, Senior Play

REKER, ROSEMARY**RENNEISEN, JAMES**

Comet Staff, Student Mgr., Debate, Camera Club, Track, Math, Student Council, Senior Play

ROHLMAN, AGNES

Home Ec., G. A. A.

ROYER, BLANCHE

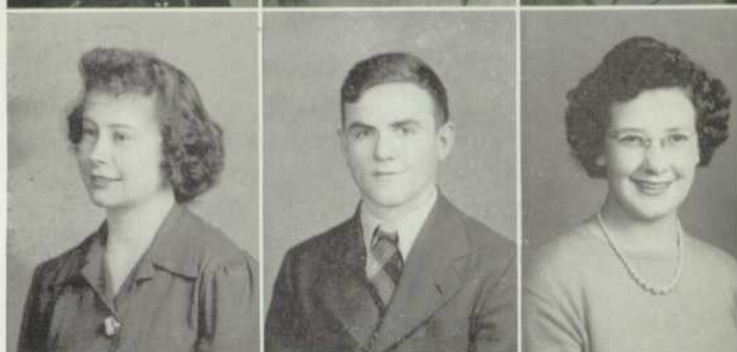
G. A. A., Home Ec.

RUDOLPH, THOMAS

Math Club

RUMBACH, MARGARET

Comet Staff, Defense Council, Glee Club, Operetta, Band, Arts & Crafts, Science, G. A. A., Senior Play

**SAKEL, ROBERT**

Basketball, Baseball, Comet Staff, Pot & Pan Pals, Science Club, Drama, "J" Staff

SCHAAF, PATRICIA

Camera Club, Band, "J" Staff, G. A. A., Comet Staff

SCHITTER, IMELDA

Glee Club, G. A. A., Home Ec., Operetta, Comet Staff, Scholastic Awards

SCHLACHTER, ELAINE

G. A. A., Home Ec., Glee Club, Operetta

SCHNARR, DOROTHY

Band, Comet Staff, G. A. A., Scholastic Awards

SCHNEIDER, JAMES

Pot & Pan Pals, Defense Council

SCHUCH, CHARLES

Track, Math Club, Camera Club, Science, Pot & Pan Pals, Scholastic Awards

SEIFERT, HELEN ROSE

Home Ec., G. A. A.

SERMERSHEIM, THOMAS

Pot & Pan Pals, Student Council

of 1945



SIEBERT, ROBERT

Basketball, "J" Staff, Baseball, Student Council, Math Club, Camera Club, Pot & Pan Pals, Senior Play, Kiwanis Award

STENFTENAGEL, BETTY

Home Ec., G. A. A., Comet Staff



STENFTENAGEL, JAMES

Pot & Pan Pals, Track

STRATMAN, MARY LOUISE

Glee Club, G. A. A., Scholastic Awards



STUEHRK, CARL

Band, Track, "J" Staff, Pot & Pan Pals, Math Club, Pep Club, Camera Club, Operetta, Prom King

VONDERSCHMIDT, MARY RITA

Home Ec., Glee Club, Comet Staff, Operetta, G. A. A.



WEIGEL, ROBERT

Band, Orchestra, Camera Club, Drama, Operetta, Glee Club, Pot & Pan Pals

WELP, KATHLEEN

Comet Staff, "J" Staff, Glee Club, Operetta, G. A. A.



WUCHNER, VERA

Home Ec., Scholastic Awards

WUCHNER, WILLIAM

Basketball, Band, Comet Staff, Debate, Track, Math Club, Science, Pot & Pan Pals

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Senior History

One hundred sixteen bewildered and noisy Freshmen have sobered and settled into the dignified class of 1945.

Yes, we were taken through the mill, too. Only a "survival of the fittest" could endure those privately cooked-up initiations, and we had a whale of trouble opening those daw-gone lockers for the first few days. We can also recall how some of us melted into little green spots when we innocently walked into an upper-classroom lost and confused. We pulled some terrific boners, but after a week we all became acquainted, laughed at our silly mistakes and from then on things were on the "up and up."

Four boys were chosen as officers to steer us through our Freshman year. The majority of the cast in "The Sunbonnet Girl" were Freshmen. With pride and school spirit we wore our black and gold "Frosh caps." Three yell leaders were chosen from our ranks and filled the roll for four consecutive years. The boys produced dishes, lamps, and ash trays from tin cans and displayed their creations in the City Hall. The crowning point of the year was our hilarious Frosh party, in which Miss Cross coached some of the boys for a push-button program that concluded with the dumping of a bushel basket of colored confetti all over the place. Even then some of our boys looked pul-lenty promising for a *real* Wildcat team.

Alas! We have just entered the philosophic stage. We became the wise sophomores. (Wonder if Miss Sonderman had anything to do with that!) The first week, we had quite a time taking vengeance on the little Frosh. It wasn't long and election time rolled around. This time and the *only* time during our four years in High School, a girl represented the better half of the class. Naturally the other three officers were boys. If you will refer to past annuals, you will find that the "Sophies" in their time were quite "the" thing. We were well represented in every type of activity. Two of our own reigned in the Queen's court and from then on our Kittens blossomed into the mighty Wildcats. That was the year we flashed around our super class pins.

Ah — at last, an upper classman — We thought we were the stuff! Again four Junior boys took office. After a big razz-ma-tazz, we finally chose blue and white for class sweaters. The gala event of the year was the big Junior-Senior Prom at the Country Club. The Seniors in turn held a big weiner roast for us out at Calumet Lake. It was a grand year and we accomplished much.

Now we have finally reached the height of our high school career. We soon learned the Seniors had quite a responsibility. It was up to us to publish the "Comet" every two weeks, as well as the "J" yearbook. We took it on our shoulders to exhibit one of the finest Wildcat teams in the state. (Even Bosse says so.) We felt that unless we supervised clubs and school dances, we were failing our Alma Mater. Some of us represented our school in Commercial and Debating contests up at Terre Haute. Five Senior girls represented our class in the Queen's Court. Even one of the members of the faculty said we had a dynamic class.

Indeed we feel that we have fulfilled our expectations during our high school career. We are sorry to leave, but we are confident that our successors will fill the roll, just as we have. (Adieu)

Juniors

OFFICERS

President . . PAUL LAMPERT

Vice President . JOAN KUEBLER

Secretary . CHARLENE MERDER

Treasurer . . ROBERT STEFFEN



C l a s s

Bright and early (yawn) in September, 1944, a group of young people gathered outside the door of Jasper High School discussing various classes. They were no longer shy, yet they did not have the arrogance of Seniors.

With much enthusiasm and interest in all school activities, this class chose four capable officers to steer them through.

The greatest highlight of all Junior Class activities was their Junior-Senior Prom, May 16. The Prom was made possible through their coke sales at the





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home basketball games, the three act comedy "One Mad Night", which was directed by Mr. Jack Leas, and also a school dance on November 29th.

A wave of green swept through the school in the early spring when the appearance of the Junior sweater became the envy of both upper classmen as well as the rest of the student body.

The school year ended with the holding of the Junior-Senior reception, the crowning event of the colorful career as Juniors.



School Spirit

THE WISH OF THE CLASS OF '45

The Hope that the class of '46
will carry on with the same sincerity
and greatness of school spirit
that they have exhibited
as underclassmen



S o p h o m o r e s

Theresa Bahlman

A little girl capable of doing big things.

Russell Bauer

A quiet man, but quite a man.

Kenneth Beck

Popular as a classmate, loyal as a friend.

Marcus Beckman

What should a man do but be merry?

Marjorie Berg

Beauty is not confined to blondes.

Richard Blessinger

They say he was once caught studying.

Harold Bockelman

A great capacity for doing work.

Thomas Bohnert

The "Atlas" of the sophomore class.

Paul Bohnert

Let every man mind his own business.

Margaret Booth

Sweet as they come and lots of fun.

Isabelle Braasch

When things start happening - there's "Izzy".

John Braun

When he has nothing to say he says nothing.

Margaret Burger

Nothing is more useful than silence.

Paul Byrd

No man was ever wise by chance.

Russel Colton

Sometimes I'm wise - sometimes otherwise.

Charles Dischinger

Work fascinates me. I can sit and look at it for hours.

Jack Dittmer

When I have nothing else to do, I study.

Kenneth Dudine

Never in the way and never out of the way.

Rosemary Egloff

She hath a look of mischief in her eye.

Shirley Elliot

It's nice to be natural when you're naturally nice.

Ted Elliot

School is all right, but hunting season's better.

Mildred Eskew

Those who know her praise her most.

Thomas Eversman

In quietness and confidence lies his strength.

Albert Fleck

He's "wery" nice to know.

James Fritch

Bashful -- until you know him.

Joseph Fritch

His good nature affects all who know him.

Thomas Fritch

I have a car - it's not so new, but show me a road I can't go through!!

Detty Jean Fuhrman

She's little and wise; a terror for her size.

Mary Lee Gardner

Sweet and pert and fun to know.

Francis Gramelspacher

A man of few words.

Loraine Gutsell

A pleasing face is no slight advantage.



S o p h o m o r e s

Marcella Hackman

Friendly the whole day long.

Morton Hief

All great men are dead - I feel sick now.

Margaret Hochgesang

A good disposition is as good as gold -
she could retire.

Andrew Hoffman

I'm out to have fun and I have it!

Billy Hoffman

Harry James has nothing on him.

Robert Huther

I'm not very tall, but why worry? Neither
was Napoleon!

Ralph Jacob

His quiet nature hides a pleasing personality.

Sally Jenkins

A ready smile, a quick wit Lucky girl!

John Jergens

An innocent face but you don't know him.

Betty Knable

Lots of fun, always "on the go".

Louise Kreilein

She's blessed with a charm that's certain
to please.

Maxine Kreilein

Her lively chatter sets the ball rolling.

Norbert Kreilein

Always one of a merry band.

Robert Kremp

He leads us with a rousing cheer.

Margaret Krodell

Maggie's efforts bring results.

Julienne Kuebler

Brains and beauty - that's her.

Denis Kunz

Brilliant and modest is he.

Joseph Lampert

My life is but a comedy.

Bill Lematus

Me minus work - Ah! That is paradise.

John Lorey

What he lacks in size, he makes up in noise.

Thomas Luegars

Sometimes I think, I think.

Robert Lukemeyer

Spontaneous combustion.

Clara McDonald

A slight lass, not to be slighted.

Catherine McFall

Contended to know and be unknown.

Ralph Mehling

'Tis the small men who rule the world.

Rosemary Merder

Life's a lot of fun.

Floyd Miller

Mischief has won him.

Dennis Moeller

A regular fellow and the best of pals.

Kenneth Moeller

Put off today what can be done tomorrow.

Jacqueline Neukam

"Doesn't anyone want a defense stamp
today?"



S o p h o m o r e s

Earline Newton

She who tries will succeed in the end.

Wayne Opel

The man who made mirth for us all.

Lois Parker

She leads the band - and how!

Catherine Perrin

Whatever she does, she does willingly.

Francis Reckelhoff

A light heart lives long.

Wilfred Reckelhoff

Beware! I may yet do something sensational.

Donald Renner

Who can tell what height he may attain?

Sara Rudolph

She never forgets to have fun.

Lucille Scherer

And her tongue ran on and on

Robert Schnarr

A quiet worker who gains his goal.

Paul Schneider

Little but mighty!

Genevieve Schnell

A small girl but one to look up to.

Mary Schuch

Si, si, she is a Spanish student.

Basilla Schuetter

She studies hard that the harvest may be great.

Henrietta Schwenk

It's a bird - it's a plane - no, it's Henio!

Joseph Schwinghammer

Rhythm is my business.

Robert Seger

And leave us leisure to be good.

William Seng

I might be better if I could, but it's awful boring to be good!

Jerome Sermersheim

Slow but steady wins the race.

Michael Sermersheim

In action faithful and in honor clear.

Ramona Sermersheim

Laugh and the world laughs with you.

Robert Steffe

His thoughts and his conduct are his own.

Paul Stratman

Why hurry? Why worry? The world goes on the same.

Laverna Stroud

Another reason why men prefer blondes.

Mary Lou Vonderheide

It's quality rather than quantity that counts.

Otto Vonderheide

It is worthier to deserve honor than to possess it.

Louis White

Some nonsense but more sense.

Robert Wolfe

He talks little but says a great deal.



F r e s h m e n

John Adams designer of airplanes
 Charles Alles "A" student in Algebra
 Mary Jean Alpers giggling all the time
 Norma Barnhart good dancer
 Howard Battle visiting graveyards at night
 Jim Beckman rubber neck
 Joan Beckman sweet girl
 Mary Rose Beckman
 president of the Home Economics Club
 Virginia Berg good seamstress
 Rich Berger student manager for the kittens
 James Block future Harry James
 Donald Bohnert kopy-kat
 Marianne Bohnert "Stinky"
 Donald Brames Leona Giesler's ideal
 Marie Braun "Brownie"
 Ralph Brescher tough guy
 Dorothy Buchta just plain Dorothy
 Raymond Buechlein
 the one and only honor student
 Lee Ann Buehler jolly kid

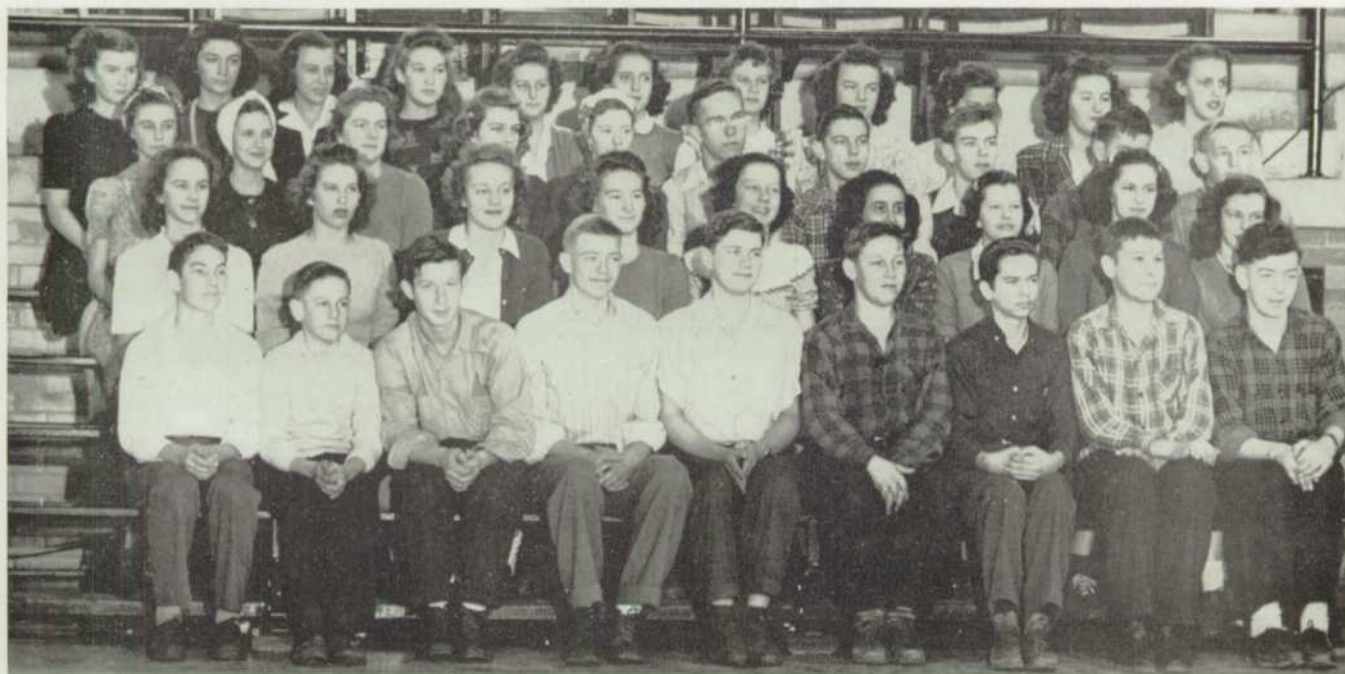
Marvin Colton has a fancy for art
 Shirley Dittmer Lee Ann's chum
 Dorothy Dudine always eating candy
 Marilyn Dudine always studying
 Gloria Egg "Glo"
 Betty Fierst always saying B. O.
 Paul Fritch "Whop"
 Donn Fritz midget
 Eugene Fritz pin ball king
 Dolores Gehlhausen quietest
 Carol Giesler swoons over Van Johnson
 Leona Giesler star badminton player
 William Giesler bowling over 300
 Albert Graehler a-1 spotter at bowling alley
 Donna Gramelpacher always writing notes
 Gene Gramelpacher big feet
 Mary Lou Haas "Juliet"
 Margaret Habig chubby
 Hilbert Haller book worm
 Georgia Hardwick always telling corny jokes
 Lillian Heichelbech defense council member



F r e s h m e n

Jack Heldman zoot suit kid
 Rose Lee Henke cute figure
 Donald Herbig nice fellow
 Dennis Hochgesang . . . is in Home Room 4
 Raymond Hochgesang . . lives in the country
 Rosemarie Hochgesang . . always humming
 George Hoffman
 ALWAYS shooting paper wads
 Leo Huls always sleepy
 Dolores Hunefeld "Dodo"
 Arnold Hurst gasoline jockey
 Dorothy Hurst always getting nervous
 Edna Jacob always smiling
 Gloria Jasper "Glo"
 Ruth Jerger good speller
 Vonda Jochim
 Calumet's one and only check girl
 Walter King always absent
 Pauline Kleiser friendly girl
 Charles Kluesner a good farmer
 Alice Kreilein she can act!
 Lawrence Kruger brains

Jane Kuebler dimples
 Jean Kuebler cute
 Doris Kunkel good cook
 Paul Kunkel screwball
 Ruth Kunkel Berger's little greminal
 Kenneth Kunkler "Kenny"
 Robert Kuper new freshman
 Mary Kuper small but mighty
 Kenneth Lannon "scoog"
 Martina Lechner cousin to Mildred
 Mildred Lechner redhead
 Mary Jane Lemme happy-go-lucky
 Bob Loepker
 future manager of a grocery store
 Bernadine Mehringer . . . quite a character
 Clifton Mehrtens star freshman
 Mildred Merkley lipstick gal
 James Meyer big stoop
 Carl Miles "Jr."
 Bob Miller small
 Dorothy Nalin always neat
 Arnold Nicholson teacher's pet



F r e s h m e n

Esther Obermeier . . . green as a freshman
 Bob Pfau . . . always sleepy
 Charles Renneisen . . . "CLASS" president
 Dennis Renner . . . powerful half pint
 Doris Rohlman . . . dancing partner of Mr. Denning
 Alfred Ruckriegel . . . a wolf
 Clara Scherle . . . small
 Margaret Scherle . . . always talking
 Rosemary Schitter . . . always jolly
 Dorothy Schmidt . . . quiet kid
 Camilla Schneider . . . wants to be a Phys. Ed. teacher
 Jackie Lu Schneider . . . a Crosby fan
 Bernadine Schroeder . . . tall and slender
 Ruth Schuetter . . . student council member
 Eileen Schwinghammer . . . tall and nice girl
 Berry Seifert . . . Lon McAllister fan
 Walter Seitz . . . (?)
 Ellamae Sendelweck . . . always laughing
 Charles Sermersheim . . . blushing

Virginia Sermersheim . . . "Ginny"
 Bonny Singer . . . slightly chubby
 Lois Sonderman . . . always talking
 Richard Steinhart . . . most bashful
 Bob Stemle . . . having trouble in Home Room 16
 Margaret Stenftenagel . . . pretty complexion
 Rosemary Taber . . . Wherle's waitress
 Kenny Tretter . . . girl crazy
 Donald Vonderschmidt . . . cotton top
 Anna M. Vonderheit . . . sweet girl
 Daniel Vonderheit . . . seen but not heard
 Virginia Walls . . . skinny but tall
 Bill Webber . . . "Clabber Joe"
 Sue Webber . . . "Suzanna"
 Florence Wendling . . . a twirler
 Alvin Wigger . . . Henrietta's brother
 Henrietta Wigger . . . shhh!! quiet
 Hazel Williams . . . black hair
 Dorothy Wilz . . . cute kid
 Robert Wuchner . . . last but not least

COMMERCIAL DEPARTMENT

Here competent business men and women start their successful career.



SCIENCE DEPARTMENT

"To every action there is always an equal and contrary reaction." - Sir Isaac Newton



INDUSTRIAL DEPARTMENT

They are skillfully taught by trained, skilled hands.

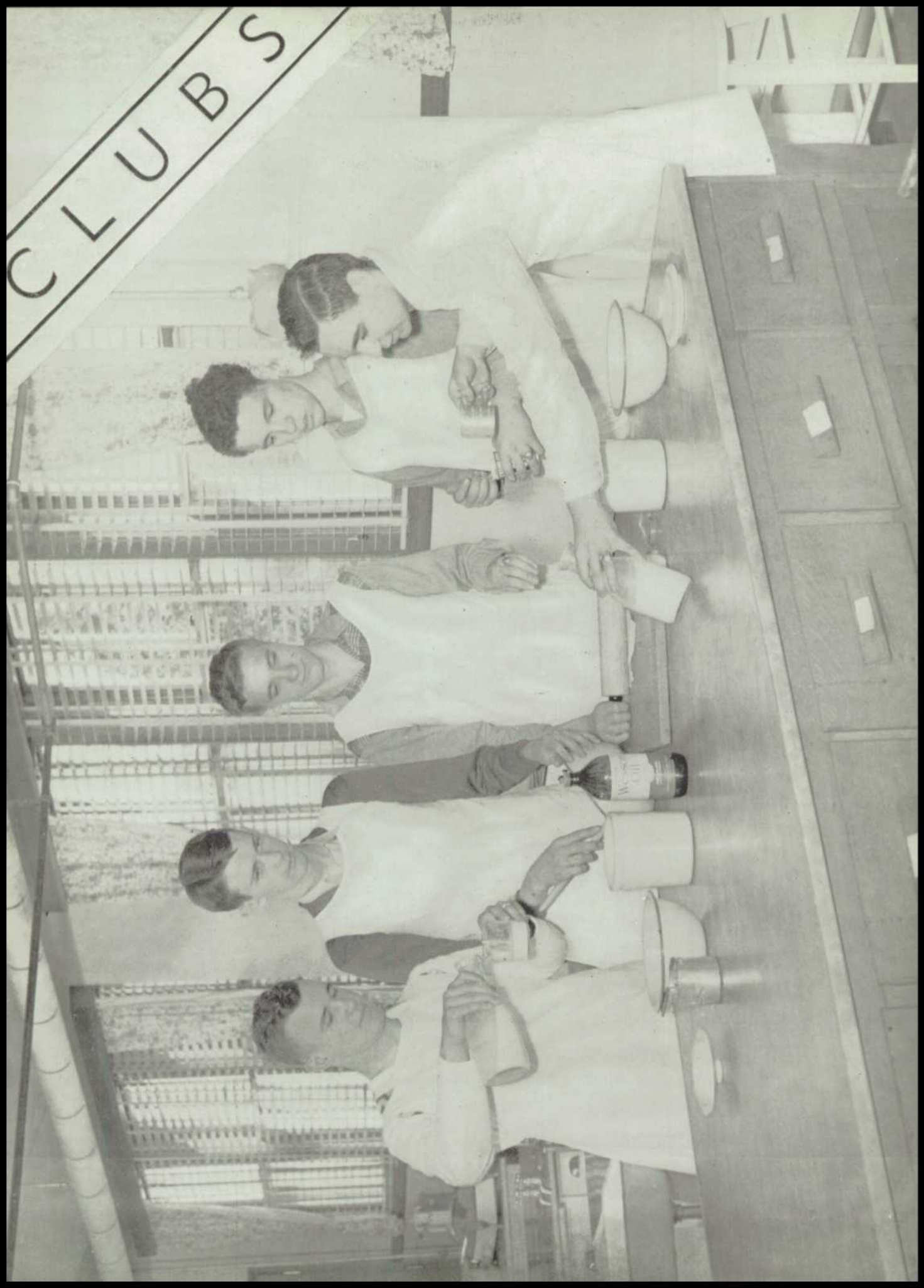


HOME ECONOMICS DEPARTMENT

From a bolt of yard goods to a finished product.



CLUBS





1945 "J" Staff

Annual goes to press!! We, the editors, Flora Eversman, Mary Jane Gosman, and Earl Buechler heaved a heavy sigh of relief when those precious words were uttered. Whatever we may have accomplished is due to the persistent efforts of the members of our staff as well.

One of the important functions in compiling an Annual is that of making a well-planned budget and securing financial aid. These business affairs were carried out efficiently by Carl Stuehrk and Bob Siebert.

"Hold it! Snap! That's all." — was the cry of the photographers, Pat Schaaf and Stan Krempp as they furnished us with our informal pictures.

Gin Lukemeyer and Jerry Kunkel gave us the highlights on sports.

Our high-pressure salesmen, Peg Fierst, Mary Helen Reese, Bob Sakel and their assistants **really** sold the annuals!

The long hidden artistic ability of Kay Welp was brought to light by her super-sketches.

In conclusion, the staff expresses sincere thanks to Mrs. Chappell, Miss Heine, class representatives, Louise Heichelbeck, John Fierst, Isabelle Braasch, Morton Hief, Jackie Schneider, Howard Battle and Jim Hoffman who have all helped to make possible this book of "memories."



Student Council

Endeavoring to better the school, the Student Council has carried out numerous plans during '44-'45 to encourage more extra-curricular activities in the school.

It was through the Student Council that all the Friday convocation programs were able to be presented to the student body. Besides these programs, the Council sponsored several pep sessions and a big yell contest, rewarding the

winners for the first and second best yells submitted.

The Student Council was also host for the Student Council convention held April 19, 1945.

The Council consisted of one member from each home room, clubs, the Comet staff, and the basket ball team. It is under the guidance of the principal, Mr. Claude Miller.



Comet has Successful Year

RUMBACH HEADS STAFF

The publication of the Jasper High School Comet has fostered a feeling of school spirit and friendliness among the students throughout the year.

Under the sponsorship of Miss Louise Sonderman, the staff has culminated a year of successfully editing and gathering of the news happenings of Jasper High School.

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Defense Council

The Defense Council organized to aid national defense has attempted throughout the year to acquire a ninety per cent quota in all home rooms in the purchase of war stamps and bonds.

A campaign beginning on Pearl Harbor Day, December 7, resulted in the securing of the "Minute Man Flag", ninety per cent of the students having bought at least one 10¢ war stamp.

The council is composed of a representative

from each home room elected by the students. Bonds and stamps were sold each Tuesday during convocation period and during the noon hour.

The members of the council include: Doris Bohnert-chairman, James Schneider, Flora Eversman, James Toole, Max Burke, Sally Jenkins, Jackie Neukam, Howard Battle, Lillian Heichelbech and Charles Sermersheim, and is under the sponsorship of Miss June Lynch.





President **EARL BUECHLER**
 Vice-president **TOM EVERSMAN** Secretary **DOROTHY BECKMAN**

Debate Club

The Debate Club of Jasper High School, winner of the debating sectional, completed an active and successful year, even though wartime conditions prevented much traveling. The question the club debated was "Resolved that the legal voting age should be reduced to 18 years."

The debating teams took part in the Annual Indiana State Teachers College Forensic Festival at Terre Haute on January 6, winning decisions from Hammond, Speedway, and Riley. Their losses were to Wiley, Speedway, and Hammond. Besides entertaining the student body and faculty of J. H. S. during convocations, they debated for civic organizations. The club was also active in school social life, sponsoring a dance and a party.

The Debate Club was under the guidance and supervision of Miss Dorothy Heine. Members of the club were: Paul Byrd, James Block, Marvin Colton, Russel Colton, Eldon Colton, Charles Renneisen, Doris Kunkel, Tom Eversman, Dorothy Beckman, Earl Buechler, Joe Fritch, Tom Fritch, and Louis White.

Senior Math



OFFICERS

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| President | C. STUEHRK |
| Student Council Representative | D. MEHRINGER |
| Sponsor | MR. CATHCART |

With the starting of a new school year the boys interested in higher mathematics responded to Mr. Cathcart's call and combined the "brain-trust" of Jasper High School into the MATH CLUB, Junior and Senior Divisions.

The Senior Division, composed of eight Senior boys took up the study of College Algebra,

Sines and Cosines and some of the higher mathematical theorems.

The Junior Division composed of all Juniors, devoted themselves to the study of basic plane trigonometry. Mr. Cathcart's vast store of match and proficient way of teaching it made the bi-weekly meetings most interesting to all.

Junior Math





President **PAT SCHAAF**

Secretary and Treasurer . . . **TOM HOFFMAN**

Vice-president **JERRY KUNKEL**

Sponsor **MR. IRONS**

Camera Club

The Camera Club, a group organized by those interested in photography, has been successful in its work although hindered by wartime restrictions on photographic equipment.

The officers of the club held after-school sessions to prepare the amateur photographers for the final exam administered at the close of the year. This exam, given by the sponsor, Mr. John Irons, quizzed the members on the art of developing, printing, and enlarging.

The activities during the year included a school dance held November 8, collection of snapshots for the Annual, and the Annual Photography Contest at the end of the year.

Press Club

President . . . MARGARET HOCHGESANG
Vice-president . . . MAX BURKE
Secretary . . . ISABELLE BRAASCH
Sponsor . . . LOUISE SONDERMAN

One of the new clubs to be organized at the beginning of the year was the Press Club, an organization sponsored for the students interested in journalism.

The group carried out a plan of discussion of newspaper problems such as printing and editing as well as advertising.

The club was under the sponsorship of Miss Louise Sonderman, who is head of the journalism department of Jasper High School and has the following members: Isabelle Braasch, Max Burke, Donna Gramelspacher, Margaret Habig, Margaret Hochgesang, Mary Lou Hoffman, Sally Jenkins, Jane Kuebler, Doris Kunkel, Ruth Kunkel, Clara McDonald, Wanda Meyer, Leonard Newman, Francis Reckelhoff, Charles Renneisen, Doris Rohlman, Hilbert Ruekreigel, Margaret Scherle, Camilla Schneider, Michael Sermersheim, and Lois Sonderman.





Marching Band

The Jasper High School Band started the season with a roll call of sixty-five members. Several concerts featuring a variety of music were presented under the direction of Mr. Schnabel who later was inducted into service. The Spring Concert and Commencement Exercises were directed by Miss Matthews.

During the basketball season the band and twirlers maneuvered under the glitted baton of their new high-stepping drum major, Lois Parker.

Other outstanding activities of the year were pep sessions, rallies, Armistice Day Services, and the Legion Christmas Party.



Boys' Home Economics Club

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| President | JIM STENFTENAGEL |
| Vice-president | KENNETH NEUKAM |
| Secretary | DENNIS MEHRINGER |
| Treasurer | ALVA ELLIOTT |

Proving the age old adage that "the way to man's heart is through his stomach", the senior boys formed their own club dedicated to the art of preparing fine foods. The "Pot and Pan Pals" was the result. The club, the first of its kind in J.H.S., met every other Thursday with Jim Stenftenagel as the "guiding light". Miss Ross furnished the expert advice and the Home Economics Department furnished the equipment. During the year several projects were carried out, such as chocolate drop cookies, and devil's food cake.



Jasper High School Chorus

The seventy members of the chorus definitely enjoyed their experience in choral work this year because of the wide variety of selections chosen. The group worked on classical, semi-classical and popular arrangements. "Stardust", "Say It With Music" and "The Navy Hymn" were their favorites.

The chorus participated in the Christmas Assembly program, the Spring Concert, and the Commencement Exercises. Their major performance was the Christmas Cantata.



Rhythmlads

The "Rhythmlads," one of the best local dance aggregations ever to be assembled, has been responsible for all of the music for the school dances, eight of the ten members of the band being high school students.

Behind the mellow sax of Stan Krempp, leader of the band, was a very solid sax section consisting of Joe Schwinghammer, Bob Weigel, and Jim Hoffman. The brass section was strictly on the hot side with Delbert Kiefner, Bob Schwinghammer, and Bill Hoffman filling out the ranks. The "Lads" featured Ernie Berger on the "Solovox", Carl Stuehrk on the bass violin and "Heamer" Sermersheim seated behind the drums.

In addition to all the school dances, the Rhythmlads have made appearances at regular Saturday night dances at Calumet Lake, played for convocation programs and at local Junior-Senior receptions.

The theme song "Moonlight Serenade" will always be a reminder of the sweet, and mellow music of the Rhythmlads and a memory of the boys who made the music.





Girls' Athletic Association

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| President | BETTY STENFTENAGEL |
| Vice-president | MARGARET RUMBACH |
| Secretary | GINNY LUKEMEYER |
| Treasurer | IMELDA SCHITTER |

The Girls' Athletic Association under the supervision of Miss Cornick began its enthusiastic and wholesome activity this year with 100 members. All new members were initiated before they were accepted in the organization.

The purpose of the Girls' Athletic Association is to promote high physical efficiency among the girls of Jasper High School by fostering an interest in Athletic activities. By offering facilities, organization, and instruction in the greatest possible variety of activities, the association aims to stimulate participation of every girl in some form of wholesome physical recreation. It plans, as well, to give opportunity for the girl with special talent to develop that talent for her own satisfaction and to use it for the good of the group.

Awards were given in nine sports on the basis of good sportsmanship, skill, leadership, participation in activities, outstanding ability, and talent exhibited in the organization.

Eight hundred spectators witnessed the Dance Revue sponsored by the G.A.A. and the Girls' Physical Education Department.

The G.A.A. offered thirteen activities and sports this year with efficient chairmen as leaders of each one. The activities and sports included volleyball, basketball, softball, badminton, tumbling, track, soccer, dancing, deck tennis, bowling, outing, archery, and services.

G. A. A. Chairmen

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| Volleyball | IMELDA SCHITTER |
| Basketball | BETTY STENFTENAGEL |
| Softball | MARY LOUISE STRATMAN |
| Badminton | IMELDA VONDERSCHMIDT |
| Tumbling | LUCILLE SCHERER |
| Track | MARGARET RUMBACH |
| Soccer | MARY HELEN REESE |

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| Dancing | MARGARET RUMBACH |
| Deck Tennis | LELIA JERGER |
| Bowling | VIRGINIA LUKEMEYER Asst. JOAN KUNKEL |
| Outing | KAY WELP |
| Archery | DOROTHY SCHNAAR |
| Service | BETTY KNABEL |





ADVANCED HOME ECONOMICS CLUB

President **ROSEMARIE SCHWENK**
 Vice-president **HENRIETTA SCHWENK**

Secretary **ROMONA SERMERSHEIM**
 Treasurer **BETTY KREILEIN**

The Jasper High School Home Economics club, because of the large number of members, has been divided into two groups. The advanced group consisting of Juniors and Seniors has been under the direction of Miss Mecie Ross, while the Freshmen group has been guided by Miss Sylvia Walk.

The club has been working on a merit plan, each girl having to complete fifteen units of work a year in order to remain a member of the club.

One of the outstanding activities of the club during the year was the collection of baby clothes held on March 21, 22, and 23, for the war orphans in the European countries.

FRESHMEN HOME ECONOMICS CLUB

President **MARY ROSE BECKMAN**
 Vice-president **HAZEL WILLIAM**

Secretary **VIRGINIA BERG**
 Treasurer **JACKIE SCHNEIDER**



SENIORS



Typical of our school dances

The Seniors' "Backward" Party



Calendar '45

Dear G. I. Joe:

In my last letter I told you that school would start on September 5, well I was right. You should have seen all the "green" freshies.

The classes elected their officers on Tuesday, that was the 26th, and everyone was pleased to hear that Eldon Colton, Paul Lampert, Jim Fritch, and Charles Renneisen were chosen as the respective class Presidents.

Gosh, I never told you about the Junior class party and the scary G.A.A. initiation, did I?

There have been so many things doing I can hardly keep on the ball. For instance; Band tickets went on sale, Student Council officers were elected, and the first school dance was held (and what a time!) Oh yes, we had a free day while the teachers went to the Teachers' Institute. Some lucky kids went to a Press Convention at Franklin. Clubs were re-organized and everything's underway.

The Senior girls got hooked into taking First Aid, but I'm not saying that it won't help. I wish you could have been here to see the cheer-leaders "try out". It was loads of fun! We had a big "pep" rally downtown and all the kids were yelling their lungs out.

The Juniors chose their class sweaters and the Seniors got to choose their class rings.

At the Washington game they crowned the Queen and I wish you could have seen the attendants. (Just between you and me they looked like something that stepped out of "Vogue").

Guess what! At convocation period the school was awarded the "minute man" flag. (we're all so proud of it).

The Glee Club gave a Christmas Cantata and after they presented it Mr. Miller told us we could go home until January 1, 1945.

In January the "Rhythmlads" played at convocation and all the Senior girls swooned over "Always". The Seniors also gave a "Reversia" party.

You'll be interested to know that the Seniors had their pictures taken, and the results were very good.

We had a magician here and he was really super. During February, we had quite a few interesting programs; Mr. Singh, from China, Mr. Reed, who talked to the Government classes, and a movie called "Personality and Charm".

Of course the Wildcats were leaping ahead all this time and played at the Sectional, Regional, and Semi-Finals.

March seemed so very far off but now that it's here I know you'll want to hear about all the activities during the month.

Oh! Father Green came to tell us about China.

Now that Lent is over all of the kids went on a rampage. The "Rhythmlads" played for a convocation period again and Raymond Birk sang. All the kids got a big kick out of having their pictures taken for the annual.

The G.A.A. presented a Dance Review with a HUNDRED beautiful girls!

The last month of the school year was packed with surprises and loads of fun. On May 10th the school was given a holiday. The seniors took their semester tests earlier than the rest of the school and were given a few days off before the end of school. Commencement was held on the 29th. School's over! Good-bye to the Seniors - Hello to the new Freshmen.

The Student Body

Reminiscing ??? — Pipe-Dreaming ??? — Starry-Eyed ??

Well, call it what you may, but I'll wager that the Seniors of 1945 will never forget the exciting events during those four wonderful years in J.H.S. They always say it's the little things that count, things like "Always" — bringing dill pickles to school — one's first date and corsage — the after-effects of 80 squats in physical straining — Bobby-Soxers swooning over Frank Sinatra and Van "My Ideal" Johnson — the days when our dream team was just the Kittens — the pride of the Marching '48 — boys with their loud cords and Napoleon Bonaparte hats — school dances and the solid beat of the Rhythmlads — those super Christmas holidays and the sparkle of the snow — the thrill of seeing a soldier, sailor, or marine — the awful hoarseness after the big pep rally and bonfire — records, magazines like "Seventeen", Miss Sonderman and "Silas Marner" — time spent in the pest-room — outlandish plaid shirts and jeans — anxiously awaiting each issue of the "Comet" — "Follow Me" perfume — letters to service-men — the full moon on hay rides — Sophie's crushes on Nip Wuchner — saddle oxfords and sterling silver hair clips — buying war stamps — singing "Stardust" in Glee Club — reading "Bawlings" — the grandeur of the Junior-Senior Proms — and last but not least — marching to the strains of "Pomp and Circumstance" on Commencement !!



Senior Class Play

"And Came the Spring" presented by the Senior Class of Jasper High School on May 23, was a humorous and straightforward story of the Hartmans, a typical American family, who enjoy reasonable peace and quiet until Spring enters the scene to stir the heart and lift the blood pressure. How Midge upsets the tranquility of the family and causes terrific turmoil to win Buzz Lindsay's heart is revealed in this comedy. By the end of the week the three Hartman children have taken important steps toward maturity and their parents have also learned a few new tricks.

C A S T

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| Mr. Jeffrey Hartman | LEROY REKER |
| Elliott Hartman | ALVA ELLIOTT |
| Buzz Lindsey | ROBERT SIEBERT |
| Keith Nolan | PHIL BUECHER |
| Freddie North | BILL KIEFFER |
| Mr. Fields | JAMES RENNEISSEN |
| Allen Fields | JAMES BERGER |
| Clancy | JERRY KUNKEL |

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| Messenger | THOMAS HOFFMAN |
| Mrs. Louise Hartman | GLORIA BECKMAN |
| Midge Hartman | VIRGINIA LUKEMEYER |
| Carolyn Webster | AUDREY FISHER |
| Gabby Allen | MARY JANE GOSMAN |
| Edna | DORIS LAMPERT |
| Mrs. Fields | FLORA EVERSMAN |
| Christine Meyers | MARGARET RUMBACH |





Junior Class Play

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| Don Cutter | J. P. Salb |
| Wing | James Fritz |
| Lucille Marcy | Joan Kuebler |
| Dr. Bunn | F. X. Sturm |
| Priscilla | Mary Lou Hoffman |
| Lady MacBeth | Ann Kuebler |
| John Alden | Max Burke |
| Mr. Hyde | Robert Schwinghammer |
| Mrs. Kluck | Pat Sturm |
| Gertrude Finch | Doris Bohnert |
| Mrs. T. A. Finch | Cyrilla Mae Witcher |
| Depression | Ida Kraft |
| Artemus Burke | Kenny Gramelspacher |
| Danny Silelto | James Toole |

The Junior Class, for the first time in the dramatic history of Jasper High School, presented a three-act mystery farce, "ONE MAD NIGHT", under the direction of Mr. Leas.

Don Cutter, a playwright, returns to his mansion to complete his latest play unaware of the fact that this place is inhabited by lunatics and ghosts. The spontaneous humor and the weird plot occurs in the Cutter Mansion during one exciting night; hence the significance of the title.





Junior-Senior Reception

Carl Stuehrk and Lelia Jane Jerger were crowned King and Queen of the Junior-Senior Reception on May 16, at Calumet Lake.

The King and Queen entered with a fanfare from the band. They ascended the throne which was a replica of a quarter moon against a blue stained sky and white lattice work twined with red roses, which coincided with the theme of the evening, "Moonlight and Roses."

Paul Lampert, Junior Class president, crowned the King and Queen after which they led the Grand March.

The customary addresses were made by the Junior and Senior class president, faculty member, and school board.

Pat Sturm and Ann Kuebler, juniors, sang a duet, "Moonlight and Roses". On the chorus the audience joined in.

Couples danced to the music of Mike Kelly and his band.

Queen's Court

One of the most looked forward to events of the school year was the crowning of the Basketball Queen.

Early in November posters, pictures, cards and candy were passed around the halls of Jasper High School and everyone knew the campaign was under way.

On November 23, before a packed Gym, the ceremony officially opening the basketball season took place. The captain of this year's team placed a gold crown on the head of the Queen and she in turn gave him the new basketball, and beauty and sport reigned.

The Queen elected for this year was Virginia Lukemeyer and her attendants were as follows: Mary Helen Reese, Lelia Jerger, Peg Fierst, Margaret Mary Rumbach, Agnes Dudine, and Doris Bohnert.





SPORTS



Jasper Wildcats . . . 1945

Hubba! ! Hubba! ! ! That was the magic war cry of the mighty Wildcat "Dream Team of '45". Boasting a record of twenty-four wins against two defeats, both at the hands of Bosse, these "Fighting 'Cats" broke all scoring records in Jasper's long cage history and will go down as one of the greatest basketball aggregations ever to don a Wildcat uniform.

During the season and tournament play they averaged well over fifty points per game. While not only being demons on offense, the O'Neillmen used a zone defense throughout the year which no team could seem to penetrate.

They annexed both the Sectional and Regional titles and advanced to the final game of the semi-finals before losing to a red-hot Bosse five who later went on to take the state crown.



SEASON RECORD

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| Jasper | 53 | Washington Catholic | 39 |
| Jasper | 47 | Bedford | 35 |
| Jasper | 55 | Washington | 28 |
| Jasper | 47 | Huntingburg | 33 |
| Jasper | 49 | Jeffersonville | 37 |
| Jasper | 53 | Reitz | 16 |
| Jasper | 43 | Vincennes | 28 |
| Jasper | 62 | Tell City | 24 |
| Jasper | 58 | Petersburg | 32 |
| Jasper | 33 | Vincennes | 28 |
| Jasper | 61 | Princeton | 21 |
| Jasper | 53 | Huntingburg | 42 |
| Jasper | 40 | Bloomington | 18 |
| Bosse | 41 | Jasper | 39 |
| Jasper | 40 | Central | 27 |
| Jasper | 50 | New Albany | 39 |
| Jasper | 41 | Washington | 28 |
| Jasper | 55 | Boonville | 38 |

SECTIONAL

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|--------|----|-------------|----|
| Jasper | 75 | Ireland | 23 |
| Jasper | 43 | Spurgeon | 30 |
| Jasper | 49 | Huntingburg | 28 |
| Jasper | 61 | Holland | 30 |

REGIONAL

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| Jasper | 50 | Bicknell | 30 |
| Jasper | 65 | Sullivan | 37 |

SEMI-FINALS

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| Jasper | 41 | Gerstmeyer | 36 |
| Bosse | 55 | Jasper | 32 |

| | G | F.G. | F.T. | P.F. | T.P. |
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| T. Hoffman | 26 | 133 | 49 | 43 | 315 |
| W. Wuchner | 26 | 122 | 45 | 54 | 289 |
| J. Berger | 26 | 75 | 45 | 39 | 195 |
| R. Siebert | 26 | 76 | 20 | 64 | 172 |
| G. Kunkel | 26 | 51 | 21 | 54 | 123 |
| R. Sakel | 26 | 40 | 7 | 24 | 87 |
| A. Elliott | 25 | 25 | 5 | 19 | 55 |
| E. Alles | 18 | 9 | 3 | 8 | 21 |
| W. Krodel | 12 | 8 | 1 | 2 | 17 |
| T. Habig | 22 | 6 | 1 | 8 | 13 |
| D. Krodel | 8 | 2 | 3 | 7 | 7 |
| J. Salb | 6 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 2 |
| Totals | 26 | 548 | 200 | 323 | 1296 |
| Opponents | 26 | 313 | 195 | 309 | 821 |





Hubba Hubba Wildcats



Bob Sakel

Alva Earl Elliott

Jerry Kunkel Willie Wuchner

Jim Berger

1945

Leo O'neil

Tommy

Hoffman

Bob Siebert



Our Seniors . . . 1945

WILLIE WUCHNER — Willie was once just a tall skinny kid trying to play with the Wildcats. A great number of the fans who saw him play his first game as a starter back in 1942, predicted "he would never make a ball player." By the end of the season, Willie had made good and was the best Sophomore center in the area. The next year again the experts predicted that since Wuchner no longer had Hoffman to depend on he would turn out to be a flop, and again Willie made them eat their words with another great season as center. Again this year he assured his position as Jasper's greatest center by amassing a total of 289 points for the season. He was also captain of the Wildcat five this year.

JIM BERGER — Jimmy is another mainstay who is finishing his third year on the 'Cats and his second on the Varsity. Jimmy, always a dependable scorer, specialized in one-handers and long shots which he hit almost unerringly. A clever dribbler, Jimmy sparked the Wildcat offense with persistent driving when their fast break failed to produce results. Besides being an offensive threat Jimmy's defensive work was also exceptionally good.

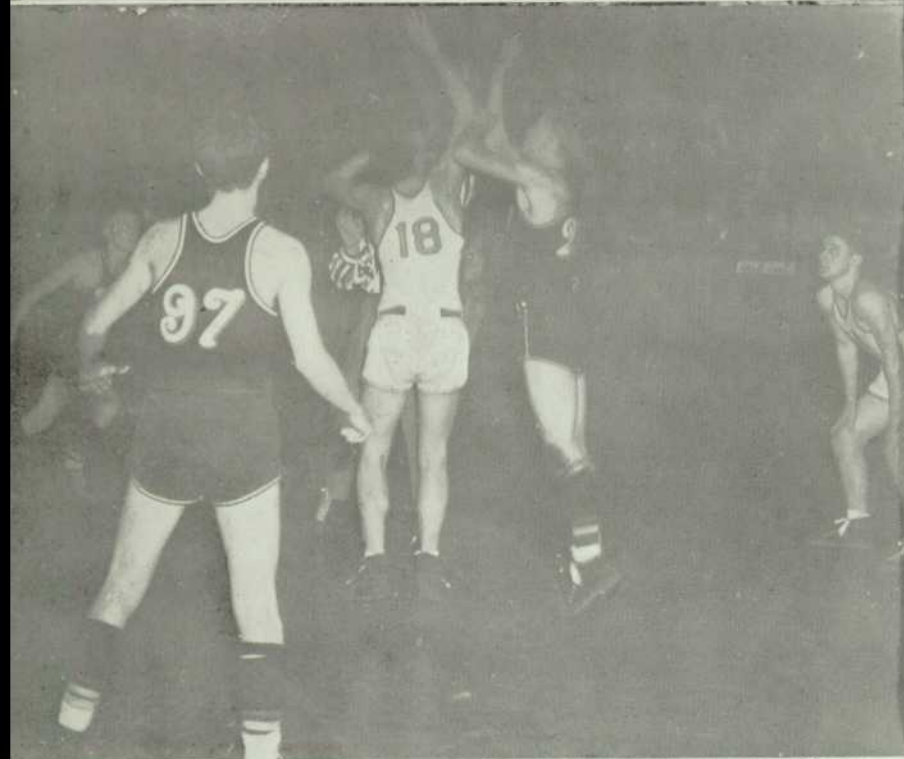
TOM HOFFMAN — Tom who paced the wildest scoring this year with 315 points and a career total of 515 points, is also a three year man, playing most of his "42" season on the bench as seventh man. He advanced to the "first five" in his Junior year. Tom was the kind of offensive man who could get the ball off through five pairs of hands guarding him where you would swear there was no hole, and still make the basket. It seems as though the greater the number of men guarding him the greater was his accuracy. Tom was also a selection of the Indianapolis Star to participate with the Indiana All-Stars against the Kentucky team.

BOB SIEBERT — Bob, the best looking player on the team, in more ways than one, has finished his third year with the 'Cats. Bob was the brains of the Jasper outfit this year besides being the nucleus of the Wildcat defense. Bob really earned his gold basketball in the Bosse game, hitting four straight longs when points really looked good.

JERRY KUNKEL — Jerry, bouncing Wildcat forward, advanced to the Varsity in his Junior year and by his Senior year was a valued regular. More than one visiting sport writer has labeled him the best rebound man in the state. Besides being a strong defensive cog and an almost unstoppable rebound artist, Jerry sometimes lets loose with the offensive, hitting one-handers and tip-ins.

ALVA ELLIOTT — Alva, six-foot three reserve, has always been dependable in a pinch and has provided that little bit of height needed sometimes to give the Wildcats the edge under the basket. Alva is a fair but consistent scorer who can throw a one hander or long shot with all the ease of the smaller players.

BOB SAKEL — Bob, whose exploits at Bedford last year will mark him forever in the memory of Jasper cage fans, is another Senior who came to the 'Cats in his Junior year. Bob, the lightest member of the squad scored five points and pulled a Jasper victory out of the fire at Bedford in the first three minutes he played in a Wildcat uniform. Bob is also a strong defensive man and can almost hit any kind of shot.



"They also serve" and how that might be said of these hard-working yell leaders. We're not sure who was more worn out after a ball game, the cheer-leaders or the team. For four years three of this quartet were tops in the field of arm-waving, jumping, and pulling hair, namely: Mary Jane Gosman, Peggy Fierst, Lenny Newman, Buddie Krempp, and Marvin Colton.

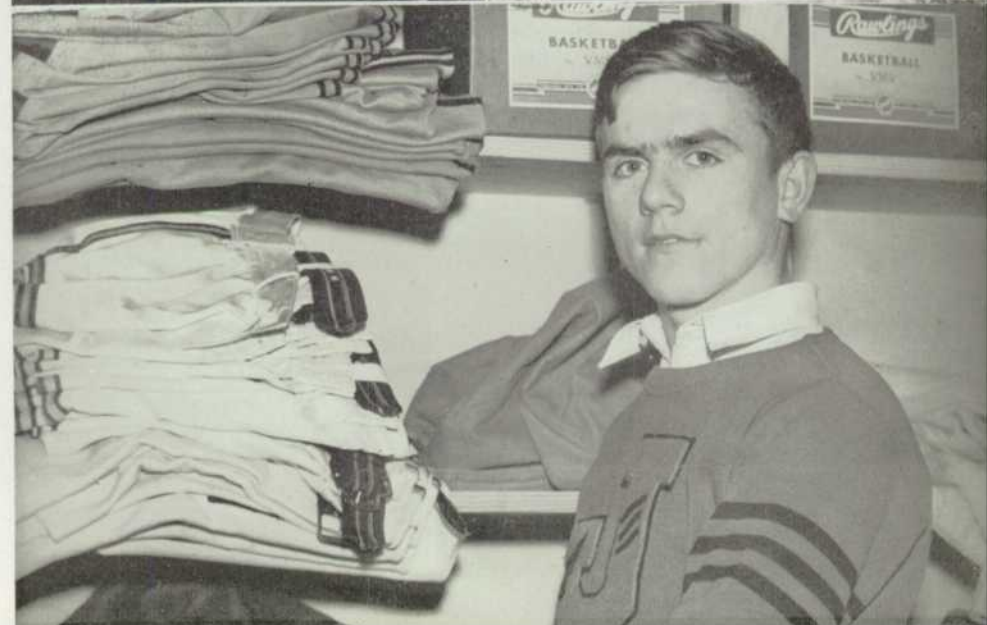


Six years and six winners is the boast of Coach Leo "Cabby" O'Neill, who guides the destinies of the Jasper High School basketball and track teams. His smile has got a little bigger, his hair a little thinner, but he still hasn't lost any hope that he will produce a State Championship team one of these days.



As feared as the Wildcats in their own field is Louis "Nip" Wuchner's Kittens whose records and trophies rank with their senior colleagues.

Here there and everywhere!!! Always seen rushing from school to the gym to wash towels or give a rub down, or shine basketballs. Definitely an asset and really a necessity to the '45 team — that's "Peanut" Renneisen!!!





Kittens

Coach "Nip" Wuchner's little but mighty Kittens compiled a record never before equalled by a Jasper Second team. They were successful in fifteen of sixteen tilts, losing only to Central, and winning over such strong teams as Bosse and Bedford and thumping Huntingburg, Vincennes and Washington twice. The Kittens shared the second teams SIAC Title with Central of Evansville, each winning nine and losing one.

Wuchner's squad was indeed small, for the only man on the team to top the six foot mark was "Big Tom" Bohnert. Captain Mickey Sermersheim lead the scoring attack with a ten point average per game. Bob Lukemeyer, Andy Hoffman, Jim Fritch and Bohnert made up the rest of the all sophomore starting five.

The season's record follows:

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| Jasper | 41 | — | Washington Catholic | 10 | *Jasper | 43 | — | Princeton | 14 |
| *Jasper | 27 | — | Bedford | 17 | *Jasper | 34 | — | Huntingburg | 25 |
| *Jasper | 18 | — | Washington | 11 | *Jasper | 36 | — | Bosse | 21 |
| *Jasper | 26 | — | Huntingburg | 25 | *Central | 20 | — | Jasper | 19 |
| *Jasper | 51 | — | Vincennes | 19 | Jasper | 38 | — | Ireland | 16 |
| Jasper | 45 | — | Tell City | 24 | *Jasper | 19 | — | Washington | 17 |
| Jasper | 25 | — | Petersburg | 23 | Jasper | 47 | — | Birdseye | 21 |
| *Jasper | 26 | — | Vincennes | 12 | *Jasper | 36 | — | Boonville | 27 |

Total points — 534

Opp. points — 302

(*) SIAC games

Baseball

Late in March Coach "Cabby" O'Neill's call for baseball was answered by some thirty-odd candidates who were eager to seek a position on the Wildcat nine.

In spite of the transportation problems due to the war, five out-of-town games and six home games were carded. While the pitching staff lacked experience, Jim Fritch along with Leon Pfister, Alva Elliott and Harmon Woolsey will setup a serving defense against opposing batters. On the receiving end was veteran catcher, "Mick" Sermersheim assisted by John Jurgens and George Hoffman.

The infield remains intact with "Bumps" Hoffman, Bob Sakel, Jim Menner and Bob Siebert, still available from last year's inner defense. In the outfield O'Neill has only one hangover from last year, Tom Habig. Andy Hoffman and a pair of freshmen, "Clifty" Mehrtens and Paul Kunkel, were viewed for an outer berth.

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| April 6 | Stendal | Here |
| April 12 | St. Simon | There |
| April 20 | Huntingburg | There |
| April 24 | St. Simon | Here |
| May 1 | Washington | Here |
| May 3 | Princeton | There |
| May 4 | Cannelton | Here |
| May 11 | Huntingburg | Here |
| May 15 | Bedford | Here |
| May 16 | Huntingburg | There |
| May 25 | Washington | There |





Track

As the 1945 "J" goes to press, the track outlook for the coming season is a promising one. With a well balanced squad that hasn't been hit too hard by graduation, this spring sport should find the Jasper thinlies giving the competing tracksters plenty of trouble.

Eighteen returning tracksters from last year's squad together with a half dozen Freshmen will comprise the Black and Gold entry. Four Seniors, eight Juniors, and six Sophomores will be on hand.

In the dashes, Jerry Kunkel, Jim Toole, Tom Jochim, and Mace Braun are expected to bring home plenty of ribbons. They will also compose the half-mile relay team. Alva Elliott, Kenny and Gene Gramelspacher, Eldon Colton, J. P. Salb, Bob Lukemeyer, Hilbert Ruckriegal, and Oscar Knies are scheduled to race the cinders in the mile and half-mile runs.

In the field events Ed Alles and Mort Hief were the pole vaulters; Willie Wuchner, Jerry Kunkel, and Ed Alles the high jumpers, and putting the shot were Tom Bohnert and Willie Wuchner. Jerry Kunkel and Bill Krodel specialized in the hurdles.

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| April 13 | | Boonville | | There |
| April 19 | | Vincennes | | There |
| April 25 | | Huntingburg | | Here |
| May 5 | | S. I. A. C. (Evansville) | | There |
| May 10 | | Vincennes | | There |
| May 12 | | Sectional (Evansville) | | There |

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- HELEN BOCKELMAN** — all my teachers; especially the time I called for Jack Egloff and Mr. Jack Leas responded."
- DICK ECKSTEIN** — the time I got caught playing hooky. If you ever get the impulse, fight it off, because I found out that playing hooky doesn't pay!"
- GLORIA BECKMAN** — my teachers, classes, job in Mr. Denning's office and the Comet staff's night sessions."
- ALVA ELLIOTT** — the time I found limburger cheese smeared in my locker."
- GEORGE LOEPKER** — the fun I had in clubs and especially my Pot and Pan Pals."
- ELDON COLTON** — my classmates, teachers, and school activities—the factors which make high school one of the important stages of life."
- BILLY KIEFER** — how I proved to be a "green Frosh" by going home, and later learning that I had missed Convocation Period."
- RAYMOND BIRK** — the time I fell over the basket in Room 19."
- PEG FIERST** — all the fun we had 'together'."
- TOM BOHNERT** — my last day of English!! Miss Heine's Commercial Class."
- JACKIE EGLOFF** — the fun we had drooling."
- PHIL BUECHER** — the good old days back in '42 (plenty of tires, gas, etc.)"
- FLORA EVERSMAN** — the time I got to play the lead in 'Sunbonnet Sue' as a Freshman."
- LAVADA BRAUN** — the day I did not come for my semester algebra exam."
- RAYMOND BECK** — the good old days at Jasper High School."
- MARY BOOTH** — giving 'Fight Team Fight' at a Truth or Consequence program during a convo. Imagine that!!"
- TOMMY HOFFMAN** — my experience in the semifinals at Vincennes in '43."
- MARGIE BERGER** — my four swell years in high school."
- MARY JANE GOSMAN** — my experience as cheer leader."
- BOB GUTGSELL** — the Freshman days when there was plenty of gum, cigarettes, and gas."
- ROSE LEE HAAS** — my first appearance before the student body during 'Information Please'."
- EARL ECKERT** — my first day at JHS—the Seniors snobbed us, the Juniors threatened us and the Sophomores made things miserable."
- VICTOR KNIES** — the Bosse-Jasper game and '44 Prom."
- JERRY KUNKEL** — school dances and my classmates. (nuff said)."
- WILFRED KREILEIN** — the cookies and cakes I baked with my Pot and Pan Pals."
- DOROTHY HOFFMAN** — the first time I entered JHS."
- VIRGINIA LUKEMEYER** — the night I was crowned basket ball queen. (my biggest thrill)."
- URBAN DISCHINGER** — the fun I had attending JHS."
- STANLEY KREMPP** — the jam sessions at school dances."
- BETTY PEAK** — my first ticket from Mr. Worland for talking."
- JAMES MERKLEY** — the first time I over-slept in study hall."
- LELIA JERGER** — the basket ball games and proms."
- LEONARD NEWMAN** — my first and only 'A' in citizenship. (Oh happy day)."
- WILLIAM WUCHNER** — beating Bosse in '44 (not in '45)."
- CARL STUEHRK** — Room 18-(Pest Room)."
- DOROTHY SCHNAAR** — those 2 a. m. 'Comet' sessions and lab lessons in Chemistry."
- BOBBY SEIBERT** — Reker's sleepy look in Government class."
- LARRY HULS** — the 1944 Junior-Senior Prom."
- JAMES BERGER** — the basket ball trips and the fun with my Pot and Pan Pals."
- HELEN ROSE SIEFERT** — my first ticket from Mr. Leas."
- ROBERT SAKEL** — the happy times I had in study halls Not studying."
- IMELDA SCHUETTER** — those HOT basket ball games in Physical Training."
- AGNES ROHLMAN** — eating in study halls and typing periods."
- THOMAS RUDOLPH** — our basket ball stars."
- ROBERT WEIGEL** — April 10, 1944."
- KAY WELP** — all the kids I knew and those Comet staff sessions."
- AUDREY FISHER** — my Glee Club and Operetta days."
- KENNY NEUKAM** — those physics classes."
- MARY HELEN REESE** — those super times in high school plus the basket ball games."
- DORIS LAMPERT** — our 'Dream Team' and the time I sang (?) a solo in the operetta as a Frosh."
- JAMES SCHNEIDER** — the good old days in 'Nip's' geometry classes."
- ELAINE SCHLACHTER** — the chemical odors that penetrated through the halls."
- JAMES STENFTENAGEL** — baking and cooking in Boys' Home Economics Club."
- THOMAS SERMERSHEIM** — those encouraging smiles Miss Wilhelmus gave me in taking a 10 minute writing."
- MARGARET RUMBACH** — high school. (period)—especially 'Comet Week'."
- CHARLES SCHUCH** — the appetizing flat cakes baked in Home Economics."
- CHARLES HALLER** — the horrible stuff we used to cook-up in chemistry class."
- PAT SCHAAF** — the sleepless nights spent worrying over photos for Comet and Annual."
- MARY RITA VONDERSCHMIDT** — our all-night Comet sessions and all the good old days in JHS."
- BETTY STENFTENAGEL** — those experiments in chemistry."
- DOROTHY MEHRINGER** — the JHS teachers."
- DENNIS MEHRINGER** — the snowball fights in front of the school and the easy way Mr. Cathcart handled Math."