

SIERRA

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Dear Mrs. Schwager:

I'm afraid I didn't know you very well until I was transferred to your Senior English class. I've really enjoyed being your pupil & working with you. So, but I won't be here next year. Lots of luck to a small teacher.

An English Student
Allen Chadwell

Dear Mrs. Schwager:

I don't think we get along very well during the year, but we can always forget. I wish you lots of luck.

A Student

Ellen Smart

Dear Mrs. Schwager,
I didn't have much time in your Senior English class this year and really wish I could have taken a whole year of it. (I'm afraid on July 1st when I hear the results of my subject & exam I will see where I needed more English.)
It has been a pleasure knowing and working with you.
Betty Jane Hunt

Dear Mrs. Schwager
Best wishes to you
in the future
a pal,
Jimmie

Raggio

Dear Mrs. Schwager:

We have never had very long conversations but I have enjoyed being in your class & knowing you. Lots of Luck to you.

a student
Betty Volf

Dear Mrs. Schwager,
I don't think I'll ever be a student who's so much enjoyed working with you. I don't think I'll ever forget you and a student admirer,
Dorothy

(Circled) Reddick,
I don't think I'll ever be a student who's so much enjoyed working with you. I don't think I'll ever forget you and a student admirer,
Dorothy

Joe Green

Dear Mrs. Schwager,
We met in a way in a comfortable way. But all was forgotten.

Dear Pal
I'll always remember the good
times we've had in
music on 5th P.D. here
Hope you are here
next year so we can have
a rather good time in my Jamies
year
James Dugan

Dear Mrs. Schwager,
In really and truly
going to miss you
terribly next year if
you don't come back.
I hope you do. I'll
always remember you
as one of the best
teachers in the world.
always,
Marian Antone

Dear Mrs. Schwager
Best of luck to
you in the future
Eunice Carlow

Dear Mrs. Schwager,
I guess I'll always
remember the 4th P.D.
band class. I had
a lot of fun in there,
even if you didn't
best wishes and good luck
Best wishes and good luck

Dear Mrs. Schwager
It was kind
of tough going in
some times, but
maybe next year
or so I might be
able to play something
as ever
Leon James

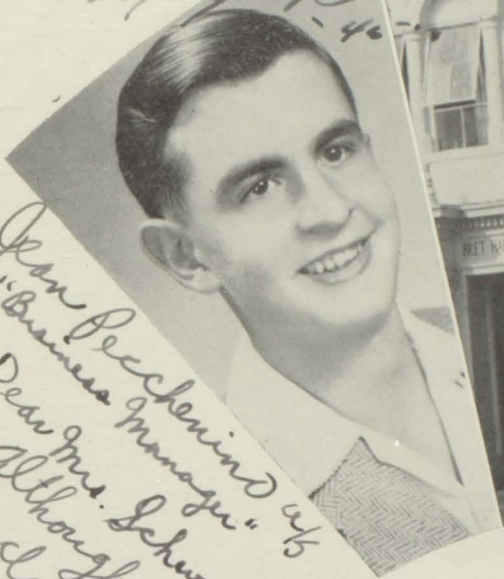
Dear Mrs. Schwager,
Don't know you
very well but you are
to be complimented on
your hand. It is
about the best hand
I've ever produced.
Lots of love to you
a friend
Leanne Shrest.

Dear Mrs. Schwager
I'll always remember
the good times we have
had and I do hope
you'll be here next year
so we can have morland
better times.
Elin Crowshaw

Dear Mrs. Schwager:
 Here's wishing you
 lots of luck & happiness
 in the future.

Adwaga
 Margaret

Mrs. Schwager
 you're the best friend
 & teacher I ever had
 Love
 Whittle



Jean Pecchenino
 Business Manager



Evelyn Welsh
 Editor

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Dear Mrs. Schwager,
 Here's wishing a
 successful future
 and in the future years
 a fine
 fine day.

Dear Mrs. Schwager,
 I'll always remember
 those days in band &
 instrument. also the night
 at the the.

Dear Mrs. Schwager,
 I'm always wishing
 very much happiness
 and success in
 the future, and
 though I didn't take
 any subjects from
 you I surely
 would have
 liked to
 be a friend
 of yours.

Dear Mrs. Schwager
 you're done alot for
 the band. I was in my
 of your class but I would
 have like to.
 a student friend
 Monica

Jean Pecchenino
 "Business Manager"
 Dear Mrs. Schwager,
 Although I have never
 had a class from you I have
 admired your ability. I thank
 you for your help in my dance
 routines and I want to
 wish you lots of luck in
 the future.

In Memoriam

JACK FLETCHER '35

Killed in action in New Guinea.

★ ★

ROBERT CUMMINGS '33

Killed in action in India.

★ ★

LAURENCE MONTE VERDA

Member of the Board of Trustees from 1910
until his death.

★ ★

PERCY WOODS

Member of the Board of Trustees 1906-1911;
1929-1943.

My dear friends,
I am so glad to hear
of your success in
the war. I hope
you will be able to
return home soon.
I am sure you will
be a great help to
the world.

Dearest Young,
It's hard to put into
words exactly how I feel
about you but I want you
to know that you have been
more to me than a teacher
or a friend. You are real
"pal" and I don't mean
maybe. Tiring with you
is going to be one of the
finest things I have ever
had to do. You have made
my Senior year one that
will linger long in my memory.
Thanks a million for patiently
listening to all my noises.
You are an inspiration and a
great help. I'll really miss you
an awful lot. Here's hoping
we'll meet again real
soon and continue to be so
independent.
With my love, Uncle

Dear Mrs. Schwager:
Here's wishing luck to a
very nice teacher & I hope
to have you next year. I
wish you could play your
harp more often.

As ever

Amy Paul Crosby

Dear Mr. Schwager
Best wishes
to one of my best
teachers
Clarence Sprenkle
"47"

Dear Mrs. Schwager,
you really can't
realize how I appreciated
those rides you used to
give me to town. Remember
you and your mother used
to call me "Suggie". Lots of luck
to a very nice teacher.

A friend,

Adlene Canapa.

Dear Mrs. Schwager

We have had a very
good time studying music

I wish you would be here
next year

Jim Smith

Dedication

We, the class of '44, wish to dedicate this
book to Mrs. Esther Heidrich for all the patient
help and competent guidance she has so kindly
given this year and the past six years towards
making the Sierra Vista a splendid worthwhile
publication.

up here but you
managed all right.
Thank sincerely
to you for your letter
yours.
A friend of yours
Curtis
Judson

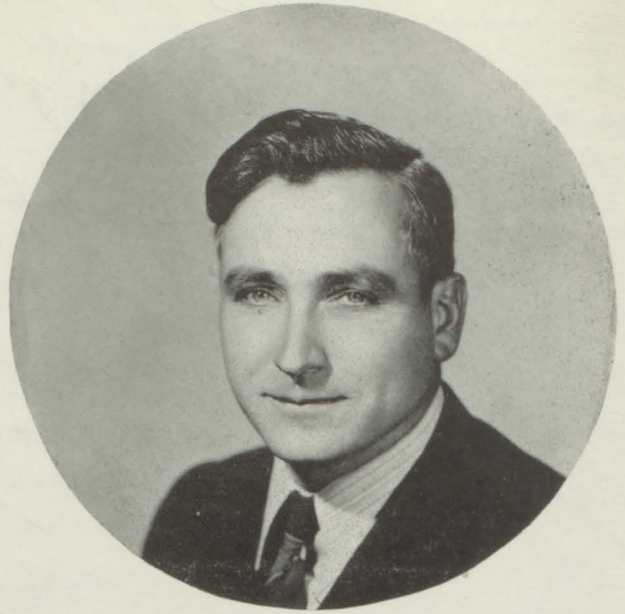
Dear Mrs. Schwager
Here's wishing
the best of luck
to a very nice
teacher!

Jayce Wilder

Dear Mrs. Schwager
Best wishes
to a grand teacher
Dorothy Nelson

Dear Mrs. Heidrich:
We got along fine
the first year. The
year had things
really began the last
year. We will like
to see you
sincerely.
Always
unpacked
and they
were all
good. I
know it
was just
another
year.
Thank
you for
your letter.
Yours
Curtis
Judson

Principal's Message



The creed of today becomes the deed of tomorrow. Things lying within the mind, if you hold them long enough, will be bound to pass over into action. It matters much what a man believes, because that will determine what he will be doing.

Some one has said, "We live in deeds, not years; in thoughts not breaths; in feelings not in figures on a dial. We should count time by hearthrobs. He most lives who thinks most, feels the noblest, acts the best." Never was this more true than it is today. Never in the history of the world has each man's thoughts and actions been so important because of the opportunities he has to help control the destiny of nations.

We are fighting today to preserve the personal rights, political liberties, and the representative institutions which untold generations of men have sacrificed to achieve and maintain. We must not give up the worthwhile values which have developed down thru the years. We must not close our eyes to their potentialities in the new world to come, creativeness of every type or nature must be kept, for from creative effort, creative thinking, creative planning, has come the life blood of our nation.

The period of war emergency imposes serious responsibilities upon those of us fortunate enough to be living in a democracy, for in a government "of the people, by the people, and for the people," we must dream, think, and plan in one concerted effort not only for today but for the tomorrow which follows. More than any other people we have put our faith in education. We know that the time after the peace will be dependent upon the schools of today where, through living experiences, we are building for the days to come.

Top Row—Mr. Auten, Mr. Palmer.

Second Row—Mrs. Heidrich, Miss Squellati, Miss Repetto.

Third Row—Mr. Webb, Miss Podesta, Mrs. Schwager.



Faculty

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Freshmen Class Adviser
Plain Geometry
Algebra I
General Mathematics
Boys' Physical Education

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Bookkeeping
Latin II
Typing I and II
Finances
Adviser, Sierra Vista
Adviser, Girls' League

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Crafts

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Senior English
Music
Instrument
Band

CALENDAR 1943-1944

SEPTEMBER

- 13—School opens
- 24—Freshman Initiation

OCTOBER

- 1—Girls' League Dance
- 14—C & D Basketball loses to Calaveras, 16-28, 15-30
- 15—We beat Jackson on our turf, 6-0
- 15—G.A.A. Hayride
- 22—Lose first league football game to Sutter Creek at Sutter Creek 0-27.
- 29—Bret Harte ties Jackson in football at Jackson 6-6.

NOVEMBER

- 2—Bret Harte loses football game to Sonora 14-31.
- 4—Bret Harte loses to Calaveras in C & D Basketball.
- 11—Bret Harte beats Calaveras in football 13-7.
- 23—Junior Play, "Ever Since Eve."
- 25 & 26—Thanksgiving vacation.

DECEMBER

- 9 & 10—Unexpected vacation, wind-storm blows roof off auditorium.
- 19—Christmas Pageant.
- 23—Girls' League Christmas Party.
- 24—Jan. 3—Christmas Vacation.

JANUARY

- 7—Junior Dance.
- 14—A & B Basketball lose league game to Jackson 18-49, 15-39.
- 21—A & B Basketball lose to Calaveras 13-24, 1-36.
- 21—Senior Program for Student Body.
- 26—Annual Staff luncheon.
- 27—Senior Farewell Banquet for Seniors leaving for service.

FEBRUARY

- 3—A & B Basketball lose to lone 28-40, 8-30.
- 4—Junior-Senior Prom.
- 8—Bret Harte A's defeat Oakdale 36-32.
- 11—A & B Basketball lose to Tuolumne 39-22, 26-47.

- 15—Annual Luncheon.
- 17—A & B Basketball lose to Sutter Creek 78-33, 57-13.
- 24—A Basketball loses to Sonora 21-25.
- 25—Senior Play, "Streamlined Sue."

MARCH

- 3—A Basketball beats Calaveras 33-24.
- 16—Baseball team wins from Sutter Creek 10-5.
- 17—St. Patrick's Dance.
- 20—Baseball team wins from Jackson 20-5.
- 23—Student Body Luncheon.
- 24—Baseball team beats Sutter Creek 12-7.
- 28—Baseball team beats Miners 13-11.
- 30—Girls' League Luncheon.
- 31—Baseball team beats Jackson 10-3.

APRIL

- 5—Sophomore program for Student Body.
- 6-10—Easter vacation.
- 6—Baseball team beats Calaveras in first league game 6-4.
- 11—Baseball team loses to Sonora 0-5.
- 13—Annual Hot Dog Sale.
- 14—Baseball team beats Tuolumne 4-3.
- 18—Tennis team beats Calaveras High.
- 19—Baseball team beats Calaveras 18-3.
- 20—Tennis match with Sonora.
- 21—Black-out demonstration from Stockton Jr. College.
- 21—Baseball and Tennis at Sonora.
- 27—Tri-angular Track Meet at Bret Harte; Bret Harte, Sonora and Calaveras.
- 28—Baseball play-off; Open House for Educational Week.

MAY

- 5—Semi-finals in Tennis matches.
- 7—Girls' League Mothers' Day Tea.
- 11—Operetta, "The Sunbonnet Girl."
- 12—Mother Lode Track Meet at Sonora.
- 19—Junior, I Act Play for Student Body.

JUNE

- 2—Graduation.
- 2—Senior Ball.



BABES

1. Evelyn Jordan, "Lay that bucket down." 2. Ray Whittle, "I'm a bad boy." 3. Viola Lavagnino, "Look what I've got." 4. Billy Fay, "Ain't I a cute kid." 5. Betty Hunt, "I'm looking for a little boy named Don." 6. Betty Volf, "I'm a big girl." 7. Don Gottfredson, "What, no girls?" 8. Doris Sleeman, "Gee, I'm mad." 9. Jean Pecchenino, "I want to be a sailor." 10. Elliott Smart, "In trouble already." 11. Bill Biedinger, "I'm going to cry." 12. June Nielson, "See my dollie." 13. Lowell (Buzzy) Airola, "Gee, I'm scared." 14. Frances Morehouse, "I've got freckles too." 15. Alberta Whittle, "What no hair!" 16. Charlie Malispina, "Look at my tummy." 17. Evelyn Welsh, "I'm lonesome." 18. Carolyn Soracco, "I'm a little orphan." 19. Vivian Roller, "I'm going to be a glamour girl." 20. Aileen Chadwell, "Want to fight." 21. James (Babe) Stone, "Gee this tastes good." 22. Doris North, "See my new shoes (unrationed)."

Seniors

Betty Airola

Lowell Airola

Bill Biedinger

Aileen Chadwell

Bill Biedinger

Aileen Chadwell

Bill Fay

Don Gottfredson

Betty Hunt

Evelyn Jordan

W.R. Fay

Betty Hunt

Gwendolyn Lagomarsino

Viola Lavagnino

Frances Morehouse

Charles Malispina

Gwen

Frances

June Nielsen

Doris North

Jean Pecchenino

Vivian Rolleri

Doris North

Jean Pecchenino

Vivian Rolleri

Doris Sleeman

Elliott Smart

Carolyn Soracco

James Stone

Doris Sleeman

Elliott Smart

Carolyn Soracco

James Stone

Betty Volf

Evelyn Welsh

Alberta Whittle

Raymond Whittle

Betty Volf

Evelyn Welsh

June Nielsen

SENIOR CLASS WILL

In the City of Angels Camp, in the County of Calaveras, in the state of California, we, the graduating class of June, nineteen hundred and forty-four, being of sound mind and body, do hereby make, publish, and declare this to be our last Will and Testament.

- I, Elizabeth Airola, leave school to devote my full attention to my husband.
- I, Lowell (Buzzy) Airola, leave my cool, even temper to Julio Montagner.
- I, Bill Biedinger, leave my teasing, pleasing way to Peter Val.
- I, Aileen Chadwell, leave my popularity with the boys to Dorothy Nelson.
- I, William R. Fay, bequeath my ambitious athletic stamina to Lowell Hillhouse.
- I, Don Gottfredson, leave my dramatic ability to James Dunnington.
- I, Betty Hunt, leave my sweet, demure way to Marie DeBernardini.
- I, Evelyn Jordan, leave my ability to vamp little boys to Adeline Swanson.
- I, Gwendolyn Lagomarsino, leave my quiet nature to Amy Crosby.
- I, Viola Lavagnino, leave my sports ability to any of the Freshman girls.
- I, Charlie Malispina, leave school to give my services to Uncle Sam.
- I, Frances Morehouse, leave my red tresses to Viola Domingo.
- I, June Nielsen, leave my slim figure to Norma Laythe.
- I, Doris North, leave my love of all studies to Bobby (Brain) Alford.
- I, Jean Pecchenino, leave behind my "gift of gab" in order to avoid arguments in the future.
- I, Vivian Roller, leave school to become the "better half" of a certain guy in the Air Corps.
- I, Doris Sleeman, gladly surrender all my books to the dear old Alma Mater.
- I, Elliott Smart, leave Monica to the wolves of Bret Harte. (Darn it)
- I, Carolyn Soracco, leave behind fond memories—but I'll take Babe with me.
- I, James Stone, leave my drums to Johnny Cencevich.
- I, Betty Volf, leave my secretarial ability to Elaine Vetter.
- I, Evelyn Welsh, leave my knowledge of Bookkeeping to Mrs. Heidrich.
- I, Alberta Whittle, leave school to acquire knowledge of the Nursing Profession.

I, Ray Whittle, bequeath the title of "Casanova" to anyone that wants it.
To Mr. Palmer, our class adviser, we leave with the hope that next year's Senior Class will be as well-conducted at their class meetings as we have been.

To the other faculty members we leave the hope that they'll miss us as much as we'll miss them.

As a class, we leave our excess funds to the Student Body.

Our seats in the Assembly we bequeath to the Juniors.

To the other two classes we leave our fondness for study.

We herewith affix our hand and seal this last day of school.

June 2, 1944

Name	Nickname	Always	Redeeming Feature	Ambition	Destiny
Elizabeth Airola	Betty	studying	sweet smile	advisor on love	cowgirl
Lowell Airola	Buzzy	teasing	voice	lawyer	rancher
William Beidinger	Bill	quiet	short stature	musician	congressman
Aileen Chadwell	Bunny	reading love stories	smile	marry Wally	old maid
Bill Fay	Wm. R.	at the station	wavy hair	sailor	lumber jack
Don Gottfredson	Donnie	flirting	personality	doctor	ski instructor
Betty Hunt	Bett	with a Don	hands	teacher	marriage
Evelyn Jordan	Suzi	crabbing	hair	get married	gold digger
Gwendolyn Lagomarsino	Gwennie	studying	quietness	fan dancer	singer
Viola Lavagnino	Vi	bossing	walk	woman detective	opera star
Frances Morehouse	Fran	talking	red hair	join the army	soda jerk
June Nielson	Junie	quiet	green eyes	seamstress	chorus girl
Doris North	Skipper	with Doris	slimness	A Mrs.	waitress
Jean Pecchenino	Peck	pestering	swinging walk	dancer	bookkeeper
Vivian Rollieri	Viv	true to the Air Corps	blue eyes	wife of Gabby	vamp
Doris Sleeman	Pansy	with Doris	freckles	beauty operator	factory worker
Elliott Smart	Budgie	in trouble	physique	doctor	lady killer
Carolyn Soracco	Wop	with Babe	posture	movie star	tennis instructor
James Stone	Babe	teasing gals	good looks	marry Carolyn	bachelor
Betty Volf	Shorty	having fun	cuteness	secretary	man killer
Evelyn Welsh	Ev	busy	smallness	office worker	school teacher
Alberta Whittle	Bertie	flirting	blondness	nurse	housewife
Raymond Whittle	Ray	with the "boys"	uncombed hair	cowboy	gigolo



SENIOR PLAY

On February 25, 1944, the Senior Class presented a fast moving, rip-roaring comedy entitled "Streamlined Sue." A series of plots and pursuits developed involving Sue (Evelyn Jordan) and Charlie Boone (Don Gottfredson), Lucille Babson (Betty Hunt) and Clarence Elliot (Jean Pecchenino), Mayor Ben Crump (Lowell Airola) and Jenny Groves (Viola Lavagnino), Jonathan Boone (Elliott Smart) and Cornelia Cobb (Alberta Whittle). Oscar Shultz (Billy Fay) a small town Romeo, tried to upset the law of averages by asking fifty girls to marry him. Bunny Bartals (Aileen Chadwell) appeared on the scene spoiling Sue's plot. Miss Squellati, director, and Mr. Palmer, stage-manager, contributed much to the success of the performance.



First Row—Donald Nielsen, Margaret Plummer, Betty Lou Batty, Viola Domingo, Bette Fallen, Alton Callahan, Buddy Miladinovich, Miss Podesta.

Second Row—Mrs. Heidrich, Josie Val, Milton Barnickol, Arlene Canepa, Amy Crosby, Margaret Falls, Victor Meyers, Donald Austin.

Third Row—Leslie Rudi, Peter Val, Elaine Vetter, Warren Woodworth, Monica Miller, Marie De-Bernardini, Robert Alford, Donald Lewis. (Clayton Chappell-absent).

Junior Class

President.....	Warren Woodworth
Vice-president.....	Leslie Rudi
Secretary.....	Arlene Canepa
Treasurer.....	Elaine Vetter

The Junior Class fulfilled the great promise shown in their earlier years at Bret Harte, when they highlighted their third year with the Junior-Senior Prom, February 4th, with adequate funds already raised by their successful play. Milton Barnickol, with years of experience as cook and decorator, planned the dinner and worked out the "Hawaiian Theme" so beautifully that the banquet was a "never-to-be-forgotten" event, gastronomically as well as artistically. Amy Crosby and her helpers worked faithfully to make the dance hall as beautiful as possible. Later in the spring, the Junior Class entertained the Student Body with a one act play.

Junior Play

On November 23rd, "Ever Since Eve" was presented by the Juniors for the public. It was a three act comedy built around the problems of a high school editor, portrayed by Warren Woodworth, and his assistant, Arlene Canepa, with interference by a Southern Belle, Margaret Falls, and his best friend, Leslie Rudi. The supporting cast was Elaine Vetter, Monica Miller, Milton Barnickol, Marie DeBernardini, Victor Meyer, Donald Lewis, Bobby Alford, Buddy Miladinovich, Clayton Chappel, and Peter Val. The play was directed by Miss Squellati and Mr. Webb. Mr. Palmer and Milton Barnickol built the stage set. Mrs. Heidrich and Viola Domingo took care of the financial problems.

Top Row—Susan gladly takes over the editorship from the "measled" Johnny while Cappie consols him;

Professor Quinn is provoked at Miss Willard's obstinance;

Father and Johnny disagree with Mother as to the furnishing of the Journalism Office.

Bottom Row—Betsy displays the underwear which her convalescent brother, Spud, must wear to the Prom;

The editor competes with the Football squad for Lucybelle's attention.





First Row—Jeanette Sanchez, Joyce Wilder, Joanne Smart, Betty Chappell, Rita Vallero, Norma Laythe, Robert Leonard, Donnie Mitchler.

Second Row—Miss Squellati, Lorin Ramorini, John Cencevich, Marion Antone, Helen Soracco, Ted Kassahn, Thomas Auten, Richard Albertson.

Third Row—Miss Repetto, Nyven Marchette, Raymond Mayo, Barbara Edwards, Dorothy Nelson, Kathleen Darby, Arlene Egermeyer, Betty Rogers, Evelyn Lavagnino, James Raggio.

Fourth Row—Orvil Schwoerer, Earl Conrado, Lauren Crespi, Ellington Peek, James Dunnington, James Rolleri.

Sophomore News

President.....	Lorin Ramorini
Vice President.....	T. L. Auten
Secretary.....	Jo Anne Smart
Treasurer.....	Joyce Wilder

The Sophomores started out the year with the annual Freshman Assembly which was held on Sept. 24.

On November 5, we gave a dance in honor of the juniors. This was supposedly the return party from last term.... We had no special theme as it had been postponed from October when we were going to have the theme on Hallowe'en.

We gave a luncheon March 8, in which featured hot dogs, potato salad, and pie. It turned out successfully with the cooperation of the students. Then, as we had buns left over, we had a hot dog sale on March 10. It, too, was a success.

Our Sophomore Assembly was given on March 30th—a radio program with the "Twitchel Tweezers" as the sponsor. The main portion of the program was given over to a mystery sketch with Don Mitchler presenting a very good performance of a Scotland Yard detective. Joyce Wilder in her "Garden Talk," and Rita Vallero with Jim Raggio as the "Twitchell Twins" were very amusing.

Freshman News

President.....	Buddy Marchette
Secretary.....	Margaret Ruesser
Treasurer.....	Donnie Whittle

After a week at school, nervously awaiting initiation, the big moment finally arrived and we were taken into the assembly and initiated. The boys looked quite "demure" all dressed up in girls' clothing. The girls, dressed in jeans, with their hair severely pulled back, undoubtedly made very good stand-ins for the boys.

During the month of March, we gave a skit entitled "The Four Stages of Mankind" directed by Mrs. Schwager. This went over with a bang.

After the skit, different Freshman students contributed their talent to the program. Some of the main attractions were Frank Sinatra (Angelo Marzi) vs. Bing Crosby (Lowell Hillhouse) singing "I'm Going to Buy a Paper Doll" and the female quartet, consisting of Dorothy Duart, Annabelle James, Peggy Smith, and Leona James singing "Harrigan" and "While Strolling Through the Park One Day." The program was concluded with Mary Wilson doing the hula to "Aloha Oe."

First Row—June Findley, Mary Wilson, Eunice Carlow, Jean Schwoerer, James Smith, Donald Whittle, Patricia Hyland, Marie Heller, Lois Davies.

Second Row—Julio Montagner, Pauline Renon, Barbara Capanich, Wilma Riedel, Peggy Smith, Adeline Swanson, Clifford Botto, Clarence Spreadborough, Bryant Hathaway, Mr. Auten.

Third Row—Nilda Val, Edwin Williams, Dorothy Duart, Glenn Croshaw, Margaret Ruesser, Buddy Marchette, Jo Ann Bardsley, Cleo O'Shea, Annabelle James, Leona James, Mrs. Schwager.

Fourth Row—Joe Whittle, Donald Anderson, Leonard Webb, Angelo Marzi, Daryl Heckman, Gene Whittle, Robert Fuzere.



Dear Mrs. Schwager

I'm ready too go into my sophomore year
& as yet I have had no better music & as far
as I know I will never have a better one.

I hope you have had a very good time in our
little town of Attaville as I know you have.

A HUMBLE PRAYER

We hope you can come back next year & teach
band once more.

Away off far o'er the sea,
A battle great is raging;
Our boys are dying, two and three,
In deaths' great opening facing.

your pupil

*Joe Whittle
Class "47"?*

They are Americans true,
Full of fun and gay;
Ones we love, we and you,
For them we humbly pray.

We humbly pray each day and night,
Pray as best we can,
Pray that they'll come through this fight,
Back to this freedom loving land.

Jeanette Sanchez

FORTITUDE

Fortitude is free from fear,
Of this my heart is sure,
Since in its strength it hovers near
Simplicity that's pure:
And fortitude is in the way a summer
rose unfolds,
And fortitude is in the man who lives
the good he holds.

Melvin Bernasconi



Organizations



Student Body Officers

Student Council Members—Standing — Rita Vallero, Donnie Mitchler, Peggy Smith, Don Gottfredson, Doris North, Donald Lewis, Monica Miller, Edwin Williams.

Officers—Seated — Betty Volf, Treasurer; Jo Anne Smart, Secretary; Elliott Smart, Vice-Pres. Lowell Airola, Pres.; Bill Fay, Sergeant-at-Arms; Carolyn Soracco, Yell Leader; Mr. Webb, Adviser.



Annual Staff

Standing—Jean Pecchenino, Business Manager; Evelyn Welsh, Editor; Betty Hunt, Assistant Editor; Mrs. Heidrich, Adviser; Ellington Peek, Sports Editor.

Seated - (Contributors)—Viola Lavagnino, Jeanette Sanchez, Eunice Carlow, Aileen Chadwell, Betty Volf, Evelyn Jordan, Viola Domingo.



Bull Frog Gazette

Standing: (Contributors)—Donnie Mitchler, Buddy Miladinovich, Ray Whittle, Doris Sleeman, Miss Repetto; Adviser.

Seated—Marie DeBernardini, Assistant Editor; Norma Laythe, Charles Malispina, Jean Pecchenino, Editor; Elliott Smart, Bette Fallen.

STUDENT BODY

This year the Student Body boasted one hundred per cent membership. In keeping with tradition, the Sophomores initiated the Freshman into Bret Harte at the first assembly. During the year movies were shown on raising and milling coffee, war in the South Pacific, our part in the war during the past year, and a film on a typical day of an aviation cadet in an officers' training school. In December, the student body presented the Christmas Pagaent, written by Mrs. Webb. Each class entertained the student body with skits showing the talent of various students. The band and Glee Club presented some musical entertainment at a regular Student Body meeting. An operetta "Sunbonnet Girl" was presented in May. Financially the year was very prosperous.

SIERRA VISTA

The Annual Staff this year was composed of a greater number than usual. They were a cooperative group, and gave generously of their time, energy, and food donations toward luncheons, and dances. Jean Pecchenino did an especcially fine job in procuring sponsorships, and collecting all money for annual orders prior to publication of the Sierra Vista. This was an important item, since, owing to the shortage of labor, the annual did not appear until late in May, and little time would be left to sell them then. The editor wishes to thank James Ferris for his willingness to take pictures whenever called, our sponsors, the staff, and all others who helped to make the book a success.

BULL FROG GAZETTE

This year's editions of the Gazette were put out regularly each week. The first half of the year the printing and publishing of the paper was done by the journalism class as a whole. It took a lot of hard work and energy on the part of the students to maintain this task. Changes were made for the better; the journalism class now does the writing for the paper and Mrs. Heidrich has charge of the printing of the paper with the typing students doing this as part of their work.

During the second semester tryouts for next year's editor were held. Four students tried out: Marie DeBernardini, Donnie Mitchler, Bette Fallen and Buddy Miladinovich. They each put out a different and interesting paper.

GLEE

Although there were very few boys in it, the Glee Club was very successful this year. Led by Miss Squellati, they sang for the Junior and Senior plays, the Teacher's Institute, the Christmas pageant (a cappella), and graduation. The girl's chorus sang for the N.D.G.W. show at the theater. An operetta, "The Sunbonnet Girl," was put on by the student body May 11, in which most of the parts were taken by Glee Club members, Viola Lavagnino, Milton Barnickol, Jean Pecchenino, Evelyn Jordan, Arlene Egermeyer, Warren Woodworth, Jo Anne Smart and Donnie Whittle. The accompanist for the Glee Club and the operetta was Bob Alford.

SWINGSTERS

The Swingsters, originally, were all seniors with Evelyn Jordan—at the piano, Billy Fay and Ray Whittle playing the saxophones, Don Gottfredson the trumpet, and James Stone, the drums. Amy Crosby chosen as vocalist when they played at the theater. Assembly performances, a public appearance at the Angels Theater for a benefit show, and a part in the Annual Dance on March 17, were their main functions.

BAND

During the fall semester, twelve band members represented the music classes by playing at the Junior Play, the Christmas Pageant, Teachers Institute, a musical assembly and athletic games. A Junior Band was formed of thirty-two members, drawn principally from the beginners' instrument classes after five months of instruction.

Their first appearance was made at the St. Patrick's Dance in March. Throughout the year, individual members played trios, and solos at the Angels Theater and several school functions.

Glee Club

Top Row—James Dunnington, Milton Barnickol, Vivian Roller, Aileen Chadwell, Alberta Whittle, Doris North, Leona James, Helen Soracco, Nilda Val, Barbara Edwards.

Middle Row—Donnie Whittle, Betty Chappell, Pauline Renon, Arlene Egernayer, Monica Miller, Jo Anne Smart, Evelyn Jordan, Peggy Smith, Rita Valero, Betty Rogers, Miss Squellati.

Bottom Row — Margaret Falls, Patricia Hyland, Gwendolyn Lagomarsino, Lois Davies, Viola Lavagnino, Margaret Ruesser, Amy Crosby, Carolyn Soracco, Jo Anne Bardely, Dorothy Duart, Jeanette Sanchez, Bobbie Alford.



The Swingsters

Standing—Amy Crosby

Seated — Evelyn Jordan, Don Gottfredson, Ray Whittle, Bill Fay, James Stone.



Band

Top Row—Peggy Smith, Marian Antone, Johnnie Cencevich, Alton Callahan, Lorin Ramorini, Clarence Spreadborough, Ted Kasahan, Don Anderson, Jimmie Smith, James Dunnington, Bill Biedinger, T. L. Auten, Frances Morehouse, Viola Lavagnino.

Middle Row—James Stone, Pete Hathaway, Kathleen Darby, Mary Lou Wilson, Leona James, Annabel James Betty Chappell, Evelyn Jordan, Ellington Peek, Wilma Riedel, Mrs. Schwaeger.

Bottom Row—Don Gottfredson, Elliott Smart, Bill Fay, Ray Mayo, Gene Whittle, Eddie Williams, Buddy Marchette, Leonard Webb, Angelo Marzi, Lowell Hillhouse.





GIRLS LEAGUE

First Row—Executive Committee; Dorothy Duart, Betty Hunt, Kathleen Darby, Amy Crosby.

Second Row—Evelyn Welsh, treasurer; Jo Anne Smart, Vice-president; Mrs. Heidrich, Advisor; Evelyn Jordan, President; Betty Volf, secretary.



STAMP SALES

Betty Hunt, Evelyn Jordan, Aileen Chadwell.



G. A. A.

Frances Morehouse, treasurer; Elaine Vetter, secretary; Viola Lavagnino, President; Miss Repetto, adviser; Viola Domingo, vice-president.

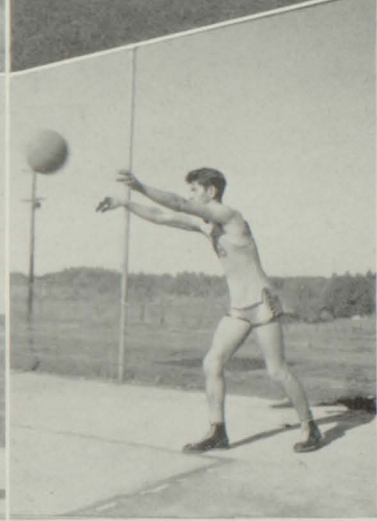
GIRLS' LEAGUE

Under the leadership of President Evelyn Jordan, the Girls' League realized a very satisfying year of activity. The Freshman girls were given big sisters and entertained at a dance. After home games, the League served refreshments to both teams, and after the Armistice Day Game, they gave a Victory dance. At Christmas they gave themselves a party. In a contest with the boys during the Fourth War Loan Drive, the girls outsold the boys by the approximate margin of \$3,000.00 worth of bonds. Throughout the year, Evelyn Jordan, assisted by Alberta Whittle and Aileen Chadwell, sold stamps every Wednesday to the students. During March and April, luncheons were given and the proceeds went toward re-decorating the Girls' League room. A style show and tea, honoring mothers was given May 12 at the school.

GIRLS' ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

The G.A.A., under the leadership of our new adviser, Miss Repetto, and Viola Lavagnino, President, started the year out with the Annual Hayride at Frogtown. The Jackson football team was our guest for the evening. Games and songs were followed by a wiener roast.

The girls of Bret Hart are to be hostesses to San Andreas girls for the annual play day.



FOOTBALL

First Row—James Dunnington, Gene Whittle, T. L. Auten, Julio Montagner, Angelo Marzi, Buddy Marchette.

Second Row—Mr. Auten, Darryl Heckman, Donald Anderson, Edwin Williams, Donald Lewis, Victor Meyer, Joe Whittle, Bryant Hathaway.

Third Row—Ellington Peek, Orvil Schwoerer, Elliott Smart, Earl Conrado.

Fourth Row—Leslie Rudi, Billy Fay, James Raggio, Don Gottfredson, Nyven Marchette, Charlie Malispina, Ray Whittle.

C & D BASKETBALL

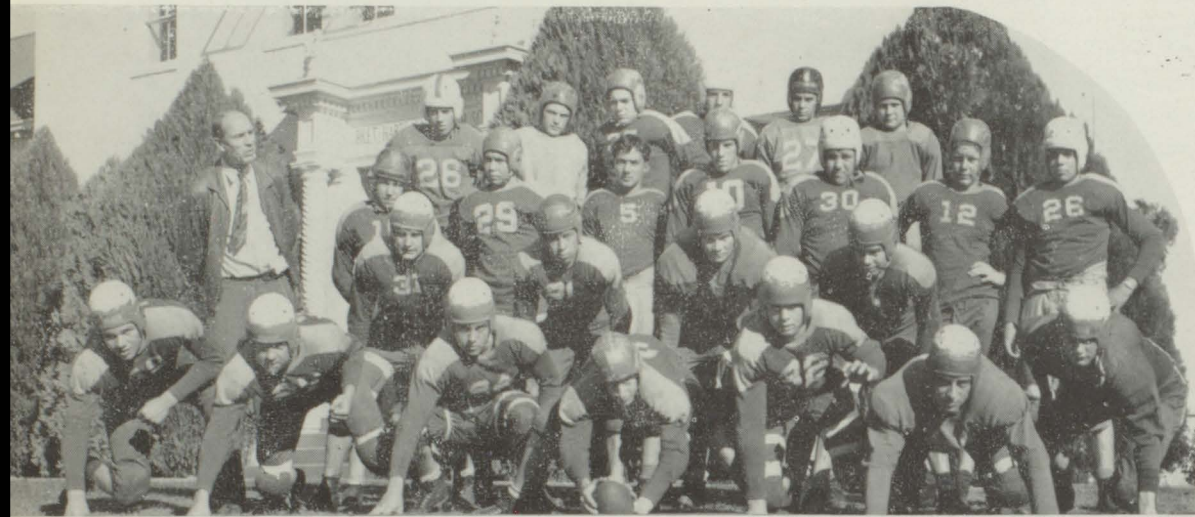
Back Row—Bill Biedinger, Lorin Ramorini, Leonard Webb, Lauren Crespi, Mr. Palmer, Alton Callahan, Donald Nielson, Clifford Botto, Robert Leonard, Donnie Mitchler.

Front Row—John Cencevich, Clarence Spreadborough, Donnie Whittle, Buddy Miladinovich, James Smith, Glen Croshaw.

TRACK

Back Row—Mr. Palmer, Jean Pacchenino, Warren Woodworth, Ellington Peek, Leslie Rudi, Elliott Smart, Billy Fay, Julio Montagner, T. L. Auten, Buddy Marchette, Edwin Williams.

Front Row—James Dunnington, Winfred Yarbrough, Clarence Spreadborough, Lorin Ramorini, Donnie Mitchler, Lauren Crespi, Donald Schaffner, Clifford Botto, Lowell Hillhouse, Donald Anderson, Gene Whittle.



Football

This year's football team wasn't a great team, nor was it a winning team, but in fighting spirit it was as good as the best. The turn-out was good with the boys green, but they showed promise of becoming good ball-players. With them and the eight lettermen from last years squad, Coach Auten was unable to turn out a fairly capable team.

THE CALAVERAS VICTORY

The Bullfrogs were out to give the Redskins their fourth straight defeat by Bret Harte on November 11—and they did it! Bret Harte scored first in the second quarter, when they shook Conrado loose behind some beautiful blocking for a 60 yard run. Early in the fourth quarter Stone scored on an intercepted pass, and Malispina added the extra point to put Bret Harte in front 13-0. After the kick-off, and with about a minute left to play, the Redskins came fighting down the field and scored. For the short time left, the Bullfrogs held and Bret Harte won the "Big Game," 13-7.

The following is a summary of the first string players:

- LE—Ray Whittle: A Senior with 1 year of varsity behind him: A good man on defense.
- LT—Charley Malispina: 3 years on the varsity and an excellent punter, weight 191 lbs. good on opening up holes.
- LG—Nyven Marchette: One of the best linemen in the league. Only a Sophomore and a demon on defense.
- C—Don Gottfredson: The highest player on the squad, weighing not more than 130 pounds., a Senior and a hard worker.
- RG—James Raggio: A Sophomore, a little green but by next year he should be really good; weight about 185, and as hard as iron.
- RT—Bill Fay: A Senior, his first year of varsity football, and a hard man to move.
- RE—Joe Rudi: Another first year man, a Junior, and a fine pass-catcher.
- Q—Orvil Schwoerer and James Stone: Orvil usually started—a good scrapper; Stone is a Senior and a good passer.
- LH—Earl Conrado: A small man with snake hips and a right arm that can throw a pass a mile.
- RH—Ellington Peek: The only backfield man left over from the year before, a good man on pass defense and a left-handed passer.
- F—Elliott Smart: The Captain of the team and the best backfield man in the league, a Senior and a very hard man to tackle.

C & D BASKETBALL

The C and D. basketball teams this year made a good showing despite a lack of basketball facilities. Both teams started the season by losing to Calaveras. As the season progressed however, the teams improved greatly and both succeeded in winning their last games from strong Sonora teams.

BASKETBALL

This year's A team, though better than last year's, was disappointing. The team's main accomplishments were their twin victories over Calaveras and their win over Oakdale, a strong valley team.

In conference games they beat Lone and Calaveras but lost to Sonora, Tuolumne, Jackson and Sutter Creek. The Sonora game was close; the Bullfrogs losing to the Champs 25-21. In the Sutter contest the Bullfrogs lost by the disastrous scores 76-33.

In the Mother Lode Tournament they managed to win their first game 27-24 from Calaveras, but were limited in the finals by Sonora 49-39.

The following is a summary of the first-string players:

Joe Rudi: The center and captain of the team, the best player in the League, averaging 15 points per game.

Ellington Peek: Is left-handed and played left forward. He is second in points made, and is often a deadly-shot.

James Stone: Right forward and a Senior, third in points scored. He is a good shot from the corner.

Red Lewis: Plays running guard. Is a good man in getting balls off the backboards.

Warren Woodworth: The standing guard and a Junior. He is small, but a fighter all the way.

Orvil Schwoerer, substitute, showed promise but the Navy has him, now.

Bob Alford, substitute, and tall Junior, should blossom out into a really good player next year.

LEAGUES GAMES

Bret Harte	22	Tuolumne	38
Bret Harte	18	Jackson	49
Bret Harte	1	Lone (forfeit)	1
Bret Harte	33	Sutter Creek	76
Bret Harte	33	Calaveras	26

TOURNAMENT GAMES

Bret Harte	27	Calaveras	24
Bret Harte	39	Sonora	49

B BASKETBALL

The B team had the fighting spirit to win but they didn't have the height or the experience to come through.

The mainstays of the team were Mitchler, center; forwards, Crespi and Ramorini. These boys though inconsistent at hitting the basket, were good at ball-handling. The guard positions were divided among four inexperienced fighters, N. Marchette, B. Marchette, and Clayton Chappell. Others who played were Gene Whittle and Eddie Williams.

League Games

Bret Harte	15	Jackson	39
Bret Harte	8	Lone	30
Bret Harte	26	Tuolumne	47
Bret Harte	15	Sutter Creek	37
Bret Harte	19	Calaveras	56

Tournament Games

Bret Harte	15	Calaveras	61
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A & B BASKETBALL

First Row—Mr. Webb, Warren Woodworth, Bobby Alford, Leslie Rudi, James Stone, Mr. Auten.
Second Row—Gene Whittle, Lorin Ramorini, Winifred Yarborough, Buddy Marchette, Lauren Crespi, Edwin Williams, Donnie Mitchler, Nyven Marchette.

BASEBALL

First Row—Mr. Auten, Donnie Mitchler, Nyven Marchette, James Stone, Elliot Smart, Billy Fay, Leslie Rudi, Julio Montagner.
Second Row—Daryll Heckman, Ellington Peek, Donald Lewis, Orvil Schwoerer, Warren Woodworth, Buddy Marchette, Clifford Botto, Victor Meyers.

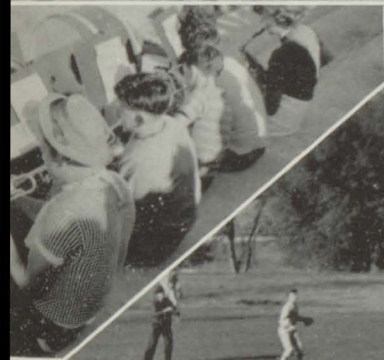
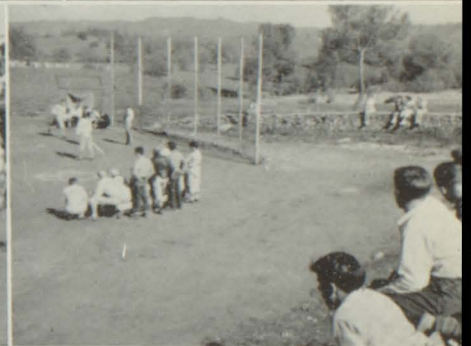
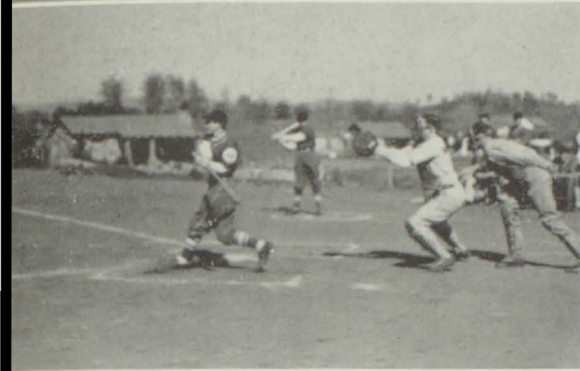
TENNIS

First Row—Don Gottfredson, Ellington Peek, Bobby Alford, Donald Lewis, Leslie Rudi, Donnie Mitchler, Winifred Yarborough, Mr. Webb.
Second Row—Viola Domingo, Norma Laythe, Aileen Chadwell, Betty Hunt, Betty Volf, Margaret Plummer, Amy Crosby.
Kneeling: Glen Croshaw, Donald Anderson, Leonard Webb, Jean Pecchenino.

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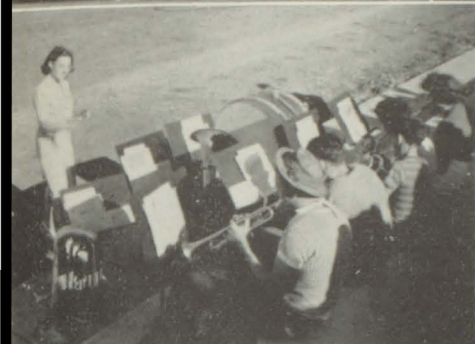
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Dear Mrs. Schwager,
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leaving as much as
I hate to. I want to
tell you, you have
really been a well
teacher. I would
had taken music
from you. I really
appreciate what you
have done for me.
I want to greet you
all the best in the
world where ever you
go. Still best seeing
you

A Friend & Student
Jimmi Stone

Dear Mrs Schwager,
Lots of Luck and I
hope you are hear
next year so I can loaf.

Don R. Lohitilo

Dear Mrs Schwager,
Its sure been nice
knowing you and
I hope all have
you for my teacher
next year.

A Friend,
Jan Schover

Dear Mrs Schwager,
I'm not only
a good student
but I know that
you are a fine
Teacher because

you are a fine
person. It has
been a pleasure
knowing you and
I will miss you
if you leave. But
May you always have
the best of luck where ever
you are.

Your husband
One of your students forever.

C. J. Williams
" "

Sincerely
Betty
"45"

Dear Mrs Schwager,
I feel very honored
to have know and know
you are a good teacher

John Mitchell

All sure must that pleasant greting next year
also I think I can stand it without that
freshman band for my 4th Period math

HW. Giten

Dear Mrs Schwager
I blew + blew all yr. for you
played in the Band in Sunbonet
laughed a little + chewed on my horn
It was with you my freshman yr. is over
now that my book will uncover
and you this book will be
you always impressed will be
when you look on the back of this book,
and remember
me.

Dear Mrs Schwager
Heres hoping
you live forever
and I never
die
Johnnie

Dear Mrs Schwager
Late as luck in
your future. Its to
bad you won't be
here next year. I'll
miss you a lot.
Lain

Dear Mrs. Schwager
Although I've broken many
a need, you're kept me busy and I've
not gone to see

Lowell H.
Dear Mrs. Schwager
Heres wishing
you lots of luck
and happiness in
your future years
The Callahan

Dear Mrs
Schwager
I've got in your grace
blow in myself
blue in the face
Bryant

Dear Mrs. Schwager,
When I can play
the piano as well as
you can play the horn,
I'll know I can
really play. Wish I
could hear one of your
comments.
your friend,
Pat Allard

