

School Miscellanea— Burgettstown

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Barry Alvarez, Charles Viloski, and Eugene Alvarez
1964



1971 Burgettstown School Class Members

Seated: George Kunkle, Andy Kokoskie, Frank Kokoskie

Front: George Mendak

AUDITOR'S REPORT OF
BURGETTSTOWN-SMITH SCHOOL DISTRICT
FOR SCHOOL YEAR ENDING JULY 1, 1936

RECEIPTS

Balance on hand July 1, 1936—General Fund -----	\$ 1,366.00
Smith Township -----	29,900.00
State Appropriation -----	1,448.00
Tuition non-resident pupils -----	4,390.00
Burgettstown Borough -----	9,000.00
All other sources -----	404.03
Total Receipts -----	\$ 46,508.03

CURRENT EXPENSES

(A) General Control	
Secretary's Office, Salaries -----	\$ 200.00
Treasurer (Commission or Salary) -----	200.00
Auditors -----	31.00
Tax on checks—When account is under minimum --	2.25
Other Expense of General Control -----	25.00
Total General Control -----	\$ 458.25
(B) Instruction	
Salaries of Supervisors -----	\$ 2,960.00
Salaries of Principal's Clerks & Assistants -----	450.00
Supplies of Principal's Office -----	87.61
Salaries of Teachers -----	31,944.55
Textbooks -----	1,674.26
Supplies used in Instruction -----	735.06
Commencement Exercises, etc. -----	56.39
Total Expense of Instruction -----	\$37,907.87
(C) Auxiliary Agencies and Coordinate Activities	
Books, repairs, replacements and other expense ----	\$ 331.64
Transportation -----	90.00
Total Aux. Agencies and Coordinate Activities \$	421.64
(D) Operation	
Wages of janitors and other employes -----	\$ 2,390.60
Fuel -----	858.11
Water -----	246.62
Light and Power -----	1,232.82
Janitors' supplies -----	502.54
Services other than personal -----	82.37
Telephone rental -----	126.69
Total Expense of Operation -----	\$ 5,439.75
(E) Maintenance	
Upkeep of grounds -----	\$ 40.25
Repair of buildings -----	802.69
Replacement of furniture of other equipment -----	494.85
Total Maintenance -----	\$ 1,337.79
(F) Fixed Charges	
State Retirement Board -----	\$ 49.32
Insurance (Fire) \$238.37 (Compensation) \$67.74 --	306.11
Total -----	\$ 355.43
Total Current Expenses (Items A-F inclusive) --	\$ 45,920.73

SUMMARY

Total Receipts -----	\$ 46,508.03
(Items A-F inclusive) ----	\$45,920.73
Total -----	45,920.73
Balance on hand -----	\$ 587.30

ASSETS

School Buildings and Sites -----	\$ 117,066.86
Textbooks and Equipment -----	18,030.82
Tuition -----	2,876.92
General fund balance -----	587.30
Total Assets -----	\$138,561.90

LIABILITIES

Textbooks -----	\$ 517.65
All other accounts -----	4,893.02
Total Liabilities -----	\$ 5,410.67

We hereby certify that we have examined the above accounts and find them correct, and that the securities of the officers of the board are in accordance with law.

JOHN D. KEYS,
H. C. COOKE,
Auditors.

July 17, 1936

**Auditors Report of Burgettstown-Smith Twp. School District
Year Ending July 1, 1936
Burgettstown Enterprise-August 6, 1936**

Burgettstown teacher wins award

By KAITLYN SPEER
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A family and consumer science teacher at Burgettstown Junior/Senior High School was named 2013 Outstanding Agriculture in the Classroom Teacher of the Year last month and received \$350 as part of her award.

Sharon Baillie, of Cedar Grove, has taught students for 30 years. For 27 of those years, she has been at Burgettstown as a reading specialist and then as a family and consumer science teacher. She began implementing more agriculture instruction in the classroom after the Washington County Farm Bureau sponsored her trip to learn about the concept at Pennsylvania State University in 2012.

“WE HAVE A VERY UNIQUE PROGRAM AND A LOT OF COMMUNITY SUPPORT.”

SHARON BAILLIE, BURGETTSTOWN FAMILY AND CONSUMER SCIENCE TEACHER

Burgettstown School District Superintendent Deborah M. Jackson said she didn't know the award was coming, so it was a pleasant surprise. “She's (Baillie) always looking for new and exciting programs,” she said.

As part of the Agriculture in the Classroom program, Baillie successfully applied for a grant to put in a greenhouse and garden at the school. Students started planting food in February and harvested the food and took care of the garden over the summer.

The greenhouse was built

in the spring, and Baillie's students were able to be a part of the building process. Part of it is attached to the classroom, so students could see it as the project developed. In the middle of building the greenhouse, a windstorm tore it apart, but it was eventually rebuilt and students were able to utilize its resources.

Besides the greenhouse and garden, Baillie also brings in members from the Washington Farm Bureau to show animals such as sheep and chickens to students. She uses this method to teach students



Sharon Baillie, left, who believes in educating her students about agriculture, recently won the Penn State Extension 2013 Outstanding Agriculture in the Classroom Teacher of the Year Award.

about things like wool for the fashion design class. “We have a very unique program,” she said, “and a lot of commu-

nity support.” The family and consumer sciences program also has a computer lab, an

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Award

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iPad lab, a smart board in both classrooms, and a whole science lab set up.

Baillie said watching kids experience new things is

her favorite part of teaching. “When they get to high school, family and consumer science is all new. Some haven't cooked on their own, or gotten to sew,” she said.

The teacher said she plans to use the money she won along with her award to further her current agricultural classroom activities.

BOY AND GIRL OF THE MONTH



John Ratkovich, a seventeen year old Eldersville resident, has been chosen boy of the month because of his pleasing personality and friendship. He is also looked upon as Union's average senior boy.

John played on the varsity basketball team, scoring points to win many games. He also likes baseball.

He has been elected Hall Patrol Captain of the Student Council and is an active member of the Hi-Y and Varsity U.

John also has a very outstanding scholastic record.



Jean Christopher, who is eighteen, has been chosen the ideal senior girl because of her enthusiasm in school affairs.

Jean has been in the Tri-Hi-Y for four years and has been majorette for two years. Dancing is her favorite hobby and football is her favorite sport.

She is undecided about going to beauty college after she graduates.

She likes to meet new people and heartily dislikes conceited ones.

John Ratkovich and Jean Christopher
Boy and Girl of the Month
Burgettstown Enterprise-May 30, 1946 Edition

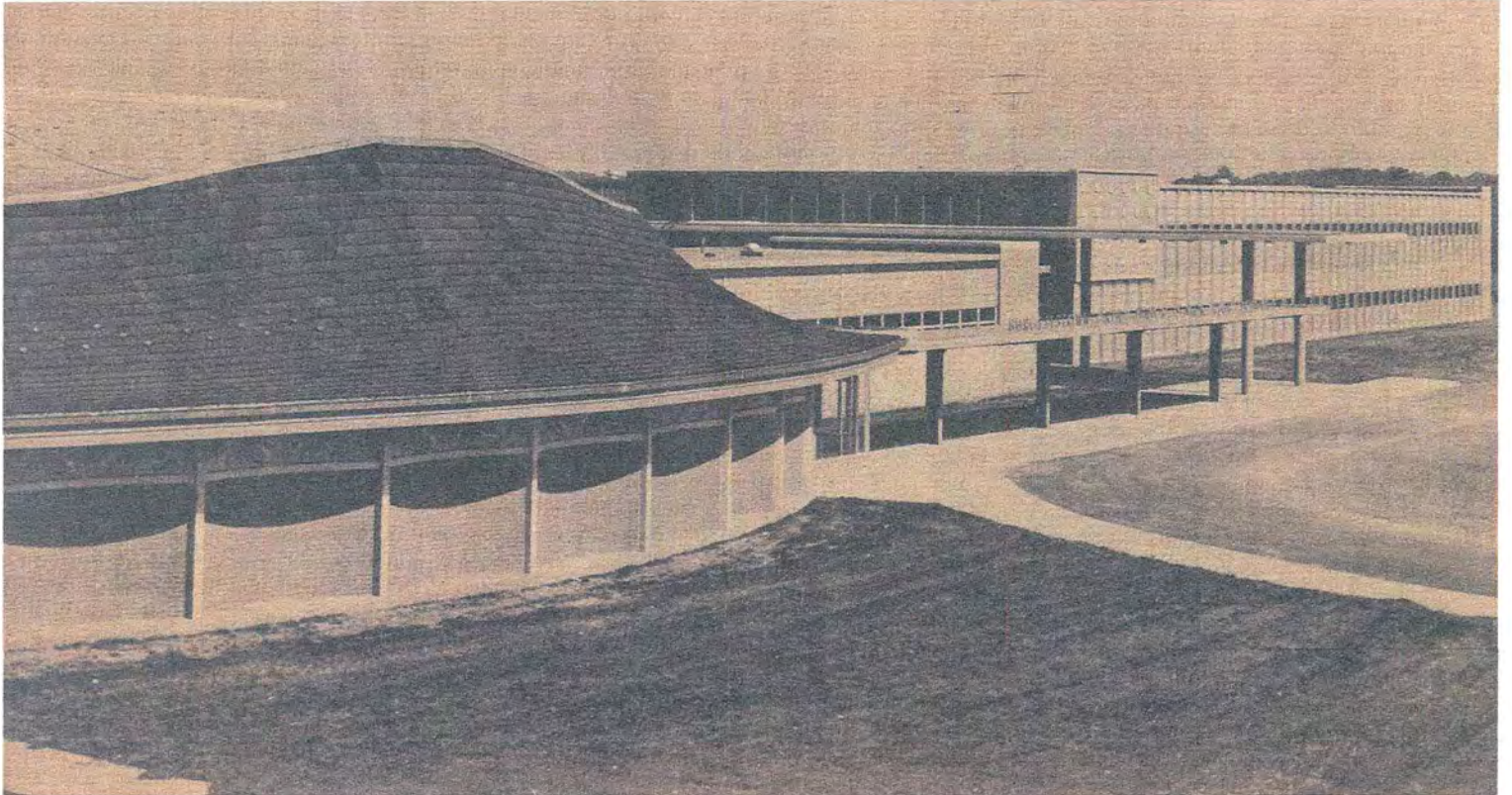


Burgettstown Grade School
Fourth School-Built in 1895
George R. Norris, Principal (Top)

Miss Emma M. Burgett,

Daughter of the late Boston G. Burgett, of Smith township, this county, taught an independent term the summer of 1871, in room No. 2, Union school building. She married Frank McCune, February 15, 1876. Mr. McCune is yard master for the P. C. C. & St. L. Railway Company, at Sheridan, Allegheny County, Pa.

Emma M. Burgett



Burgettstown Area Junior-Senior High School New Building
Burgettstown Enterprise-June 20, 1963 Edition

SCHOOL SURVEY BEGINS

One of the most significant steps to the final erection of the new junior-senior high school was initiated in February of 1956; when the joint school board approved a survey of the local schools undertaken by a 26-man team from the University of Pittsburgh, directed by Dr. Clifford P. Hooker, Assistant Professor of Education at the University.

RECOMMENDS ABANDONMENT

At a public meeting held May 22, 1956, two weeks after the Hooker report was completed, the survey team announced,

“We recommend that the present high school building be abandoned as soon as possible.”

This announcement was made by John Robak, chairman of the school building committee and principal of Springdale Junior High School.

Robak stated that each school was given a rating from the New England Score Card system, with 1,000 points based as a perfect score. The Union High School building received 179 points, less than 18%.

The recommendation that the high school building be abandoned as soon as possible came as a mild surprise to the audience. Though it was known that a new school building was needed, this recommendation served to spur that idea even more so. The survey contended that a Union school district and an adjustment of the tax millage would take care of a new school plant.

GROUND BREAKING

Ground breaking ceremonies took place on Sunday, August 20, 1961. County Superintendent, Dr. Douglas Bowman; former County Superintendent, William H. Donaldson; and Walter Robertson, representing James F. Hillman, of the Harmon Creek Coal Corporation, participated in the program.

Construction of the school building proceeded on schedule until the tragic fire at Union High School in March of 1963. With the fire, an old chapter in history here was closed, and the first leaf of a new chapter was turned, with the admittance of the students into the new junior-senior high school in March.

Comparing the cost per cubic foot and the cost per square foot of the Burgettstown Area Junior-Senior High School with the costs of other area high school projects reveals the local cost in many instances to be lower than others. The following table shows this comparison:

PROJECT	COST. CU. FT.	COST. SQ. FT.
Burgettstown Area Jr. & Sr. H.S.	\$1.030	\$15.56
Moon Township H.S.	1.036	
South Jr. H.S.	.954	
Purchase Line H.S.	.884	
Philipsburg H.S.	.947	
South Catholic H.S.	1.099	
Butler Area H.S.	1.147	20.21
North Hills H.S.	.903	15.75
Fort Cherry Jr. & Sr. H.S.	1.149	18.55
Mon Valley Catholic H.S.	1.108	
Irwin Jr. H.S.	1.147	
New Brighton Jr. H.S.	1.097	17.40
Aliquippa Jr. H.S.	.965	
Jefferson Jr. H.S.	1.343	
Bethel H.S.	1.060	
West Mifflin H.S.	1.143	
McGuffey Jr. & Sr. H.S.	.949	13.93
Fox Chapel Area H.S.	1.086	17.85
Upper St. Clair H.S.	1.115	18.94
Monroeville Jr. & Sr. H.S.	1.028	14.24

COST DATA

Capacity: 1,250 students.

Building Contains: 27 standard classrooms, 4 science rooms, 2 music and choral rooms, 3 shops, 3 home-making rooms, 2 art rooms, 1 library, 1 auditorium (capacity 250), 1 cafeteria (capacity 400), 3 gymnasiums, 1 conference room, 2 locker rooms, 2 shower rooms, 1 kitchen, 1 administrative suite (consisting of 8 rooms), 1 health suite (consisting of 5 rooms and toilet), 14 toilet rooms, 11 storage rooms, 3 faculty rooms and 1 student activity room.

Burgettstown Area Junior-Senior High School Ground Breaking
Burgettstown Enterprise-June 20, 1963 Edition

ARCHITECT'S MESSAGE



Architect Arthur E. Tennyson, who designed the new Burgettstown Area Junior-Senior High School, is well known to citizens of the Raccoon Valley area. A former resident of Burgettstown, where he received his elementary and secondary education, Mr. Tennyson has designed other school buildings in this area, and is familiar with the people, terrain and problems of this locale. His impressions of the new high school follow at the right.



"After being selected as the Architect for the new Junior-Senior High School, my instructions from the Board of School Directors was to design a school that would give them the best building possible within the estimated cost based on \$1,700.00 per pupil, the maximum figure upon which the State will pay reimbursement. This is also considered the practical minimum for which a secondary school can be constructed. The final construction cost was \$1,391.00 per pupil.

"The new building, in my opinion, is functional, built of the best materials for the purpose intended, thinking not only of primary installation, but long range cost and ease of maintenance. This has been accomplished through a lot of thought, hard work, and the fine cooperation of a team consisting of Dr. Tinney, the Board of School Directors and the Architect during the planning stage and equally good cooperation from a fine group of contractors and the State Public School Building Authority during construction.

"Basically I started with the idea of a compact, two-story classroom area with the Junior High in one wing, the Senior High in the other and the Library, Home Economics, Science and Art areas used by both in the floor space between the two wings.

"The main Entrance Lobby and Administrative Offices separate the classroom section from the Music, Auditorium and Gymnasium at the front of the building, thus giving Administration a central location at the front entrance and at the same time separating the public and noisy areas from the classroom section. At the rear is the shop area which is separated from the classroom section by a small locker compound and a twelve inch thick masonry wall. Beyond the shops in the Northeast corner of the building is the Cafeteria with the Kitchen area beyond the Dining Room.

"In the center is an open court surrounded by classroom area on the South, a corridor leading to Shops and Cafeteria on the East, Administration offices on the West and Conference Room, Health Suite and Teachers' Room on the North. Adjacent to the Gymnasium on the South side are the Boys' and Girls' Shower and Locker Rooms.

"The Main Lobby with its clerestory windows and reinforced concrete roof deck cantilevered out from a few concrete pillars form a striking entrance and central feature in the exterior design, separating the curtain wall classroom section from the Music area with its stone and glass front and the Auditorium with its unique shape formed with a Ludowici tile roof on wood deck and laminated wood trusses. The front wall, being scalloped on the arc of a circle of red brick, is topped with ceramic tile panels.

"The Auditorium and Gymnasium are separated by the stage which can be opened to either side. The Auditorium, used for small groups, seats 260 and the Gymnasium has a seating capacity of approximately 3,000, if chairs are placed on the Gymnasium floor, for large groups. This area with its own public toilets can be isolated from the rest of the building with a rolling grille to close off the corridor. The Cafeteria also has its own public toilet facilities and can be isolated from the rest of the building for use by various groups. The Dining Room is designed to seat 400 people.

The landscaping was held down to a bare minimum in order to be able to get the best possible building. It is my sincere hope that somehow the community will be able to add something in this category."

SEEKS CLINIC FUNDS

Supervising Principal H. L. Tennyson, this week, set in motion a plan to establish a dental clinic for school children of Burgettstown and Smith township. Mr. Tennyson, by letter, addressed all civic and other organizations in the Community asking for funds with which to establish such a clinic.

Mr. Tennyson's letter to organizations follows:

The results of the health examinations in the schools of Burgettstown and Smith Township reveal that we have a very serious and discouraging situation in regard to defective teeth among school children and that in only about 5% of the cases have any corrective measures been taken. The reasons for this are rather obvious since we now have no means for a definite follow-up service. Therefore, it is our desire to install for this purpose a dental clinic.

The State Health Department, through its Dental Division, will pay for the services of a clinician but we must furnish the room, equipment, and supplies. We have a room and believe we can secure the supplies but the equipment, second hand, will cost between \$400.00 and \$500.00.

Since there is no money in the school budget for this purpose I am asking the various civic and other organizations in the community for the financial aid needed to purchase the equipment. Feeling that your organization would be interested in a project of this type I would appreciate it if you would present this matter at your next meeting and I hope that it may be possible for them to respond generously to this much needed and worthy project.

Local dentists only will operate the clinic and it is not intended that work will be done in the clinic that should be done by a private dentist. The clinic will take care of examinations, cleaning, minor fillings and necessary extractions, and its chief aim will be to educate children concerning the care of teeth through the practical application of remedial measures.

Funds Needed for Dental Clinic
Burgettstown Enterprise- October 17, 1940 Edition

TEACHERS NAME COMMITTEES FOR CURRICULUM STUDY

Teachers of the Burgettstown and Smith township schools have formed Curriculum Study committees which will meet after the writing study period, each month, to study the various text books offered in the subjects they teach.

Members of the Committees and the text books, they will study are: English—Mrs. Helen Cusack, Miss Amelia DeBrakeleer, George Harris, Miss Martha Lance, Miss Miriam Slonaker, Mrs. Golda Spillman, Mrs. Sara Stoner and J. B. Wiley.

Health—G. V. Critchlow, Misses Helen McCausland and Ruby Moore, J. A. Nethercoat, Mrs. Kathryn Studa and Mrs. Hazel Work.

Mathematics—Charles Burns, Joseph Culley, Miss Freda DeBrakeleer, Paul Deliere, Mrs. Bernice Fair, Miss Dorothy Farrar, Mrs. Myra McKee and W. J. Robertson.

Reading—Misses Helen Brown, Anna Mae Corry, Virgie Dold, Luella Felch, Dorothy Inglefield, Susanna Mull, Margaret Ralston, Kathryn Pyle, Margaret Stetar, John Harris, Mrs. Estelle Phillips and Mrs. Anna Mary Puckett.

Science—Miss Rosalyn Carman, G. V. Critchlow, Donald Hall, Charles Mulholland, Misses Stella Hanlin, Margaret Jones and Elizabeth McKenzie.

Social Science—Misses Thelma Bertrand, Lottimae Clark, Lynette Colteryahn, Evelyn Danielson, Kathryn McCalmont, Mary Seabright, Betty Sullivan, W. R. Proudfit, R. W. Stottlemeyer, Richard Holt, and Mrs. Hazel Grabsky.

Burgettstown Area district hires new superintendent

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As Burgettstown Area School District's new superintendent, Dr. James M. Walsh expects some differences from his current position in Mt. Lebanon School District. But he expects a few similarities, as well.

"There is a difference," he said of the size of the two schools, Mt. Lebanon having about three times as many students as Burgettstown. "But it's similar in that there are high expectations and quality education."

The Burgettstown school board gave Walsh a three-year contract with a \$110,000 annual salary by unanimous vote at its May 11 meeting.

He will begin his tenure



Walsh

at Burgettstown on June 22, replacing Acting Superintendent Deborah Jackson.

Walsh is currently the principal of Thomas Jefferson Middle School in Mt. Lebanon School District, where he also serves as the district-wide curriculum supervisor. He previously served Aliquippa School District as the director of curriculum and student achievement, and as a principal in Hopewell School District, both in Beaver County.

He said his career in a variety of school districts will be an asset to Burgettstown.

"I've seen education from the top to the bottom," he said. "I think I'm bringing a wide skill set."

Walsh began his professional career teaching English, television production and theater arts at Westlake High School in Maryland and locally at Peters Township High School. He holds degrees from Duquesne University, University of Maryland and Nova Southeastern University.

He said he admires Burgettstown Area School District and is ready to find opportunities "to take it to the next level."

"On the occasions I've been to Burgettstown, I've seen that there are great people," Walsh said. "I'm looking forward to working there."

**Burgettstown Area District Hires New Superintendent-Dr. James M. Walsh
Observer-Reporter-June 13, 2015 Edition**



Left to Right: Dolores Janulevicz, Teresa Rupani, Dorothy Suica, Barbara Scouart, Anita Bongiorno, and Mickie Walker

Burgettstown High School Homecoming Court-Fall 1967

Courtesy of Fort Vance Historical Society

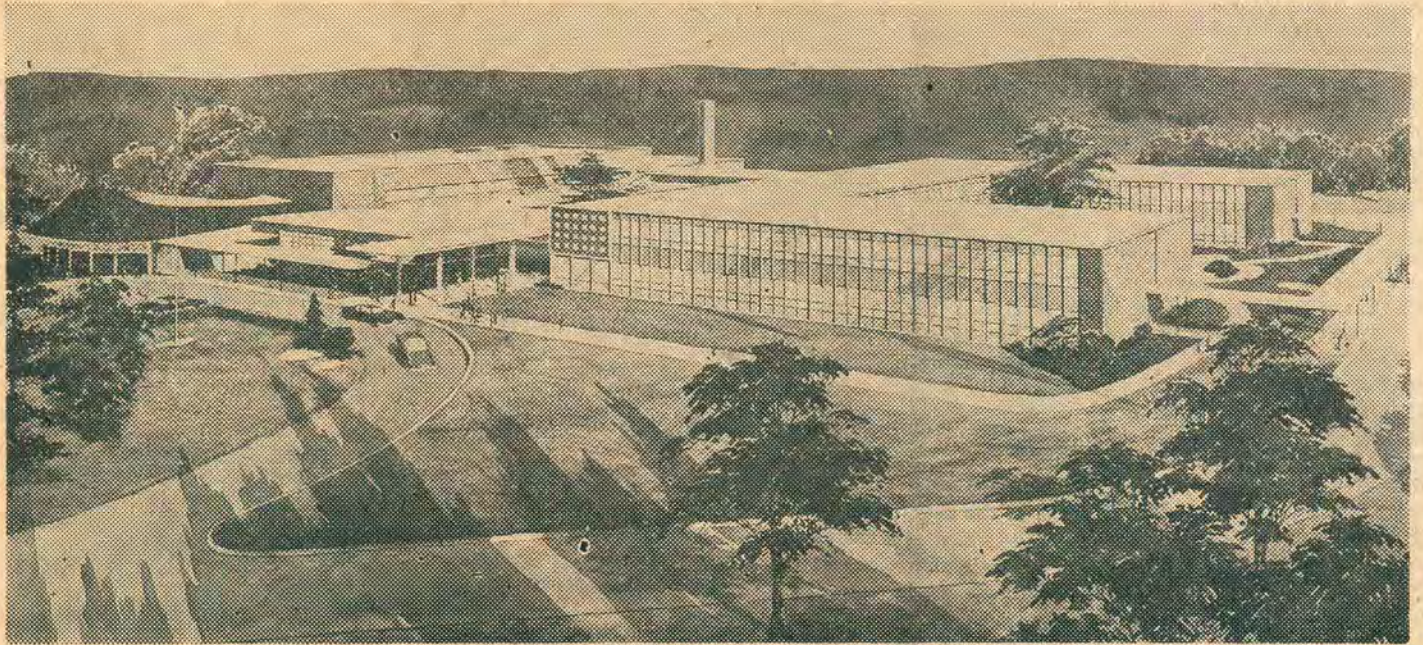


National Scholastic Art Exhibition Award-1968

Teresa Rupani is accepting the Gold Medal from her Art teacher, Marty Wysocki.
Teresa's sculpture won a national award in New York City at the National Scholastic Exhibition.

Courtesy of Fort Vance Historical Society

Cost \$450,000 Under Estimates



BURGETTSTOWN AREA JUNIOR-SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL

	Estimated Cost	Actual Cost	Difference From Original Est.
General Cons.	\$1,680,000.00	\$1,167,500.00	— \$512,500.00
Electrical Contract	190,000.00	179,102.00	— 10,898.00
Heat & Ventilating	220,000.00	184,137.00	— 35,863.00
Plumbing	110,000.00	160,140.00	+ 50,140.00
Test Borings	0.00	4,686.88	+ 4,686.88
Architect's Fee	132,000.00	101,733.95	— 30,266.05
Moveable Fixtures	175,000.00	150,000.00	— 25,000.00
Rough Grading	0.00	20,000.00	+ 20,000.00
Sewage Disposal	0.00	28,000.00	+ 28,000.00
Architect's Fee	0.00	2,880.00	+ 2,880.00
Cost of Acquiring Site	1,500.00	20,448.13	+ 18,948.13
Contingency Fee	326,105.00	264,921.64	— 61,183.36
TOTAL COST	2,834,605.00	2,283,549.60	— 451,055.40



Pictured above are officials who participated in the ground breaking ceremony for the new Burgettstown Area Junior-Senior high school at the site near the Burgettstown Community Park Sunday afternoon. In the

front row, left to right, are Dr. James J. Tinney, Supervising Principal; William H. Donaldson, former County Superintendent of Schools; Morris Harvey, school board president; Arthur E. Tennyson, architect;

Walter Robertson, of Harmon Creek Coal Corp.; James O. Smalley, board member; and Van Nest Wiegmann, board member. Second row, left to right, Carl Latella, board member; Emil E. Calciff, board

member; Dr. Douglas J. Bowman, County Superintendent of Schools and Joseph Bertovich, board member.

(Observer photo)

**Ground Breaking of Burgettstown Area Junior-Senior High School
Burgettstown Enterprise-August 24, 1961 Edition**

Burgettstown Area Middle/High School

Fourth quarter

Grade 12

High honors

Emily Briggs
Robert Derosky
Scott Fedor
Samuel Hockenberry
Samantha Kraeer
Hunter Lecker
David Miller
Cheyenne Rawle
Caley Ritts
Samantha Scopel
Jordan Wiles

Honors

Julie Antonetti
Jake Babyak
Coty Carnes
Casey Davidson
Dylan Dhans
Emily Eyer
Kaylin Ferguson
Natalie Holloway
Joshua King
Ryan Latkovic
Levi Leuce
Tyler Linke
Matthew Lonchar
Erika Louder
Melissa Markish
Tyler Martin
Ann McCullough
Courtney McLaughlin
Christopher Parris
Brandon Pietras
Joseph Reedy
Alexa Sabo
Jared Sabo
Melody Singer
Jenna Thiel
Stephanie Toner
Shane Transue
Logan Triebisch
Jared Vraninin

Honorable mention

Michaela Bertovich
Cordell Conley
Jonathan Cunningham
Rachel Galish
Olivia Gerace
Jeremy John
Alexus Mack
Kylee McConnell
Alden Mehlmauer
Alexander Meyers
Tristan Nicholson
Alexander Paris

Grade 11

High honors

Sydney Bongioni
Madeline Borsos
Madison Campa
Paige Davis
Autumn Gianfrancesco
Rachelle Moore
Alexander Takacs
Brittany Tender
Liam Walsh
Jade Wilson

Honors

Brooke Acklin
Jill Baloga
Jamie Barton
Emily Bender

Aura Boling
Jacob Capelle
Cassandra Carnes
Jordan Cullison
Taylor Cullison
Ian Cunningham
Ryan Cunningham
Deanna Darras
Richard Delprato
Jenna Golden
Johna Grennell
Emily Halling
Luke Huggins
Aleah Koerbel
Samantha McCullough

Brianna Northcraft
Taylor Osborn
Brett Pasinski
Elizabeth Pendeville
Brittany Riley
Ashlie Schmidt
Katie Shergi
Caleb Swecker
Jessica Truby
Ryan Vujanovich
Joseph Warrick
Jessica Weber
Shania Winters

Honorable mention

Sylvia Bennett
Caitlin Boling
Aaron Bonacci
Hannah Bowland
Richard Brooks
Rae Cooper
Morgan Ellek
Christopher Garn
Sara Green
Bradley Hucik
Nicholas Langston
Tyler Lira
Jesse Moore
Tyler Nicholson
Caitlin Riffle
Austin Russell
Brandon Sell
Jacob Shipley
Bailey Sopinski
Kathryn Tarr
Shi Thomas
Cheyenne Winters

Grade 10

High honors

Dylan Bertovich
Madison Borsos
Austin Brothers
Emma Fleaman
Arianna Gavatora
Dante Marcucci
Kacie Prasko
Alena Quinque
Darian Transue

Honors

Luke Clements
Jocelynn DePaul
Cheyenne Hall
Emily Hockenberry
Samuel Huggins
Cole Larocka
Noah Lindsay
Bradley McLaughlin
Jordan Palmer
Mary Richter
Sophia Riter

Paige Sherman
Dakota Smith
Luke Smith
Abigail Stone Huchko
Sidney Zelenko

Grade 9

High honors

Madison Banaszak
Nicholas Bentz
Victoria Carnes
Allyson Fedor
Maura Haskins
Elle Havelka
Elka Hoelsken
Nicholas Hooper
Emily Kraeer
Julia reedy
Samantha Roner
Alexandrea Smith
Kieran Walsh

Honors

Hannah Abbott
Kaylee Bartley
Melissa Bowersock
Morgan Brown
Ralph Brown III
Malia Castellino
Joseph Demario
Garrett Dhans
Joseph Gabriel
Ronald Klinesmith
Camryn Lonchar
Alec Louder
Clark Miller
Olivia Resnik
Hailey Scopel
Kelsey Stover
Ashley Tasz
Haley Tkalcevic
Skyler Wsniewski
Louise Wright

Honorable mention

Keri Baloga
Tyler Barker
Summer Capelle
Bryce Craig
Eliza Ferris
Matthew Gaines
Jazmine Gilbert
Elijah Herriott
Allison Horne
Blaine John
Jacob Schrockman
Madalyn Smith
Daniel Stewart

Grade 8

High honors

Disree Bouch
Ethan Brothers
Ashley Cunningham

Emma Gragan
Zachary Koerbel
Jenna Palmer
Maylyn Torpey
Madison Tournay

Grade 7

High honors

Abby Angus
James Choff
Andrew Corona
Madison Culley
Grace DePaul
Scott Ferris
Angelo Frañi
Dante Gianfrancesco
Colby Green
Taylor Hans
Alexis Hart
Robert Kozaras
Margaret Latkovic
Brandon Louder
Gage Monette
Olivia Orgovan
Reed Reitter
Cheyenne Sestric
Bailey Sharp
Courtney Simons
Erin Smith
Brook Vebalun

Honorable mention

April Badamo
Carli Boyer
William Brown
Dane Butler
Travis Cox
Leah Darmsley
Madison Galish
Amber Horne
Cal Lira
Austin Ryan

Honors

Samuel Berdine
Cyle Conley
Emma Frazier
Claire Hoelsken
Riley Kemper
Danielle Kotk
Tanner Link
Amber McClelland
Brianna Moore
Jameson Murray
Tanner Pasinski
Seth Phillis
Emily Prasko
Kathryn Richter
David Scruppi
Dylan Sherman
Joshua Smith
Angel Stevens
Alexa Triebisch
Hanna Wilson

Honorable mention

William Cherenko
Makenna Chynoweth
Cleste DiVecchio
Bryce Flores
Eric Goins

Delton Herriott
Shane Herriott
Destiny Kolb
Jacob Kotouch
Jake Louder
Michael Moore
Aaron O'Connell
Demetri Riter
Billie Strother
Logan Yellick
Grade 6

Grade 5

High honors
Kristie Baloga
Jonathan Barenick
Stacia Collins
Kailey Karas
Turner Lehnert
Emily Lemmon
Colton Whyte

Honors

Emily Abbott
Hayden Abbott
Christian Bagwell
Rebekah Benavert
Zander Blue
Nathan Borsak
Geena Dufinick
Nichole Gearman
Jacob Gissen
Justina Grone
Avery Havelka
Madison Hottel
Shane Kumpel
Renee Louck
Meaura May
Hannah McCannally
Madelyn Minnighan
Hanna Ostrom
Catherine Plesha
Payton Polkoro
Lily Posti
Shawn Quinlan
Gage Reitter
Miranda Schramm
Cole Shergi
Gracie Shergi
Hailey Stack
Matthew Tasz
Haylie Thomas
Fiona Welsh

Honorable mention

Justice Bailey
Abigail Behno
Jacob Brown
Harry Campbell
Haley Drabek
Mara Durbin
Chloe Dzuba
Allison Fisher
Connor Hostler
Zoe Home
Wyatt Kinkela
Emily Lant
Elizabeth Mionkikh
Bodie Mirich
Nathan Neal
Hannah Orgovan
Skyler Ringason
Brooke Schaefer
Alexandra Shepherd
Hannah Smith
Garret Sulca
Isabelle Washak

The School Connection: A Newsletter Linking Burgettstown Area School District with the Community

Premier Issue

NEWS * OPINION * PEOPLE * TECHNOLOGY * POLICY * PROGRAMS

Welcome to "The School Connection"

The administration of the Burgettstown Area School District wish to welcome you, to this, the premier edition of our district newsletter. We have chosen to name it "The School Connection".

This title, we believe, reflects a number of closely held basic assumptions about our school district; our longstanding commitment to academic excellence; our ability to respond to change while maintaining a sense of continuity, and our unwavering belief in a positive and ever more productive future for our students and our community.

Since the establishment of the Burgettstown Area School District, the educators of our district have striven to consistently and successfully meet the educational needs of the district's students. Our long history has been marked by many successes as well as many crises and struggles. Through it all, however, we believe the district has maintained its

vision and drive to ensure its stature as an education leader in southwestern Pennsylvania. A major purpose of this newsletter is to provide our constituents with more information and insight regarding the work being done by our students and staff in meeting the challenges presented to schools in the new millennium.

We believe our constituents deserve to be made aware of the positive and exciting things that are occurring every day in our schools. This newsletter will consistently focus on the positive and uplifting aspects of life within the Burgettstown Area School District. We are not blind to the realities of the problems we all face in our community. At the same time we will not ignore the accomplishments of our students and staff, or the successes of our programs and the indomitable spirit of our "Burgettstown Schools Family."

We are rightfully proud of all that has been accomplished here. We are

equally aware of the burden we bear to maintain that success. It is our intention to keep the community informed about our schools through this newsletter. Hopefully, it will serve the community in becoming keenly aware of the vitality and accomplishments that are so much a part of the daily life of our schools.

I again welcome you to "The School Connection" and I hope that you become a regular reader. Please let me know personally of your reaction to the publication as well as your questions and comments. We're proud of our staff and students. I hope this newsletter will inform you of the many positive things that are happening in the Burgettstown Area School District.

-Dr. Nanci A. Sullivan
Director of Special Education

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BURGETTSTOWN AREA SCHOOLS DISTRICT

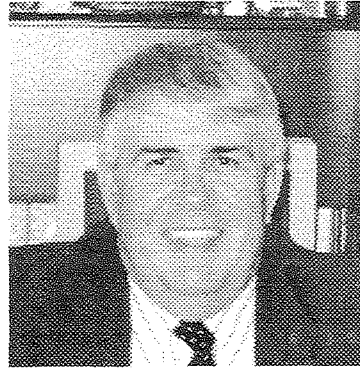


Superintendent's Focus

Whenever a new concept is introduced, people often question why are they bothering to issue a newsletter. Such is the case when a school district or other governmental agency starts to send out information. The first assumption is that there is some ulterior motive to the action. Most often it is assumed the organization is trying to hide something. Typically this is the exact opposite of reality. Often the organization feels that the community at large is not aware of the things that are occurring within the organization. Such is the case with the Burgettstown Area School District. We as a District feel that many positive events and changes are taking place every day at your local schools. Unfortunately, this information is not circulated, or when information pertaining to the schools is circulated, it grows more inaccurate with each telling.

Why a district newsletter? Parents often receive information regarding their child's school through teacher notes, informational flyers or building newsletters. However, less than fifty percent of the District's residents have children in school and even fewer have children attending both the elementary and secondary levels.

At some point in time most community members will have a direct or indirect interest in what is happening in the local schools. The intent of this newsletter is to provide a source of accurate district-wide information.



We hope you appreciate our efforts. If there is a particular topic or issue that you would wish to be addressed please contact:

**Mr. Terry J. Kirschler,
Superintendent of Schools
100 Bavington Road
Burgettstown, PA 15021**

(724) 947-8136



Family and School District Education Project

The Family and School District Education Project was started by the Pennsylvania State Department awarding money to the Allegheny Intermediate Unit in Pittsburgh. Area school districts were then to apply for those monies in the form of a grant. Dr. Sullivan, Director of Special Education, applied for funding for Burgettstown Area School District (BASD) and we were fortunate to be selected to receive monies.

This grant will provide some in-

service training in special education in a partnership format with parents and staff. Other types of activities will also be addressed through this grant which will assist parents and staff in helping our special education students.

A committee has been formed representing parents and staff: Mrs. Joan Adams, Mrs. Susan Carulli, Mrs. Michele Burton, Mrs. Doris Roberts and Dr. Sullivan. We had our first committee meeting on March 16th. The mem-

bers of the committee would like to have a Special Education Open House for all the staff and parents of BASD at the elementary center the beginning of May. A dinner will be served and baby-sitting will be made available.

The committee will be meeting on a monthly basis. We will provide in-services to the staff and parents in the areas of Procedural Safeguards, Writing an Effective IEP, and Behavior Strategies.

MAKE A DIFFERENCE DAY!

For the third consecutive year, Mrs. Fazalare's fourth grade class has participated in Make a Difference Day. Their project is fast becoming their classroom trademark, as they once again befriended the seniors at the local community Burgettstown Area Senior Center.

Mrs. Fazalare is not a member of the community where she teaches. Make a Difference Day gives her the opportunity to give back in a small way to a community that she has adopted. With their humble annual project of fall centerpieces for the Senior Center, Mrs. Fazalare feels that another group of children can be introduced

to a generation that has much to share. Many of the children were not aware that the center existed until they created their project.

The appreciation and warmth which this fourth grade class experiences leads them to make similar projects for each season for the center. Holiday cards and notes of thanks are exchanged throughout the year.

A wise person must have said, "One thing leads to another." This must be so with Make a Difference Day.



MAKING THE CONNECTION: STUDENT AIDE PROGRAM

We started a new program through the National Honor Society at the high school to help elementary students. The high school students are student aides. They walk down to the elementary school during their study hall period.

The student aides will help the elementary students with such things as scribing, reading directions, keeping students on task, reviewing with a student, preparing the hands-on- science kits, and tape recording social studies and science chapters for students who

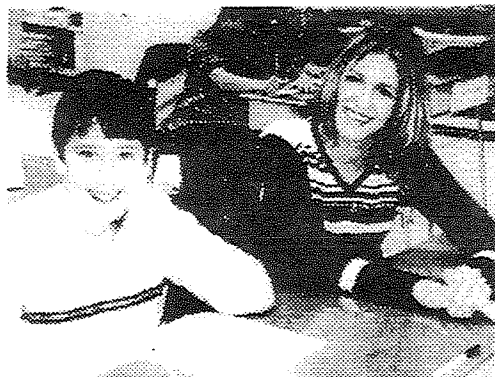
have difficulty reading.

The National Honor Society students will receive service credit for participating in this unique program. Everyone is very excited about the program and everyone will benefit- the teachers will have an extra pair of hands in the classroom, students will receive some extra help, and the student aides will earn service credit and may even want to be teachers one day!!!

Several of the elementary teachers have complimented the program and

they hope it will continue next year. The students aides have shared how much they enjoy it.

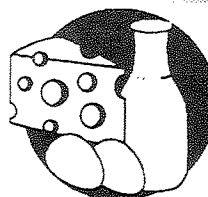
Mrs. Cindy Takah, Mrs. Betsy Prickett, and Dr. Sullivan have coordinated the program.



SECOND GRADERS GIVE TO LOCAL FOOD BANK

All the second grade classes from the Burgettstown Elementary Center collected canned food items at Thanksgiving to replenish the local food bank supply and to teach the meaning of being thankful and sharing with others.

This activity was one in a group of five where the students switched classes and each teacher taught a different Thanksgiving theme-based lesson with follow-up activities such as making butter, making bird feeders, playing Native American games, making animal skin stories out of



paper bags, stuffing a turkey and writing a class story. The students also learned the history then and now of the traditions of the holiday.

Everyone had fun learning about our American tradition of Thanksgiving.

Professional Development for the Staff

We are committed in the district to providing professional staff development to all educators who are responsible for teaching our students. We believe professional development supports teachers in becoming life-long learners. It is our hope and purpose to provide the teaching profession with the integrity and consciousness critical to ensuring that teachers uphold only the highest professional development standards for themselves and their colleagues.

In August, we discussed Legal Issues in Special Education. On October 8, 1999, we presented Chapter 4 Regulations, PA Standards, Connection to PA Assessment, and Reducing Stress in the Classroom. On November 5, 1999, we covered MMS Grading Procedures, Crisis Prevention Intervention, Strategic Planning, Curriculum De-

partment Meetings, Math Assessment, Nutrition Curriculum, and the development of a Crisis Plan.

During the November 11th in-service, we covered Gifted Terminology and Gifted IEPs. On December 10, 1999, we presented Working with an IEP in the Regular Education Classroom and a Review of the District's Sexual Harassment Policy.



Art and History Collaboration at the High School

Mr. David Roth and Miss Kathie Ankley have recently collaborated to link the Art and History Curricula at Burgettstown Area High School. Mr. Roth, the art teacher, was asked to give a lecture on the Art History portion of the students' Cultures of the 21st Century Textbook. New Technology which was acquired by the school district, namely the EIKI computer screen projector, was used by Mr. Roth to show images to the students via CD ROM. Mrs. Lese and Mrs. Walker scanned images on to the CD directly from the text. Many of the most important works of art

were shown and discussed. The lecture began chronologically from early cave paintings to post modern art. The project was a great success and they are planning to do this again next semester.

Special thanks to everyone who assisted in this project and to Mrs. Jackson for supporting this collaboration and to Mr. Esno in helping the district to acquire the new technology.

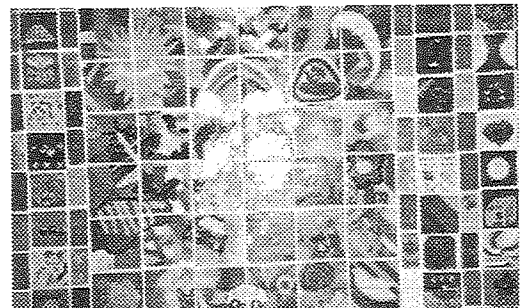
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Ceramic Mural at the Elementary Center

A special project was completed in June of 1999 at the Elementary Center—a ceramic mural! It was created by the 4th, 5th, and 6th grade students in Susan Schott's art class. All of the ceramic tiles were made by hand and designed and painted by students. Currently, a plaque is being made which will list all those who worked on the mural. Please do not miss viewing this

beautiful display of ceramic artwork on the second floor of the Elementary Center.

Also, the 4th, 5th, and 6th grade students' artwork was displayed for the public at Carlow College on October 10th-28th. Their artwork featured geometric paintings, texture paintings, and pastels.



New Faculty at Burgettstown Area School District

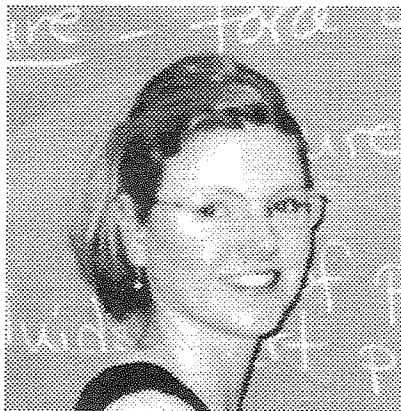


Amy Rush

Assignment: Secondary School Guidance Counselor

Degrees: BA Washington and Jefferson; M.A. Indiana University of PA

Certifications: Secondary Post-Masters Certification

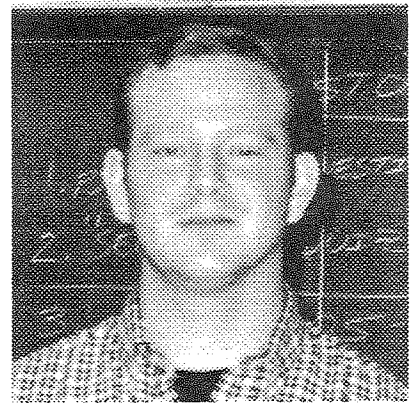


Sherry Kaiser

Assignment: Physics, Physical Science, Earth Science

Degrees: BA Art History, Dickenson College

Certifications: Physics, Indiana University of PA

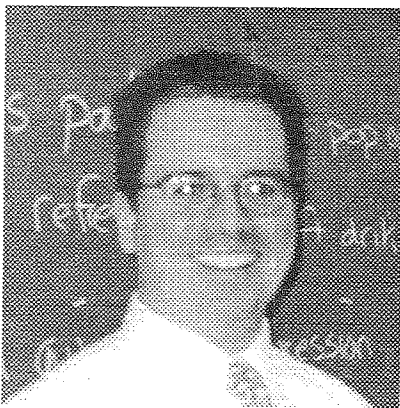


John Dougherty

Assignment: 8th grade-History and 9th grade PA Commonwealth

Degrees: Secondary Education-Social Studies-Duquesne University and M.A. Elementary Education, Duquesne University

Certifications: Secondary Social Studies and Elementary Education



Brian Colucci

Assignment: Spanish I, Spanish II, German I and German II

Degrees: B.A. Spanish, Grove City College,

Certifications: Spanish K-12, Emergency Certificate in German

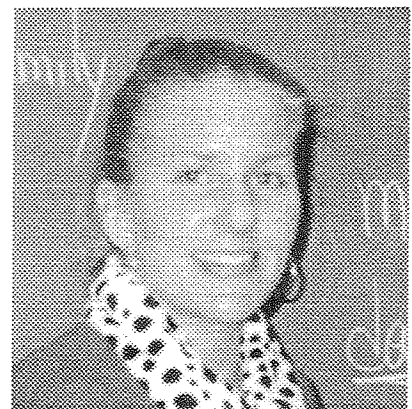


Patricia Ellis

Assignment: Learning Support Grades 4, 5, 6

Degrees: BS in Elementary Education from California State College of PA

Certifications: Elementary and Mentally and/or Physically Handicapped



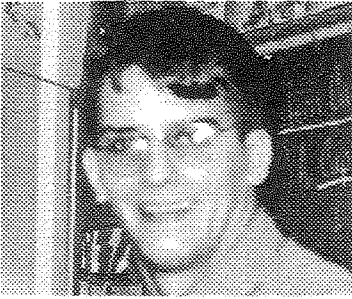
Andromeda Faltay

Assignment: High School Spanish Teacher

Degrees: BA in International Studies and a BS in Education from Ohio State University

Certifications: K-12 in Spanish

New Faculty



Mark Druga

Assignment: American History Grades 7 and 8, PA Commonwealth, Citizenship and Government (Civics)

Degrees: BA from Washington and Jefferson

Certifications: Social Studies



Kourney Mollis

Assignment: 8th grade and alternative English classrooms

Degrees: BA from Washington and Jefferson

Certifications: Secondary English



Bree Marpes

Assignment: English Teacher for Seniors

Degrees: BA in English Education from Robert Morris College-Magna Cum Laude



Beth Roman

Assignment: Junior High Guidance Counselor

Degrees: BA in Psychology from Edinboro University of PA; M.S. in School Psychology from California University of PA



Paula Brady

Assignment: Math and Reading Support

Degrees: Bachelors in Early Childhood from California University of PA; Bachelors in Elementary Education

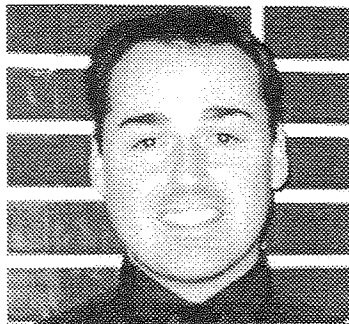


Sheri Kozares

Assignment: First Grade Teacher

Degrees: BS in Elementary/Early Childhood from California University of PA

Certifications: Instructional I Teaching



Travis Closser

Assignment: Foundations of Algebra, Geometry, Algebra II

Degree: BS in Mathematics from Waynesburg College

Certifications: Secondary Education



Maria Hahn

Assignment: Integrated Mathematics II, Foundations of Algebra and Geometry II, SERC (satellite courses)

Degrees: BS in Mathematics and Computer Science from Westminster College

Certifications: Mathematics

Heartwood Projects Comes To Burgettstown Elementary

A Safe Schools funding initiative brings a character education program to the elementary students this year as staff and student of BEC participate in the Heartwood Character Education program. The seven unit program focuses on seven universal character traits and emphasizes them through stories, songs and poetry.

Each of the seven traits, courage, loyalty, justice, respect, hope, honesty and love, involves a three week unit that is easily integrated into curricu-

lar areas such as reading, social studies, music and art. Rather than each being a lesson, each trait becomes part of the total school environment.

In addition to staff training in November and a parent meeting in December, a committee of teacher volunteers has been working to incorporate the project schoolwide throughout the remainder of the year. Eventually all staff members, including cafeteria, clerical and secretarial, and bus drivers will be involved in the

project.

As part of the Safe Schools initiative, the Heartwood project is designed to eliminate some of the discipline issues in the elementary school by fostering an attitude of cooperation and caring among the staff and students. In addition, the program is designed to reach beyond the school and into the homes to allow parents to support Heartwood activities and themes that are being taught.

District Seeks Strategic Planning Volunteers

The Burgettstown Area School District initiated the required Strategic Planning process with a community meeting in November. Community members of the past Strategic Plan Steering Committee and the Adjunct Steering Committee, the District Act 178 Committee, the Board of Directors and administrators were invited to attend. Jean Winsand of the Tri-State School Study Council, University of Pittsburgh, outlined the Strategic Planning process.

A lack of adequate community representation at the initial meeting has resulted in this solicitation for new volunteers to serve on the current Strategic Plan. Interested community members may volunteer to serve on the committee by contacting Phil Esno at 947-8105 before February 4th.

The Strategic Plan must be updated by the fall of this year and though the state no longer requires submission of the plan to Harrisburg, a plan is re-

quired of each district and must be kept on file for public review.

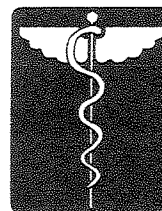
The current plan is responsible for many of the facility and curricular improvements in the district, including the district-wide technology program. Using the existing plan as a guide, the district has been able to provide Internet access in every district classroom, in five computer labs, both libraries and in all offices.

Washington County Seventh AIDS Awareness Days

"To make a difference is not a matter of accident, a matter of casual occurrence of the tides. People choose to make a difference." -Maya Angelo

Mrs. Amy Froats and five students from Burgettstown Area High School attended The Washington County Seventh AIDS Awareness Day on Decem-

ber 1, 1999 at the First Presbyterian Church in Washington, PA. Adam Gilbert, Teri Lyn Havelka, Jade Miller, Craig Shaw and Jena Trimartki listened to student presenters, heard musical selections, viewed a display of the AIDS quilt and met with other



students. Adam Gilbert was a student reader. The program was sponsored by the Washington Hospital Teen Outreach. In addition to this event, several have been trained as peer educators.

**BURGETTSTOWN AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT'S MISSION STATEMENT:
"Building Ambitious Students Daily: Education for a lifetime of achievement."**

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No one does anything without the help of others!!! I would like to personally thank Mr. Kirschler for his Superintendent's Focus article, Mr. Esno for contributing two articles, teachers who supplied me with information, and Mrs. Patty Lese for technical assistance. Dr. Sullivan

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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**Regular Board Meetings: 3rd
Monday of the Month
at 7:30 p.m.**

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER!

January 17, 19...Semester Exams

January 24...End of First Semester

January 26...Act 80 Day

February 18...Teacher In-service Day

February 21...President's Day, No School

April 21, 24...Easter, No School

April 25...Teacher In-service Day

May 24, 26...Final Exams

May 29...Memorial Day, No School

June 2...Kennywood Picnic Day

June 7...Last Day for Students

June 8...Last Day Teachers-In-service and
1/2 day Clerical Day

June 11 (TENTATIVE!)...
Graduation Day

February 21, June 8,9...Possible
Snow Make-Days

ATTENTION PARENTS!!!!!!

Mrs. Markivich, Secondary School Nurse, wants parents to know that a second dose of measles vaccine will be required beginning in the school year 2000/2001. This requirement is for all children in all schools in Pennsylvania. The second dose of measles vaccine is recommended as MMR2. All dates should be relayed to the school Nurse (day-month-year).



Washington County Community Foundation recently presented EIO Fund grants totaling \$79,500 to four local school districts, including Burgettstown Area School District. As part of the Commonwealth's Educational Improvement Tax Credit Program, the EIO Fund awards grants to innovative educational programs at area public schools. To date, WCCF has awarded more than \$730,000 from the EIO Fund. Burgettstown received a grant of \$27,500 for its "Redesigning Learning Project," which will transform the existing middle school/high school library into a 21st-century media center featuring a ceiling-mounted projector, interactive whiteboard, flexible seating, a creation station and several iPads and Macbook Air laptops. Presenting the check to Burgettstown are WCCF trustees Richard White, second from right, and Alex Paris, right. EIO Fund sponsors are Allegheny Technologies, Audiology Doctors of Pennsylvania, Consol Energy, EQT, First Commonwealth Bank, FTS International, Gateway Health Plan, Highmark, Northwest Savings Bank, Verizon and Washington Financial.

Burgettstown Area School District Receives Grant
Observer-Reporter-February 20, 2016 Edition

AUDITORS' REPORT

BURGETTSTOWN AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
WASHINGTON COUNTY, BURGETTSTOWN, PA.
FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 1965
GENERAL FUND

REVENUES:

Beginning Cash Balance	\$ 11,400.55
Local Sources	494,865.67
State Sources	660,928.99
Miscellaneous	3,981.31
Total Receipts	\$1,171,176.52

EXPENDITURES:

0100 Administration	\$ 43,703.03
0200 Instruction	625,468.73
0300 Attendance Services	1,000.00
0400 Health Services	14,440.02
0500 Pupil Transportation Service	43,723.19
0600 Operation of Plant	74,202.30
0700 Maintenance of Plant	9,641.17
0800 Fixed Charges	49,025.35
0900 Food Service	566.70
1000 Student Body Activities	1,764.86
1200 Capital Outlay	44,629.03
1300 Debt Service	187,526.03
1400 Outgoing Transfers	3,055.03
Payment on Notes Payable	30,000.00
Total Expenditures	\$1,128,745.44

Cash on Hand and in Bank - June 30, 1965

\$ 42,431.08

A.L. Stormwind, Certified Public Accountant

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Burgettstown Area School District-Auditors Report
Burgettstown Enterprise-November 10, 1965 Edition

College Students who are spending the holidays at home are, Robert Russell and Charles Tope, Duke University; Robert Myers, Clarence Power, Cecil Mester, Chester Melton and Fred Garcia, Wentworth Military Academy, Lexington Missouri; Marion Scott, Carnegie Tech; Miss Dorothy Scott, Muskingum; Dorothy Allison, Wooster; Lois Williams, Madelyn Howe, Lois Bywater, Westminster; Paul Carman and Dorothy Lynch, Geneva; Loraine Inglefield, Slippery Rock; Eleanor Kimberland, Clara Jaylock, Mary Evans, Slovan, Percy Lydic and Bill Lee, Cross Creek Indiana State Teachers College; Helen and Jean Thomassy, Wooster; William Weaver, Slippery Rock; and Frances Purdy, Grove City.

Burgettstown Area Students return home for the Holidays
Burgettstown Enterprise-December 26, 1940 Edition

**BORO SCHOOL BOARD
REORGANIZES ELECTS
SCOTT PRESIDENT**

C. D. Scott was elected president of the Burgettstown Borough School Board at a re-organization meeting held Monday evening, December 1. George Atherton was chosen vice president.

W. P. Miller announced that pictures of the board members would be taken December 9 at 7:30, in order that a photograph can be made for the high school year book.

Bills totaling \$7,177.52 were approved for payment, and an adjustment in the price of coal was made, Union Coal Company having announced an increase of thirty-five cents on the ton.

The board agreed that the janitor should provide heat for the library every other Saturday afternoon during the winter months if story hour is continued by the sanction of the library board.

The meeting adjourned about 8:40 p. m.

Unique School Project Nears Completion



Here's Mrs. Eugenia Hall, fifth grade teacher at the Burgettstown elementary school, pointing out Burgettstown to her students on a map of the United States they had placed on the floor of their classroom.

Boys in the picture are, left to right, Delvin Merriner, David Shipman, Kenny Howard, Harry Russell, Donald Bywaters, John Foutz, Robert Atkinson, Harry McClements, John Froats, Ronald Zibritosky and Billy Michael.

Girls standing, from left to right, include Cindy Pappas, Debbie Swartz, Rebecca Maroni, Valerie Boni, Susan Robinson, Patty Carr, Lucinda Hall, Roberta Hall, Cathy Pradetto, Evelyn Farren, Joyce Chastulik, Shirlene Hoberek, Ruth Smiley, Joyce Zabetakis, Mary Kota

and Linda Reed.

Geography has become one of the most interesting subjects for these students since the project was initiated last September. The map is drawn to scale and covers practically the entire floor. Powder paints were used for the painting of the map, which was then shellacked for protection. All work on the project was done by students.

John Grecco, elementary supervisor of the local school district, commented on the unique design, stating it was the first time to his knowledge such a project had been undertaken. The results have been so good that it might be wise for other schools to try a similar venture.

Mrs. Hall's students know each of the states' colors, nicknames and principal cities

through the use of cards and games played in the class. Using the map as a huge "board," the youngsters quiz each other and scores are kept on the results.

The map, which is complete except for the addition of Alaska and Hawaii, is also used in conjunction with history classes.

This is not the only project for these fifth graders. They plan to exchange tape recordings with fifth grade students at Wainwright, Alaska, where a government school is located near the northernmost point of the state. The area is so remote that the tapes will begin their trip from Alaska to Burgettstown by dog sled.

(Enterprise photo)

Unique School Project Nears Completion
Burgettstown Enterprise-March 29, 1962 Edition



Among the 146 students and teachers attending were Burgettstown Area High School students Don Aivalotis and Amanda Bobyak seated with teachers David Carson and Robert Verelst.

Energy Seminar for Youth
The Enterprise-April 8, 1992 Edition
Courtesy of Fort Vance Historical Society

Burgettstown Enterprise

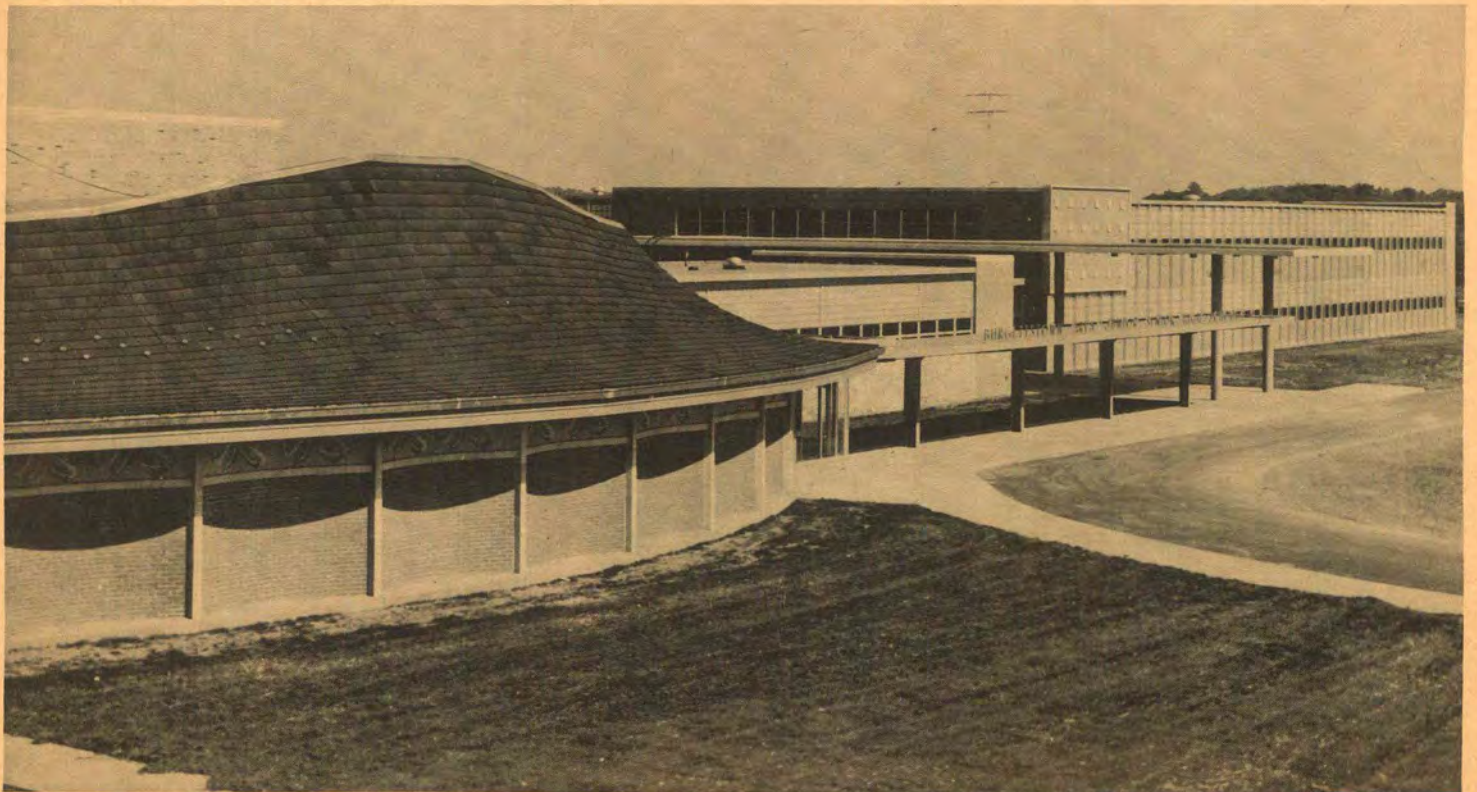
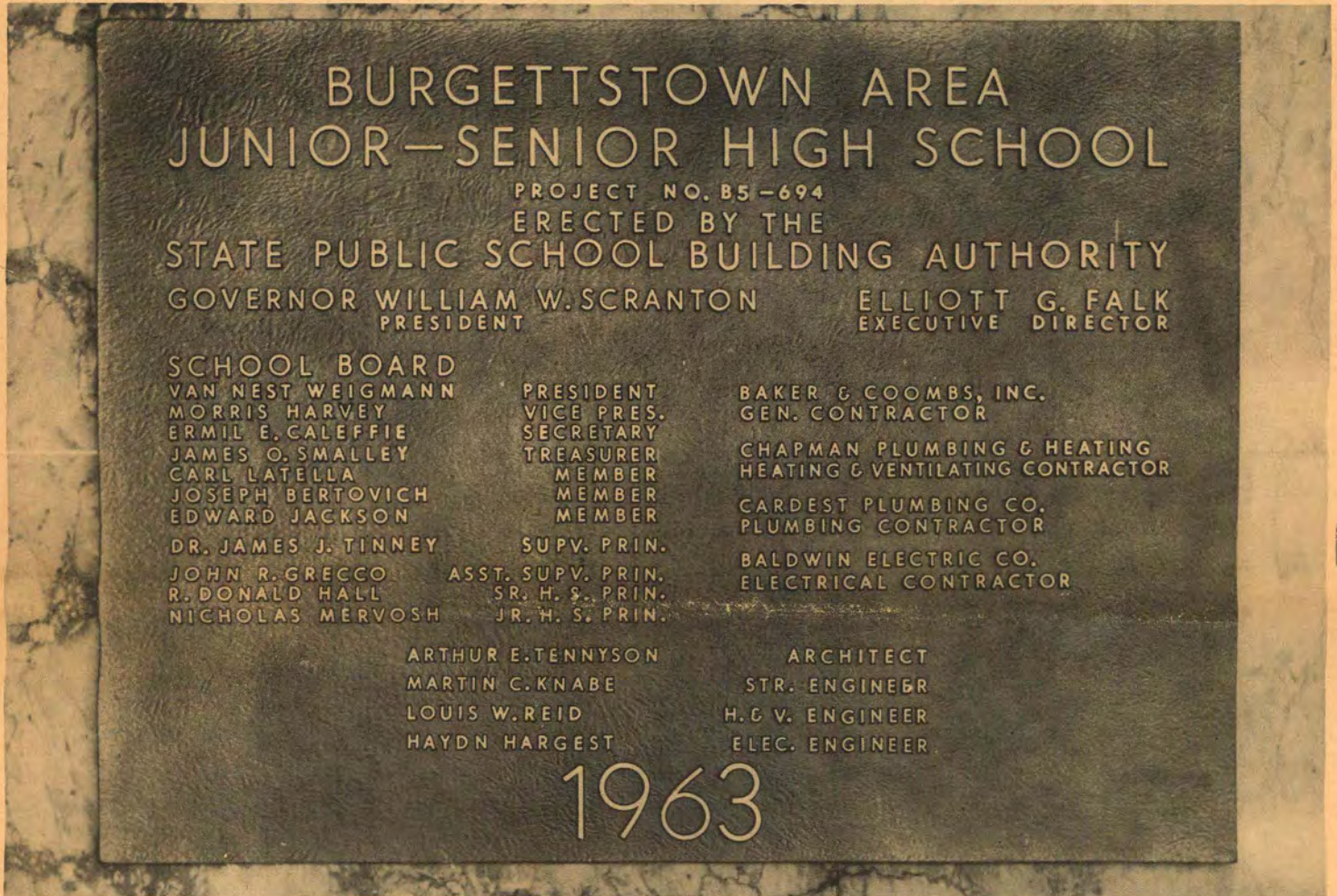
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SECTION TWO

BURGETTSTOWN, PENNSYLVANIA — JUNE 20, 1963

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NEW UNION HIGH SCHOOL BUILDING DEDICATION SUNDAY, JUNE 23, 1963



EDUCATIONAL FUNCTIONS OF BURGETTSTOWN AREA NEW JR.-SR. HIGH SCHOOL

By Dr. James J. Tinney

STATEMENT OF PHILOSOPHY

The public schools are a major institution within our democratic form of government dedicated to the objective to provide an opportunity for each individual citizen to develop to his fullest potential through education. It is the responsibility of the public schools to perpetuate our way of life and to pass on to our youth the cultural heritage of our great nation within the legal framework provided by our democratic form of government.

The school district officials with the direction of the educational leaders instructed the architect, Mr. A.E. Tennyson, to provide a vehicle in which an educational program could function. It is based on the minimum mandated curriculum requirements of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and the educational needs of the student population of Burgettstown Area over and above these minimum mandates. The vehicle had to be tempered by the existing economic resources of the community, also taking into consideration the future economic resources available to pay for such a facility. A building which was needed would have maximum flexibility and multi-use areas both for the educational program and the community cultural program.

It was planned that the curriculum would be centered around four basic sequential programs from which the students could make their selection of a program after proper evaluation and guidance by professional personnel of the student's potential. Three of the programs are to be designed as terminal education for the students pursuing such programs. One of the programs is designed as continuing education for the students pursuing such a program. The terminal programs are: 1. Business & Commercial Programs. 2. General Education Program, 3. Industrial Arts Program. The continuing program is: 4. Academic--College Preparatory Program.

Continued schooling possible, the terminal programs will provide the high school graduate with sufficient skills to be employable; however, further education is not precluded. The student may take advantage of Business Colleges and Schools, Trade Schools, Apprentice Programs and specialized college programs. Ample consideration in the planning stages was given to programs for County Directed Area Technical Schools and other county or state training programs.

YEAR-ROUND PROGRAMS

The school building was designed to have programs throughout the calendar year. Such programs to be carried out in the flexible multi-use areas to be built. The programs to be considered in the planning are:

1. School sponsored Summer Recreation Program, Children and Adults. This program to be conducted in conjunction with adjacent Community Park and Swimming Pool.

2. Summer School Program for the educationally gifted and accelerated students as well as make-up courses and elective courses for all students.

3. Adult Education Program--12 month program to run the gamut from basic high school equivalent courses to cultural advancement courses and off campus college courses.

4. School sponsored Recreation Program, Children and Adults in conjunction with civic organizations industrial firms sponsoring recreation activities of various types.

5. Year-Around Adolescent and Adult Library Program to be conducted in conjunction with Community Library and County Library Services.

6. Community Cultural Program centered about theater presentation. All such programs to utilize planned school building facilities.

TWO MAJOR DIVISIONS

The building is to house grades 7 through 12 with a total student population of 1250. The student body will be divided into two major groups; a Junior High School Division grades 7, 8, and 9 and a Senior High School Division grades 10, 11, and 12.

JUNIOR HIGH PROGRAM

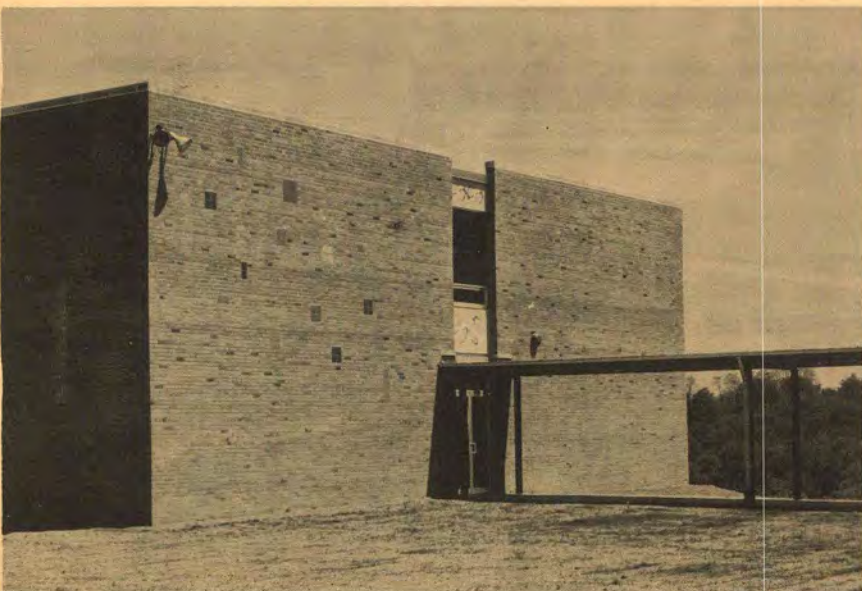
At the outset of the 1963-64 school year, the Junior High School Program will encompass 18 sections of students. The program of studies will be set-up on a departmentalized class plan under the direction of the Junior High School Principal, Pennsylvania's mandated minimum



Back view of high school building. Loading docks shown at right.



Students enter bus from covered walks.



Student entrance of senior high school wing.

program of studies will be the basic program for all students. Elective courses will be at minimum. Students will be "grouped" based on objective scientific test data, teacher appraisal and guidance consultation.

FOUR YEAR SEQUENCE STARTS IN JUNIOR HIGH

It is planned to have a four year sequence of courses in business education, foreign languages, mathematics, and science; therefore, student selection of one of four programs of study will be made prior to the 9th grade. Further, such course selection will determine class section and section placement in the final year of the Junior High School Division and in some cases the 8th grade in the Junior High School Division.

JUNIOR CLASSROOMS--FRONT WING

The Junior High School Classrooms are located in the front classroom wing on both floors. No classrooms are designed for a single function in this section of the building. It is planned that portable language arts, mathematics, science, and social studies laboratories and equipment will be used extensively by the teachers.

TEACHING TEAMS FOR JUNIOR HIGH

Each grade level in the Junior High School Division will have a team of six teachers responsible for the basic instruction program in language arts, science and social science. Special teaching services such as art, foreign language, guidance, industrial arts, music, and physical education will be provided by specialists in each field for each grade level teaching team when requested by the team or scheduled as a part of the mandated program of studies of the student.

SECTION OF BUILDING HOUSES SPECIAL AREAS

The home economics classroom area, library area, and the science laboratory area are located between the Junior High School Classroom Wing and the Senior High School Classroom Wing to provide ease of access for students of both divisions. The library and science laboratory will be provided with portable carts to bring needed learning materials to the Junior High School Classes whenever possible.

CONSECUTIVE PERIODS

It is planned that the Junior High School students will have consecutive periods scheduled with the same teacher or team of teachers, therefore, eliminating many class changes at the end of each scheduled period. Scheduled classes for Junior High School students in special areas of art, home economics, industrial arts, music and physical education will be carried out in the designated teaching areas.

NOISY LEARNING AREAS LOCATED AWAY FROM CLASSROOMS

The instruction areas for industrial arts, music, and physical education are located some distance away from the regular classrooms, thus keeping the excessive noisy learning activities removed from the less noisy learning activities of the library and regular classrooms. The cafeteria is also far removed from the classroom area not only to remove the noise area but also the cooking aromas formerly so prominent in school buildings.

EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

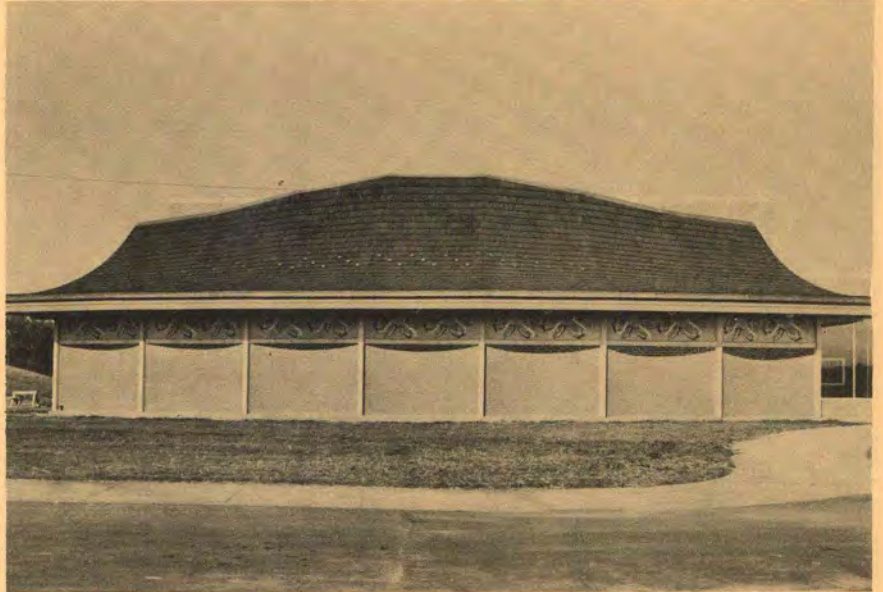
The program of extra-curricular activities of the Junior High School Division will be designed to take place within extended time limits of the school day and under the direction of the school officials. An extensive intramural program of activities is anticipated for this division. As far as is possible, the students of the Junior High School Division will be separated from the students of the Senior High School Division in all activities held in the school during the school day. It is further anticipated that the evening or after school activities of the Junior High School students will be kept to a minimum and occur at special occasions only.

SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL PROGRAM

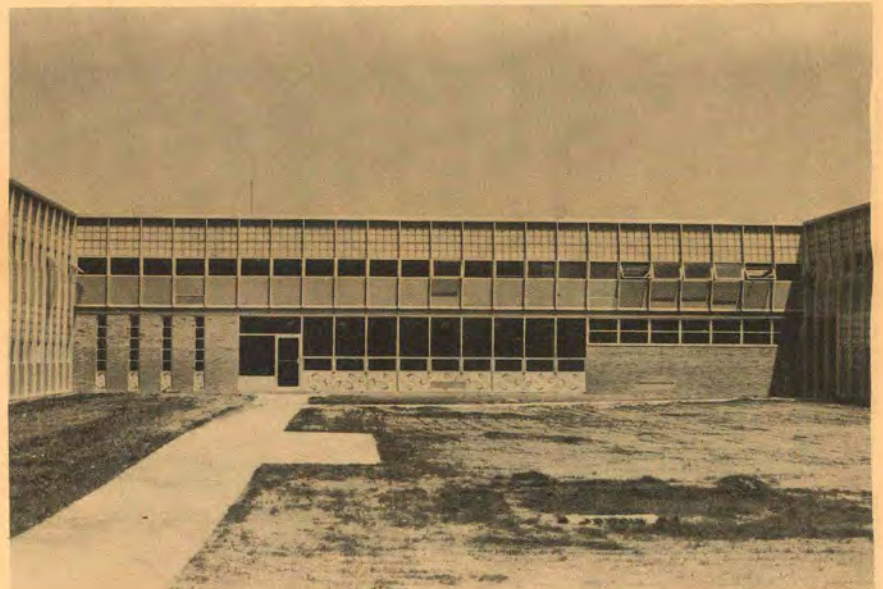
At the outset of the 1963-64 school year the Senior High School Program will encompass 16 sections of students. The program of studies will be set-up on a departmentalized class plan under the direction of the Senior High School Principal. Pennsylvania's mandated minimum program of studies for high school graduation plus additional local mandated courses for high school graduation will be the basic program for all students. It is anticipated that elective courses will be numerous in all fields of education provided in the school program.

GUIDANCE PERSONNEL AND FACULTY COOPERATIVELY PLAN STUDENT PLACEMENT

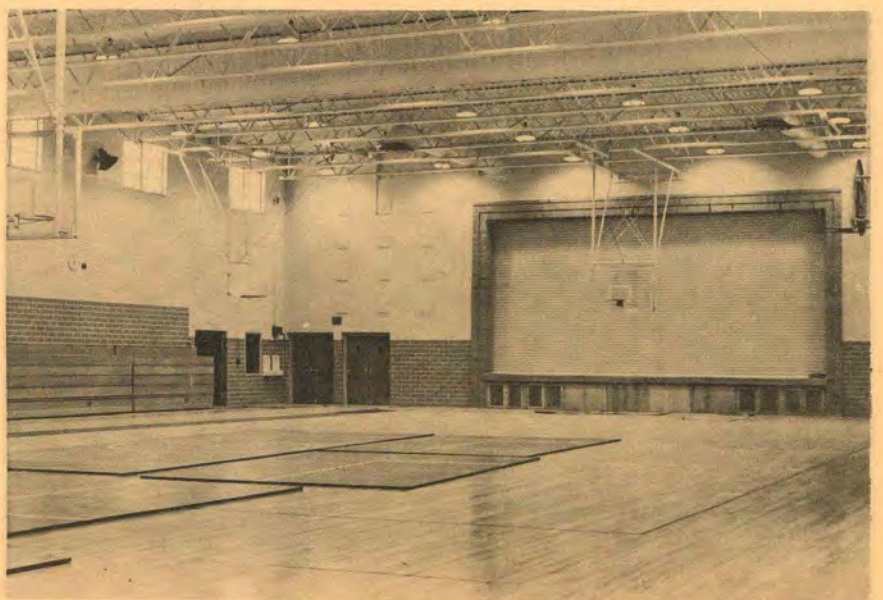
Students will be "grouped" based on objective, scientific test data, teacher appraisal, student achievement and guidance consultation. This screening procedure will apply to all advance placement courses within the Senior High School Program of Studies. Each student's program will be individually determined



Novel design of roof features attractive building materials.



Open court can be entered from library.



Modern gymnasium with multiple use stage.

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May 27, 1963

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

Upon completion of the construction of the new Burgettstown Area Junior Senior High School, we want to extend our thanks not only to the community in general, but to those specifically and directly connected with the project.

The members of the school board, the school officials and particularly Dr. James J. Tinney have been most helpful and cooperative in all respects. Many have spent untold hours, over and beyond that normally required, in seeing that the building was completed in a proper manner and on time.

Seldom has it been our pleasure to work with an architect so dedicated and thorough as Arthur E. Tennyson. His design, in our opinion, is incomparable and will be used as a model for other schools for years to come. His understanding and solutions to various problems has demonstrated his devotion to responsibility and fairness to all.

The direction of the work by the State Public School Building Authority has been most efficient and thorough and we feel privileged to have worked with them and their representatives.

Last but not least our thanks to local businessmen who furnished the greater part of the materials and supplies for the building, the local laborers and craftsmen for a job well done and to the building trades unions for maintaining harmony on the project.

James E. Coombs, President

cooperatively by the professional staff of the Senior High School.

It is planned to have a four year sequence of courses in business education, foreign language, mathematics, and science. Students in the Senior High School Division will have already made a choice and will follow the programs as set up by the school officials. Sequential elective courses of less than four years are planned for the Senior High School Division in the subject matter areas of biology, chemistry, earth and space science, social studies, industrial arts, arts and crafts, and literature.

SENIOR CLASSROOMS--REAR WING

The Senior High School Classrooms are located in the rear classroom wing on both floors. The business classroom and the language learning laboratory are designed and equipped for specific learning areas as is the chemistry, physics laboratory and the biology laboratory. The remaining classrooms are designed for multi-purpose use and will be so assigned.

DEPARTMENTS PLANNED FOR SENIOR FACULTY

Each subject matter division in the Senior High School Division will have a team of three or more teachers responsible for the basic instruction program in the specified subject matter area as well as the content and extent of the elective courses in the specified area. The contribution and resources of the subject matter specialists of the Senior High School Division will be available and cooperatively developed with the Junior High School Division. Such a cooperation inter-change shall be under the direction of the Senior High School Principal.

SPECIALLY DESIGNED AREAS

All Laboratories have been designed as a multi-purpose laboratory-lecture room for biology, physical science, chemistry, physics, and general science and are located on the second floor. The classrooms have adaptable work tables and movable student tables with appropriate movable stools. The teacher demonstration desks in each area are complete units and adaptable for student laboratory stations. Display cases, storage areas, and project storage areas are to be built-in facilities. Large storage and supply rooms separate each laboratory and provide sufficient area for an appropriate teacher office and parking area for portable equipment for the Junior High School Division.

A photography laboratory-darkroom will be provided in connection with the chemistry-physics laboratory. This facility will be available for use by all school programs under the direction of a responsible faculty member.

COMPLETE LAB FACILITY

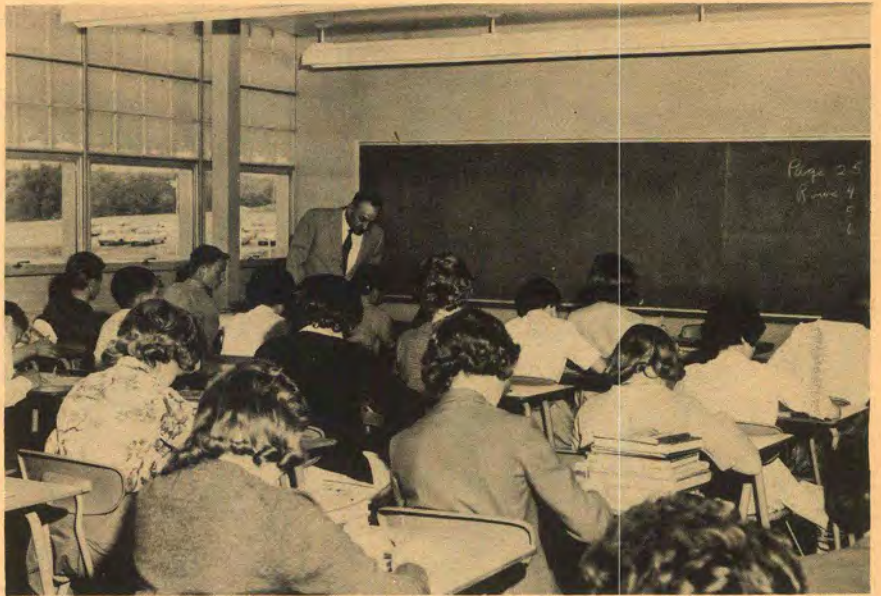
The general science laboratory as well as the chemistry-physics laboratory and biology laboratory are equipped with peripheral student stations. The center of each laboratory classroom will be utilized as a lecture area. It is to be noted that the general science areas have all the necessary services built into the floors and walls to allow for conversion into chemistry-physics laboratories or biology laboratories with a minimum amount of effort when and if pupil population and course expansion required such additions.

HOME ECONOMICS AREAS

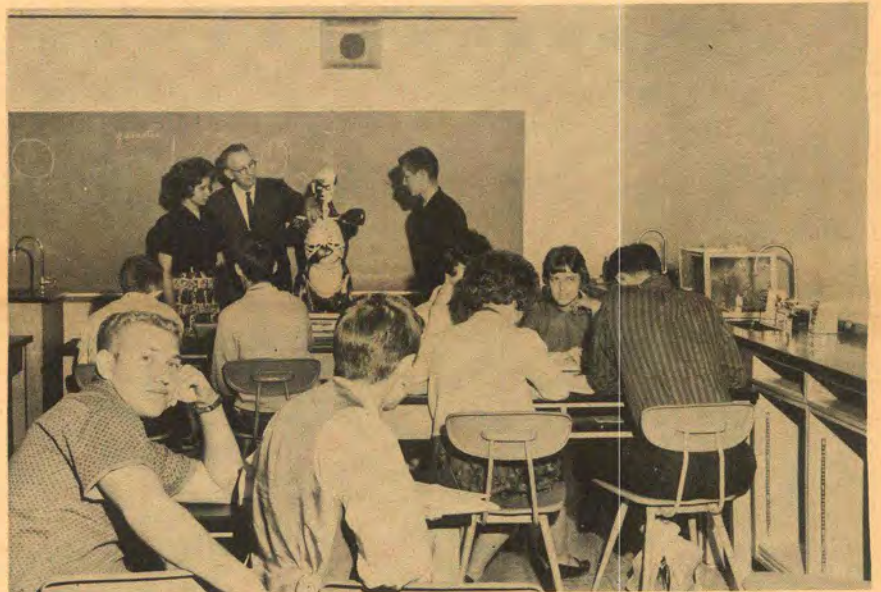
This area is a three teacher station area planned as a complete unit sub-divided into three teaching areas located on the first floor. One area is designated as a Foods Laboratory, another area as Fabrics and Materials Laboratory, and the center area as a Family Living Area and Vocational Homemaking Laboratory. Each area is fully equipped with built-in cabinets with special designs and features making each unit a teaching entity in and of itself. It is planned and the facility is so located, to implement these plans that the Home Economics Areas will be utilized by the Junior and Senior High Divisions respectively.

LIBRARY

This area is designed to seat 125 students and to house an adequate high school library of 10,000 volumes or more as indicated by the American Library Association as being a minimum standard for today's schools. The Library is located on the first floor. The Library will house the film library and record library of the secondary schools. Incorporated in the facility is a reading room designed for directed reading activities and student library project work. The Library workroom will also be utilized as a storage area and parking facility for the mobile book carts to be used by the Junior High School Division. This facility will have access to the outside Court separating the Junior High School Classroom Wing and the Senior High School Classroom Wing. Such



Classrooms are well lit and have automatic ventilation system.



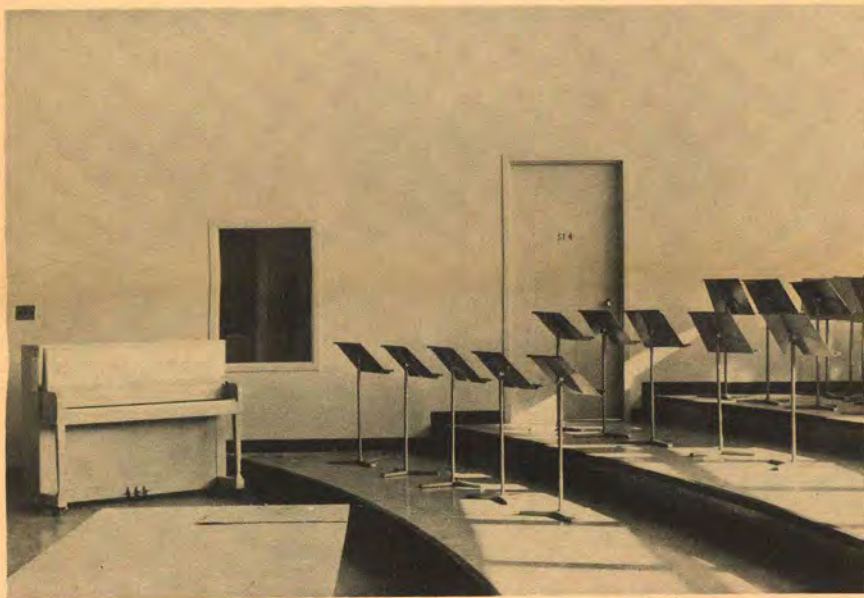
Biology lab is used for classroom and laboratory purposes.



Business administration classroom features electric typewriters.



Attractive furnishings of 10,000 volume library shown here.



Band and chorus rooms have built in risers.



Modern laboratory offers latest facilities for science students.

access is provided to facilitate an all-year-round program of library activities by providing an outside entrance without using the remainder of the school building and also to provide an outdoor reading area during the school year when the weather permits.

AUDITORIUM--SEATS 261

This facility is designed specifically to seat one entire class and to be utilized more as a facility for after school student presentations such as plays, concerts, and recitals. The area may be used as a practice area for musical groups from the music classrooms which are located adjacent to the auditorium. The area will be used as a classroom for elective speech courses when such a program is available.

The interior unique feature of the facility is the stage, which opens to the gymnasium as well as the auditorium. The gymnasium opening will be closed at all times by a metal roll-up door. In any event where the audience will exceed the capacity of the auditorium the stage opening to the gymnasium will be utilized. Seats in addition to the all ready present bleachers will provide the necessary seating capacity. The gymnasium area, necessarily, will be further controlled by separating Coil-Wal Doors which when closed will restrict the floor area necessary for the audience. When and if the full facility is utilized the seating capacity of the gymnasium will exceed 2500 persons.

Externally the decorative ceramic tile panels, unique scalloped roof design and illuminated overhang provide an eye pleasing architectural departure from conventional school building design.

GYMNASIUM

This area is a three teacher station gymnasium separated by two unique Coil-Wal Doors. When the doors are fully extended three mutually exclusive gym areas are available and it is planned that three simultaneously conducted physical education classes will take place during each period of the entire school day. Adjacent outdoor athletic fields also provide ample area for three simultaneously conducted physical education classes to be held outdoors when weather permits. Both the indoor and outdoor facilities will provide more than adequate areas for an extensive intra-mural activity program. Further planning envisions the fall and spring-time use of the Community Park Swimming Pool and Park in conjunction with the school's physical education program.

Indoor intra-scholastic sports centered around basketball and wrestling were considered in the planning for this facility. The practice area for basketball and wrestling will be mutually exclusive when the Coil-Wal Door is used to separate the gymnasium into the required practice areas. The doors will be coiled during the intra-scholastic competition and the bleachers will provide a seating capacity for 1250 persons to view unobstructed basketball games and wrestling matches as well as any other indoor sports or events on exhibitions. Two large adequate locker rooms with complete facilities are adjacent to the gymnasium.

CAFETERIA-KITCHEN

The Cafeteria area is designed to seat 400 diners and the kitchen is designed to prepare 1600 Type "A" meals. This beautifully designed and appointed facility will serve as the after school extra-curricular social center as well as the regular school dining area.

This facility can be used separately and is accessible from the outside without utilizing any other part of the building as is the case with the auditorium and the gymnasium. Each of the multi-purpose areas located in the northern section of the building can be used separately or in combination without gaining access to any other part of the school building.

MISCELLANEOUS FACILITIES

Paved roadway from Bavington Road up to and around entire school property and facility.

Paved parking area for 90 automobiles; more parking areas are available.

Covered walks, all weather bus loading and unloading facilities located at the student entrance to the classroom wings and the main entrance to the school offices, auditorium, gymnasium, and cafeteria. Health Suite, Teachers' Rooms, Main Lobby, and General Office areas provide well appointed and decorated areas for school functions.

FUTURE EXPANSION

The school building has been planned to provide for an additional 240 students. The classroom wings are designed to provide for the addition of eight classrooms, four on each wing to provide learning areas and space for the Hanover Township students, our neighbors, when school district reorganization takes place in 1965. The covered walks and the paved roadway are so located that the school building will receive the additional classrooms without disturbing these features. All central use facilities, such as the gymnasium, industrial arts shops, science laboratories, cafeterias, and laboratories are now designed to receive the additional capacities when this addition becomes a reality.

Grand Opening Of New High School Climax To Long Story

Entrance Of Students Fulfills Idea

Originated At Meeting Eight Years Ago

The graduation of 147 seniors in the new Burgettstown Area Junior-Senior High School on Friday, June 7, 1963, culminated a long planning program for administrators and officials of the school district. Ever since the summer of 1956, when a survey team from the University of Pittsburgh recommended that the old high school plant be abandoned as a secondary school, the erection of a new secondary building in this area has been a goal for school district officials.

It is tragic that the old Union High School, a building 45 years in age, was destroyed by fire shortly before the building was completed. Harried school officials quickly arranged for temporary possession of the new building, and a hasty schedule of events resulted in all five grades of pupils resuming classes within two weeks of the destruction of the old plant. It is ironic that the Class of 1963, which had planned for three years to be the last graduating class from Union High School, now finds itself to be the first to graduate from the Burgettstown Area Junior-Senior High School.

SPECTACULAR FIRE AT UNION HIGH

On Thursday afternoon, March 21, 1963, a blaze was discovered at Union High School that, a few hours later, had leveled the old landmark to rubble. It was indeed the end of an era that had seen three generations pass through the school.

Over 150 firemen from five local fire departments combined in an effort to combat the flames, which reached heights of 50 to 60 feet from the roof of the building. Boiler room explosions, intense heat and a lack of water pressure hampered the firemen, however, and destruction was complete.

Maintenance men, faculty members and some townspeople were on hand immediately to aid with the removal of school records and other valuable property, even while the fire burned. The removal operations were directed by Supervising Principal Dr. James J. Tinney and High School Principal R. Donald Hall.

Close cooperation between state officials, building contractors and local administrators resulted in the Seniors resuming classes at the new school a week after the fire. The other four grades were moved into the building subsequently, and a normal schedule of classes was instituted within two weeks.

Union High School, which was built in 1918, with an addition put on in 1931, was familiar to everyone in the Raccoon Valley. The three-story, ten-classroom structure was scheduled to be abandoned at the end of the school year as a secondary school plant. The story of its proposed abandonment and the beginning of the new high school project dates back to January 6, 1955. This story includes many meetings with various area school boards for the purpose of discussing jointures or mergers, and negotiations between the local school board and that of Hanover Township could well be a story in itself. The significant events leading to construction of a new secondary school plant are listed in chronological order.

UNION DISTRICT FIRST DISCUSSED

On January 6, 1955, 50 men and women, representing each of the boards of directors of Burgettstown Borough, Smith Township, Jefferson Township and Hanover Township school districts, various local P.T.A. units and the Raccoon Valley Chamber of Commerce, were extended invitations by the Burgettstown-Smith Township Joint School Board and met for discussion of the possibility of forming a Union School District.

It was obvious for some time that the antiquation of the Union High School building, together with limited quarters for the increasing enrollment, had presented a problem. Among the students enrolled were many from Jefferson and Hanover Townships.

William P. Miller, Supervising Principal of the Burgettstown-Smith Township Joint School District, spearheaded the possible consolidation for what he termed, at the time, two principal reasons:

1. To provide a better educational program.
2. To acquire more money from the state by a Union District, so that a better educational program could be accomplished.

UNION PLAN ENDORSED

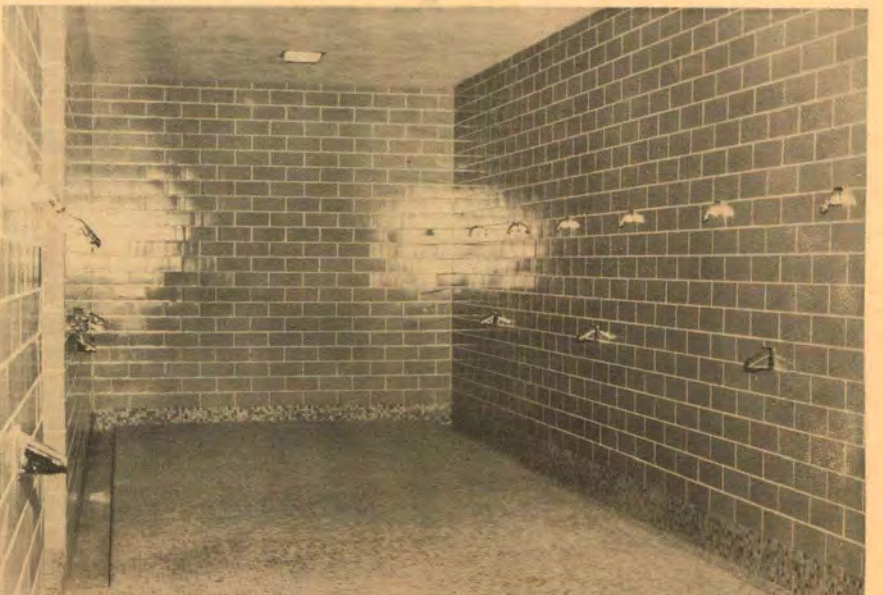
The first area school district to formally endorse a Union plan was Smith Township, in February, 1955. The Hanover Township board announced it would table discussion on the plan until a later time. The Burgettstown Borough Board confirmed endorsement in March.



Double door lockers available for student use.



Dressing rooms equipped with individual lockers.



Large shower rooms available to phys. ed. pupils.

BURGETTSTOWN AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS - 1957

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BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS - 1959

Carl Latella President	John Jones Vice-President	Ermil E. Caleffie Secretary	Donald W. Baileys Treasurer
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BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS - 1961

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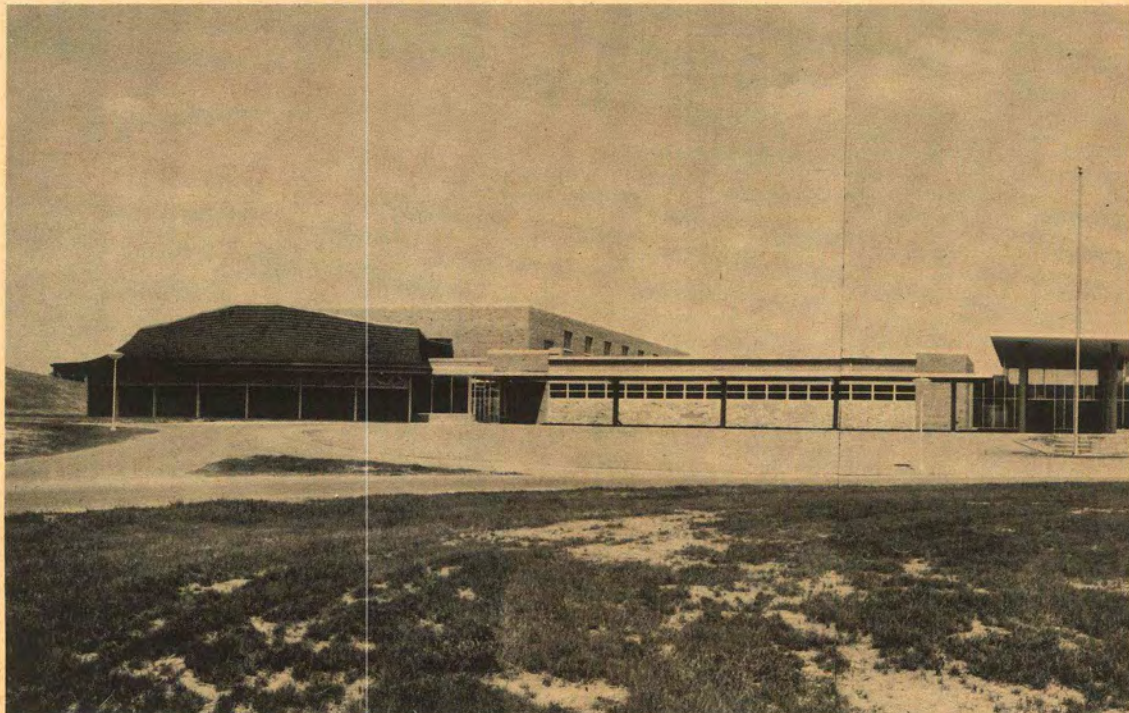
BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS - 1963

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SCHOOL BOARD SOLICITOR George K. Hanna

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James J. Tinney Supervising Principal	John R. Grecco Ass't Supv. Principal	R. Donald Hall Sr. high school principal	Nicholas Mervosh Jr. high school principal
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DEDICATION PROGRAM

The National Anthem Union High School Band
Director, J. J. Snyder

Prayer of Dedication

Greetings and Introduction of Platform and Guest Speaker Dr. James J. Tinney
Supervising Principal

Address Dr. Douglas J. Bowman
Washington County Superintendent of Schools

Presentation of Key A. E. Tennyson
Representing State Public School Building Authority and Contractors — Architect

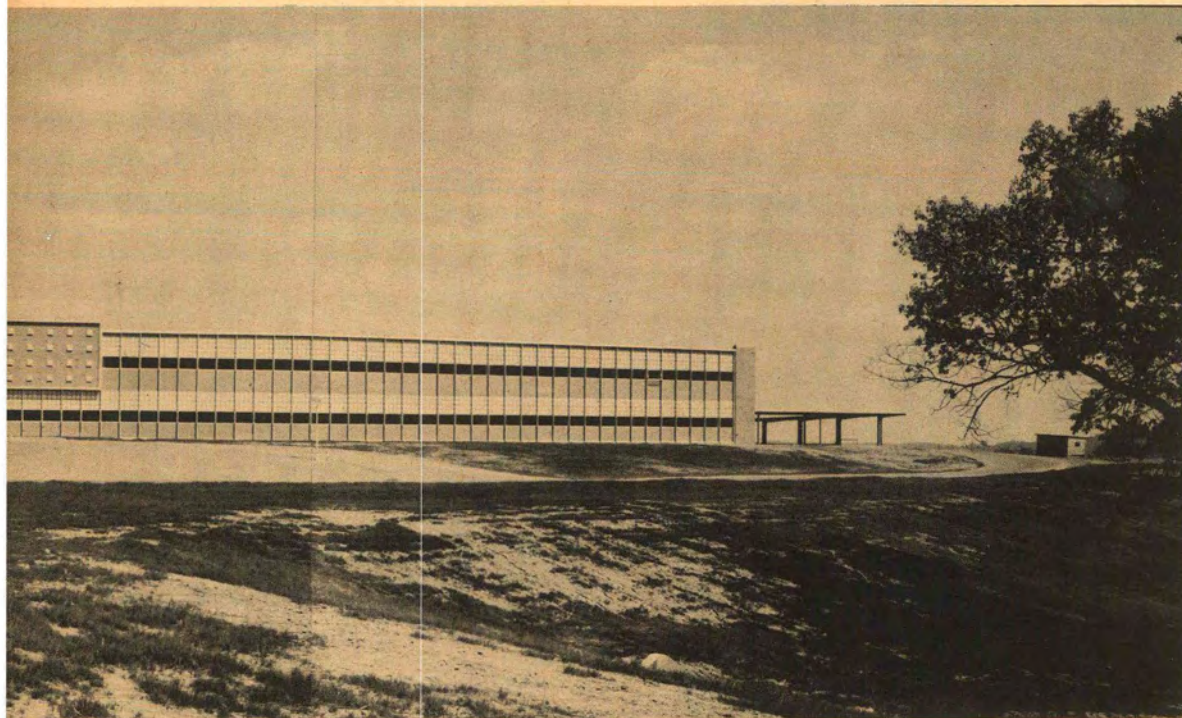
Acceptance of Key Clyde E. Fox, President
Board of School Directors

Presentation of Key R. D. Hall, Principal
Senior High School

Presentation of Key Ronald Johnston, President
Student Council

Alma Mater Union High School Band

Open House and Guided Tour of School Student Government





Students make use of the fitting room in the homemaking laboratory.



A student works on her design project in the materials lab.



Attractive furnishings of the home economics area are shown.

A second meeting of the four boards was held in late January, at which time it was voted to place the Union question on the ballot at the November general election.

A third meeting, on March 28, resulted in approval by the four boards to consolidate and form a Union District. It was believed that a prominent factor in the approval by Jefferson and Hanover was that enrollment was on the upgrade and rooms at Union High School were limited. It was learned, too, that the County Board had to approve the proposal and enter a resolution, reassigning Jefferson Township from another unit to the local county Unit One.

QUESTION PLACED ON BALLOT

The question, as approved for placing on the ballot, read as follows:

"Do you approve of uniting into a single Union school district the areas now comprising the school districts of the Borough of Burgettstown, and the Townships of Hanover, Jefferson and Smith, Washington County, Pa.?"

Mr. Miller told the Burgettstown-Smith board in September, "Facilities at Union High School are over-taxed. With 751 students enrolled at the high school, we are hard pressed for space." During the same month, school board members and supervisors from the four districts met at Union High School and discussed the question on the ballot.

EDITORIAL ENDORSES PROPOSAL

A front page editorial written by E.H. Vosburg, Jr., Publisher of the Burgettstown Enterprise, on October 13, 1955, formally endorsed the Union proposal. In his editorial, Mr. Vosburg presented a fact sheet giving answers to the many questions concerning the plan and said,

"Union High School is in a deplorable physical condition. The high school's facilities are overtaxed and out-dated. We, of the Enterprise, are shocked to see the conditions under which the students are attending this school."

The Burgettstown P.T.A. held an open meeting two weeks prior to the election, when the issue was discussed in great detail. Interest mounted steadily in the area. Mar. P.T.A. units and civic organizations voted formal endorsement of the unit plan and published their approval in the newspaper.

VOTE DEFEATS UNION

The issue was decided at the general election of November 8, 1955. Voters of Burgettstown Borough, Smith and Jefferson Townships favored the plan by a 4 to 1 majority, but Hanover Township voters vetoed the union and defeated the proposal.

JOINTURE NEW ALTERNATIVE

Now that the Union plan was temporarily lost, the Burgettstown-Smith Joint Board began to explore the possibility of a jointure between the four districts. In January, 1956, an invitation was extended to Hanover and Jefferson to meet for the purpose of discussing jointure under a limited time contract.

Directors of the four boards met a month later with County Superintendent William H. Donaldson, who explained the pros and cons of future jointure. This was an exploratory meeting, however, and no action was taken.

SCHOOL SURVEY BEGINS

One of the most significant steps to the final erection of the new junior-senior high school was initiated in February of 1956, when the joint school board approved a survey of the local schools undertaken by a 26-man team from the University of Pittsburgh, directed by Dr. Clifford P. Hooker, Assistant Professor of Education at the University.

RECOMMENDS ABANDONMENT

At a public meeting held May 22, 1956, two weeks after the Hooker report was completed, the survey team announced,

"We recommend that the present high school building be abandoned as soon as possible."

This announcement was made by John Robak, chairman of the school building committee and principal of Springdale Junior High School.

Robak stated that each school was given a rating from the New England Score Card system, with 1,000 points based as a perfect score. The Union High School building received 179 points, less than 18%.

The recommendation that the high school building be abandoned as soon as possible came as a mild surprise to the audience. Though it was known that a new school building was needed, this recommendation served to spur that idea even more so. The survey contended that a Union school district and an adjustment of the tax millage would take care of a new school plant.

On the first page of his published report, with the headline, "A Time Of Decision," Dr. Hooker said,

"The Department of Public Instruction will not approve plans for new secondary facilities until the district organization conforms to the County Plan."

The survey report disclosed that formation of a Union district would create one board of school directors of seven members. "There would be unity of command," the report noted.

Dr. Hooker continued, in his report,

"The present antiquated facilities and overcrowded conditions would be alleviated by the addition of a new high school building housing grades 7 to 12. The community is reminded that before a building may be forthcoming, the State Department of Public Instruction must sanction the organizational structure as being in agreement with the local county reorganizational plan. It is pertinent at this time to point out that the proposed union district would comply with the local county plan and would result in agreement with the State Department of Public Instruction.

"The removal of all seventh and eighth grade pupils from each elementary school to the new building would eliminate congestion in the elementary facilities."

UNION QUESTION ON BALLOT AGAIN

It was learned from County Superintendent Donaldson in August of 1956 that the voters of the four districts would again decide the question of a Union district at the general election. This time, however, the question on the ballot was worded so that the union would be formed by any two or more districts voting approval, provided that both Burgettstown Borough and Smith Township approved.

The exact wording on the ballot was as follows:

"Shall the following school districts of Washington County, to wit: Burgettstown Borough, Smith Township, Hanover Township and Jefferson Township, or so many of them as shall give assent, as provided by law, be united into a Union School District, provided, however, that the assent is given by the electors of Burgettstown Borough School District and of Smith Township School District, and any other of the aforesaid districts?"

PUBLIC MEETING HELD

A public meeting conducted by the County School Board was held in October at the Hanover Township elementary school building for the purpose of answering questions pertaining to the second Union proposal. One of the panelists was Dr. Hooker, who completed the high school survey.

J. K. Bowman, adviser to the Department of Reorganization of School Districts of the Department of Public Information, Harrisburg, discussed the facts with Mr. Donaldson and Dr. Hooker. Bowman informed the group, with emphasis, "There is no law in the state of Pennsylvania which requires a school district to accept tuition pupils from other districts." This statement was to have added significance in later developments.

UNION DISTRICT APPROVED

The general election was held November 6, 1956. Results of the election were as follows:

- Burgettstown Borough: 773 Yes, 177 No.
- Smith Township: 1684 Yes, 419 No.
- Jefferson Township: 196 Yes, 118 No.
- Hanover Township: 226 Yes, 409 No.

Thus, by the vote of the electorate, the school districts of Burgettstown, Smith and Jefferson were merged into a Union district, despite the negative vote at Hanover. The Union district was set to become effective July 1, 1957.

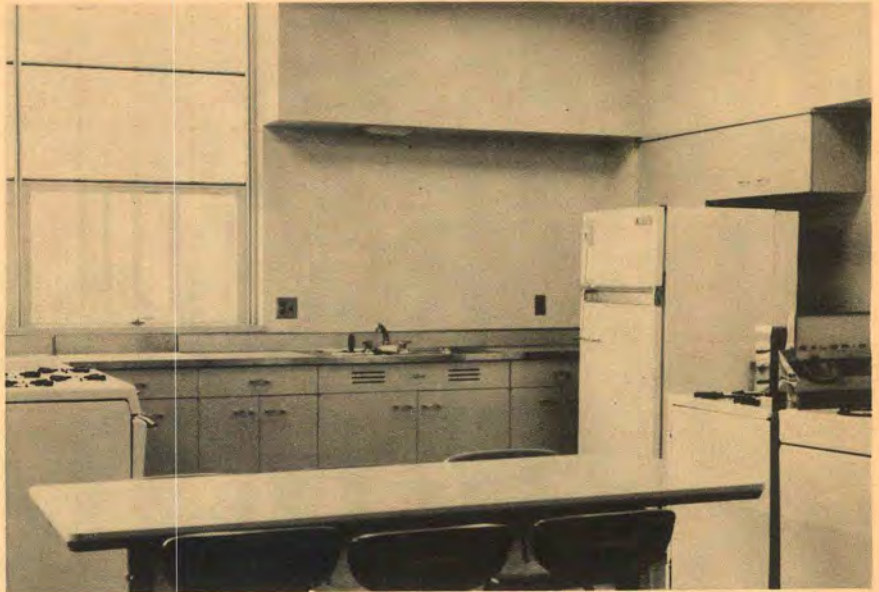
EXPLORATORY MEETING

An exploratory meeting of the new Union Board was held a week following the election. At this meeting, attended by ten members of the three merged districts, Louis Robert was elected temporary president, Edwin Wagner was voted temporary vice-president and Ermil Caleffie was elected temporary secretary. It was also voted to tender Dr. Miller the position of Supervising Principal of the Union District effective July 1, 1957.

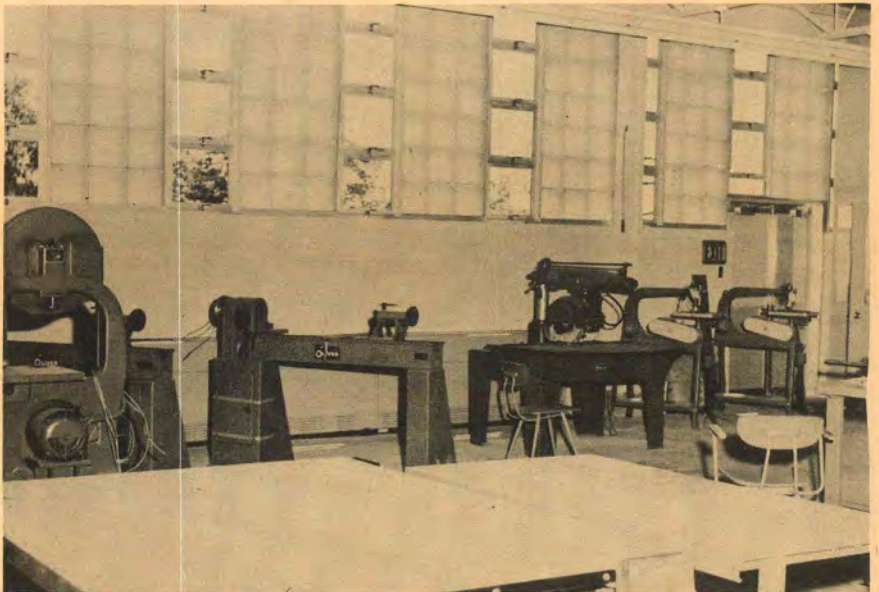
Discussion was held on the position of erecting a new high school building for junior and senior high school students. Dr. Miller and the three temporary officers were elected delegates to Harrisburg, where they were to present the program to the state officials.

APPLICATION FORWARDED

Preliminary application for a new high school was forwarded to the County Board following a December meeting in Burgettstown.



A section of the home economics kitchen.



Industrial arts wood shop features modern equipment.



The metal shop includes a foundry for casting metals.

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Possible sites were discussed, with the following criteria for a school site approved:

1. Near the population center of the district.
2. Near the geographical center of the district.
3. Should be accessible to a good highway.
4. Should be available to gas, water and electricity.
5. Not undermined.
6. Good drainage.
7. At least 30 or 40 acres of ground or more if possible.
8. Reasonable cost.

SOLICITOR, ARCHITECT, HIRED

George Hanna was employed as school district solicitor at the January, 1957, meeting. Five architectural prospects answered the school district's call for interviews. Arthur E. Tennyson was selected. A tour of possible sites was undertaken during February, with nine sites visited.

The name, "Burgettstown Area School District," was approved in March.

JOINTURE TALKS RESUMED

The Hanover Township board requested a jointure with the Union District at a February meeting and, although many possibilities of jointure were aired, no action was taken. A month later, the proposed jointure failed when both boards were far apart in articles of agreement.

Negotiations between the two boards moved farther and farther apart as the months passed. In April, 1957, the merged district board voted to refuse additional tuition students for the 1957-58 school term, as Mr. Bowman had pointed out at Hanover Township only a few months earlier.

Jointure talks were stymied in July, when the Union board announced, "Due to information received from County Superintendent William H. Donaldson, stating that a jointure with Hanover Township seems impossible, Burgettstown Area School District will proceed with plans to create a new junior-senior high school for the district, and will entertain no thought less than a merger with Hanover Township."

Application for admission of a Hanover Township tuition pupil was denied by the school board in September, with the board agreeing to stand firm on its policy of not admitting new tuition students.

TOUR CONDUCTED

A tour of several possible sites in the area was conducted in May by school board members. Dr. Miller and Tennyson. Among the sites visited were the William G. Davis farm, Langeloth; the Burgettstown Community Park; and the Langeloth Townsite.

James O. Smalley was elected president of the school board in December and Carl Latella was elected vice-president.

MILLER RESIGNS, TINNEY ELECTED

Dr. James J. Tinney was elected elementary supervisor in July of 1958. In May of 1959, Dr. Miller resigned his position of Supervising Principal and Dr. Tinney was elected to the position. John Grecco was named elementary supervisor in June.

PARK SITE ACCEPTED

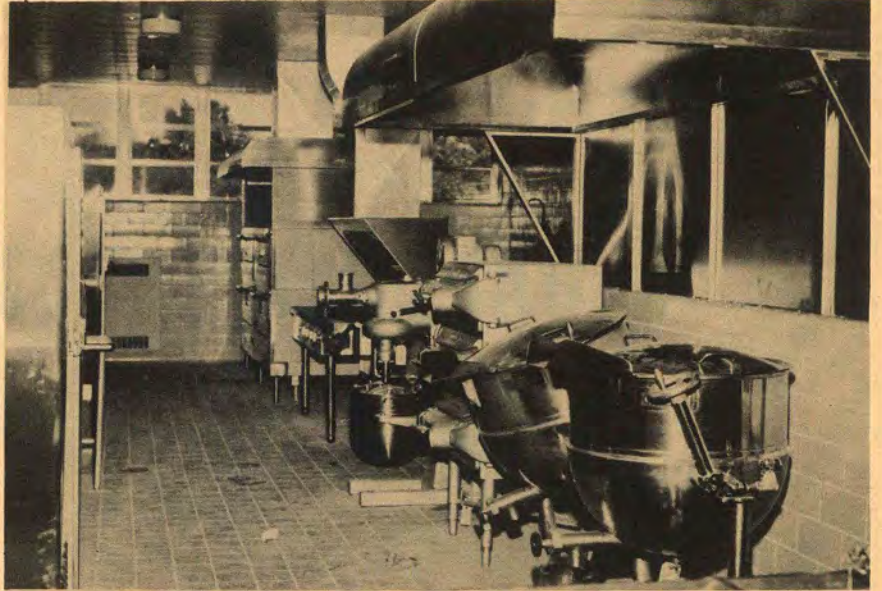
The bid of D'Appolonia Associates of Pittsburgh was accepted in July as consulting engineers to conduct test drilling as a proposed site near the Burgettstown Community Park.

The first formal move toward the building of a new junior-senior high school was undertaken on October 14, 1959, when the board adopted a site of 30 acres of land located on a plateau between Harmon Creek and the Community Park, on the Bavington Road. Solicitor Hanna was instructed to acquire title for the land, and Dr. Tinney was authorized to proceed with the necessary steps to have the site approved by the State Health Department and the Department of Public Instruction.

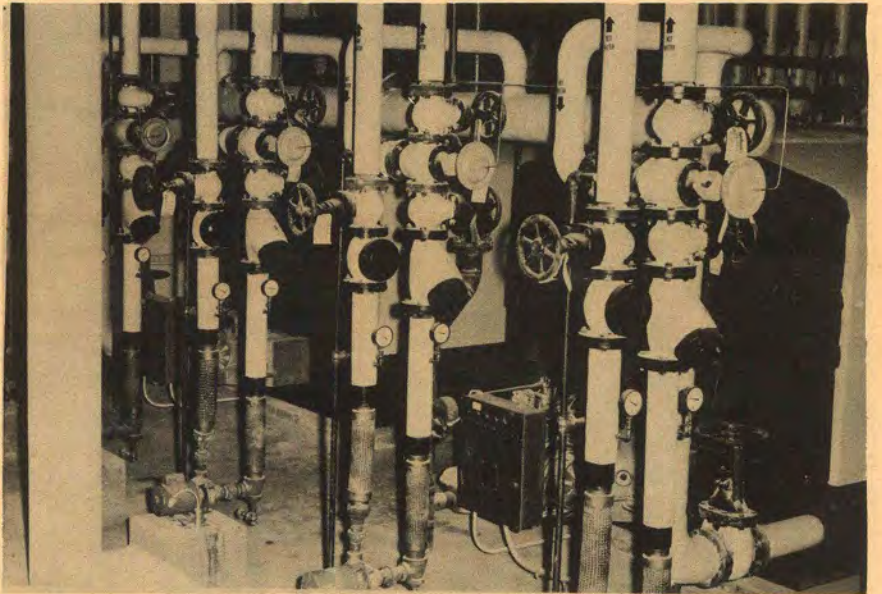
The proposed site was tentatively approved in November by the County Board and the Pennsylvania Department of Health. An important decision by the Health Department permitted construction of the school without a sewage disposal plant. Dr. Tinney announced the school would be permitted to pipe sewage into the approved sewage system of Burgettstown Borough.

A letter was received from the Community Park Board, giving approval for the use of approximately 30 acres of park ground for the school. The letter read,

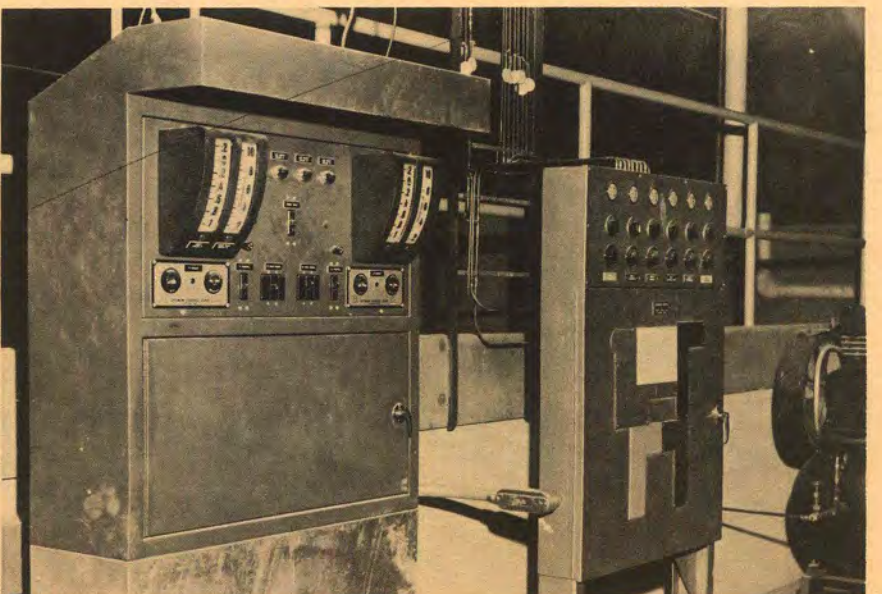
"Transfer of title will take place after the exact area of land is determined by a survey and an appropriate title search. The property parcel of land is to be used for a secondary school plant and facilities for the Burgettstown Area School District."



Hot lunches can be served to all students from this kitchen.



Massive heating boilers weave intricate pattern.



Control panel of the boiler room is shown here.

BALDWIN ELECTRIC CO.

Electrical Contractor

WASHINGTON, PA.

CHAPMAN PLUMBING & HEATING

Heating & Ventilating Contractor

WASHINGTON, PA.

PLANS PROCEED

At an open meeting in November, Dr. Tinney reported on the progress of the building plans, and stated that the cost was unknown because the actual design of the building was unknown. The architect, he said, was in the process of determining comparative costs of construction.

JOINTURE TALKS AGAIN

The Hanover Township board, in December, voted to meet with the Burgettstown board to discuss jointure. This action was the result of a letter received by Hanover from the Department of Public Instruction, Bureau of School Buildings, which read:

"We have on file an application for a new secondary school building for the Burgettstown Area Schools. In developing the room schedule, it is imperative that we know whether the Hanover Township School District wishes to become a member of the Burgettstown Area school District."

A month later, the Burgettstown board, still considering merger rather than jointure, passed a resolution to request the Washington County Commissioners to place the question of the Burgettstown Area forming a Union school district with Hanover Township on the primary election ballot. This resolution came about as the result of meetings with the Hanover board. However, during the same month, the Hanover Township board met and, it was defeated by a 3-2 vote.

In March of 1960, the Raccoon Valley Planning Commission gave approval for the proposed new high school building site at the Community Park.

A Committee For Better Schools was organized at Hanover Township for the purpose of enlightening citizens of that community on issues of the Union School question.

HANOVER REJECTS UNION

The vote in the primary election showed that 78% of Hanover Township's 912 voters vetoed the Union district again.

STATE APPROVES PROJECT

State approval of the high school project was received May 11, 1960, in a letter from Dr. Ralph C. Swan, Deputy Superintendent of Public Instruction. Dr. Swan notified the school board members to be present at Harrisburg Monday, May 23, to sign a contract with the State Public School Building Authority.

The agreement was signed. It covered professional services for the project, including those of architect Tennyson. Those signing were: Morris Harvey, vice-president; Ermil Caleffie, secretary; George Hanna, solicitor; Dr. Tinney and Mr. Donaldson.

JOINTURE TALKS END

In answering a letter from Hanover requesting a jointure on the secondary level, the Burgettstown Area school board replied, negatively, on June 8, as follows:

"We wish to inform you that the Burgettstown Area School District Board of Directors is now preparing for the construction of a secondary school plant with the approval of the Department of Public Instruction. The preparation for this project and the ordinary business of operation of the school district make it impossible to arrange a convenient meeting to discuss your proposal at this time."

This action ended all talks for jointure or Union between the two boards.

PLANS DISCUSSED

Plans for the new school were discussed at a special meeting in August. Architect Tennyson gave a detailed description of the building.

"COAL VS. GAS"

A new controversy, "Coal vs. Gas," arose in October when representatives of the two industries appeared before the board to compare costs and advantages of their respective heating systems. Subsequent meetings, which attracted many visitors and much discussion locally, were held.

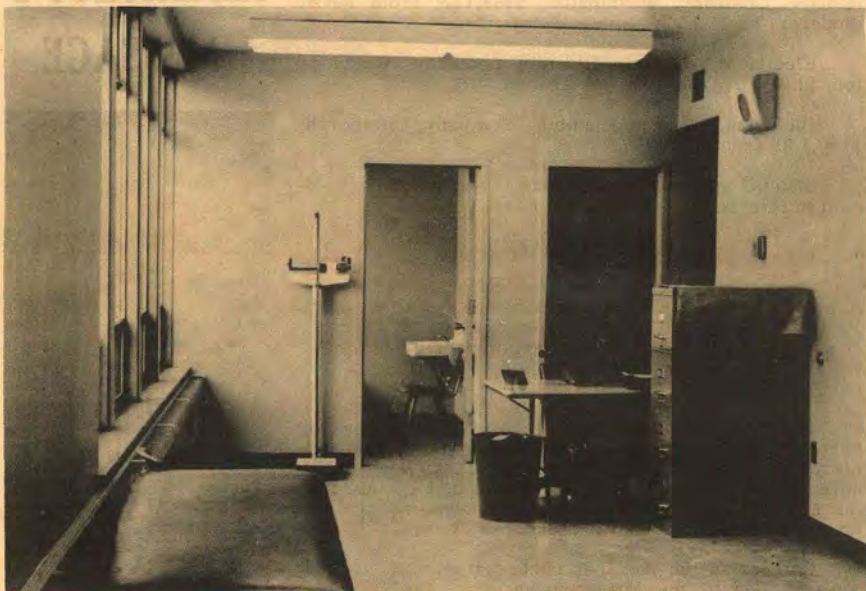
In November, an attempt was made to rescind a previous motion to use gas and to substitute coal. However, a 3-3 tie in voting defeated the motion, and the use of gas was approved.

UNFAVORABLE REPORT RECEIVED

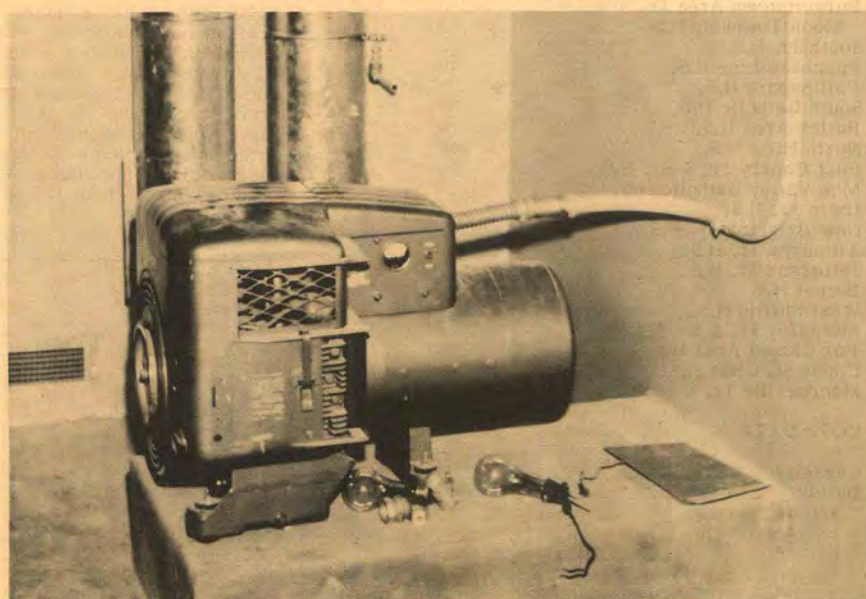
An unfavorable report in January, 1961, was received from D'Appolonia Associates indicating that 70 per cent of the proposed site was undermined and unfit for a building project. An alternative was undertaken to acquire an additional ten acres of ground adjoining the original site to re-locate the proposed building. Architect Tennyson requested a 45-day extension due to sub-surface conditions.



Modern rest rooms are located throughout the building.



Medical and dental examinations will be given in the health rooms.



Auxiliary power plant actuates in case of power failure.

At a meeting a week later, attorney Hanna reported that the park board had granted the additional ten acres.

PROPERTY OWNERS FORM

In March, it was learned that a group of citizens had formed a Property Owners Association and would petition the board to ask for a six-month delay on the bidding of the project. A meeting was held with the group with approximately 90 persons attending March 7, when the request for a delay was made, so that the problems involved might be given further study. The board refused to grant the delay until it was decided it would be advisable. Delay, it was thought, would jeopardize the priority number given the project by the state.

A week later, the board officially refused the request. Petitions were circulated by the Association to seek a court injunction to delay construction of the school plant. It was also decided to again petition the school board for a delay.

A special meeting with the group in April resulted in a question and answer period. The board was asked to change the school site, but all the members voted "no." Continued meetings with the group were held in subsequent months, but all requests and negotiations between the school board and the citizen's committee reached an impasse, and construction plans were forwarded as scheduled.

BIDS OPENED

Bids for the project were opened in Harrisburg on June 29, 1961, and came in approximately \$450,000 under estimates. Those awarded bids were:

General Construction, Baker and Coombs, Inc., Morgantown, West Virginia, \$1,167,500, from nine bidders.

Heating and ventilating, Chapman Plumbing and Heating Company, Washington, \$184,137, from seven bidders.

Electrical, Baldwin Electric Company, Washington, \$179,102, from nine bidders.

Plumbing, Cardest Plumbing Company, Pittsburgh, \$160,140, from six bidders.

Official approval and signing of the contracts were held in Harrisburg a short time later.

GROUND BREAKING

Ground breaking ceremonies took place on Sunday, August 20, 1961. County Superintendent, Dr. Douglas Bowman; former County Superintendent, William H. Donaldson; and Walter Robertson, representing James F. Hillman, of the Harmon Creek Coal Corporation, participated in the program.

Construction of the school building proceeded on schedule until the tragic fire at Union High School in March of 1963. With the fire, an old chapter in history here was closed, and the first leaf of a new chapter was turned, with the admittance of the students into the new junior-senior high school in March.

Comparing the cost per cubic foot and the cost per square foot of the Burgettstown Area Junior-Senior High School with the costs of other area high school projects reveals the local cost in many instances to be lower than others. The following table shows this comparison:

PROJECT	COST. CU. FT.	COST. SQ. FT.
Burgettstown Area Jr. & Sr. H.S.	\$1.030	\$15.56
Moon Township H.S.	1.036	
South Jr. H.S.	.954	
Purchase Line H.S.	.884	
Philipsburg H.S.	.947	
South Catholic H.S.	1.099	
Butler Area H.S.	1.147	20.21
North Hills H.S.	.903	15.75
Fort Cherry Jr. & Sr. H.S.	1.149	18.55
Mon Valley Catholic H.S.	1.108	
Irwin Jr. H.S.	1.147	
New Brighton Jr. H.S.	1.097	17.40
Aliquippa Jr. H.S.	.965	
Jefferson Jr. H.S.	1.343	
Bethel H.S.	1.060	
West Mifflin H.S.	1.143	
McGuffey Jr. & Sr. H.S.	.949	13.93
Fox Chapel Area H.S.	1.086	17.85
Upper St. Clair H.S.	1.115	18.94
Monroeville Jr. & Sr. H.S.	1.028	14.24

COST DATA

Capacity: 1,250 students.
 Building Contains: 27 standard classrooms, 4 science rooms, 2 music and choral rooms, 3 shops, 3 home-making rooms, 2 art rooms, 1 library, 1 auditorium (capacity 250), 1 cafeteria (capacity 400), 3 gymnasiums, 1 conference room, 2 locker rooms, 2 shower rooms, 1 kitchen, 1 administrative suite (consisting of 8 rooms), 1 health suite (consisting of 5 rooms and toilet), 14 toilet rooms, 11 storage rooms, 3 faculty rooms and 1 student activity room.

BUILDING CONSTRUCTION:

Floor Construction: Slab on grade; terrazzo, asphalt tile and ceramic tile.
 Wall Construction: Exterior--C.R. Wing panel 2 inch glass block and masonry.
 Interior---Masonry, steel studs, lath and plaster.
 Structural System: C.R. Wing Column and Beam--Masonry Wall Bearing.
 Roof Construction: Steel Deck plus 1 inch insulation; 5 ply built-up.
 Ceiling Finishes: Plaster and acoustic tile.
 Windows: Double strength "A" with heat resistant glass (Aluminum Sash).
 Lighting: Fluorescent -- incandescent.
 Heating system: Nesbitt Series hot water system employing Syncretizer Unit Ventilators with Wind-O-Line Radiation concealed by wall-hung enclosures and storage cabinet used in classrooms. Nesbitt Thermovents used in auditorium and gymnasium. Nesbitt Still-Line Radiation, Cabinet Unit Heaters and Propeller Fan Unit Heaters used in other areas.

CONTRACT AND UNIT COSTS:

General Contract.....	\$1,187,500.00
Heating & Ventilating Contract.....	184,137.00
Plumbing Contract.....	188,140.00
Electric Contract.....	179,102.00
Total.....	\$1,738,879.00
Total Change Orders.....	17,544.69
Necessary Change Orders.....	897.00
Cubical Contents.....	1,680,000 cu. ft.
Cost per cubic foot.....	\$1.03
Gross Area.....	111,700 sq. ft.
Cost per square foot.....	\$15.56
Cost per pupil.....	\$1,391.00

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**ARCHITECT'S
 MESSAGE**



Architect Arthur E. Tennyson, who designed the new Burgettstown Area Junior-Senior High School, is well known to citizens of the Raccoon Valley area. A former resident of Burgettstown, where he received his elementary and secondary education, Mr. Tennyson has designed other school buildings in this area, and is familiar with the people, terrain and problems of this locale. His impressions of the new high school follow at the right.



"After being selected as the Architect for the new Junior-Senior High School, my instructions from the Board of School Directors was to design a school that would give them the best building possible within the estimated cost based on \$1,700.00 per pupil, the maximum figure upon which the State will pay reimbursement. This is also considered the practical minimum for which a secondary school can be constructed. The final construction cost was \$1,391.00 per pupil.

"The new building, in my opinion, is functional, built of the best materials for the purpose intended, thinking not only of primary installation, but long range cost and ease of maintenance. This has been accomplished through a lot of thought, hard work, and the fine cooperation of a team consisting of Dr. Tinney, the Board of School Directors and the Architect during the planning stage and equally good cooperation from a fine group of contractors and the State Public School Building Authority during construction.

"Basically I started with the idea of a compact, two-story classroom area with the Junior High in one wing, the Senior High in the other and the Library, Home Economics, Science and Art areas used by both in the floor space between the two wings.

"The main Entrance Lobby and Administrative Offices separate the classroom section from the Music, Auditorium and Gymnasium at the front of the building, thus giving Administration a central location at the front entrance and at the same time separating the public and noisy areas from the classroom section. At the rear is the shop area which is separated from the classroom section by a small locker compound and a twelve inch thick masonry wall. Beyond the shops in the Northeast corner of the building is the Cafeteria with the Kitchen area beyond the Dining Room.

"In the center is an open court surrounded by classroom area on the South, a corridor leading to Shops and Cafeteria on the East, Administration offices on the West and Conference Room, Health Suite and Teachers' Room on the North. Adjacent to the Gymnasium on the South side are the Boys' and Girls' Shower and Locker Rooms.

"The Main Lobby with its clerestory windows and reinforced concrete roof deck cantilevered out from a few concrete pillars form a striking entrance and central feature in the exterior design, separating the curtain wall classroom section from the Music area with its stone and glass front and the Auditorium with its unique shape formed with a Ludowici tile roof on wood deck and laminated wood trusses. The front wall, being scalloped on the arc of a circle of red brick, is topped with ceramic tile panels.

"The Auditorium and Gymnasium are separated by the stage which can be opened to either side. The Auditorium, used for small groups, seats 260 and the Gymnasium has a seating capacity of approximately 3,000, if chairs are placed on the Gymnasium floor, for large groups. This area with its own public toilets can be isolated from the rest of the building with a rolling grille to close off the corridor. The Cafeteria also has its own public toilet facilities and can be isolated from the rest of the building for use by various groups. The Dining Room is designed to seat 400 people.

The landscaping was held down to a bare minimum in order to be able to get the best possible building. It is my sincere hope that somehow the community will be able to add something in this category."

Rev. Walter Kennedy, Former Pupil Recalls Dedication of Local Grade School Building Fifty Years Ago Today, Dec. 6, 1895.

Editor's Note-Today we present for your information a story of interest to Burgettstowners who started to school a half century ago. Write and tell us, "What Do You Remember?"

Editor Burgettstown Enterprise,
Dear sir:-

The writer is a former Burgettstown boy and was a pupil in Room Two when the present grade school building was dedicated on December 6, 1895, just a half century ago. I have been a Presbyterian pastor at Templeton, Pa., for the past 34 years. I thought some of your readers might be interested in an account of the dedication which was printed in your paper at that time. Some other facts, relative to other buildings, I have gleaned from a book 'A Century of Education' by William Melvin.

Sincerely yours
Walter Kennedy

It will be fifty years on December 6 since the dedication of the present grade school building on Main street, the dedicatory exercises having been held in Auditorium Hall on Friday evening, December 6, 1895. It was the fourth building to be erected as a public school building.

The first building was erected in South Burgettstown in April 1807. It was torn down a few years ago. The last occupant was John Divitt.

The second building was erected in 1834 and was used for church and school purposes. School closed when the building was needed for preaching. The brick building still stands on Main street in the South end of town.

The third building was erected in 1867 and stood on a lot adjoining the present building. It cost \$3670. It was last occupied on November 22, 1895.

The present building was erected by Armor and Linn in June

1895, the contract price being \$6,990; heating and ventilating, \$418; black boards \$102; total cost \$7,600. The hot air furnaces were not a success and were later removed by the installing firm. In 1896 the board contracted with the Pittsburgh Heating Supply company to heat the building with steam. It was a success. The cost was \$895, making the total cost of the building \$8,077.

Excavation began on June 13, 1895. Stone work began June 26; first brick laid on Saturday, August 3; building completed and ready for seating on November 23; first occupied for school purposes on December 2, 1895.

Teachers in the new building were S. S. Baker, J. Etta Hobbs, Mrs. Clara M. Weaver, Dora Andrews and Ada L. Dowden.

In speaking of the dedicatory exercises for the new building THE ENTERPRISE had this to say:

"Dedicatory exercises for the new school building, Friday, December 6, 1895, marked an epoch in the history of Burgettstown. That much needed convenience that the ENTERPRISE has longed for and worked for with many of our citizens is at last realized, viz: a new school building. The children and patrons of the town and vicinity turned out en masse and did honor to the new building, showing conclusively that the people believe it is what we needed. The exercises of the afternoon were in the various rooms of the new building, and were the parts assigned to the pupils. To say that they did it well, does not convey the full thought, they did it nobly. The efforts of teachers and pupils were reflected in the quality of the work done. Wherever one went into the rooms there were songs, speeches and essays, all relating to a praise and

thank exercise for the new school home. The neatness, discipline efficiency of the children in their work was commented upon by the crowd of visitors.

"In the evening a prepared program was carried out to the letter before a packed house, many being turned away for lack of room. The building was presented in a neat speech by the president of the board, W. T. Reed, and received most appropriately on behalf of the citizens by Rev. D. W. Carson D. D., pastor of the United Presbyterian church. Prof. R. P. Stevenson in a stirring, patriotic and complimentary speech, presented "Old Glory" in behalf of Burgettstown Council No. 212 Jr., O. U. A. M.; which was most fittingly received by Dr. L. C. Botkin. One of the most interesting features of the evening was a summarized history of the local schools by William Melvin, the work of his own hands, in description of that in which he has been a working factor for nearly 40 years. Prof. S. D. Rose of McDonald, gave an interesting and instructive talk on "The Duty of Parents to the Schools, followed by County Superintendent of schools, B. E. Tombaugh in general remarks on schools and school questions, which were well received.

"The query box, conducted by Dr. J. C. Nesbit, brought out some lively hints on school matters and was a pleasant and profitable feature of the meeting. Invocation was made by Rev. Harry Nesbit and the benediction was pronounced by Rev. D. P. Smith.

"The music by the 'Strawberry Blonde Quartette' was well selected, varied in character and rendered in the well known good style of the club. The quartette consisted of Prof. S. S. Baker, John M. Welch, J. Vincent Welch and W. W. Galbraith.

Rev. Walter Kennedy, Former Pupil Recalls Dedication of Local Grade School Building Fifty Years Ago Today, Dec. 6, 1895 Currently Charles Pappas Apartments

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Burgettstown Grade School-Fifth Grade 1965-1966

Top Row: Kevin Malone, Tommy Cooper, Mark Turkaly, Frank, Shuble, George Speicher, Mickey Pappas, John Spanogians, Raymond Fodor, John Hanna, Steve Slopek, and Mrs. Louise Dugas.

Middle Row: Lynne Proudfit, Melissa Turkaly, Nancy Russell, Vickie Murphy, Kim Hill, Michal Bohn, Patti Tennyson, Robin Cunningham, Terri Guire, and Mike Pasquale.

Bottom Row: Beverly Murphy, Bonnie Reed, Susan Howard, Augustine DiOrio, Nancy Kler, Migin Heil, Susan Malone, and Debby Thompson.

Fort Vance Historical Society



Working on a Clay Model of a Scene in Reading Book.

L-R: Todd Hoon, John Jaggie, Ryan Roupe, Thomas Wojtowicz, and Charles Whiteman.

Courtesy of Fort Vance Historical Society

Burgettstown Grade School pupils promoted to High School, June 1943 are: Wade Buckwalter, Ascension Campos, Joe Castellino, Edward Chapman, John Collins, Regis Evantz, Walter Farner, Harry Froats, Harold Gareis, James Gilson, Richard Hogue, Fred Kiss, Martin Kurtiz, William Lee, Samuel Lescalette, Edgar McGinnis, Joseph Matalik, Nesbit Phillips, Charles Schrockman, Dale Scott, Marko Skof, Steve Spontak, Richard Sutton, Alphonso Tunno,

Juanita Brown, Dolores Certich, Ethlyn Darras, Freda Dowler, Jane Gallagher, Lois Gregory, Louise Hannan, Dorothy Hribar, Clarice Kemp, Louise Lombardi, Dolores McClain, Joan McGee, Barbara Murphy Charlotte Pintar, Betty Rinehart, Helen Spontak, Joyce Webster.



Burgettstown School-1939 Grade 1

Front Row, L-R: Bobby Cook, Connie Evantz, Ronnie Tidball, Sara Elsie Nice, Bobby Darras, Twila Stuchel, Don Nunn, Mary E. Cunningham, Buddy Cindrich, Betty Nemeth, Dennis Evans. **Second Row, L-R:** Eleanor Donati, Roddy Cook, Phillis Grey, John Sage, Katherine Slater, George Pappas, Jean Tucci, George Lemmi, Jean Dalfol, Delbert Fullum, Roberta Taucher. **Third Row, L-R:** Ken Dennis, Patty Ivery, Bob Cowden, Ruthena Dunbar, Donald Froats, Jackie Jackson, John Friday, Dorothy Pescho.

Teachers: Kathryn Studa, Robert W. Stottlemeyer, and Betty Hood



**Last School Class at Burgettstown Grade School
May 30, 1980**

First Row, L-R: Mrs. Jane Bohn, Morris Harvey, Charlie Dhanse, Harry Prevost, Billy Anderson, Beth Diamond, Brandy Boni, Tammy Pulver, Bonnie Krynak, Ronnie Allison, Mr. Charles Lawson. **Second Row, L-R:** Shawn Geiger, Christine Gilbert, Archie Orison, Stacey Niedzialkia, Amey Abbott, James King, Michelle Warrick, Briditte Boni. **Third Row, L-R:** Leshe Williams, Samatha Whalen, Christopher Marshall, Harry McCuen, Mark Swope, Jennifer Wishnok, Scott Hemphill, Shelby Niedzialkia, Lisa Tustin, Alexa Froats, Tanya Williams, Michelle Daske, Steve Noga, Mrs. Virginia Williams. **Fourth Row, L-R:** David Johns, Freddie Smith, Harold Bittinger, George Walker, Shawn Gill, icky Arbogast, Kellie Bruce, Timmy Smith, Mr. Tom Sheridan.



**Samantha
Kraeer,
valedictorian**



**Robert
Derosky,
salutatorian**

Burgettstown High School

- 98 graduates
- 7 p.m. Thursday
- First Niagara Pavilion

Burgettstown H.S. to graduate 98

Burgettstown High School will graduate 98 seniors at its commencement ceremony at 7 p.m. Thursday.

Samantha Kraeer is the valedictorian. She is a daughter of David and Tammy Kraeer.

Kraeer was awarded the Rotary Club of Washington's Academic Scholarship, Burgettstown Lions Scholarship, Burgettstown High School's Science Award, Burgettstown High School's Excellence in Psychology award and the President's Gold Award for Educational Excellence. She was a member of the Physics Club and the cheerleading squad.

Kraeer will attend Florida State University to pursue a degree in psychology.

Robert Derosky is salutatorian. He is a son of Stanley Jr. and Cathy Derosky.

Derosky was awarded

the Michelle Pappas Scholarship, Megan J. Phillis Scholarship Fund, Henry Hellmer's Family Scholarship, Walter Michael Budash Memorial Scholarship and the William Harold Malone Memorial Scholarship. He was also honored as one of 2015's Leaders of Tomorrow sponsored by Congressman Tim Murphy, the President's Gold Award for Educational Excellence and was the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks Lodge 1801 Teen of the Month. Derosky was a member of the National Honor Society, Washington County Peer Jury and the Arctic Foxes amateur ice hockey team. He volunteered at the Pittsburgh Three Rivers Marathon.

Derosky will attend Pennsylvania State University to major in chemical engineering.

**Burgettstown H. S. to Graduate 98
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Lucille Culley Welch
Burgettstown High School Graduation-1914



2018 Burgettstown High School Homecoming Court

Burgettstown High School Homecoming queen will be selected during halftime festivities Saturday when Burgettstown takes on the Mohawks. Kick-off it at 1:30 p.m. The homecoming parade begins at 11:15 a.m. Serving on the court are, from left, Cassie Hines, Alexis Hart, Maggie Latkovic, Brianna Krynak, Grace DePaul, and Olivia Orgovan. In keeping with Burgettstown's tradition, the queen will be determined when each court member picks a box of roses. The member who chooses the box containing the white rose is crowned queen.

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Courtesy of Fort Vance Historical Society

Sophomores Beat Freshmen In Annual Field Day Games Program

The sophomore class defeated the freshmen, 391 to 336, in the annual Field Day held Wednesday, June 1.

The results are listed below.

100 Yard Dash

Girls - Melissa Snatchko, 9, 14:07; Monica Anderson, 9, 14:30; Susan Jancart, 9, 14:59.

Boys - Cliff Butts, 10, 11:81; Mike Wasco, 9, 12:08; Tim Markle, 10, 12:17.

50 Yard Dash

Girls - Kelli Kiger, 10, 6.92; Melanie Danna, 10, 7.05; Gretchen Struth, 10, 7.17.

Boys - Jason Evers, 10, 6.10 (new record); Tom Mitchell, 10, 6.20; John Evans, 10, 6.42.

Frisbee Throw

Girls - Amy Lambert, 9, 99 ft., 9 in.; Julie Kumpf, 10, 99 ft.; Trudy Jones, 10, 92 ft., 8 in.

Boys - Mark Roy, 10, 202 ft. (new record); Steve Lowe, 9, 188 ft., 7 in.; Bill Lampus, 10, 172 ft., 5 in.

Obstacle Course

Girls - Cindy Wojtowicz, 10, 30.14; Melissa Snatchko, 9, 30.88; Chrissy Ohl, 10, 31.22.

Boys - Robbie Roach, 10, 24.28; Brian Schmidt, 9, 24.34; Eric Santek, 10, 25.05.

Tug-O-War

Girls - Ninth Grade (R. Ferguson, T. Billie, A. Lambert, A. Stanley, D. DeGuzzo, C. Pehtel, H. Klink, L. Lounder).

Boys - Ninth Grade (D. Gardner, M. John, D. Miller, C. Dhanse, H. Cox, D. Armstrong).

Long Jump

Girls - Lori Lounder, 9, 11 ft., 7 in. (new record); Shelly Choman, 10, 10 ft., 6½ in.; Julie Kumpf, 10, 9 ft., 3 in.

Boys - Andy John, 10, 17 ft., 8½ in. (new record); Troy Hilliard, 9, 17 ft., 5½ in. Steve Allen, 10, 17 ft., 4 in.

880 Yard Run

Girls - Jeannette Ognag, 9, 2:39.13 (new record).

Boys - Ross Kladakis, 10, 2:36.61; Tom Mitchell, 10, 2:43.10; Paul Hooper, 9, 2:43.76.

Triple Jump

Girls - Angel Stanley, 9, 21 ft., 9½ in.; Shelly Choman, 10, 21 ft., 9 in.; Jana Manni, 9, 21 ft., 1 in.

Boys - Andy John, 10, 35 ft., 5 in. (new record); Eric Santek, 10, 30 ft., 7½ in.; Paul Hooper, 9, 29 ft., 2½ in.

Hurdles

Girls - Melanie Frankovich, 9, 22:44; Gretchen Struth, 10, 22:99; Chrissy Ohl, 10, 24:07.

Boys - Cliff Butts, 10, 16:73; Brian Lowe, 9, 19:63; Bill Cessna, 9, 19:78.

High Jump

Girls - Melanie Frankovich, 9, 4 ft., 4 in. (ties record); Tawnya Ensminger, 10, 3 ft., 8 in.; Cindy Wojtowicz, 10, 3 ft., 6 in.

Boys - John Evans, 10, 5 ft., 2 in.; Brian Lowe, 9, 4 ft., 8 in. (fewer misses); Jim Smith, 10, 4 ft., 8 in.

440 Yard Dash

Girls - Jeannette Ognag, 9, 1:11.69 (new record); Colleen Haines, 10, 1:56.11.

Boys - Mike Wasco, 9, 1:09.02; Dan Colpo, 10, 1:09.95; Sean Kemper, 9, 1:12.33.

220 Yard Dash

Girls - Faith Snyder, 9, 30:85; Jer Williamson, 9, 30:87; Crista Bowland, 10, 32:73.

Boys - Brian Schmidt, 9, 25:27; Dan Bostic, 9, 27:90; Isaac Ott, 9, 28:14.

Three-Legged Race

Girls - Shelby Niedzialka and Kim Hicks, 10, 9:49; Ann Pagasky and Paige Matalik, 10, 10:20; Tawnya Ensminger and Jenny Elich, 10, 10:28.

Boys - Dan Gardner and Dale Armstrong, 9, 8:84; Rob Roach and Eric Santek, 10, 9:06; Mike Koraido and Mike Drummond, 9, 10:47.

Shot Put

Girls - Robin McGinn, 10, 24 ft., 3½ in.; Mindy Latshaw, 10, 21 ft., 8 in.; Tina Oiler, 10, 20 ft., 7 in.

Boys - Chuck Cody, 10, 39 ft., 3 in. (new record); Steve Allen, 10, 33 ft., 11½ in.; Jim Smith, 10, 32 ft., 9 in.

Softball Throw

Girls - Melanie Danna, 10, 122 ft., 1 in.; Michelle Warrick, 10, 115 ft., 8 in.; Lori Donaldson, 9, 108 ft., 10 in.

Boys - Matt John, 9, 204 ft., 1 in.; Bill Lampus, 10, 192 ft., 6 in.; Cory Crawford, 9, 189 ft., 8 in.

440 Yard Relay

Girls - Evie Williamson, Robin McGinn, Kelli Kiger and Gretchen Struth, 10, 1:05.18; Melanie Frankovich, Susan Jancart, Jeannette Ognag and Monica Anderson, 9, 1:08.11; Melissa Snatchko, Courtney Nemeth, Kelly Walden and Jennifer Petrucci, 9, 1:11.81.

Boys - John Evans, Joe Gabrielli, Andy John and Jason Evers, 10, 55:57 (new record); Sean Kemper, Brian Schmidt, Troy Hilliard and Herman Cox, 9, 56:11; Mike Wasco, Eric Collins, Paul Hooper and Ray Roberts, 9, 1:02.07.

880 Yard Relay

Girls - Susan Jancart, Jennifer Williamson, Karen Hanson and Melanie Frankovich, 9, 2:24.16; Shelly George, Kathy Cook, Shelly Choman and Chrissy Ohl, 10, 2:31.51; Christa Bowland, Michelle Meanor, Amber King and Tracy Couch, 10, 2:34.35.

Boys - Joe Gabrielli, Tom Mitchell, Andy John and Dan Colpo, 10, 1:51.30 (new record); Herman Cox, Eric Kurek, Brian Schmidt, Sean Kemper, 9, 1:52.50; Troy Hilliard, Dan Gardner, Del Armstrong, Kevin Maltony, 9, 1:54.35.

Burgettstown High School-Class of 1916

Clarence Wolf

Bert Scott

Izzy Bloom

Nell Duncan

Vivian Gilbert

Bessie Truax

George Bloom

Lee McCartney

Nancy Jones

Edith McElhaney

Joseph Weber

Richard Johnson

Arliner Yong

UNION'S BAND IS POPULAR

One of Union's most outstanding and active organizations is the band. In order to have a well prepared marching band for football season, the band holds summer rehearsals two times a week during June and August. The band entertained at all football games, both home and away. One of the most outstanding routines of the season was performed at the Monaca game. The band formed a bell and played "Schooldays", then they moved into an "A" for Armistice Day and played "America". From the "A" they formed a cross. After a few moments of silence, they played "My Buddy."

At the last home football game the band presented red roses to the two senior majorettes. The band played "Marie" and "Martha" as the majorettes stepped up and the bouquets of flowers were presented to them.

After football season is completed, the band begins daily rehearsals on overtures and marches which will be heard at the annual Spring Concert. One selection is directed by the student director, who is chosen by the band.

The band gave scholarships to band members to attend the band Clinic at Kent State University. Josephine Pastor, June Baronick, Martha Long, and George Vranges were the band members attending the clinic which was held in July.

The band is always present at all parades. At Christmas, people of the nearby communities were entertained by the band playing Christmas carols.

As a closing event of the year, and a farewell to the graduating members, the underclassmen are hosts at a party, in May.

First Row: M. Sonnenberg, M. Crumrine, J. Baronick, M. Trimarki, S. Dennis. *Row 2:* J. Jackson, R. Bongiorno, S. Vranges, J. Cunningham, E. Stewart, M. Vranges, G. Campos, M. Long, B. Davidson, J. Haba. *Row 3:* Mr. McGregor, R. LeCouvre, M. Russell, A. Linkish, R. Sentipal, H. Dunbar, V. Boller, A. M. Stroud, G. Tennyson. *Row 4:* A. Haba, V. Martinez, V. Popp, J. Ayres, P. Gobleck, S. LaPacz, D. Fischer, J. Rutkaukas, W. Sartori. *Row 5:* L. Buckwalter, A. Englert, S. Morne, E. Stewart, F. Warrander, J. Martinez, J. Boni, J. Pastor, R. Taucher. *Row 6:* J. Jackson, P. Morgan, J. Midili, J. McDonald, M. Gill, G. Mike, M. Linn, A. Boles, J. Rupani, D. Wiegmann.

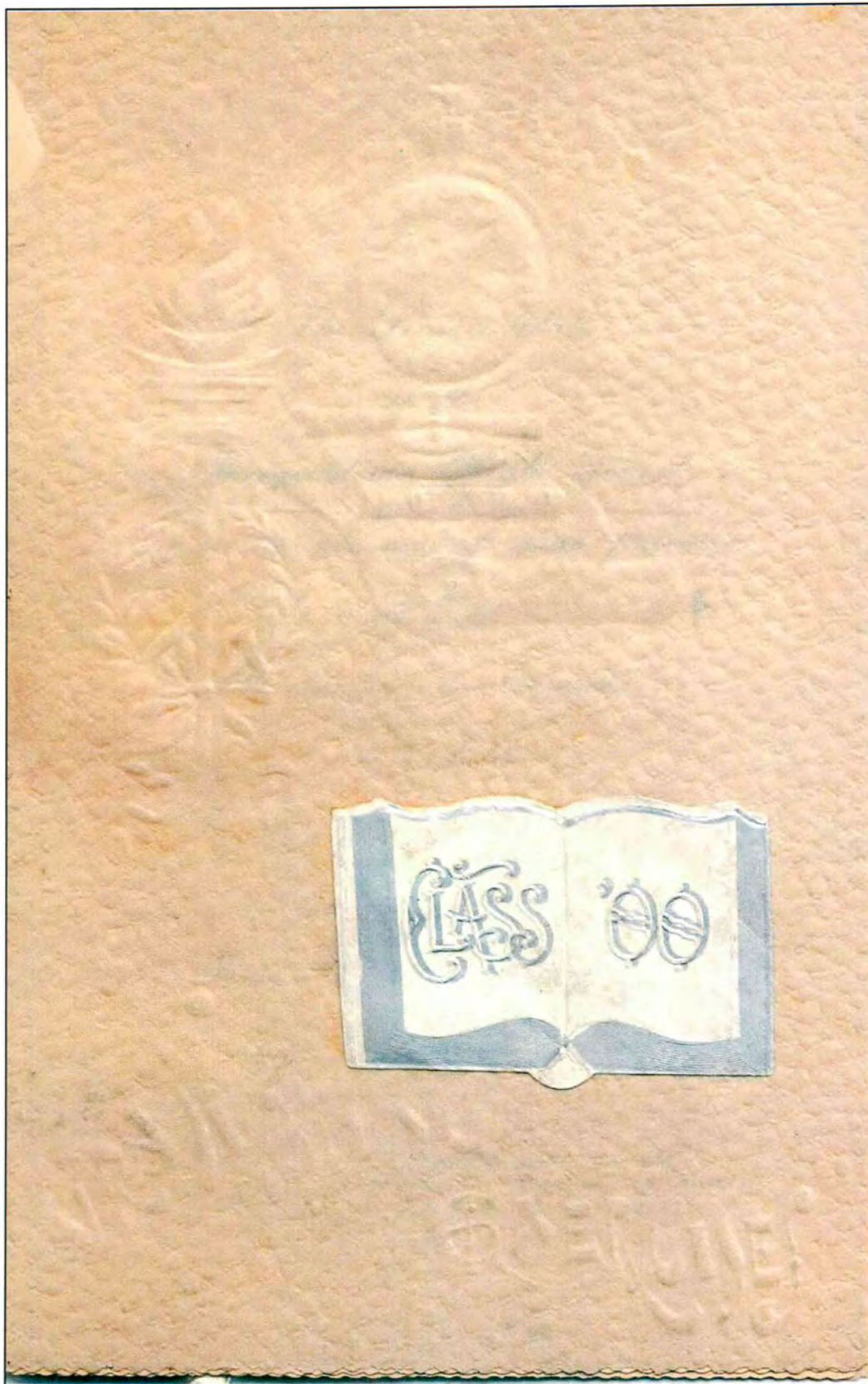


**Burgettstown High School Band
1950-1951 School Year**

Graduates of Union High School, Class Of May 1940



Top row, left to right—Felix Filipponi, George Pavlich, Andrew Petrus, Harold Pinder, Chester Mellovich, president, Vera Martin, secretary and treasurer, Clarence Power, vice president; Joseph Kubovic, Severino Nicoletto, Joe Nairn. Row 2—Joseph Rash, Lillie Plance, Josephine Getsinger, Margaret Hayes, Rose Testa, Leona Gareis, Anna Rinella, Elizabeth Yesko, Martha Turner, Florence Taucher, James Savage. Row 3—Percy Lydick, Bette Smith, Ines Sprando, Gertrude Kanzius, Warra Sonia, Elaine Scarem, Ruth Ann Russell, Emma Stebe, Stella Surba, Mitchell Mroczkowski. Row 4—Steve Swanik, Doris Ivery, Ruth Meneely, Loretta Petroski, Beatrice Pilato, Leopolda Piri, Stella Rennie, Theresa Rivetti, June Phillips, Melba Pack, Walter Ozimek. Row 5—Iggy Sultie, Lorraine Inglesfield, Jennie Malek, Sarah Mike, Eva Panconi, Evelyn Marcucci, Mary McCombs, Julia Mudre, Ruth McCausland, John Navage. Row 6—William Visnich, Naughty Gonzalez, Thelma Hogue, Almeda Hitchcock, Mae Hermes, Estelle Halulko, Anna McCombs, Helen Laheta, Betty Kuhn, Helen Krznoucke, Daniel Mena. Row 7—Mario Gobleck, Minnie Fedak, Laetitia Freville, Eleanor Fratini, Louise Gobleck, Irene Haba, Madeline Howe, Mary Ignatich, Betty Campbell, Tony Ostop. Row 8—Walter Lipnicky, Helen Dominski, Margaret DeLuca, Mary Dubenko, Mary Domin, Mary Gilson, Despa Barbush, Helen Babyak, Elizabeth Foster, Mary Fernandez, Mike Prebeg. Row 9—Charles Doerr, Frances Daudet, Grace Cowan, Margaret Delprato, Dora Delenne, Felina DePaul, Virginia Bialosky, Helen Fabian, Margaret Fedorsin, Ralph Ramirez. Row 10—John Danek, Jack Shelton, Emanuel Sergakis, Jane Fagan, Ludina Bango, Verna Brosky, Betty Creps, Dante Filipponi, William Senczsyn, John Saver, John Ossko. Row 11—Edwin Taylor, Anthony Yakima, Joe Yanni, Joseph Pusateri, Ella Mae Hicks, Frances King, Milan Tomich, Ed Shubeyski, John Spontak, Frances Shaw. Row 12—Leon Surba, David Tunno, Herman Verdin, Joseph Ramirez, Al Roman, Robert Kunkel, Robert Myers, James Murphy, Steve Kandray, Dwight Harper, George Hanna. Row 13—George Atherton, Frank Longevitch, Duffy Barto, George Blehi, Louie Colteyahn, Alfred DeValkeneer, George Dold, Walter Eversole, Walter George, Nick Hallahan. Row 14 James Gunn, Charles Getsinger, Joseph McCalvin, James Henry, Mario Alouise, J. Clark Mackenzie, William Allison, Walter Cramer, Mike Geffert, Raymond Loraski.



**Burgettstown High School Commencement Invitation (Pg. 1)
Class of 1900**

Courtesy of Fort Vance Historical Society

The Senior Class
of the
Burgettstown High School
request the pleasure of your presence
at their
Commencement Exercises,
to be held
Tuesday Evening, May first,
nineteen hundred.
First Presbyterian Church.

BACCALAUREATE SERMON,
FIRST UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH,
APRIL 29, 7:45 P. M.

Burgettstown High School Commencement Invitation (Pg. 2)
Class of 1900

Courtesy of Fort Vance Historical Society

MOTTO—NON OMNE EST IN NOMINE.

CLASS ROLL.

ALVIN CONNER OSBURN.
AMELIA SUSAN CRAMER.
BLANCHE BELLE REED.
ELIZABETH MYRTLE PATTERSON.
ESSA LEORA SCOTT.
EMMA KATE PATTERSON.
FLORA ETTA PARK.
JENNIE CORA ARMOUR.
MARY LOUISE PYLE.
MARY COTTERELLE BOTKIN.
ROBERT CLARK HEMPHILL.
SARA EDNA MILLER.

COLORS—SILVER AND PALE BLUE.

**Burgettstown High School Commencement Invitation (Pg. 3)
Class of 1900**

Courtesy of Fort Vance Historical Society

COMMENCEMENT PROGRAM.

Prayer,	-	-	-	Rev. D. W. Carson, D. D.
Overture—The Ram,	-	-	-	Allegheny Orchestra.
Essay and Salutatory—Independence of Character,	-	-	-	Mary Cotterelle Botkin.
Essay—The Farmer's Daughter,	-	-	-	Blanche Belle Reed.
Recitation—Christmas Night in the Quarters,	-	-	-	Mary Louise Pyle.
Medley—Rags,	-	-	-	Allegheny Orchestra.
Oration—The Future of the American Youth,	-	-	-	Robert Clark Hemphill.
Class Statistics,	-	-	-	Emma Kate Patterson.
Class History,	-	-	-	Amelia Susan Cramer.
Waltz—The Wedding of the Winds,	-	-	-	Allegheny Orchestra.
Recitation—Claudius and Cynthia,	-	-	-	Essa Leora Scott.
Class Artist,	-	-	-	Flora Etta Park.
Class Prophecy,	-	-	-	Jennie Cora Armour.
Selection—The Ameer,	-	-	-	Allegheny Orchestra.
Oration—Moral Courage,	-	-	-	Alvin Conner Osburn.
Presentation of Class Key,	-	-	-	Elizabeth Myrtle Patterson.
Acceptance of Class Key,	-	-	-	I. Belle McClure, 1902.
Essay and Valedictory—The Modern Hercules,	-	-	-	Sara Edna Miller.
March—Gardes Du Corps,	-	-	-	Allegheny Orchestra.
Presentation of Diplomas,	-	-	-	Dr. L. C. Botkin, President of the Board.
Benediction,	-	-	-	Rev. Percy H. Gordon.

Burgettstown High School Commencement Invitation (Pg. 4) Class of 1900

Courtesy of Fort Vance Historical Society

Burgettstown High School graduating 85

Burgettstown High School will graduate 85 seniors at its commencement 7 p.m. Tuesday at First Niagara Pavilion. Valedictorian is Maggie Stiffler, and salutatorian is Amanda Bernola. Both students will be speaking at the commencement.

Stiffler is a daughter of Dave and Lisa Stiffler of Burgettstown.

Stiffler received the Amelia Earhart Award, Lions Award, Trib Total Media Outstanding Young Citizen Award and Weirton (W.Va.) Elks Team of the Month. She served as president of student council, member of National Honor Society, Leadership Council, Gifted Program and SWAL. She tutors, babysits and volunteers as a Jefferson Township firefighter.

Stiffler participated in mu-



Maggie Stiffler,
valedictorian



Amanda Bernola,
salutatorian

Burgettstown High School

- 85 graduates
- 7 p.m. Tuesday
- First Niagara Pavilion

sicals throughout her high school career and starred in two school productions.

She plans to attend the Uni-

versity of Pittsburgh and major in mathematical biology.

Bernola is a daughter of Rick and Teresa Bernola

of Burgettstown.

Bernola achieved the Math Award, Academic Letter of Honor, Academic Certificate of Honor and Gold President's Award for Educational Excellence and was a Eugene Nell Petrucci Fund Scholarship recipient and Mary Jeanne Hanna Scholarship recipient. She served as the senior class secretary; member of National Honor Society, biology club, physics club and the float committee. She volunteered as a student volleyball coach and Christmas church decorator.

Bernola also earned second team all-star and most valuable player on the volleyball team and U.S. Army Reserve and National Scholar Athlete awards.

She plans to attend St. Vincent College to pursue a degree in mathematics.



**Former Metal Maintenance Shed
for the Old Burgettstown High School being torn down.
Located behind the Burgettstown Community Library-1995**

Fort Vance Historical Society

High School News

By Jan Kristoff

As the first grading period at Burgettstown High School comes to a close, I think back and wonder where each day went.

With the development of new clubs and activities, everyone is kept busy and time seems to pass more quickly than ever before.

One of the most recent additions to the list of clubs and organizations is the **Public Speaking and Debate Club**, which is directed by **Miss O'Hern**. Open to grades 9-12, it is an academic club established to promote the development of public speaking and debate skills. With enough support, a model United Nations and a debate team will be formed.

In conjunction with the Burgettstown Community Task Force, **Mrs. Vos** has organized a **Junior High Drug and Alcohol Task Force** for grades 7 and 8. Students involved in the program agreed to sign pledges concerning safe drug and alcohol use with their parents. Officers **Drew Bohn** (president), **Victor Wright** (vice president), **Keith Oiler** (secretary), **Deana Froats** (treasurer) and **David Strobe** (activities director) were elected as representatives of the organization.

With help from the Junior High Task Force, the **Health Careers Club** will sponsor a Halloween dance for grades 7-9 on Thursday, Oct. 27, from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Students are to arrive in costume, and prizes will be awarded for the prettiest, ugliest, funniest and most original costumes. Music will be provided by VIG.

Under the supervision of **Mrs. Garuccio**, the **Junior Class** will be having a magazine sale to raise funds for the 1989 **Junior-Senior Prom**. The sale will last from Oct. 24-31 and is expected to be more successful than that of the previous year.

As the holiday season approaches, there will be many more exciting activities happening at Burgettstown High School.

Keep informed of upcoming events, and don't miss out on the fun!

High School News

Burgettstown Enterprise-October 26, 1988

Courtesy of Fort Vance Historical Society

School Sends Delegates

Four delegates, June DiOrio, Judy Scruppi, Barbara Staub and Carol Cunningham, from the Senior F.H.A., accompanied by Mrs. Mary Jeanne Hanna, will motor to the State Farm Show to be held at Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, on Wednesday morning, January 15. The girls will open their visit to Harrisburg, by attending the state F. H. A., meeting, which will be held in the Forum of the Education Building in the capitol. After this meeting, a complete tour of the Farm Show will be made. Wednesday night, the girls will attend the joint F.H.A. and F.F.A. meeting, also to be held at the forum. On Thursday morning, a skit which will be a dramatization of ideas suggested by the program of work for the month of February, will be presented. A complete tour of the capitol building and the Pennsylvania Museum will be another activity carried through on Thursday afternoon. The rest of Thursday afternoon will be spent



Burgettstown High School Students-“Refreshment Start Group of 1949”



NURSERY SCHOOL LABORATORY – Home economics students at Burgettstown High School are being trained in child care and development in a new nursery school program under the direction of home economics teachers Eleanor Wilson and Mary Creighton. Upon completion of the course students will study career opportunities in child care related fields. From left (front row) are Jim Matalik, John Kucic, Don Bianchi, trainee Denise Pyles, Christine Pusateri; (back row) trainees Anna Serish, Vera Kuhn, Misty Bable, Cheryl Nice and Terri Suica.

Nursery School Laboratory
Observer-Reporter-March 22, 1975 Edition



Burgettstown High School-Class of 1911

Professor G.R. Norton in rear.

Upper row, left to right: Kenneth Lynne Kelso, Roy McConnell Saxton, Eva Florence Porter, Leonard Leon Ewing. Second row: Ralph Leroy Bell, Martha Belle Dunbar, William Vance Lee, Ora Belle Nesbit, Samuel Glenne Nichols. Third row: James Clare Jackson, Ethel Mary Fulton, Frances Elizabeth Linn, Homer Ray Ferguson.

Graduating class prior to the building of the high school.

Burgettstown Herald-May 10, 1911 Edition

Class Officers

J. Delmont Whalen	President
Robert C. Hamilton	Vice President
Josephine Pyle	Secretary
Verda Fleming	Treasurer

Motto

“Nothing at the top but climbing.”

Colors	Flower
Blue and Gold	Yellow Rose

Class Roll

Margaret Ballard	Verda A. Fleming	Josephine Pyle
Helene Ballard	Helen M. Figley	Joseph W. Ruble
John R. Clark	Robert C. Hamilton	Hollis Reed
Mabel J. Coulter	Samuel L. McClurg	Joseph Spagiare
Josephine Cenis	Mary L. McCormick	Hilda M. Stewart
Charles W. Dick	Myrtle B. Pate	James V. Webster
Nellie Ferguson	Irene R. Perkins	J. Delmont Whalen

Faculty

R. Ewd. Knarr, Principal	Elizabeth V. Ewing, English
Mary E. Thome, Music	Carrie E. Bailey, Science
Alma E. Dieker, Commercial	Ann F. Petty, Domestic Science
Mary I. Caldwell, Languages	

UHS Class of 1920

Courtesy of Fort Vance Historical Society

Members of Graduating Class of Union High School



Bottom row, left to right—John Jones, Learge Harris, Charles S. Grummeiner, Edward S. McCloskey, LaVern Gilliland, Marie Martin, Ada Bernesta Bella, Helen Virginia Carroll, Mary Rebecca Fryer, Henry W. Bennett, Raymond Reynolds, John Hanna.

Second row—John G. Zobetakas, Royal H. McGillic, Margaret Griffith, Anne M. Kophazic, Bernice E. Inglofield, Thelma L. Forner, Melba T. Rommers, Dean A. Mazzier, Sara E. Prondit, Edith Margaret Tarr, Lois L. Buckman, William Scopel, Lloyd S. Hindman.

Third row—John Kopolovich, Esther Elizabeth Welch, Vera Marie Guio, Mildred Blazina, Mary Roberta Weaver, Mary Filipponi, Elizabeth Jane Bigger, Dorothy Iona Dodds, Lois Irene Palin, Ann Elizabeth Bruce, Elizabeth G. Robinson, John Harris.

Fourth row—Donald Goldie Scott, Frank G. Russell, Gladys Dowell Paetzel, Eva B. Schneider, Barbara Thais Donnick, Barbara Dorothen Dubeck, Elizabeth Reple, Geraldine V. Myers, Margaret Alberta Parker, Lillian Marie Taucher, Agnes Helena Doumont, John William Hueik, Harry M. McAnulty.

Fifth row—William Cherry, Laura Louise Pyle, Mary Felton, Theresa Jane Bezuska, Helen V. Agnew, Robert S. Kernahan.

Top row—Angelo Spanograus, Andrew O. Scherockman, George Hamerock, Eli Cavalier, Albert G. Walter, Lucille Laskay, secretary and treasurer; Michael Nicksich, president; Jimmie E. Zelenko, vice president; Dominick Cody, Louis I. Robert, Ernil Eldon Claffie, Fred R. Smith, Carmen John Sansone.

Union High School-Class of 1931 The Morning Observer-Unknown Edition

Courtesy of Fort Vance Historical Society

UNION HIGH SCHOOL

1939



Burgettstown Enterprise

Established 1878

SECTION TWO

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NEW UNION HIGH SCHOOL BUILDING DEDICATION SUNDAY, JUNE 23, 1963

BURGETTSTOWN AREA JUNIOR—SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL

PROJECT NO. B5-694

ERECTED BY THE

STATE PUBLIC SCHOOL BUILDING AUTHORITY

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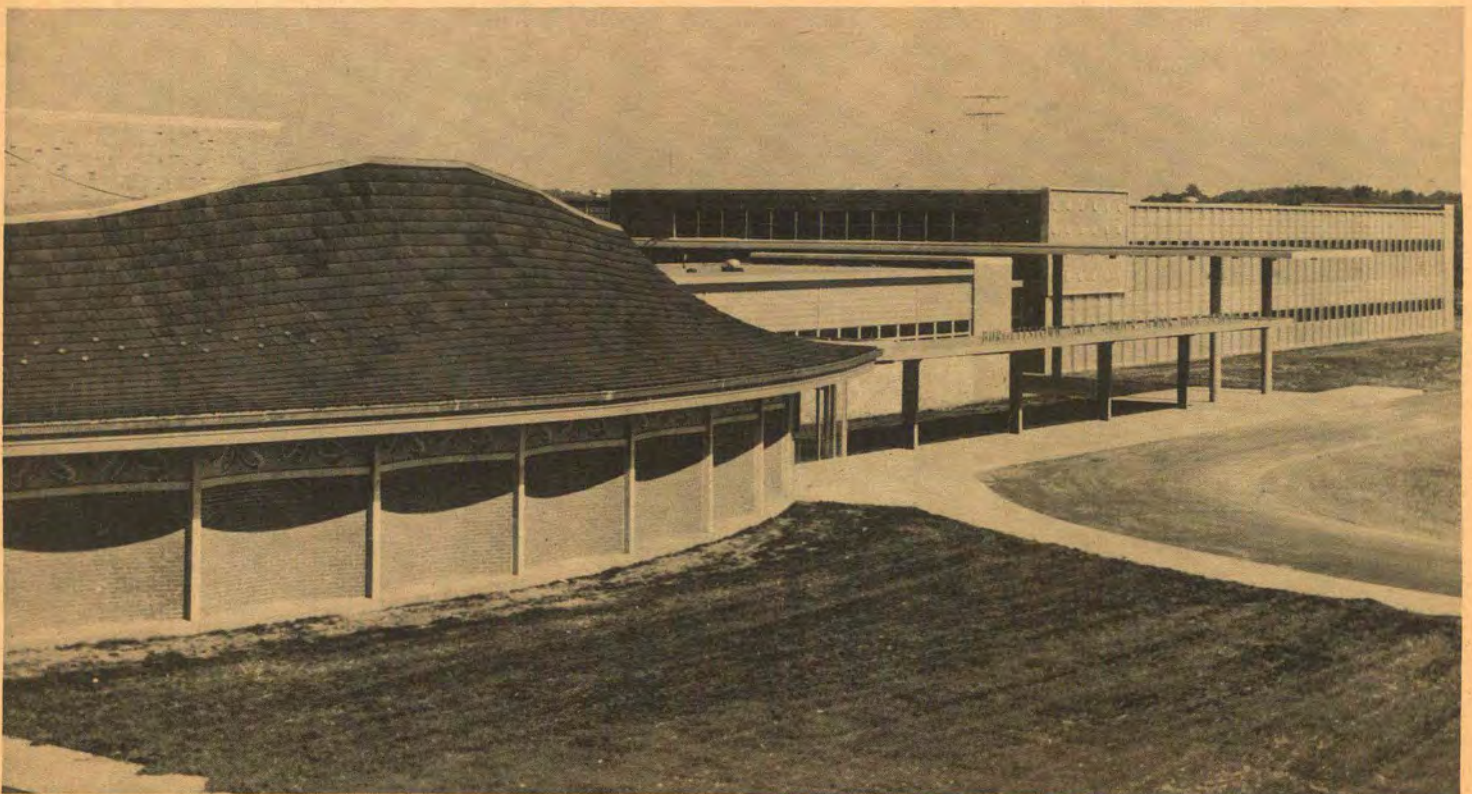
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EDUCATIONAL FUNCTIONS OF BURGETTSTOWN AREA NEW JR.-SR. HIGH SCHOOL

By Dr. James J. Tinney

STATEMENT OF PHILOSOPHY

The public schools are a major institution within our democratic form of government dedicated to the objective to provide an opportunity for each individual citizen to develop to his fullest potential through education. It is the responsibility of the public schools to perpetuate our way of life and to pass on to our youth the cultural heritage of our great nation within the legal framework provided by our democratic form of government.

The school district officials with the direction of the educational leaders instructed the architect, Mr. A.E. Tennyson, to provide a vehicle in which an educational program could function. It is based on the minimum mandated curriculum requirements of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and the educational needs of the student population of Burgettstown Area over and above these minimum mandates. The vehicle had to be tempered by the existing economic resources of the community, also taking into consideration the future economic resources available to pay for such a facility. A building which was needed would have maximum flexibility and multi-use areas both for the educational program and the community cultural program.

It was planned that the curriculum would be centered around four basic sequential programs from which the students could make their selection of a program after proper evaluation and guidance by professional personnel of the student's potential. Three of the programs are to be designed as terminal education for the students pursuing such programs. One of the programs is designed as continuing education for the students pursuing such a program. The terminal programs are: 1. Business & Commercial Programs, 2. General Education Program, 3. Industrial Arts Program. The continuing program is: 4. Academic--College Preparatory Program.

Continued schooling possible, the terminal programs will provide the high school graduate with sufficient skills to be employable; however, further education is not precluded. The student may take advantage of Business Colleges and Schools, Trade Schools, Apprentice Programs and specialized college programs. Ample consideration in the planning stages was given to programs for County Directed Area Technical Schools and other county or state training programs.

YEAR-ROUND PROGRAMS

The school building was designed to have programs throughout the calendar year. Such programs to be carried out in the flexible multi-use areas to be built. The programs to be considered in the planning are:

1. School sponsored Summer Recreation Program, Children and Adults. This program to be conducted in conjunction with adjacent Community Park and Swimming Pool.
2. Summer School Program for the educationally gifted and accelerated students as well as make-up courses and elective courses for all students.
3. Adult Education Program--12 month program to run the gamut from basic high school equivalent courses to cultural advancement courses and off campus college courses.
4. School sponsored Recreation Program, Children and Adults in conjunction with civic organizations industrial firms sponsoring recreation activities of various types.
5. Year-Around Adolescent and Adult Library Program to be conducted in conjunction with Community Library and County Library Services.
6. Community Cultural Program centered about theater presentation. All such programs to utilize planned school building facilities.

TWO MAJOR DIVISIONS

The building is to house grades 7 through 12 with a total student population of 1250. The student body will be divided into two major groups; a Junior High School Division grades 7, 8, and 9 and a Senior High School Division grades 10, 11, and 12.

JUNIOR HIGH PROGRAM

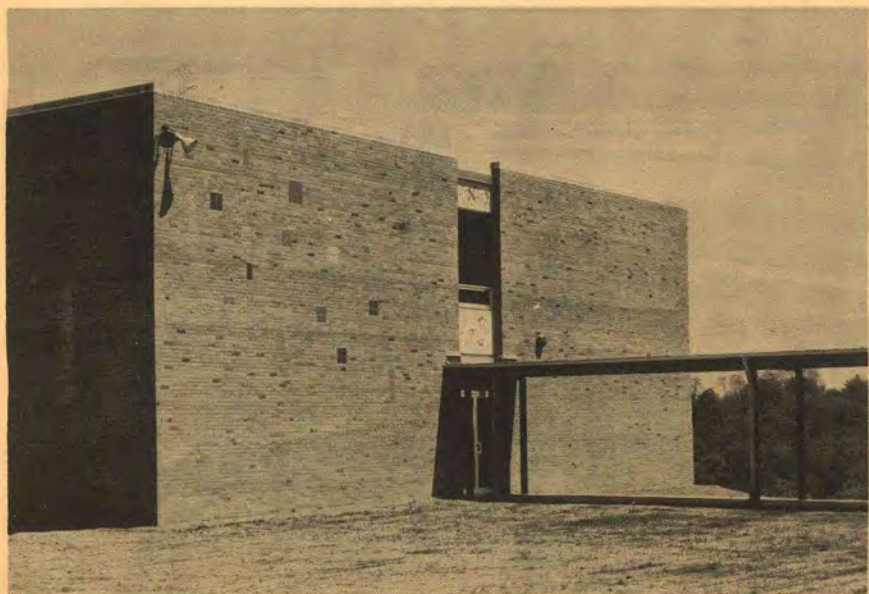
At the outset of the 1963-64 school year, the Junior High School Program will encompass 18 sections of students. The program of studies will be set-up on a departmentalized class plan under the direction of the Junior High School Principal, Pennsylvania's mandated minimum



Back view of high school building. Loading docks shown at right.



Students enter bus from covered walks.



Student entrance of senior high school wing.

program of studies will be the basic program for all students. Elective courses will be at minimum. Students will be "grouped" based on objective scientific test data, teacher appraisal and guidance consultation.

FOUR YEAR SEQUENCE STARTS IN JUNIOR HIGH

It is planned to have a four year sequence of courses in business education, foreign languages, mathematics, and science; therefore, student selection of one of four programs of study will be made prior to the 9th grade. Further, such course selection will determine class section and section placement in the final year of the Junior High School Division and in some cases the 8th grade in the Junior High School Division.

JUNIOR CLASSROOMS--FRONT WING

The Junior High School Classrooms are located in the front classroom wing on both floors. No classrooms are designed for a single function in this section of the building. It is planned that portable language arts, mathematics, science, and social studies laboratories and equipment will be used extensively by the teaches.

TEACHING TEAMS FOR JUNIOR HIGH

Each grade level in the Junior High School Division will have a team of six teachers responsible for the basic instruction program in language arts, science and social science. Special teaching services such as art, foreign language, guidance, industrial arts, music, and physical education will be provided by specialists in each field for each grade level teaching team when requested by the team or scheduled as a part of the mandated program of studies of the student.

SECTION OF BUILDING HOUSES SPECIAL AREAS

The home economics classroom area, library area, and the science laboratory area are located between the Junior High School Classroom Wing and the Senior High School Classroom Wing to provide ease of access for students of both divisions. The library and science laboratory will be provided with portable carts to bring needed learning materials to the Junior High School Classes whenever possible.

CONSECUTIVE PERIODS

It is planned that the Junior High School students will have consecutive periods scheduled with the same teacher or team of teachers, therefore, eliminating many class changes at the end of each scheduled period. Scheduled classes for Junior High School students in special areas of art, home economics, industrial arts, music and physical education will be carried out in the designated planned teaching areas.

NOISY LEARNING AREAS LOCATED AWAY FROM CLASSROOMS

The instruction areas for industrial arts, music, and physical education are located some distance away from the regular classrooms, thus keeping the excessive noisy learning activities removed from the less noisy learning activities of the library and regular classrooms. The cafeteria is also far removed from the classroom area not only to remove the noise area but also the cooking aromas formerly so prominent in school buildings.

EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

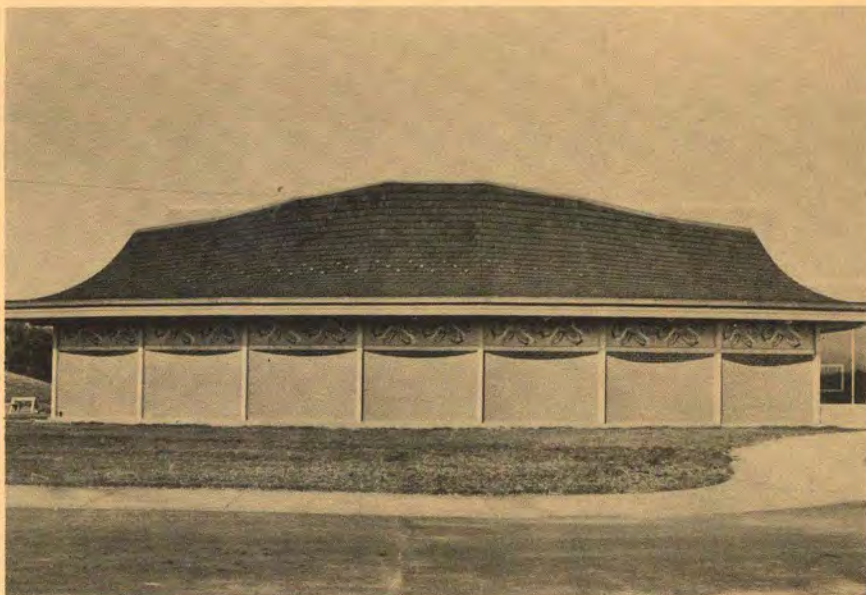
The program of extra-curricular activities of the Junior High School Division will be designed to take place within extended time limits of the school day and under the direction of the school officials. An extensive intramural program of activities is anticipated for this division. As far as is possible, the students of the Junior High School Division will be separated from the students of the Senior High School Division in all activities held in the school during the school day. It is further anticipated that the evening or after school activities of the Junior High School students will be kept to a minimum and occur at special occasions only.

SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL PROGRAM

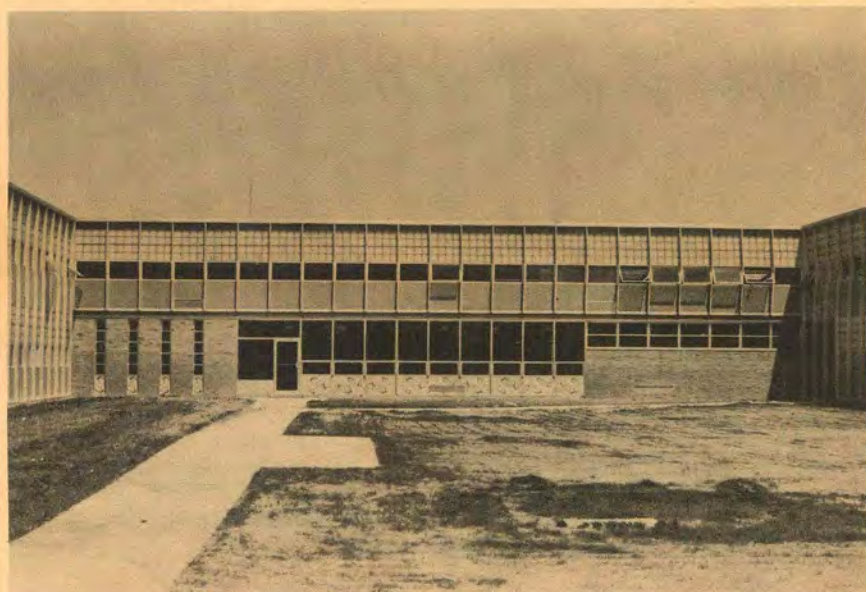
At the outset of the 1963-64 school year the Senior High School Program will encompass 16 sections of students. The program of studies will be set-up on a departmentalized class plan under the direction of the Senior High School Principal. Pennsylvania's mandated minimum program of studies for high school graduation plus additional local mandated courses for high school graduation will be the basic program for all students. It is anticipated that elective courses will be numerous in all fields of education provided in the school program.

GUIDANCE PERSONNEL AND FACULTY COOPERATIVELY PLAN STUDENT PLACEMENT

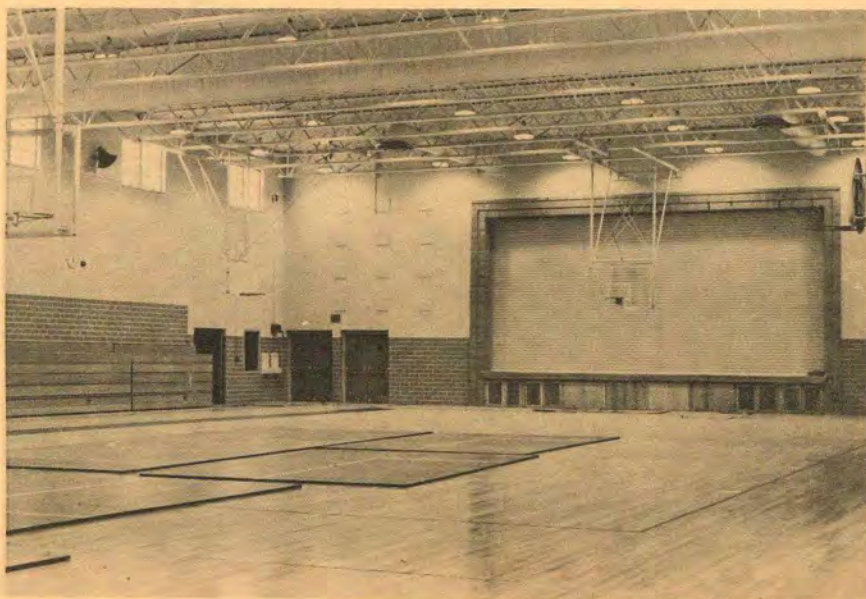
Students will be "grouped" based on objective, scientific test data, teacher appraisal, student achievement and guidance consultation. This screening procedure will apply to all advance placement courses within the Senior High School Program of Studies. Each student's program will be individually determined



Novel design of roof features attractive building materials.



Open court can be entered from library.



Modern gymnasium with multiple use stage.

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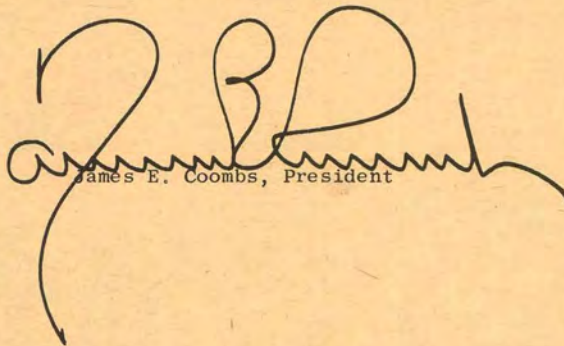
Upon completion of the construction of the new Burgettstown Area Junior Senior High School, we want to extend our thanks not only to the community in general, but to those specifically and directly connected with the project.

The members of the school board, the school officials and particularly Dr. James J. Tinney have been most helpful and cooperative in all respects. Many have spent untold hours, over and beyond that normally required, in seeing that the building was completed in a proper manner and on time.

Seldom has it been our pleasure to work with an architect so dedicated and thorough as Arthur E. Tennyson. His design, in our opinion, is incomparable and will be used as a model for other schools for years to come. His understanding and solutions to various problems has demonstrated his devotion to responsibility and fairness to all.

The direction of the work by the State Public School Building Authority has been most efficient and thorough and we feel privileged to have worked with them and their representatives.

Last but not least our thanks to local businessmen who furnished the greater part of the materials and supplies for the building, the local laborers and craftsmen for a job well done and to the building trades unions for maintaining harmony on the project.



James E. Coombs, President

It is planned to have a four year sequence of courses in business education, foreign language, mathematics, and science. Students in the Senior High School Division will have already made a choice and will follow the programs as set up by the school officials. Sequential elective courses of less than four years are planned for the Senior High School Division in the subject matter areas of biology, chemistry, earth and space science, social studies, industrial arts, arts and crafts, and literature.

SENIOR CLASSROOMS--REAR WING

The Senior High School Classrooms are located in the rear classroom wing on both floors. The business classroom and the language learning laboratory are designed and equipped for specific learning areas as is the chemistry, physics laboratory and the biology laboratory. The remaining classrooms are designed for multi-purpose use and will be so assigned.

DEPARTMENTS PLANNED FOR SENIOR FACULTY

Each subject matter division in the Senior High School Division will have a team of three or more teachers responsible for the basic instruction program in the specified subject matter area as well as the content and extent of the elective courses in the specified area. The contribution and resources of the subject matter specialists of the Senior High School Division will be available and cooperatively developed with the Junior High School Division. Such a cooperation inter-change shall be under the direction of the Senior High School Principal.



Classrooms are well lit and have automatic ventilation system.

SPECIALLY DESIGNED AREAS

All Laboratories have been designed as a multi-purpose laboratory-lecture room for biology, physical science, chemistry, physics, and general science and are located on the second floor. The classrooms have adaptable work tables and movable student tables with appropriate movable stools. The teacher demonstration desks in each area are complete units and adaptable for student laboratory stations. Display cases, storage areas, and project storage areas are to be built-in facilities. Large storage and supply rooms separate each laboratory and provide sufficient area for an appropriate teacher office and parking area for portable equipment for the Junior High School Division.

A photography laboratory-darkroom will be provided in connection with the chemistry-physics laboratory. This facility will be available for use by all school programs under the direction of a responsible faculty member.

COMPLETE LAB FACILITY

The general science laboratory as well as the chemistry-physics laboratory and biology laboratory are equipped with peripheral student stations. The center of each laboratory classroom will be utilized as a lecture area. It is to be noted that the general science areas have all the necessary services built into the floors and walls to allow for conversion into chemistry-physics laboratories or biology laboratories with a minimum amount of effort when and if pupil population and course expansion required such additions.



Biology lab is used for classroom and laboratory purposes.

HOME ECONOMICS AREAS

This area is a three teacher station area planned as a complete unit sub-divided into three teaching areas located on the first floor. One area is designated as a Foods Laboratory, another area as Fabrics and Materials Laboratory, and the center area as a Family Living Area and Vocational Homemaking Laboratory. Each area is fully equipped with built-in cabinets with special designs and features making each unit a teaching entity in and of itself. It is planned and the facility is so located, to implement these plans that the Home Economics Areas will be utilized by the Junior and Senior High Divisions respectively.

LIBRARY

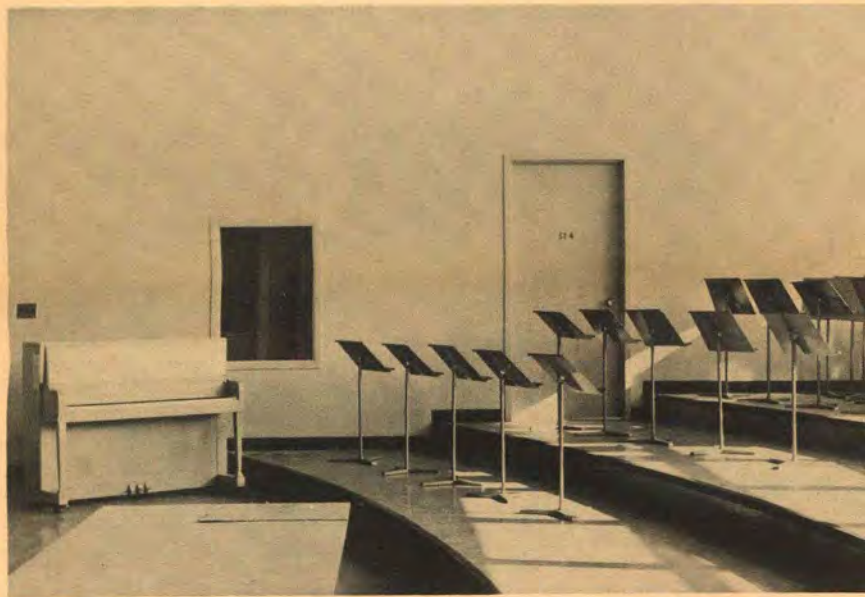
This area is designed to seat 125 students and to house an adequate high school library of 10,000 volumes or more as indicated by the American Library Association as being a minimum standard for today's schools. The Library is located on the first floor. The Library will house the film library and record library of the secondary schools. Incorporated in the facility is a reading room designed for directed reading activities and student library project work. The Library workroom will also be utilized as a storage area and parking facility for the mobile book carts to be used by the Junior High School Division. This facility will have access to the outside Court separating the Junior High School Classroom Wing and the Senior High School Classroom Wing. Such



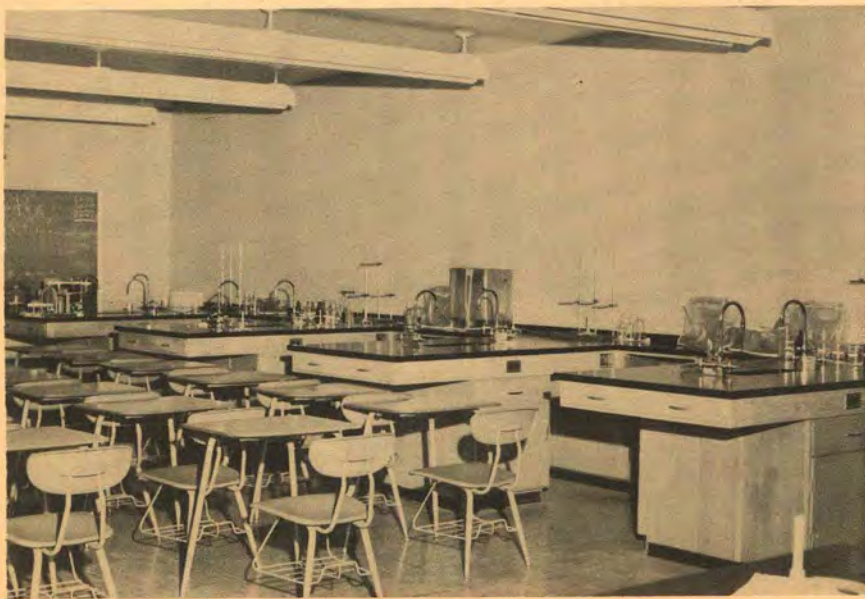
Business administration classroom features electric typewriters.



Attractive furnishings of 10,000 volume library shown here.



Band and chorus rooms have built in risers.



Modern laboratory offers latest facilities for science students.

access is provided to facilitate an all-year-round program of library activities by providing an outside entrance without using the remainder of the school building and also to provide an outdoor reading area during the school year when the weather permits.

AUDITORIUM--SEATS 261

This facility is designed specifically to seat one entire class and to be utilized more as a facility for after school student presentations such as plays, concerts, and recitals. The area may be used as a practice area for musical groups from the music classrooms which are located adjacent to the auditorium. The area will be used as a classroom for elective speech courses when such a program is available.

The interior unique feature of the facility is the stage, which opens to the gymnasium as well as the auditorium. The gymnasium opening will be closed at all times by a metal roll-up door. In any event where the audience will exceed the capacity of the auditorium the stage opening to the gymnasium will be utilized. Seats in addition to the all ready present bleachers will provide the necessary seating capacity. The gymnasium area, necessarily, will be further controlled by separating Coil-Wal Doors which when closed will restrict the floor area necessary for the audience. When and if the full facility is utilized the seating capacity of the gymnasium will exceed 2500 persons.

Externally the decorative ceramic tile panels, unique scalloped roof design and illuminated overhang provide an eye pleasing architectural departure from conventional school building design.

GYMNASIUM

This area is a three teacher station gymnasium separated by two unique Coil-Wal Doors. When the doors are fully extended three mutually exclusive gym areas are available and it is planned that three simultaneously conducted physical education classes will take place during each period of the entire school day. Adjacent outdoor athletic fields also provide ample area for three simultaneously conducted physical education classes to be held outdoors when weather permits. Both the indoor and outdoor facilities will provide more than adequate areas for an extensive intra-mural activity program. Further planning envisions the fall and spring-time use of the Community Park Swimming Pool and Park in conjunction with the school's physical education program.

Indoor intra-scholastic sports centered around basketball and wrestling were considered in the planning for this facility. The practice area for basketball and wrestling will be mutually exclusive when the Coil-Wal Door is used to separate the gymnasium into the required practice areas. The doors will be coiled during the intra-scholastic competition and the bleachers will provide a seating capacity for 1250 persons to view unobstructed basketball games and wrestling matches as well as any other indoor sports or events on exhibitions. Two large adequate locker rooms with complete facilities are adjacent to the gymnasium.

CAFETERIA-KITCHEN

The Cafeteria area is designed to seat 400 diners and the kitchen is designed to prepare 1600 Type "A" meals. This beautifully designed and appointed facility will serve as the after school extra-curricular social center as well as the regular school dining area.

This facility can be used separately and is accessible from the outside without utilizing any other part of the building as is the case with the auditorium and the gymnasium. Each of the multi-purpose areas located in the northern section of the building can be used separately or in combination without gaining access to any other part of the school building.

MISCELLANEOUS FACILITIES

Paved roadway from Bavington Road up to and around entire school property and facility.

Paved parking area for 90 automobiles; more parking areas are available.

Covered walks, all weather bus loading and unloading facilities located at the student entrance to the classroom wings and the main entrance to the school offices, auditorium, gymnasium, and cafeteria. Health Suite, Teachers' Rooms, Main Lobby, and General Office areas provide well appointed and decorated areas for school functions.

FUTURE EXPANSION

The school building has been planned to provide for an additional 240 students. The classroom wings are designed to provide for the addition of eight classrooms, four on each wing to provide learning areas and space for the Hanover Township students, our neighbors, when school district reorganization takes place in 1965. The covered walks and the paved roadway are so located that the school building will receive the additional classrooms without disturbing these features. All central use facilities, such as the gymnasium, industrial arts shops, science laboratories, cafeterias, and lavatories are now designed to receive the additional capacities when this addition becomes a reality.

Grand Opening Of New High School Climax To Long Story

Entrance Of Students Fulfills Idea

Originated At Meeting Eight Years Ago

The graduation of 147 seniors in the new Burgettstown Area Junior-Senior High School on Friday, June 7, 1963, culminated a long planning program for administrators and officials of the school district. Ever since the summer of 1956, when a survey team from the University of Pittsburgh recommended that the old high school plant be abandoned as a secondary school, the erection of a new secondary building in this area has been a goal for school district officials.

It is tragic that the old Union High School, a building 45 years in age, was destroyed by fire shortly before the building was completed. Harried school officials quickly arranged for temporary possession of the new building, and a hasty schedule of events resulted in all five grades of pupils resuming classes within two weeks of the destruction of the old plant. It is ironic that the Class of 1963, which had planned for three years to be the last graduating class from Union High School, now finds itself to be the first to graduate from the Burgettstown Area Junior-Senior High School.

SPECTACULAR FIRE AT UNION HIGH

On Thursday afternoon, March 21, 1963, a blaze was discovered at Union High School that, a few hours later, had leveled the old landmark to rubble. It was indeed the end of an era that had seen three generations pass through the school.

Over 150 firemen from five local fire departments combined in an effort to combat the flames, which reached heights of 50 to 60 feet from the roof of the building. Boiler room explosions, intense heat and a lack of water pressure hampered the firemen, however, and destruction was complete.

Maintenance men, faculty members and some townspeople were on hand immediately to aid with the removal of school records and other valuable property, even while the fire burned. The removal operations were directed by Supervising Principal Dr. James J. Tinney and High School Principal R. Donald Hall.

Close cooperation between state officials, building contractors and local administrators resulted in the Seniors resuming classes at the new school a week after the fire. The other four grades were moved into the building subsequently, and a normal schedule of classes was instituted within two weeks.

Union High School, which was built in 1918, with an addition put on in 1931, was familiar to everyone in the Raccoon Valley. The three-story, ten-classroom structure was scheduled to be abandoned at the end of the school year as a secondary school plant. The story of its proposed abandonment and the beginning of the new high school project dates back to January 6, 1955. This story includes many meetings with various area school boards for the purpose of discussing jointures or mergers, and negotiations between the local school board and that of Hanover Township could well be a story in itself. The significant events leading to construction of a new secondary school plant are listed in chronological order.

UNION DISTRICT FIRST DISCUSSED

On January 6, 1955, 50 men and women, representing each of the boards of directors of Burgettstown Borough, Smith Township, Jefferson Township and Hanover Township school districts, various local P.T.A. units and the Raccoon Valley Chamber of Commerce, were extended invitations by the Burgettstown-Smith Township Joint School Board and met for discussion of the possibility of forming a Union School District.

It was obvious for some time that the antiquation of the Union High School building, together with limited quarters for the increasing enrollment, had presented a problem. Among the students enrolled were many from Jefferson and Hanover Townships.

William P. Miller, Supervising Principal of the Burgettstown-Smith Township Joint School District, spearheaded the possible consolidation for what he termed, at the time, two principal reasons:

1. To provide a better educational program.
2. To acquire more money from the state by a Union District, so that a better educational program could be accomplished.

UNION PLAN ENDORSED

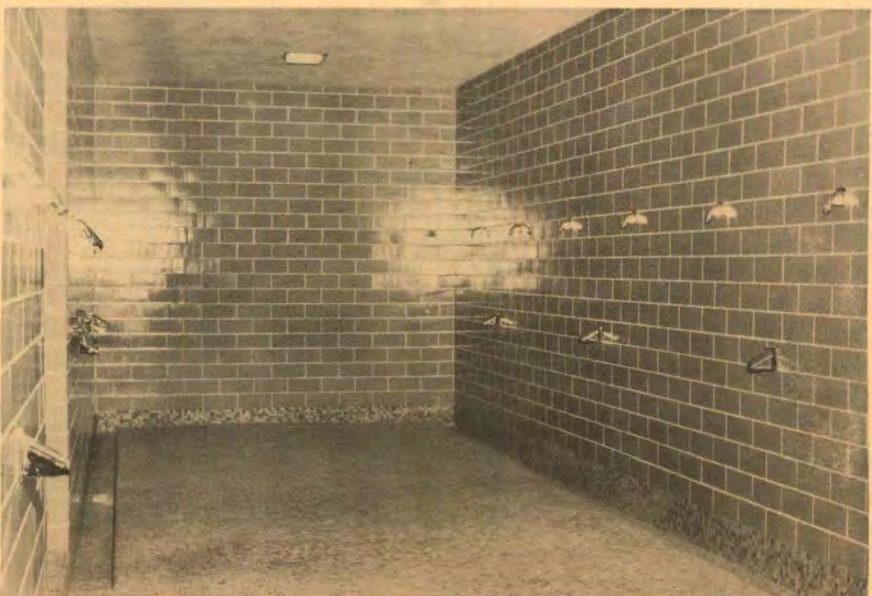
The first area school district to formally endorse a Union plan was Smith Township, in February, 1955. The Hanover Township board announced it would table discussion on the plan until a later time. The Burgettstown Borough Board confirmed endorsement in March.



Double door lockers available for student use.



Dressing rooms equipped with individual lockers.



Large shower rooms available to phys. ed. pupils.

BURGETTSTOWN AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS - 1957

Louis I. Robert President	E. O. Wagner Vice-President	Donald W. Baileys Treasurer	Ermil E. Caleffie Secretary
Joseph Bertovich Alban Dalverny Morris Harvey	Edward Jackson John Jones Robert R. Kidd	Carl Latella William Prata Joseph Roberts	James O. Smalley Van Nest Wiegmann John Zelenko

BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS - 1959

Carl Latella President	John Jones Vice-President	Ermil E. Caleffie Secretary	Donald W. Baileys Treasurer
Joseph Bertovich Morris Harvey	Edward Jackson William Prata	Joseph Roberts James O. Smalley	Van Nest Wiegmann

BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS - 1961

Morris Harvey President	Joseph Bertovich Vice-President	Ermil E. Caleffie Secretary	James O. Smalley Treasurer
Carl Latella	Van Nest Wiegmann	Edward Jackson	

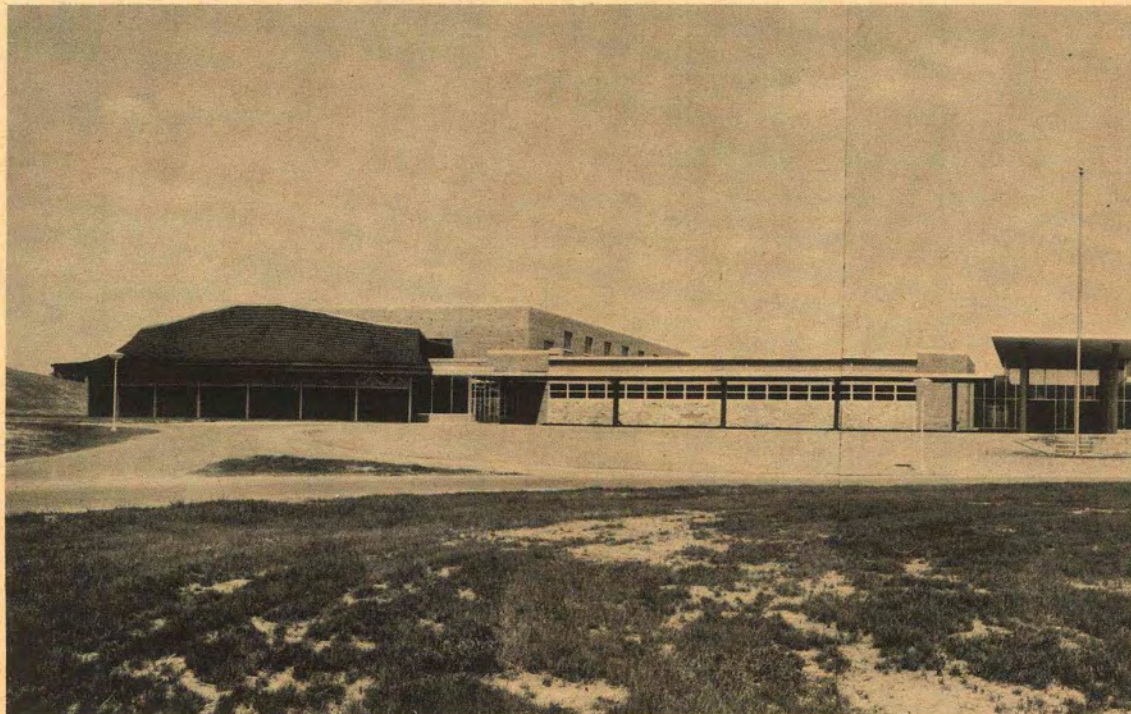
BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS - 1963

Clyde E. Fox President	Eugene Petricca Vice-President	Ermil E. Caleffie Secretary	Paul Pcsolinski Treasurer
Joseph Bertovich	Harry Sabatasse	Paul Tucci	

SCHOOL BOARD SOLICITOR George K. Hanna

SECONDARY SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION AND FACULTY

James J. Tinney Supervising Principal	John R. Grecco Ass't Supv. Principal	R. Donald Hall Sr. high school principal	Nicholas Mervosh Jr. high school principal
Dominick Astorina	Mrs. Erla Howard	William A. Heckman	Andrew T. Sedlak
Mrs. Muriel Bohn	Jane Jackson	Bogdan Nicksick	Thomas Shaneyfelt
Willam C. Bohn	James W. Kimberland	Regina C. O'Hern	James B. Smith
Regis A. Brozier	Mrs. Barbara Lunger	Joseph P. Pusateri	Archie C. Thames
Mrs. Kathryn Edwards	Harold Malone	Mrs. Josephine Pusateri	Mrs. Irene Thames
Gina Filipponi	Melvin Maruschak	W. J. Robertson	Theresa M. Tiano
Elizabeth Garcy	Patrick McGraw	Phillip J. Sauter	Mrs. Dorothy Vukotich
Gabriel Hanna	Mrs. Miriam C. Harris	Elizabeth L. Scott	Mrs. Eleanor Wilson Pat Yanni



DEDICATION PROGRAM

The National Anthem Union High School Band
Director, J. J. Snyder

Prayer of Dedication

Greetings and Introduction of Platform and Guest Speaker Dr. James J. Tinney
Supervising Principal

Address Dr. Douglas J. Bowman
Washington County Superintendent of Schools

Presentation of Key A. E. Tennyson
Representing State Public School Building Authority and Contractors — Architect

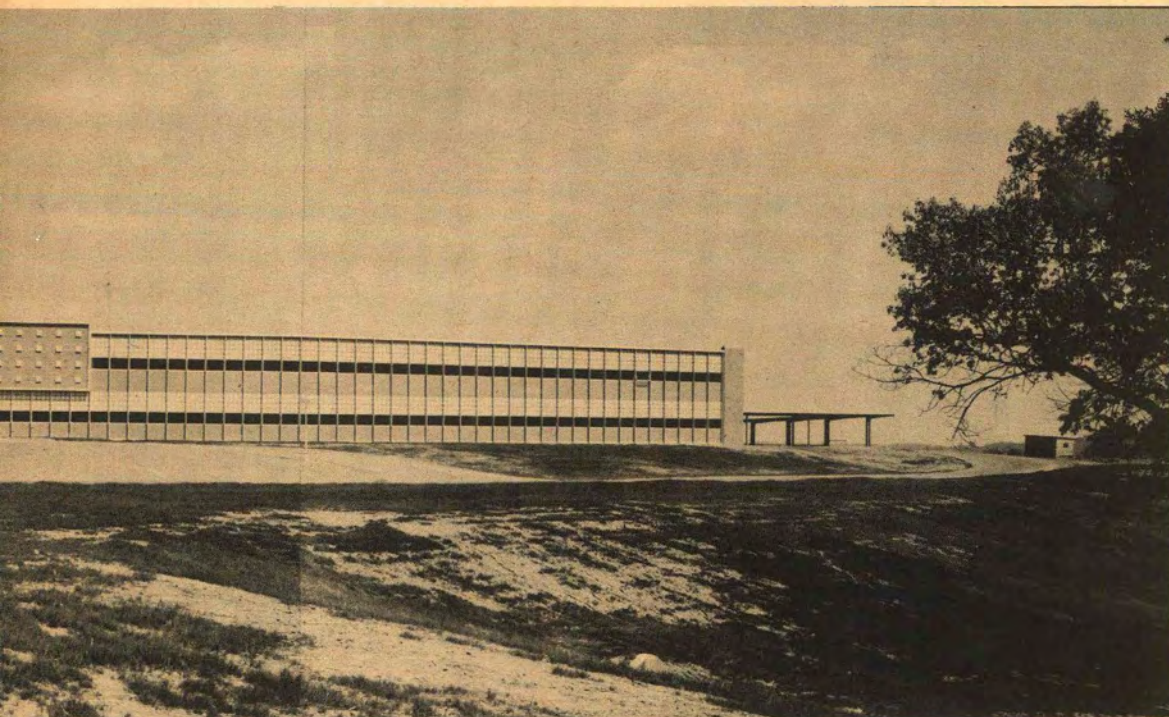
Acceptance of Key Clyde E. Fox, President
Board of School Directors

Presentation of Key R. D. Hall, Principal
Senior High School

Presentation of Key Ronald Johnston, President
Student Council

Alma Mater Union High School Band

Open House and Guided Tour of School Student Government



A second meeting of the four boards was held in late January, at which time it was voted to place the Union question on the ballot at the November general election.

A third meeting, on March 28, resulted in approval by the four boards to consolidate and form a Union District. It was believed that a prominent factor in the approval by Jefferson and Hanover was that enrollment was on the upgrade and rooms at Union High School were limited. It was learned, too, that the County Board had to approve the proposal and enter a resolution, reassigning Jefferson Township from another unit to the local county Unit One.

QUESTION PLACED ON BALLOT

The question, as approved for placing on the ballot, read as follows:

"Do you approve of uniting into a single Union school district the areas now comprising the school districts of the Borough of Burgettstown, and the Townships of Hanover, Jefferson and Smith, Washington County, Pa.?"

Mr. Miller told the Burgettstown-Smith board in September, "Facilities at Union High School are over-taxed. With 751 students enrolled at the high school, we are hard pressed for space." During the same month, school board members and supervisors from the four districts met at Union High School and discussed the question on the ballot.

EDITORIAL ENDORSES PROPOSAL

A front page editorial written by E.H. Vosburg, Jr., Publisher of the Burgettstown Enterprise, on October 13, 1955, formally endorsed the Union proposal. In his editorial, Mr. Vosburg presented a fact sheet giving answers to the many questions concerning the plan and said,

"Union High School is in a deplorable physical condition. The high school's facilities are overtaxed and out-dated. We, of the Enterprise, are shocked to see the conditions under which the students are attending this school."

The Burgettstown P.T.A. held an open meeting two weeks prior to the election, when the issue was discussed in great detail. Interest mounted steadily in the area. Mar. P.T.A. units and civic organizations voted formal endorsement of the unit plan and published their approval in the newspaper.

VOTE DEFEATS UNION

The issue was decided at the general election of November 8, 1955. Voters of Burgettstown Borough, Smith and Jefferson Townships favored the plan by a 4 to 1 majority, but Hanover Township voters vetoed the union and defeated the proposal.

JOINTURE NEW ALTERNATIVE

Now that the Union plan was temporarily lost, the Burgettstown-Smith Joint Board began to explore the possibility of a jointure between the four districts. In January, 1956, an invitation was extended to Hanover and Jefferson to meet for the purpose of discussing jointure under a limited time contract.

Directors of the four boards met a month later with County Superintendent William H. Donaldson, who explained the pros and cons of future jointure. This was an exploratory meeting, however, and no action was taken.

SCHOOL SURVEY BEGINS

One of the most significant steps to the final erection of the new junior-senior high school was initiated in February of 1956, when the joint school board approved a survey of the local schools undertaken by a 26-man team from the University of Pittsburgh, directed by Dr. Clifford P. Hooker, Assistant Professor of Education at the University.

RECOMMENDS ABANDONMENT

At a public meeting held May 22, 1956, two weeks after the Hooker report was completed, the survey team announced,

"We recommend that the present high school building be abandoned as soon as possible."

This announcement was made by John Robak, chairman of the school building committee and principal of Springdale Junior High School.

Robak stated that each school was given a rating from the New England Score Card system, with 1,000 points based as a perfect score. The Union High School building received 179 points, less than 18%.

The recommendation that the high school building be abandoned as soon as possible came as a mild surprise to the audience. Though it was known that a new school building was needed, this recommendation served to spur that idea even more so. The survey contended that a Union school district and an adjustment of the tax millage would take care of a new school plant.



Students make use of the fitting room in the homemaking laboratory.



A student works on her design project in the materials lab.



Attractive furnishings of the home economics area are shown.

On the first page of his published report, with the headline, "A Time Of Decision," Dr. Hooker said,

"The Department of Public Instruction will not approve plans for new secondary facilities until the district organization conforms to the County Plan."

The survey report disclosed that formation of a Union district would create one board of school directors of seven members. "There would be unity of command," the report noted.

Dr. Hooker continued, in his report,

"The present antiquated facilities and overcrowded conditions would be alleviated by the addition of a new high school building housing grades 7 to 12. The community is reminded that before a building may be forthcoming, the State Department of Public Instruction must sanction the organizational structure as being in agreement with the local county reorganizational plan. It is pertinent at this time to point out that the proposed union district would comply with the local county plan and would result in agreement with the State Department of Public Instruction.

"The removal of all seventh and eighth grade pupils from each elementary school to the new building would eliminate congestion in the elementary facilities."

UNION QUESTION ON BALLOT AGAIN

It was learned from County Superintendent Donaldson in August of 1956 that the voters of the four districts would again decide the question of a Union district at the general election. This time, however, the question on the ballot was worded so that the union would be formed by any two or more districts voting approval, provided that both Burgettstown Borough and Smith Township approved.

The exact wording on the ballot was as follows:

"Shall the following school districts of Washington County, to wit: Burgettstown Borough, Smith Township, Hanover Township and Jefferson Township, or so many of them as shall give assent, as provided by law, be united into a Union School District, provided, however, that the assent is given by the electors of Burgettstown Borough School District and of Smith Township School District, and any other of the aforesaid districts?"

PUBLIC MEETING HELD

A public meeting conducted by the County School Board was held in October at the Hanover Township elementary school building for the purpose of answering questions pertaining to the second Union proposal. One of the panelists was Dr. Hooker, who completed the high school survey.

J. K. Bowman, adviser to the Department of Reorganization of School Districts of the Department of Public Information, Harrisburg, discussed the facts with Mr. Donaldson and Dr. Hooker. Bowman informed the group, with emphasis, "There is no law in the state of Pennsylvania which requires a school district to accept tuition pupils from other districts." This statement was to have added significance in later developments.

UNION DISTRICT APPROVED

The general election was held November 6, 1956. Results of the election were as follows:

Burgettstown Borough: 773 Yes, 177 No.
 Smith Township: 1684 Yes, 419 No.
 Jefferson Township: 196 Yes, 118 No.
 Hanover Township: 226 Yes, 409 No.

Thus, by the vote of the electorate, the school districts of Burgettstown, Smith and Jefferson were merged into a Union district, despite the negative vote at Hanover. The Union district was set to become effective July 1, 1957.

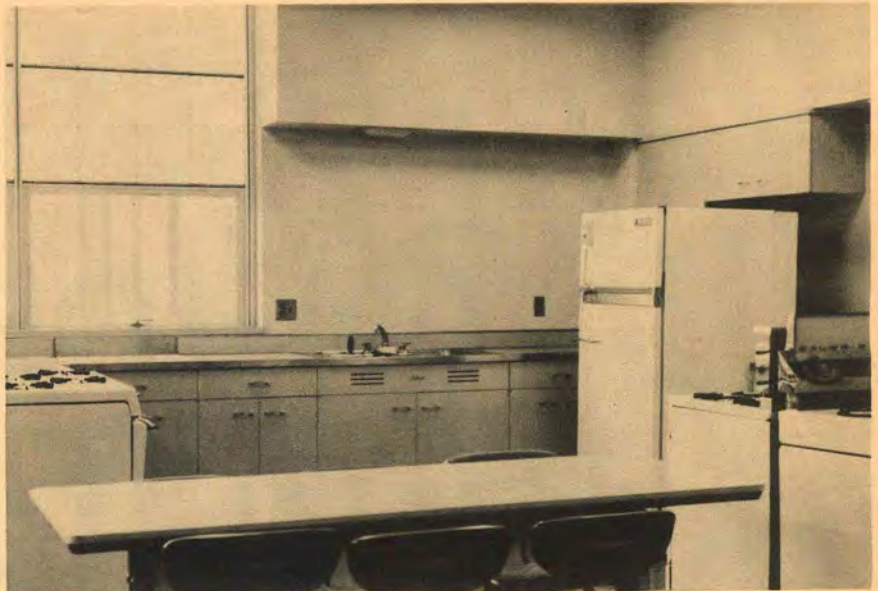
EXPLORATORY MEETING

An exploratory meeting of the new Union Board was held a week following the election. At this meeting, attended by ten members of the three merged districts, Louis Robert was elected temporary president, Edwin Wagner was voted temporary vice-president and Ermil Caleffie was elected temporary secretary. It was also voted to tender Dr. Miller the position of Supervising Principal of the Union District effective July 1, 1957.

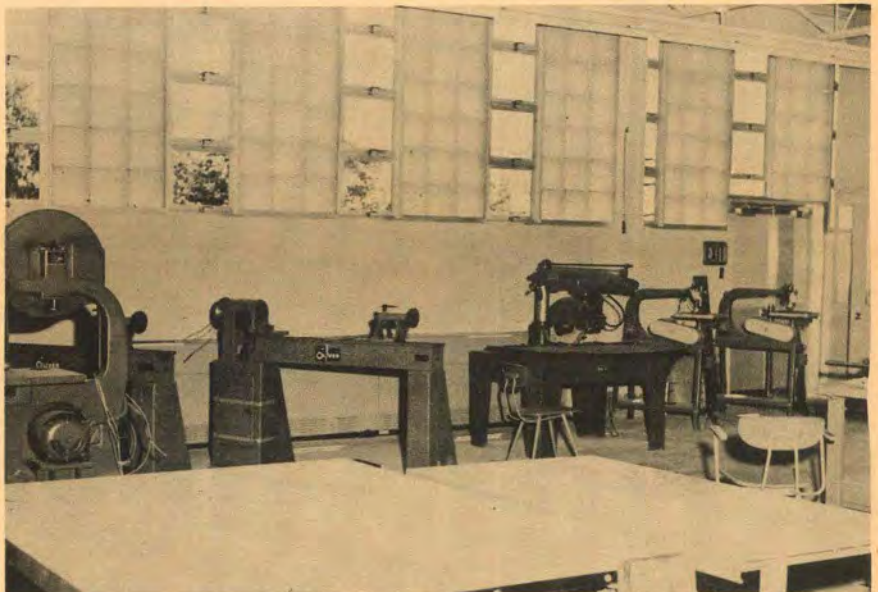
Discussion was held on the position of erecting a new high school building for junior and senior high school students. Dr. Miller and the three temporary officers were elected delegates to Harrisburg, where they were to present the program to the state officials.

APPLICATION FORWARDED

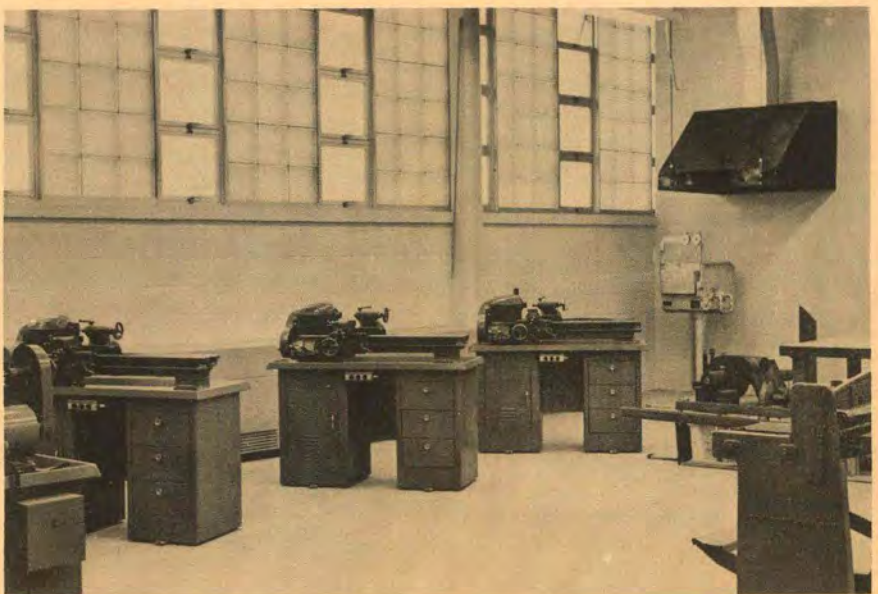
Preliminary application for a new high school was forwarded to the County Board following a December meeting in Burgettstown.



A section of the home economics kitchen.



Industrial arts wood shop features modern equipment.



The metal shop includes a foundry for casting metals.

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Possible sites were discussed, with the following criteria for a school site approved:

1. Near the population center of the district.
2. Near the geographical center of the district.
3. Should be accessible to a good highway.
4. Should be available to gas, water and electricity.
5. Not undermined.
6. Good drainage.
7. At least 30 or 40 acres of ground or more if possible.
8. Reasonable cost.

SOLICITOR, ARCHITECT, HIRED

George Hanna was employed as school district solicitor at the January, 1957, meeting. Five architectural prospects answered the school district's call for interviews. Arthur E. Tennyson was selected. A tour of possible sites was undertaken during February, with nine sites visited.

The name, "Burgettstown Area School District," was approved in March.

JOINTURE TALKS RESUMED

The Hanover Township board requested a jointure with the Union District at a February meeting and, although many possibilities of jointure were aired, no action was taken. A month later, the proposed jointure failed when both boards were far apart in articles of agreement.

Negotiations between the two boards moved farther and farther apart as the months passed. In April, 1957, the merged district board voted to refuse additional tuition students for the 1957-58 school term, as Mr. Bowman had pointed out at Hanover Township only a few months earlier.

Jointure talks were stymied in July, when the Union board announced, "Due to information received from County Superintendent William H. Donaldson, stating that a jointure with Hanover Township seems impossible, Burgettstown Area School District will proceed with plans to create a new junior-senior high school for the district, and will entertain no thought less than a merger with Hanover Township."

Application for admission of a Hanover Township tuition pupil was denied by the school board in September, with the board agreeing to stand firm on its policy of not admitting new tuition students.

TOUR CONDUCTED

A tour of several possible sites in the area was conducted in May by school board members. Dr. Miller and Tennyson. Among the sites visited were the William G. Davis farm, Langeloth; the Burgettstown Community Park; and the Langeloth Townsite.

James O. Smalley was elected president of the school board in December and Carl Latella was elected vice-president.

MILLER RESIGNS, TINNEY ELECTED

Dr. James J. Tinney was elected elementary supervisor in July of 1958. In May of 1959, Dr. Miller resigned his position of Supervising Principal and Dr. Tinney was elected to the position. John Grecco was named elementary supervisor in June.

PARK SITE ACCEPTED

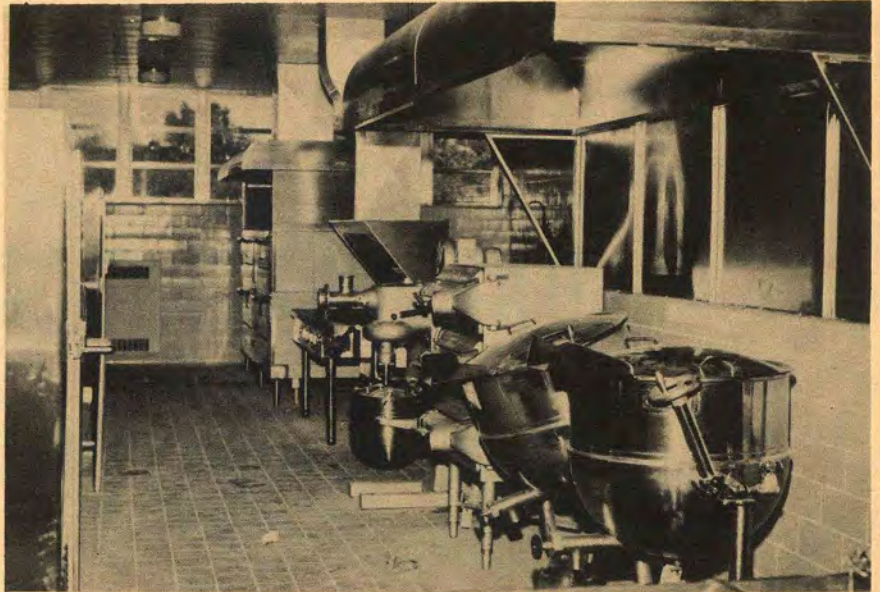
The bid of D'Appolonia Associates of Pittsburgh was accepted in July as consulting engineers to conduct test drilling as a proposed site near the Burgettstown Community Park.

The first formal move toward the building of a new junior-senior high school was undertaken on October 14, 1959, when the board adopted a site of 30 acres of land located on a plateau between Harmon Creek and the Community Park, on the Bavington Road. Solicitor Hanna was instructed to acquire title for the land, and Dr. Tinney was authorized to proceed with the necessary steps to have the site approved by the State Health Department and the Department of Public Instruction.

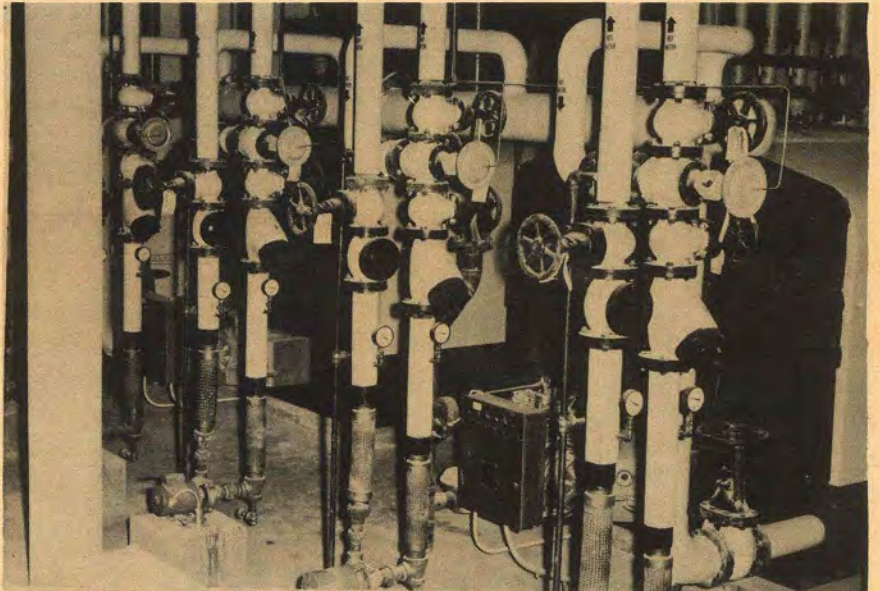
The proposed site was tentatively approved in November by the County Board and the Pennsylvania Department of Health. An important decision by the Health Department permitted construction of the school without a sewage disposal plant. Dr. Tinney announced the school would be permitted to pipe sewage into the approved sewage system of Burgettstown Borough.

A letter was received from the Community Park Board, giving approval for the use of approximately 30 acres of park ground for the school. The letter read,

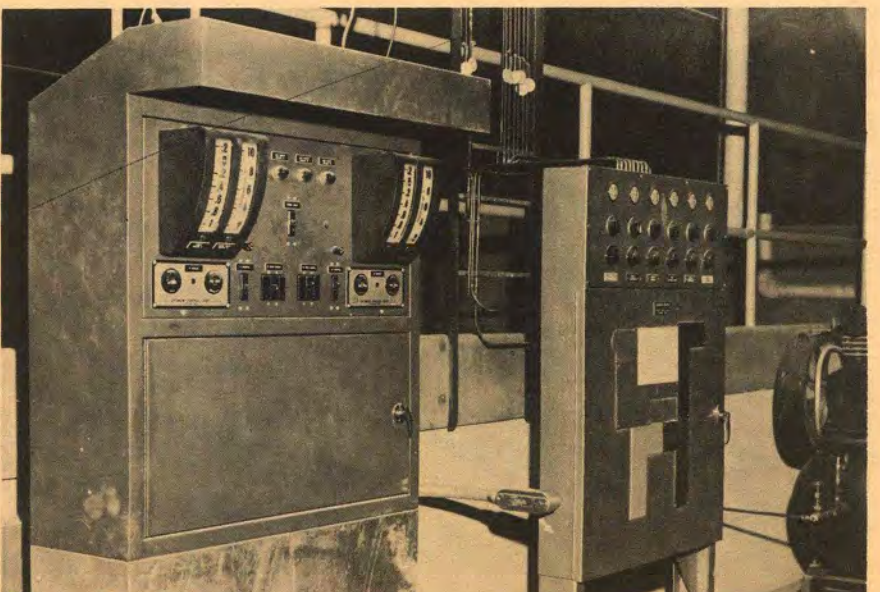
"Transfer of title will take place after the exact area of land is determined by a survey and an appropriate title search. The property parcel of land is to be used for a secondary school plant and facilities for the Burgettstown Area School District."



Hot lunches can be served to all students from this kitchen.



Massive heating boilers weave intricate pattern.



Control panel of the boiler room is shown here.

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PLANS PROCEED

At an open meeting in November, Dr. Tinney reported on the progress of the building plans, and stated that the cost was unknown because the actual design of the building was unknown. The architect, he said, was in the process of determining comparative costs of construction.

JOINTURE TALKS AGAIN

The Hanover Township board, in December, voted to meet with the Burgettstown board to discuss jointure. This action was the result of a letter received by Hanover from the Department of Public Instruction, Bureau of School Buildings, which read:

"We have on file an application for a new secondary school building for the Burgettstown Area Schools. In developing the room schedule, it is imperative that we know whether the Hanover Township School District wishes to become a member of the Burgettstown Area school District."

A month later, the Burgettstown board, still considering merger rather than jointure, passed a resolution to request the Washington County Commissioners to place the question of the Burgettstown Area forming a Union school district with Hanover Township on the primary election ballot. This resolution came about as the result of meetings with the Hanover board. However, during the same month, the Hanover Township board met and, it was defeated by a 3-2 vote.

In March of 1960, the Raccoon Valley Planning Commission gave approval for the proposed new high school building site at the Community Park.

A Committee For Better Schools was organized at Hanover Township for the purpose of enlightening citizens of that community on issues of the Union School question.

HANOVER REJECTS UNION

The vote in the primary election showed that 78% of Hanover Township's 912 voters vetoed the Union district again.

STATE APPROVES PROJECT

State approval of the high school project was received May 11, 1960, in a letter from Dr. Ralph C. Swan, Deputy Superintendent of Public Instruction. Dr. Swan notified the school board members to be present at Harrisburg Monday, May 23, to sign a contract with the State Public School Building Authority.

The agreement was signed. It covered professional services for the project, including those of architect Tennyson. Those signing were: Morris Harvey, vice-president; Ermil Caleffie, secretary; George Hanna, solicitor; Dr. Tinney and Mr. Donaldson.

JOINTURE TALKS END

In answering a letter from Hanover requesting a jointure on the secondary level, the Burgettstown Area school board replied, negatively, on June 8, as follows:

"We wish to inform you that the Burgettstown Area School District Board of Directors is now preparing for the construction of a secondary school plant with the approval of the Department of Public Instruction. The preparation for this project and the ordinary business of operation of the school district make it impossible to arrange a convenient meeting to discuss your proposal at this time."

This action ended all talks for jointure or Union between the two boards.

PLANS DISCUSSED

Plans for the new school were discussed at a special meeting in August. Architect Tennyson gave a detailed description of the building.

"COAL VS. GAS"

A new controversy, "Coal vs. Gas," arose in October when representatives of the two industries appeared before the board to compare costs and advantages of their respective heating systems. Subsequent meetings, which attracted many visitors and much discussion locally, were held.

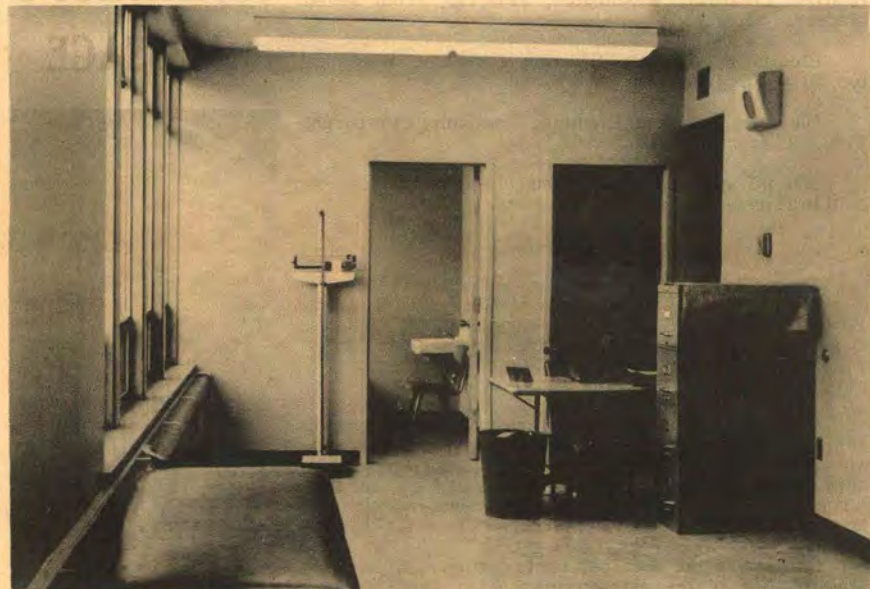
In November, an attempt was made to rescind a previous motion to use gas and to substitute coal. However, a 3-3 tie in voting defeated the motion, and the use of gas was approved.

UNFAVORABLE REPORT RECEIVED

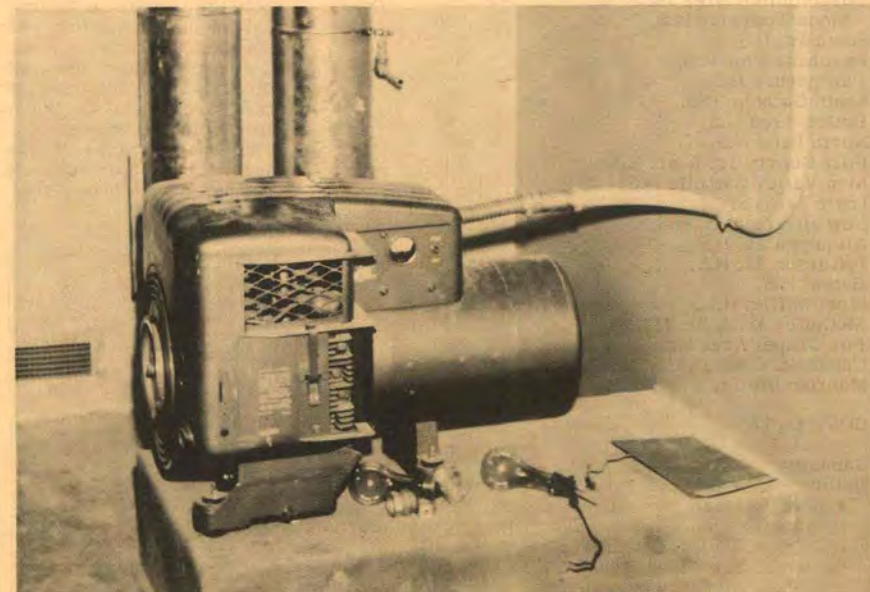
An unfavorable report in January, 1961, was received from D'Appolonia Associates indicating that 70 per cent of the proposed site was undermined and unfit for a building project. An alternative was undertaken to acquire an additional ten acres of ground adjoining the original site to re-locate the proposed building. Architect Tennyson requested a 45-day extension due to sub-surface conditions.



Modern rest rooms are located throughout the building.



Medical and dental examinations will be given in the health rooms.



Auxiliary power plant actuates in case of power failure.

At a meeting a week later, attorney Hanna reported that the park board had granted the additional ten acres.

PROPERTY OWNERS FORM

In March, it was learned that a group of citizens had formed a Property Owners Association and would petition the board to ask for a six-month delay on the bidding of the project. A meeting was held with the group with approximately 90 persons attending March 7, when the request for a delay was made, so that the problems involved might be given further study. The board refused to grant the delay until it was decided it would be advisable. Delay, it was thought, would jeopardize the priority number given the project by the state.

A week later, the board officially refused the request. Petitions were circulated by the Association to seek a court injunction to delay construction of the school plant. It was also decided to again petition the school board for a delay.

A special meeting with the group in April resulted in a question and answer period. The board was asked to change the school site, but all the members voted "no." Continued meetings with the group were held in subsequent months, but all requests and negotiations between the school board and the citizen's committee reached an impasse, and construction plans were forwarded as scheduled.

BIDS OPENED

Bids for the project were opened in Harrisburg on June 29, 1961, and came in approximately \$450,000 under estimates. Those awarded bids were:

General Construction, Baker and Coombs, Inc., Morgantown, West Virginia, \$1,167,500, from nine bidders.

Heating and ventilating, Chapman Plumbing and Heating Company, Washington, \$184,137, from seven bidders.

Electrical, Baldwin Electric Company, Washington, \$179,102, from nine bidders.

Plumbing, Cardest Plumbing Company, Pittsburgh, \$160,140, from six bidders.

Official approval and signing of the contracts were held in Harrisburg a short time later.

GROUND BREAKING

Ground breaking ceremonies took place on Sunday, August 20, 1961. County Superintendent, Dr. Douglas Bowman; former County Superintendent, William H. Donaldson; and Walter Robertson, representing James F. Hillman, of the Harmon Creek Coal Corporation, participated in the program.

Construction of the school building proceeded on schedule until the tragic fire at Union High School in March of 1963. With the fire, an old chapter in history here was closed, and the first leaf of a new chapter was turned, with the admittance of the students into the new junior-senior high school in March.

Comparing the cost per cubic foot and the cost per square foot of the Burgettstown Area Junior-Senior High School with the costs of other area high school projects reveals the local cost in many instances to be lower than others. The following table shows this comparison:

PROJECT	COST, CU. FT.	COST, SQ. FT.
Burgettstown Area Jr. & Sr. H.S.	\$1.030	\$15.56
Moon Township H.S.	1.036	
South Jr. H.S.	.954	
Purchase Line H.S.	.884	
Philipsburg H.S.	.947	
South Catholic H.S.	1.099	
Butler Area H.S.	1.147	20.21
North Hills H.S.	.903	15.75
Fort Cherry Jr. & Sr. H.S.	1.149	18.55
Mon Valley Catholic H.S.	1.108	
Irwin Jr. H.S.	1.147	
New Brighton Jr. H.S.	1.097	17.40
Aliquippa Jr. H.S.	.965	
Jefferson Jr. H.S.	1.343	
Bethel H.S.	1.060	
West Mifflin H.S.	1.143	
McGuffey Jr. & Sr. H.S.	.949	13.93
Fox Chapel Area H.S.	1.086	17.85
Upper St. Clair H.S.	1.115	18.94
Monroeville Jr. & Sr. H.S.	1.028	14.24

COST DATA

Capacity: 1,250 students.
 Building Contains: 27 standard classrooms, 4 science rooms, 2 music and choral rooms, 3 shops, 3 home-making rooms, 2 art rooms, 1 library, 1 auditorium (capacity 250), 1 cafeteria (capacity 400), 3 gymnasiums, 1 conference room, 2 locker rooms, 2 shower rooms, 1 kitchen, 1 administrative suite (consisting of 8 rooms), 1 health suite (consisting of 5 rooms and toilet), 14 toilet rooms, 11 storage rooms, 3 faculty rooms and 1 student activity room.

BUILDING CONSTRUCTION:

Floor Construction: Slab on grade; terrazzo, asphalt tile and ceramic tile.
 Wall Construction: Exterior--C.R. Wing panel 2 inch glass block and masonry.
 Interior---Masonry, steel studs, lath and plaster.
 Structural System: C.R. Wing Column and Beam--Masonry Wall Bearing.
 Roof Construction: Steel Deck plus 1 inch insulation; 5 ply built-up.
 Ceiling Finishes: Plaster and acoustic tile.
 Windows: Double strength "A" with heat resistant glass (Aluminum Sash).
 Lighting: Fluorescent -- incandescent.
 Heating system: Nesbitt Series hot water system employing Syncretizer Unit Ventilators with Wind-O-Line Radiation concealed by wall-hung enclosures and storage cabinet used in classrooms, Nesbitt Thermovents used in auditorium and gymnasium. Nesbitt Still-Line Radiation, Cabinet Unit Heaters and Propeller Fan Unit Heaters used in other areas.

CONTRACT AND UNIT COSTS:

General Contract.....	\$1,187,500.00
Heating & Ventilating Contract.....	184,137.00
Plumbing Contract.....	188,140.00
Electric Contract.....	179,102.00
Total.....	\$1,738,879.00
Total Change Orders.....	17,544.69
Necessary Change Orders.....	897.00
Cubical Contents.....	1,680,000 cu. ft.
Cost per cubic foot.....	\$1.03
Gross Area.....	111,700 sq. ft.
Cost per square foot.....	\$15.56
Cost per pupil.....	\$1,391.00

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**ARCHITECT'S
 MESSAGE**



Architect Arthur E. Tennyson, who designed the new Burgettstown Area Junior-Senior High School, is well known to citizens of the Raccoon Valley area. A former resident of Burgettstown, where he received his elementary and secondary education, Mr. Tennyson has designed other school buildings in this area, and is familiar with the people, terrain and problems of this locale. His impressions of the new high school follow at the right.



"After being selected as the Architect for the new Junior-Senior High School, my instructions from the Board of School Directors was to design a school that would give them the best building possible within the estimated cost based on \$1,700.00 per pupil, the maximum figure upon which the State will pay reimbursement. This is also considered the practical minimum for which a secondary school can be constructed. The final construction cost was \$1,391.00 per pupil.

"The new building, in my opinion, is functional, built of the best materials for the purpose intended, thinking not only of primary installation, but long range cost and ease of maintenance. This has been accomplished through a lot of thought, hard work, and the fine cooperation of a team consisting of Dr. Tinney, the Board of School Directors and the Architect during the planning stage and equally good cooperation from a fine group of contractors and the State Public School Building Authority during construction.

"Basically I started with the idea of a compact, two-story classroom area with the Junior High in one wing, the Senior High in the other and the Library, Home Economics, Science and Art areas used by both in the floor space between the two wings.

"The main Entrance Lobby and Administrative Offices separate the classroom section from the Music, Auditorium and Gymnasium at the front of the building, thus giving Administration a central location at the front entrance and at the same time separating the public and noisy areas from the classroom section. At the rear is the shop area which is separated from the classroom section by a small locker compound and a twelve inch thick masonry wall. Beyond the shops in the Northeast corner of the building is the Cafeteria with the Kitchen area beyond the Dining Room.

"In the center is an open court surrounded by classroom area on the South, a corridor leading to Shops and Cafeteria on the East, Administration offices on the West and Conference Room, Health Suite and Teachers' Room on the North. Adjacent to the Gymnasium on the South side are the Boys' and Girls' Shower and Locker Rooms.

"The Main Lobby with its clerestory windows and reinforced concrete roof deck cantilevered out from a few concrete pillars form a striking entrance and central feature in the exterior design, separating the curtain wall classroom section from the Music area with its stone and glass front and the Auditorium with its unique shape formed with a Ludowici tile roof on wood deck and laminated wood trusses. The front wall, being scalloped on the arc of a circle of red brick, is topped with ceramic tile panels.

"The Auditorium and Gymnasium are separated by the stage which can be opened to either side. The Auditorium, used for small groups, seats 260 and the Gymnasium has a seating capacity of approximately 3,000, if chairs are placed on the Gymnasium floor, for large groups. This area with its own public toilets can be isolated from the rest of the building with a rolling grille to close off the corridor. The Cafeteria also has its own public toilet facilities and can be isolated from the rest of the building for use by various groups. The Dining Room is designed to seat 400 people.

The landscaping was held down to a bare minimum in order to be able to get the best possible building. It is my sincere hope that somehow the community will be able to add something in this category."



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Students at Burgettstown High School dance steps they practiced during a class at the school's Elizabethan Fair

Burgettstown students host Elizabethan fair

Burgettstown High School held its biannual Elizabethan Fair Thursday. Sixteen instructors held activities and lectures about the Elizabethan time period to celebrate the month of Shakespeare and his fellow geniuses of the Renaissance. More than 200 students were in costumes and participated in activities on topics like royal families, art, health, supernatural, dancing, the bard, literature, etiquette, gaming, entertainment, battle, law and order and inventions.



Burgettstown High School teacher Ann Marler talks to students about the Elizabethan period.

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Burgettstown Students host Elizabethan Fair
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Twenty-Six Piece U.H.S. Orchestra- Organized September 1931

The twenty-six-piece orchestra developed under the direction of Mr. George Schooley.

First Row, L-R: George Schooley, Director, Charles Grimminger, Junius Parham, Tony Zelenko, and Donald Stitt. **Second Row, L-R:** George Harris, Bill Waskovich, Angelo Spanogians, Ruth Taylor (Vega), Betty Wray, Meryl Berry, Jane Smiley (Brownlee), LaVerne Stype (Morrison), Naomi Andrews (King), Ethel Wade (Bish), John Jones, Everett Stewart. **Third Row, L-R:** Mike Hanna, Henry Longevitch, Jack Palin, John Harris, Bill Karch, Alex McConnell, Thad Dodds, Bob Hunsinger, Emile Kowalski, Floyd Bertovich, Albert Shearson, George Hamerick, Bill Filipponi, and Carl Ball. **Fourth Row, L-R:** John Alagna, George Yaksic, Sam Durst, Gordon Williams, Gilbert Massey, Clyde Peterson, Lloyd Hindman, Paul Blaine, Mike Mudre, and Nick Drazik.

Courtesy of Fort Vance Historical Society



This band was organized in September of 1931, 50 years ago.

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Burgettstown School Band Organized 1931
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Union High School Band-1930's

Courtesy of Fort Vance Historical Society



U. H. S. ORCHESTRA

The twenty-six piece orchestra of U. H. S. has, in the past term, developed very rapidly under the direction of Mr. Schooley.

It has provided music for several plays, dinners, and student dances.

The orchestra entered the county music contest and took second place in the second class group.

The following are the members and their positions:

Dorothy Inglefield	-----	Piano
Vera McCoy	-----	Librarian—Assistant Pianist
John Alagna	-----	Tuba
Gilbert Massey	-----	Trombone
Paul Blaine	-----	Trombone
William Washcovich	-----	Clarinet
Donald Stitt	-----	Clarinet
Charles Grimminger	-----	Clarinet
Angelo Spanogians	-----	Clarinet
George Hamerick	-----	Saxophone
Everett Stewart	-----	Saxophone
Bernice Inglefield	-----	Saxophone
Junius Parham	-----	Drums
Betty Wray	-----	Trumpet
Jack Palin	-----	Trumpet
Ralph Dold	-----	Banjo
Lloyd McBee	-----	Banjo
Lloyd Hindman	-----	First Violin
Joe Lombardo	-----	" Violin
Lynn Hill	-----	" Violin
Stanley Zupan	-----	" Violin
Emil Coulange	-----	" Violin
Gladys Paetzel	-----	" Violin
Sam Durst	-----	Second Violin
Emelio Martinez	-----	" Violin
Charles Mester	-----	" Violin

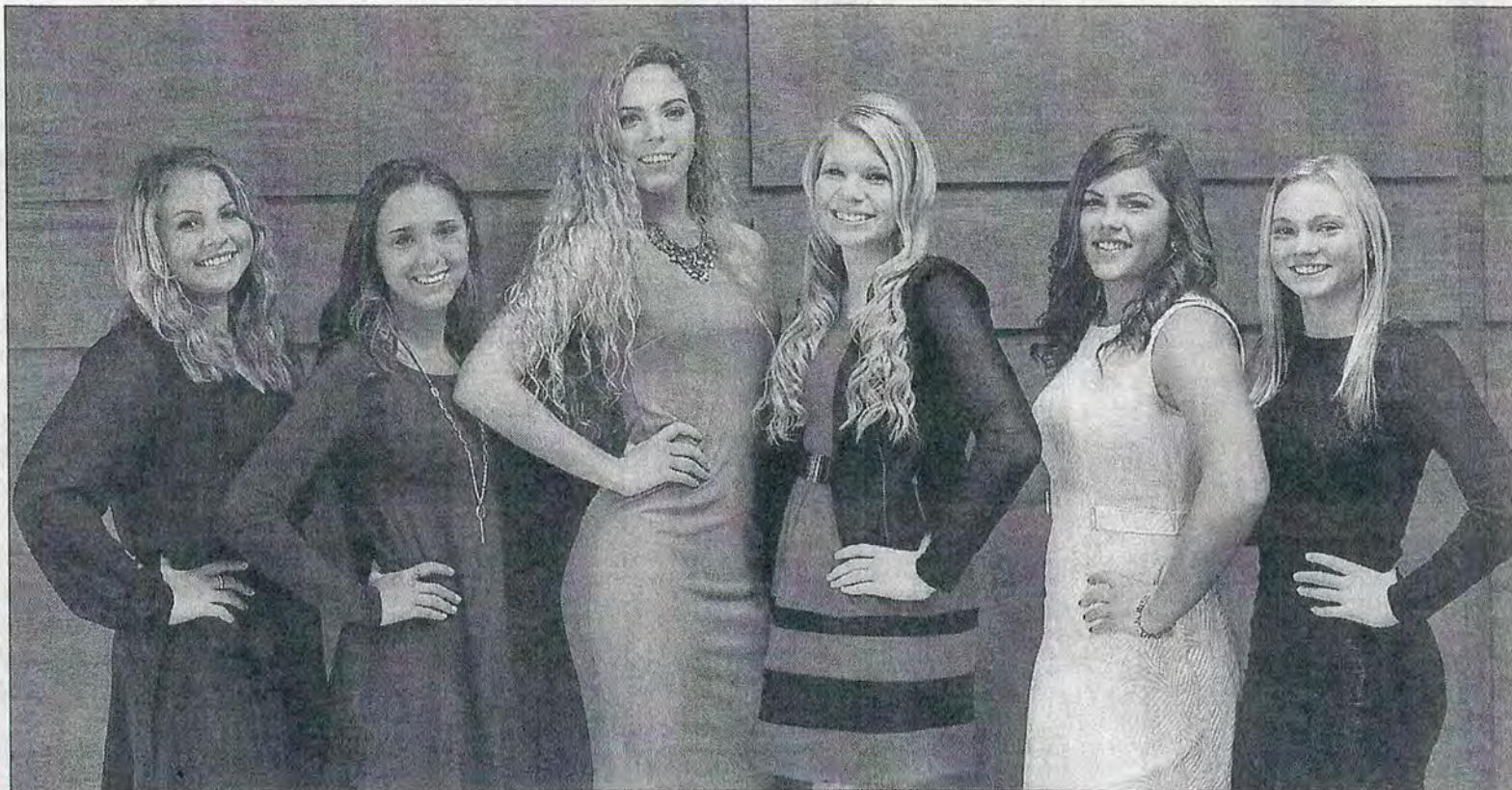


Union High School Band-Unknown Date

Band is marching on the Union Agricultural Fair Ground; today's football field is located on the coal tippie area that is in the background of this photo. The Football shown is now the location of Sutherland Lumber.

Courtesy of Fort Vance Historical Society

Burgettstown homecoming



Burgettstown High School will celebrate homecoming Saturday. Members of the homecoming court are, from left, Taylor Osborn, Katie Shergi, Jamie Barton, Emily Bender, Sara Green and Sydney Bongioni. The queen will be announced at halftime of Saturday's football game against Southmoreland. Kickoff is at 1:30 p.m.

**Burgettstown Homecoming
Observer-Reporter-October 7, 2015 Edition**



Summer Wallace Minger

Homecoming court

The 2013 Burgettstown High School homecoming court includes, from left, Jordan Tunno, Hannah Bendick, Maggie Stiffler, Rachel Myers, Cheyenne Black and Samantha Neil. The court is chosen from the senior class by an all-school vote. The court will participate in the homecoming parade at 11 a.m. Saturday along Main Street from the intersection of Main Street and the John L. Brunner By-Pass to Hill Memorial Stadium. The queen will be crowned at halftime of the 1:30 p.m. Saturday Burgettstown-South Allegheny football game. The young woman who chooses the odd-colored flower will be crowned.

**Burgettstown Homecoming Court
PA Focus-September 26, 2013 Edition**

Task Force To Organize Major Fund Project

The Burgettstown Junior High Task Force Against Drugs and Alcohol is organizing a major fundraiser scheduled for January and February of 1989. The local group has ordered consumer cash cards from Businesses Against Alcohol and Drugs, Cincinnati, Ohio.

The fronts of these cards advertise the Junior High Task Force, the Health Careers Club and the Burgettstown Community Task Force's message against drug and alcohol use.

Ads are to be placed on the backs of the cards. Each business establishment, in its ad, will give the holder of a card a specified discount.

The discounts will be valid for one year.

**The Burgettstown Junior High Task Force Against Drugs
Burgettstown Enterprise-November 16, 1988 Edition**

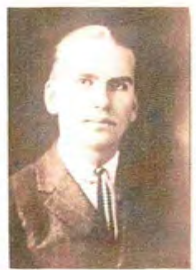
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Burgettstown Area Middle/High School

Fourth quarter	Aura Boling	Paige Sherman	Emma Gragan	Delton Herritt
Grade 12	Jacob Capelle	Dakota Smith	Zachary Koerbel	Shanie Ilganfriz
High honors	Cassandra Carnes	Luke Smith	Jenna Palmer	Destiny Kolb
Emily Briggs	Jordan Cullison	Abigail Stone Huchko	Maylyn Torpey	Jacob Kotouch
Robert Derosky	Taylor Cullison	Sidney Zelenko	Madison Tourmay	Jake Lounder
Scott Fedor	Ian Cunningham	Honorable mention	Honors	Michael Moore
Samuel Hockenberry	Ryan Cunningham	Piper Bertovich	Abby Angus	Aaron O'Connell
Samantha Kraeer	Deanna Darras	Madeline Brown	James Choi	Demetri Riler
Hunter Lecker	Richard Delprato	Catey Davidson	Andrew Corona	Billie Strother
David Miller	Jenna Golden	Alaina Foster	Madison Culley	Logan Yetsick
Cheyenne Rawle	Johna Grennell	Cody Haspal	Grace DePaul	Grade 6
Caley Ritts	Emily Halling	Tyler Neil	Scott Ferris	High honors
Samantha Scopel	Luka Huggins	Adelyn Posti	Angelo Fratini	Kirstie Baloga
Jordan Wiles	Aleah Koerbel	Kaitlyn Preston	Dante Gianfrancesco	Jonathan Barronick
Honors	Samantha	Mackenzie Rossi	Colby Green	Stacia Collins
Julie Antonetti	McCullough	Mandy Shergi	Taylor Hans	Kailey Karas
Jake Babyak	Brianna Northcraft	Heather Shiel	Alexis Hart	Turner Lahman
Coty Carnes	Taylor Osborn	Emily Smith	Robert Kozares	Emily Lammon
Casey Davidson	Brett Pasinski	Shane Tennant	Margaret Latkovic	Colton Whyte
Dylan Dhans	Elizabeth Pardeville	Christopher Utt	Brandon Lounder	Honors
Emily Eyer	Brittany Riley	Austin Walters	Gage Monette	Emily Abbott
Kaylin Ferguson	Ashlie Schmidt	Grade 9	Olivia Orgovan	Hayden Abbott
Natalie Holloway	Katie Shergi	High honors	Reed Reitter	Christian Bagwell
Joshua King	Caleb Swecker	Madison Banaszak	Chayenne Sestric	Rebekah Bennett
Ryan Latkovic	Jessica Truby	Nicholas Bertz	Bailey Sharp	Zander Blue
Levi Leuice	Ryan Vujanovich	Victoria Carnes	Courtney Simons	Nathan Borsos
Tyler Linka	Joseph Warrick	Allyson Fedor	Erin Smith	Geena DeMario
Matthew Lonchar	Jessica Weber	Maura Haskins	Brook Vebelun	Nichole Gearhart
Erika Lounder	Shania Winters	Elle Havelka	Honorable mention	Jacob Gibson
Melissa Markish	Honorable mention	Elka Hoelsken	April Badiamo	Justina Gross
Tyler Martin	Sylvia Bennett	Nicholas Hooper	Carli Boyer	Avery Havelka
Ann McCullough	Caitlin Boling	Emily Kraeer	William Brown	Madison Horth
Courtney McLaughlin	Aaron Bonacci	Julia reedy	Dane Butler	Shane Kamper
Christopher Parris	Hannah Bowland	Samantha Roner	Travis Cox	Remi Lounder
Brandon Pietras	Richard Brooks	Alexandrea Smith	Leah Damley	Maura May
Joseph Fleedy	Rae Cooper	Kieran Walsh	Madison Galish	Hannah McConaghy
Alexa Sabo	Morgan Elek	Honors	Amber Home	Madisyn Monaghan
Jared Sabo	Christopher Garn	Hannah Abbott	Cal Lira	Hanna Osborn
Melody Singer	Sara Green	Kaytee Bartley	Austin Ryan	Catherine Pleska
Jenna Thiel	Bradley Hucik	Melissa Bowersock	Grade 7	Payton Pollaro
Stephanie Toner	Nicholas Langston	Morgan Brown	High honors	Lilly Posti
Shane Transue	Tyler Lira	Ralph Brown III	Blake Alexander	Shewyn Quintan
Logan Triebisch	Jesse Moore	Malia Castellino	Jackson Enterline	Gage Reitter
Jared Vraninin	Tyler Nicholson	Joseph Demario	Baylee Ferguson	Miranda Schramm
Honorable mention	Caitlin Raffle	Garrett Dhans	Gianna Hooper	Cole Shergi
Michaela Bertovich	Austin Russell	Joseph Gabriel	Grace Majoris	Gracia Shergi
Cordell Conley	Brandon Sell	Ronald Klinessmith	Athens Mariano	Hailey Stack
Jonathan	Jacob Shipley	Camryn Lonchar	Dylan Poirier	Matthew Tasz
Cunningham	Bailey Soplinski	Alec Lounder	Emily Whyte	Haylie Thomas
Rachel Galish	Kathryn Tarr	Clark Miller	Honors	Fiona Walsh
Olivia Garace	Shi Thomas	Olivia Resnik	Samuel Bardine	Honorable mention
Jeremy John	Cheyenne Winters	Hailey Scopel	Cyle Conley	Justice Bailey
Allexus Mack	Devon Wojtowicz	Kelsey Stover	Emma Frazier	Abagail Behun
Kylee McConnell	Grade 10	Ashley Tasz	Claire Hoelsken	Jacob Brown
Alden Mehlmauer	High honors	Haley Tkalcovic	Riley Kemper	Harry Campbell
Alexander Meyers	Dylan Bertovich	Skyler Wisniewski	Danielle Kotk	Halea Drabeck
Tristan Nicholson	Madison Borsos	Louise Wright	Tanner Link	Mena Durbin
Alexander Paris	Austin Brothers	Honorable mention	Amber McClelland	Chloe Dzuba
Grade 11	Emma Reeman	Kari Baloga	Brianna Moore	Allyson Fisher
High honors	Arianna Gavatorra	Tylor Barker	Jameson Murray	Connor Haskins
Sydney Bongiorno	Dante Marcucci	Summer Capelle	Tanner Pasinski	Zoey Home
Madeline Borsos	Kacie Prasko	Bryce Craig	Seth Phillis	Wyatt Kinkela
Madison Campa	Alena Quinque	Eliza Ferris	Emily Prasko	Emily Lane
Paige Davis	Darian Transue	Matthew Gaines	Kathryn Richter	Elsabeth Mioduski
Autumn	Honors	Jasmine Gilbert	David Scruppi	Bodie Mirich
Gianfrancesco	Luke Clements	Elijah Herritt	Dylan Sherman	Nathan Neal
Rachelle Moore	Jocelynn DePaul	Alison Home	Joshua Smith	Hannah Orgovan
Alexander Takacs	Cheyenne Hall	Blaine John	Angel Stevens	Skyler Ringelsen
Brittany Tender	Emily Hockenberry	Jacob Schrockman	Alexa Triebisch	Brooke Schaedel
Liam Walsh	Samuel Huggins	Madalyn Smith	Hanna Wilson	Alexandra Shepherd
Jade Wilson	Cole Larocka	Daniel Stewart	Honorable mention	Hannah Smith
Honors	Noah Lindsay	Grade 8	William Cherenko	Garret Suica
Brooke Acklin	Bradley McLaughlin	High honors	Makenna Chynoweth	Isabella Washok
Jill Baloga	Jordan Palmer	Disree Bouch	Cleste Divecchio	
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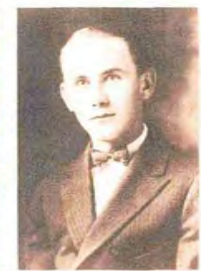


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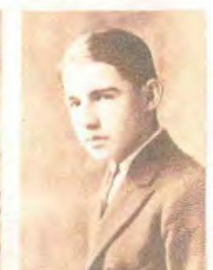
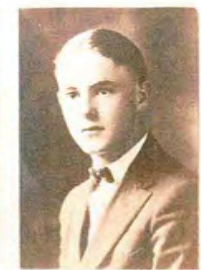


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Grade School
Burgettstown Pa.

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Public School, Burgettstown, Pa.





SCHOOL BERGETTS TOWN PA



A class of Burgettstown Borough School about 1906. Brickie Lee is sitting on the post at the right. Also in the picture are Wayne and Lucille Culley, Anna Cox, Denny Scott, Izzy Bloom and Gertrude Linn. Can you find them or identify any others?

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1993 Burgettstown School County Band Representatives

Left to Right: Larry Wright, Marissa Porco, Carrie Zickefoose,
Wendy Choman, Christine Warco, Bekah Ginosky, Meredith Grabski



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**Burgettstown School Crossing Guards
Fall 1939**



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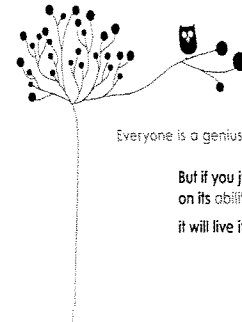
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INFORMATION FOR OUR SCHOOL COMMUNITY

*Building Ambitious
Students Daily:
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MAKING OUR CASE FOR GROWTH

One of the key pieces of our new 5-year comprehensive plan is to develop a growth mindset in our students and staff. We firmly believe changing mindsets is critical to our students' success. There is significant and compelling mindset research to back that up. Studies show human potential for cognitive growth is limitless. Intelligence is something you have to work for; it isn't just given to you at birth. Based on that, we know if you come to school everyday ready to focus, work hard, and ask good questions your efforts will pay off with higher achievement and increased opportunities.



Everyone is a genius.

But if you judge a fish
on its ability to climb a tree,
it will live its whole life believing it is stupid.

—Aesop's fables



In the Burgettstown Area School District we believe...

- All Students can be successful learners
- All students are welcomed and valued in a safe learning environment
- Students become life-long learners through their participation in academic, extra-curricular and community activities
- That the development of successful citizens is the shared responsibility of students, staff, home and the community.

We value...

- ★ a safe, positive and secure educational environment;
- ★ making worthwhile investment in the education of each child in the community;
- ★ communication based upon trust and mutual respect;
- ★ an environment rich in opportunities and learning experiences;
- ★ variety in learning experiences and instructional strategies;
- ★ collaboration among students, faculty, family and community;
- ★ an individual's worth and accomplishments;
- ★ education beyond the school day and beyond the physical school environment;
- ★ dedicated, trained professionals and support staff;
- ★ alignment to societal changes.

"To accomplish great things, we must not only act, but also dream, not only plan, but also believe."

—Anatole France, writer and journalist

Here are the impactful conclusions from all the mindset research studies:

- ★ Students perform better in school when they believe that intelligence is not fixed, but can be developed.
- ★ Teaching students that intelligence can be "grown" is especially powerful for underserved students.
- ★ With a growth mindset, students will understand the value of effort and this should motivate them to overcome challenging work.

Mindsets

Which is yours?

Fixed vs Growth

ability is static	ability is developed
avoids challenges	embraces challenges
gives up easily	persists in obstacles
sees effort as fruitless	sees effort as necessary
ignores useful criticism	learns from criticism
threatened by others	inspired by others' success

Parenting strategies to develop a growth mindset

1. Talk with them every day about learning and making discoveries. "What did you learn today? What did you discover today that you didn't know yesterday?"
2. Give kids feedback on the process, not the outcome. "You worked hard on this!" or "I can tell you tried your best."
3. Encourage them to take academic risks. "I would be proud if you tried your hardest on something difficult instead of taking the easy path."
4. Allow children to fail and help them learn from their mistakes. "That's okay, you'll get it next time."
5. Model and explain resilience to your child(ren).
6. Promote a sense of hope and optimism in their future. "You are going to be great in third grade."
7. Nurture the niche. Allow kids to delve deeply into interesting hobbies or sports or activities. Encourage them to explore their interests.
8. Encourage and model positive self-talk. "I can do this!" "It looks hard, but I love a challenge."

"It's not always the people who start out the smartest who end up the smartest."

The quote comes from Alfred Binet in 1910. You might recognize his name from the Stanford-Binet Intelligence Test, better known as the I.Q. test. Isn't it fascinating that the guy who, way back in 1910, developed a system to measure your I.Q. also believed your intelligence is not actually fixed, that you can actually grow your intelligence. He says, "Maintain a belief that with practice, persistence and patience, we can increase our attention, our memory, our judgment, and literally become more intelligent than we were before." Anyone can get better, smarter at something if you try. It is also important to point out that growth does not happen accidentally. Binet says you must practice and persist at something to get better at it.

You can be absolutely sure of our best efforts to build ambitious students daily, and provide education for a lifetime of achievement. We ask everyone, students, teachers, parents and administrators to commit to a growth mindset. Believe in your capacity to grow your brain and commit to the practice and persistence necessary to make that growth. In school, just like life, success does not come easily; you will have to work for it. **Join us as we transform our schools.**

THE OFFICIAL SEESAW OF MINDSET

My brain is built to learn.

It works best when I do hard things that are out of my comfort zone.

I can learn to be good at anything that I work hard at!

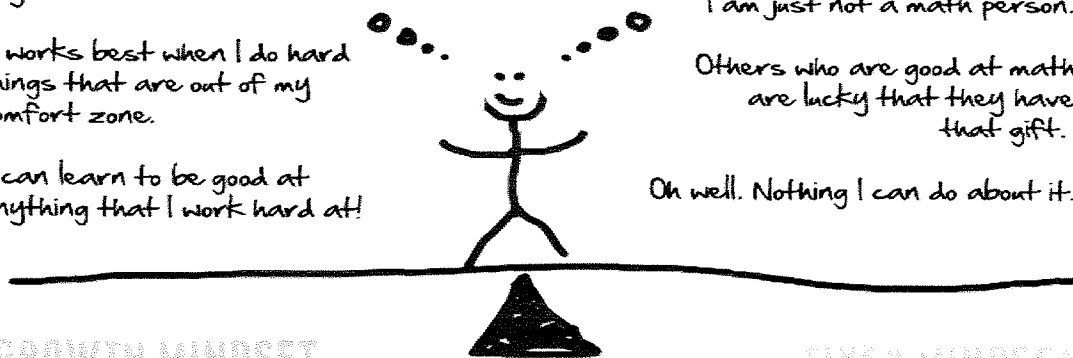
I am just not a math person.

Others who are good at math are lucky that they have that gift.

Oh well. Nothing I can do about it.

GROWTH MINDSET

FIXED MINDSET



**UNION BREAKS RECORD ..
WITH BIG ENROLLMENT**

Union high school has gotten under headway with the largest enrollment in the history of the school. following is the registration by classes:

Seniors, 102; Juniors, 155; Sophomores, 189; Freshmen, 254, total 700. This large enrollment naturally necessitates making many adjustments in the school organization in order to care for pupils' needs. At the present time the cooking laboratory, dining room, typing room, physics laboratory, and gymnasium are all utilized as home rooms for pupils. It is unfortunate that pupils must report in these rooms since they have no place suitable to keep their books and in the case of the typing room and gymnasium, no place to rest a book while at study. At the present time there are 75 freshmen boys whose home room is the gymnasium.

The Class schedules have been changed this year so as to accommodate all pupils without resorting to half-day sessions which in themselves are very undesirable. Two additional teachers have been added to the faculty and additional equipment has been purchased in an attempt to accommodate everyone in a normal school day. The principal is considerably puzzled at the present time as to how assemblies are to be conducted since there are approximately 150 more pupils than the normal seating capacity of the auditorium.

It is interesting to note the enormous increase in enrollment over a period of 15 years. Following are statistics which indicate a tremendous increase in our own secondary school enrollment:

Year	Enrollment	Graduates
1920	131	21
1925	249	40
1930	352	59
1935	650	105
1936	700	102



**Robert Stottlemeyer, unknown, and Kathryn Studa
Burgettstown School Teachers**



Burgettstown School Steps
Main Street, Burgettstown, PA.



1904
Burgettstown Grade School
Teacher: Ms. Bloom

BOROUGH BOARD TO RE-DECORATE FIRST GRADE ROOM

The first grade room of the Burgettstown borough school will be re-decorated this summer to be in keeping with the other three rooms on the first floor of the building. Borough school directors made plans for the project at a regular session Monday evening, April 6. It has been the objective of the directors to re-decorate one room of the building each year, and with the completion of the first grade room, one half of the rooms will be finished.

A bid for school supplies was awarded to Kurtz Brothers, the bid having been the lower of two received. Kurtz bid was \$472. Johnson's bid was \$488.64.

Bills totaling \$7308.07 were approved for payment.

D. L. Hook and Albert Rossy, representatives from the Westminster Presbyterian church, were present at the board meeting to request the co-operation of the board in the establishment of a community playground at the rear of the church. The board expressed its interest in such a project but explained to the men that the only part the school board planned to take was in the supplying of supervision. It was generally understood by the board members that the borough council would launch the project.

The subject of what should be done about the McMurray building was again discussed, but board members were still loath to take action to raze the building since it is needed for both music classes and a library. The meeting adjourned about 9:45 p.m.



Old schoolmates

March 23, 1994

Eighth graders of Burgettstown Borough School during the 1938-1939 school year. First row, from left, Jim Tennyson, Norma Harmon, Jack Robinson, Hazel Cunningham, Jules Darras, Anna Ahlborn, Richard George, Catherine Taucher. Second row, Betty Jane Russell, Paul Pescho, Mary Lee Puckett, Emma Del Tozzotto, Rena Giometti, Mary Louise Panconi, Margaret Puzik, Margaret Gruber, Rose Tunno, Bob Lawrence, David Haines. Third row, Morris Blaine, Lois Reed, Tommy Lee, Betty Franz, Albert Blehi, Lorraine Smith, George McWhorter, Mary Kanelakis, Thelma Wagner, Jean Marmagin. Fourth row, Jim Bole, Louis Darras, Charles Pappas, Pat McGraw, Cris Arvanatakis, Bob Froats, Ann Smith, Ruth Joynt. Fifth row, Doris Taylor, Betty Schneider, Lois Grant Willa Conn, Howard Teyssier, Adella Vettori, Jim McWhorter, Richard Clinton, Jim Peterson. Sixth row, Bob Dowler, John Evantz. Seventh row, teachers Bob Stottlemeyer, Kay Studa (nurse), Katherine Pyle, Myra McKee, Dick Holt, Miriam Slonaker, Helen McCausland and Kathryn McCalmont.

Burgettstown School-Class of 1938-1939
Burgettstown Enterprise-March 23, 1994 Edition



Center Avenue, Burgettstown, PA

Front Row, L-R: ? Scott and Austin Studa.

L-R: Lucille Culley Welch, Emma Cox Westlake, and Pamela Scott

Courtesy of Fort Vance Historical Society

Educating children in Burgettstown's early days

From the earliest days of Burgettstown area history, the subject of education for the youth was of utmost importance.

The school history of Burgettstown and that of Smith Township are closely related, as Burgettstown was a part of Smith Township for 100 years. Washington County was organized March 28, 1781, and Smith Township's organization took place less than four months later.

One hundred years passed before the people of Burgettstown received approval from the court for its charter as a borough. Until this time, Burgettstown was essentially a part of Smith Township.

The earliest schools were of a subscription type. A group of citizens would subscribe to a fund and hire a teacher. This teacher usually taught in a vacant room in the house of one of the subscribers, or in a vacant house built for that purpose. Length of terms would be irregular and other essentials indefinite.

Not much is known of the actual beginnings of the local school system. The earliest school on record in Smith Township was taught by William Lowrie before the close of the Revolutionary War. This was on a farm later owned by Maxwell Work.



KATHRYN SLASOR

A Mr. Sinclair taught in Cinder Hill district before 1800. (Cinder Hill was in the area of today's Burgettstown Park.)

Also in Smith Township was a George McKeag, a lot owner in 1798. He taught in the winter of 1798-1799, and in 1803, on a farm later owned by Professor S.C. Farrar.

The first school building in Burgettstown was on Liberty Street in what was then known as West Boston, Burgettstown's original name.

Today, Liberty Street is on the hillside above East Market Street, and borders the Slovenian Club.

The lot of Joseph Caldwell also bordered the school lot and was dated April 23, 1807. This was the year that the first schoolhouse in Burgettstown was used. The original part of the building had a board roof. The shingle roof addition was



Contributed

FIRST SCHOOLHOUSE - Burgettstown's first school building on Liberty Street.

built in 1862. The original building was used for school purposes until 1834.

Henry Robinson taught in the Liberty Street school in its last year. Joseph Buchanan was also teaching in this building in 1834, and was forced to abandon it due to the poor condition of the roof. He finished his term elsewhere.

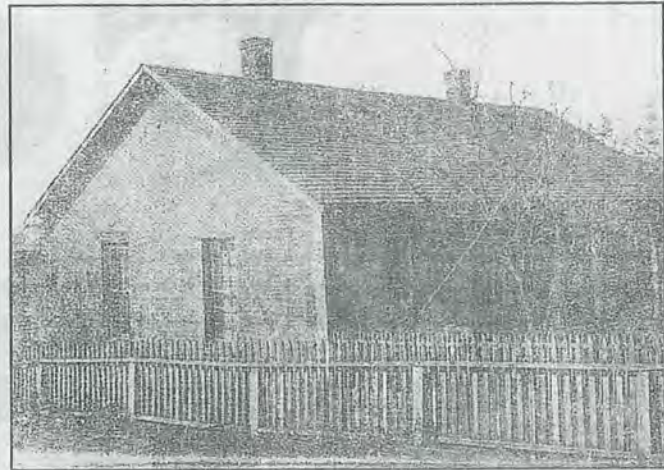
Dr. Joseph Campbell started teaching about 1807. He was a Justice of the Peace, a practicing physician and owned a drug store.

Anthony Gallagher taught in

1817. He was an excellent swordsman and drilled a class in the art of fencing during the evenings.

A building on the corner of Liberty and Market Streets was used in 1832 by Mrs. Sally Taylor, who also gave instructions in needlework.

Samuel Douthett and his sister, Isabella, taught in a house owned by Rev. John Hood, former pastor of the U. P. Church, in Burgettstown. School was held on the second floor. Mr. Douthett paid Mrs. Elijah Henwood a dollar a month to walk



Contributed

ANOTHER BUILDING - This structure was also used as a school house.

through her kitchen.

In 1834, a lot was leased from Dr. Stephen Smith on what later became Main Street. A one-story brick building was built, containing two apartments, by Edward Downing, of Hickory, for both school and church purposes. School closed when the building was needed for preaching.

The year 1834 was a highlight of the school system in the area.

This was the year the Public School Law of Pennsylvania was passed. Election Day was a

rainy one, and since no building in town was big enough to hold all the voters, they gathered in the covered bridge at the foot of Pittsburg Street "near the steam flouring mill." Those in favor went to one end of the bridge, opposed, the other end. (This makeshift voting spot was near where Pappas Lumber was later built.)

"There will be more about the second, third and fourth school buildings in later issues.

(Slasor is a special correspondent to the *Pennsylvania Focus*.)



Early Burgettstown School, Liberty Street

Public School, Burgettstown, Pa.





BARBARA MILLER/OBSERVER-REPORTER

Representing Charleroi Area High School Thursday at a meeting of the Washington County commissioners were, front row from left, Dr. Patricia Mason, high school principal; senior Elizabeth LaCarte; and Dr. Edward Zelich, superintendent; and back row from left, senior Daniel Bieliski and guidance counselor Janet Toth.

Publication rates Burgettstown, Charleroi schools at bronze level

By BARBARA S. MILLER
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Among public high schools in Washington County, U.S. News & World Report chose just two for its 2015 "Best High Schools" for their preparation of students for college.

On Thursday, the Washington County commissioners took note of the high schools, Burgettstown Area and Charleroi Area.

Commissioner Harlan

Shober, a former member of the Chartiers-Houston school board, asked, "We have a lot of good schools here, don't we? We have two schools here today that seem to be a little bit above the cut."

Commission Chairman Larry Maggi said, "We know the struggles of our smaller schools in the county," and Commission Vice Chairman Diana Irely Vaughan noted Charleroi Middle School was nominated to the "Schools to Watch" initiative

by the National Forum to Accelerate Middle-Grades Reform.

Liam Walsh, a senior at Burgettstown, the only student to address the commissioners, told the board, "At Burgettstown, we take pride in our community." The spring musical, for example, "involves more half of the student body" as performers or working behind the scenes handling sets and props. He said

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Bronze

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the community, alumni and students rally each fall in support of the football team.

Among the representatives from Charleroi was Superintendent Ed Zelich, who said, "We can't tell you how honored we are to be before you today. Our goal is to keep this award for years to come."

Also on hand were members of the school board members and the Charleroi Area School District Education Foundation.

Administrators from each school said they found out about their rankings just recently. U.S. News & World Report calculates its annual ranking through standardized test scores in math and reading plus the level of success on Advanced Placement course exams.

According to U.S. News & World Report, Charleroi Area High School's enrollment is 512 and it employs 39 full-time teachers. Forty-six percent of its students are considered economically disadvantaged. Forty-six percent of the students qualify for a free or reduced-price lunch, according to data reported to the government. A district average

places 73 percent of Charleroi Area students district-wide as proficient in literature and 63 percent proficient in math.

At Burgettstown Middle/High School, the enrollment is 745, 34 percent of whom are economically disadvantaged. Thirty-four percent of its students qualify for a free or reduced-price lunch. The school has 57 full-time teachers. The school has 79 percent of its students considered proficient in literature and 78 percent proficient in math.

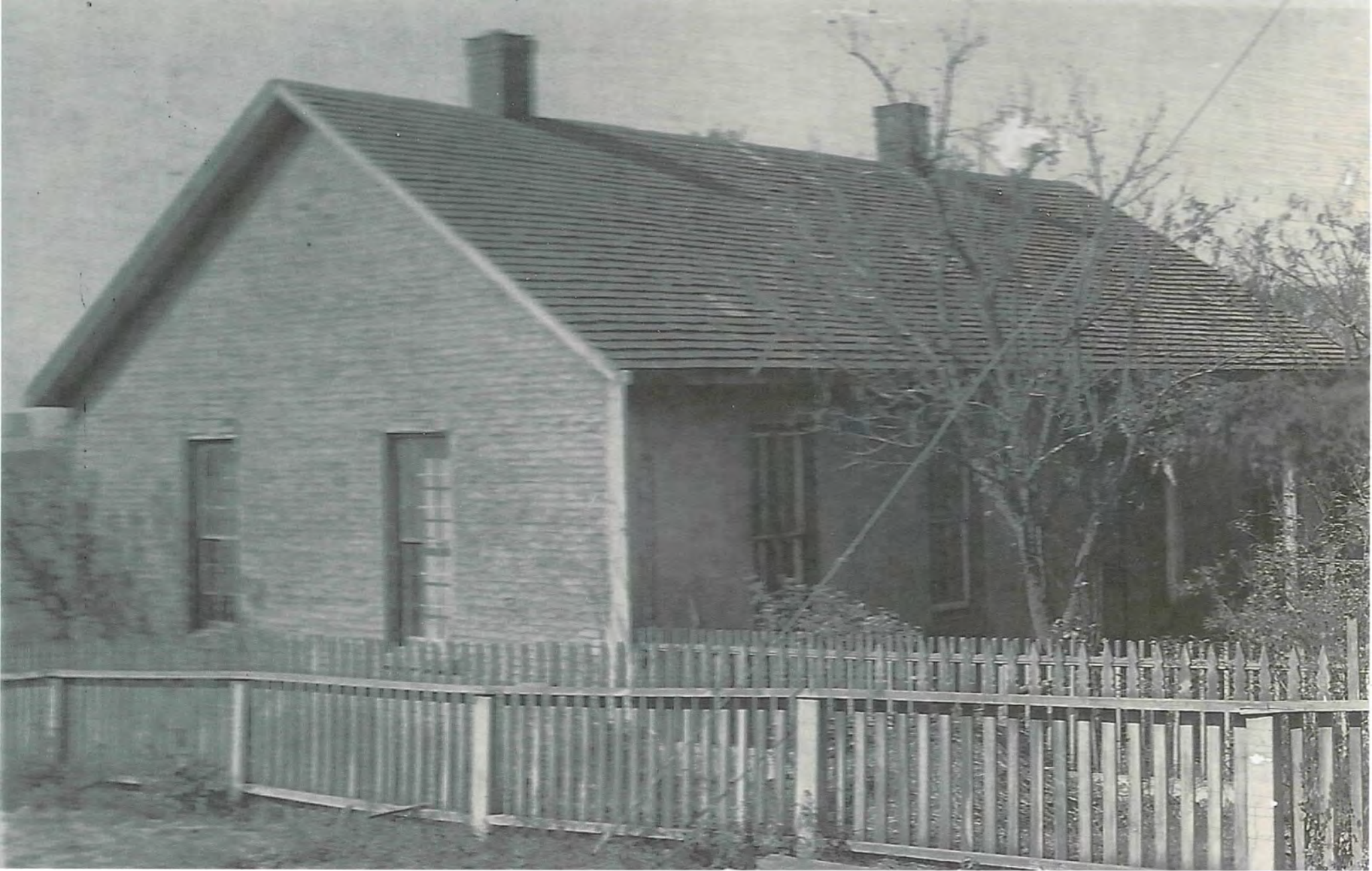
The report described the setting of both schools as "fringe rural."

Waynesburg Central High School in Greene County, ranked 62nd among the state's more than 500 public, charter and magnet high schools, receiving a silver designation, the same level as Mt. Lebanon and South Fayette high schools at 10th and 13th in the state, respectively. Upper St. Clair High School in Allegheny County received a gold ranking as fourth-best high school in the state, according to the publication's criteria.

Waynesburg Central High School is part of the Central Greene School District. According to the publication, the 50-teacher school has an enrollment of 597, 39 percent of whom are economically disadvantaged.



Burgettstown Grade School
Fourth School Built in 1895



Early Burgettstown School, South Main Street

Old school still stands in town

Schoolhouse was 2nd in borough and dates to 1834

By Katherine Pyle
Staff Writer

Most folks who have lived in Burgettstown for many years know that the house owned by Walter Budash at 418 South Main Street was once a schoolhouse. But many of the new people in town may not realize that it was the second schoolhouse built in Burgettstown and dates back to 1834.

The first schoolhouse, a frame building on Liberty Street, has long since been torn down, but the Budash house being built of brick with stone window sills, thick beams and heavy doors has weathered the elements very well for more than 150 years. Today it is a very livable dwelling.

The lot upon which it stands was leased in 1834 from Dr. Stephen Smith by Edward Downing of Hickory who erected the one-story building for both a school and a church, services being held there when school was not in session.

The original structure, according to William Melvin's *Century of Education*, had two apartments, and the first teachers in the schoolhouse were Houston Walder (1834-35) who taught in the north room and Dr. Joseph Campbell who instructed a class in the south room.

More than 40 different teachers taught in the school before it was abandoned in 1867. The last teach-

er was Miss Cornelia Leopold. William Melvin lists the others that include names of families still living in this area.

In 1867, the building was sold to Joseph Robinson, a nephew of Henry Robinson, a teacher, for \$130. Robinson used it for a dwelling and, according to *Caldwells Atlas*, he still had the property in 1876.

In later years, during this century the building was owned and occupied by Ed and Adah Campbell, parents of Mrs. Hazel Grabsky and Mrs. Elizabeth Bane.

In 1959, Rev. Lee Speer moved to Burgettstown and opened the

mission at Francis Mine, which later became Hillside Chapel. He purchased the house, and the Speer family lived in it for a number of years.

A kitchen, utility room and bath were added at some time, and the Speers installed a gas furnace and water heater. The exterior of the building was covered with aluminium siding, but few changes were made to the original structure.

Later, Kenneth Speer, Rev. Speer's son, took over the house and rearranged some of the rooms. He remodeled the basement and tore off the front porch.

An old pump at the back, which may have been used for the water supply for the school, eventually rusted out and was taken away by the present owner, Walter Budash.

There was also a cupboard in the basement that the Speers believed had at one time been used to hold school books. This was presented to Meadowcroft Village.

The Budash family has occupied the house for about five years. Budash hopes to make some further improvements in the future. Meanwhile the building stands well cared for and an interesting remnant of Burgettstown's past.



THE OLD SCHOOLHOUSE continues to stand along South Main Street in Burgettstown.

THE ENTERPRISE



Center Avenue, Burgettstown, PA

**Front Row, L-R: _____ Scott and Austin Studa.
L-R: Lucille Culley Welch, Emma Cox Westlake, and Pamela Scott**

School was torn down to make room for Center Avenue railroad tracks, Burgettstown, PA

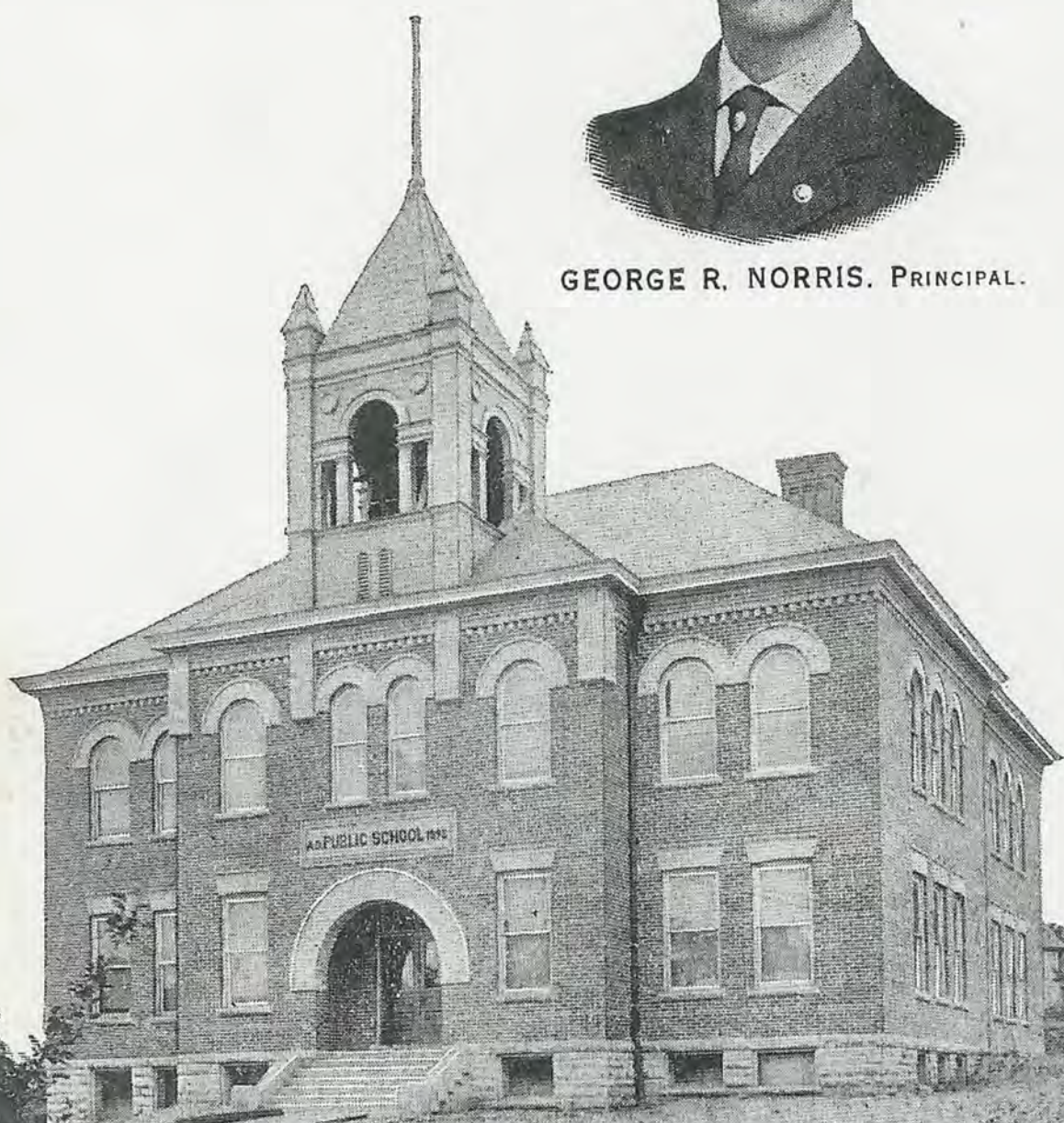


School building used 100 years

Burgettstown's School Building



GEORGE R. NORRIS. PRINCIPAL.



HOME EC. CLASS TO SPONSOR PROM FASHIONS

A prom fashion show entitled "Puttin' on the Ritz" will be sponsored by Senior Home Economics students as a benefit for the Burgettstown Community Library March 21, at 7 p.m. at the Burgettstown Area High School gymnasium.

Fashions suitable for prom wear and featured by Trapuzzano's and Bridal Showcase of Washington will be modeled by students of the high school.

The entire home ec. class of 23 students who are enrolled in a course taught by Susan Price and called "Adult Roles and Functions" will participate in the production of the fashion show. Several students who are in art classes taught by John Yothers are making silk screened posters for advertising the program. Others will be working on publicity and making necessary contacts. All proceeds from "Puttin' on the Ritz" will be donated to the Burgettstown Community Library. The prom fashion show, though under different sponsorship, is taking the place of the bridal fashion show formerly held by the Friends of the Library.

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The home ec. class, "Adult Roles and Functions," recently made a field trip to Pittsburgh Station WTAE where they viewed the Jack Bogut Show. The trip paralleled study the class had been doing on publicity and broadcasting.

Burgettstown teens imagine turn of the century

■ **THIS IS** the sixth part of a four-year series that will follow the lives of area high school students in the class of 2000. The initial stories, of which this is the last, explore how a group for each of five public high schools view entering high school and the future that awaits them. The remaining series will concentrate on one student from each of the core groups. We will revisit them each nine-week period for the next four years.

By Judy Chestnutt
The Record-Enterprise

The year was 1987 and a kindergarten class in Burgettstown was marching in the Homecoming parade, wearing shirts that signified they would soon be the nation's future.

The class of 2000, the shirts read.

The turn of the century is coming near, but Jessica Wagner and Mike Krynak remember that day fondly.

Their classmate, Jarrod Davis, recalls some of the hazy memory. Each child in the kindergarten class brought in something to put in a time capsule.



BURGETTSTOWN NINTH GRADERS MikeKrynak, Jessica Wagner and Jarrod Davis.

"I just remember them putting that huge capsule in the ground," said Jarrod.

It sits under the flagpole on the high school grounds. It will remain there until graduation.

Graduating in the year 2000 is something special, the three teens said. When the time has come for these three teens to emerge into the world, they hope

they can make a difference.

Jessica wants to find cures for diseases or become a pediatrician.

"I think it would help a lot of people," she said. "It would be interesting because you could see the good you are doing."

She wants to become a pediatrician because she loves kids.

Jarrod wants to bring smiles to

2000
Memories
HISTORY IN THE MAKING

people's faces, he said. He hopes to become an animator for the Walt Disney Co.

"I think computer arts and graphics are fascinating, entertaining and enjoyable," he said.

It's not computers, but the human eye, that Mike finds fascinating. He would like to become an eye doctor. Recently, he dissected a cow's eye in a science class.

Jessica, 15, lives in Paris with her mom and dad, Kevin and Terry, and a 10-year-old sister. Her dad works in a steel mill and her mom is a nurse.

Mike lives in Bavington with her mom and dad, Mike and Janice, and an 8-year-old brother. His dad is a boilermaker and his mom is a housewife.

Jarrod lives in Eldersville with his parents, Debbie and Robert, and an older sister. His dad repairs engines and his mom is a secretary.

All three students are involved in various extra-curricular activities.

Jessica is the president of the

school's National Junior Honor Society, a member of the marching band, a participant in the Paris Presbyterian Church youth group, a volunteer at the Weirton Medical Center, a member of the Explorers Program at the Weirton Medical Center, the senior high drama club and the softball team.

Jarrod is president of the junior high Student Council, a member of the National Junior Honor Society and the senior high drama club.

Mike is on the football, baseball and wrestling teams and is a member of the student council and National Junior High Honor Society.

Jessica worries that someday people won't have to work anymore.

"I think the things we dream of now will be our kids' futures," she said. "I think, one day, you won't have books anymore. We'll just have everything on a computer. You won't have to use your brains for anything."

Although Mike thinks pollution will destruct the Earth, he doesn't think it will have a significant effect during his lifetime.

"I worry about my (future) kids and grandchildren, though," he

said.

Jarrod doesn't worry too much about the environment because it's in God's hands, he said.

However, Jessica would like to see technology become somewhat more advanced so it can save the Earth.

"We now have the technology to detect these things like the ozone layer," she said. "Are we going to have the technology to fix them?"

The teens, however, don't think much will change by the time 2000 is here.

"I think it will be pretty much the same, may be a little more advanced," Mike said. "But I'd hope it would be like the Jetson's cause that's cool."

But Jessica imagines something quite different.

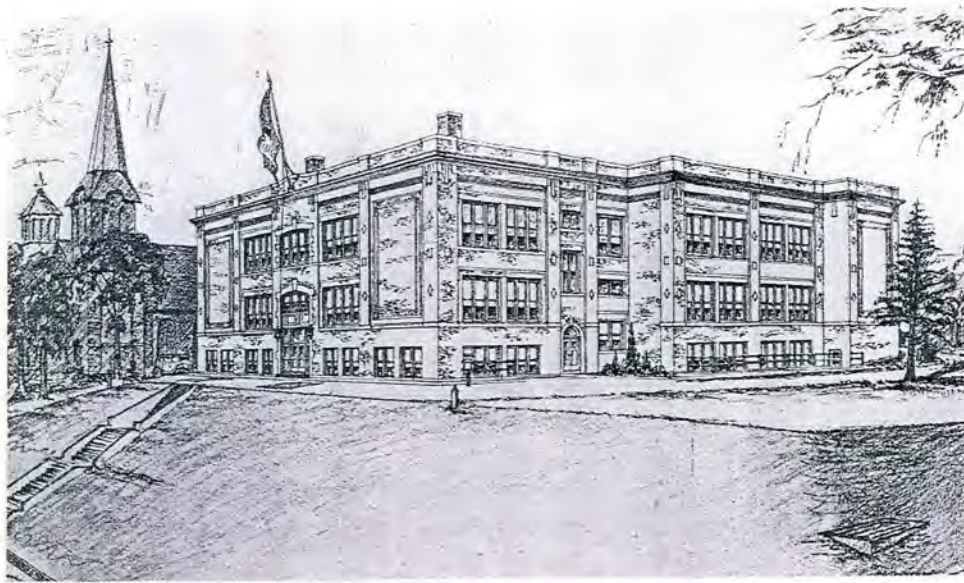
"I think, by 2000, there will be more violence," she said. "Gangs will be more violent, there will be more despair on Earth. I think people will have fewer jobs."

Jarrod hopes that technology will control the problem.

"May be technology will come out with different policing systems and robotics," he said. "May be there will be different alarm systems, too, to decrease the violence."

Burgettstown Teens Imagine Turn of the Century

The Record-Enterprise-October 9, 1996 Edition



The Burgettstown Union High School was organized in 1887. The first class was graduated in 1889, having the following members: Mary B. Rice, Mary B. Galbraith, Estelle W. Crane, LaVerne Forsyth, Estelle Hartford, Alice McFarland, Nannie Doak, and Claudean Baker.

In 1890, 1891, 1892, 1893, 1897, 1898 and 1901 there were no classes graduated. In 1912 the course was changed from three to four years. The first four-year pupils were graduated in 1913. Many of the three-year graduates in 1912 returned and were graduated again in 1913.

The class of 1919 was the first to be graduated from Union High School. The following are the graduates:

Charles Bruna	Mary Core
Joseph McCullough	Mary Martin
Frank Farrar	Letitia Scott
Daniel Ferguson	Ethel Wolfe
Everett C. Stover	Emma Bryte
Myra Pyle	Dorothy Felch
Dorothy Reed	Gladys McCullough
Evelyn Clark	George Luttrell

Mary John

The Class of 1931 was the first class to be graduated from Union High School after the addition of the South Wing.

Burgettstown Union High School

Fort Vance Historical Society

Lights, camera, action

Avella, Burgettstown spearhead public TV programming

By DAVID SINGER
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New programming is coming in February to Hickory Cable subscribers as students from Avella and Burgettstown school districts are set to air various TV productions.

A contract was confirmed with the two districts last week, with Fort Cherry potentially joining the collaborative, according to Rick Walsh, the owner of Walsh Media, who coordinated the cable deal. He said programming, including archived student history projects of the region, will air on channel 1014, The Hometown Television Network, in high definition.

Burgettstown School District already is showing off "The Devils Do," a monthly 25-minute program highlighting activities, sports, clubs and even changes in the school lunch program. English and media teacher Matt Grove oversees the productions.

"These are prerecorded segments because they're so labor intensive, getting all these subject areas covered," said a former TV and print news reporter.

"What we're trying to relate to the kids is solid writing.



Brandon Williams lines up a camera for a green-screen shoot.

DAVID SINGER/
OBSERVER-REPORTER

You can have great cinematography skills, but if your story isn't good, it's going to fall flat," Grove said.

Burgettstown sophomore Brandon Williams jumped at the opportunity, joining seven other students in the applied communications media class since it started in 2013.

"We're in a YouTube world, so when I heard video editing, I wanted to get an idea of how these are produced with quality and care," said the 15-year-old.

"Media skills can be applied almost anywhere, and with me working on physical set designs as well, I think I'll be ready for

any type of media employment," Williams said.

The segment Williams produced highlighted school clubs, including the guitar club and Asian culture club.

"This is particularly a vital service for freshman students. Unless they're in an honor club, or something that funnels them

into another club, they're out of the loop," Grove said.

At Avella, technology and business teacher Jesse Saunders has been helping students crank out daily editions of "The Eagle Eye News," a five-minute news program about the district, since 2011.

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Action

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"We're hoping this public broadcast will impart on them a consistent urgency to meet deadlines, and to produce high-quality content under those deadlines," Saunders said.

"Local community events, like the Washington County Fair and homecoming parade, we'll do highlight packages of those, as well," he said.

For parents and history buffs, videos highlighting the region's people, places and events from the past 80 years also will be pulled out of the archives, Grove said. Burgettstown Junior Brian Antonetti produced one of the history profiles when he was a freshman.

"We've handed over a bunch of content for Hickory Cable to sift through to put in rotation. In addition to that and the monthly program, we'll be doing features as we go along, too," Grove said.

Whether it's a public



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Brad McLaughlin, left, and Cole Mirich stand in the media studio at Burgettstown High School.

service announcement, or quarterback Brad McLaughlin recapping the football team's recently broken records - including his own record of 329 passing yards in a game - the projects are collaborations. A student may start in front of the camera, end up behind it, then edit and produce a classmate's assignment. The school districts are set to benefit from some of the advertising revenue on the channel, said Burgettstown Superintendent Dr. James Walsh, who is no relation to Rick Walsh.

"No big expectations of

revenue coming our way," James Walsh said.

"This is more about the opportunity it provides students, and to give them a bigger stage to show off the kind of work they're capable of," he added, explaining details of the contract are still being worked out.

Rick Walsh said he also was working on getting Mt. Pleasant Township and other nearby municipal government organizations to provide live broadcasts of their meetings.

Officials with Fort Cherry School District did not return calls for comment.



Poster contest winners

The United Labor Committee of Washington County sponsored its annual labor history poster contest, open to students in fifth, sixth and seventh grade. The contest focuses on the history of the labor movement and the impact people of Washington County played in that movement. Three district winners were chosen from the Burgettstown Area Elementary School. Fifth grader Spencer Bartoletti won first place and received a \$100 Savings Bond. Rayna Zola won second place and Ben Froats won third. They each received \$50 Savings Bonds. Bartoletti won third place in the county competition. She attended an April 25 banquet where she received another \$100 bond. Spencer's parents, Dawn and Ralph Bartoletti, and her teacher Carol Snyder were also in attendance.

**History Poster Contest Winners
The Enterprise-May 20, 1998 Edition**



Union High School

**The building is shown as it was originally built in 1918.
An addition was added to a portion of the building in 1931.
Burgettstown Enterprise-April 11, 1963 Edition**



Rick Couch photo

Seated, left to right: James A. Scott, Mrs. James A. Scott, Mrs. Marion O. Butler, Lillian Kreston Leider, Carolyn Metalik Pendleton, Mrs. Peter Gobleck. Standing: Albert P. Bundy, Mrs. Albert P. Bundy, Marion Butler, Mrs. William P. Miller, Dr. William P. Miller, Horace Pendleton, Pete Gobleck.

The 62nd reunion of the Union High School Class of 1928 was held Friday, June 8, the actual date of the class's graduation, at the Best Western Inn, Weirton, W.Va.

At the noon luncheon, after pictures, everyone sat down to beautifully decorated tables, including vases with flowers, and were served a meal while they reminisced and shared experiences of the past 62 years and their future plans.

The head table was decorated especially for the occasion, with "Class of '28 - U.H.S. - 62nd Reunion" set out with large letters against the back wall.

Albert P. Bundy of Weirton, W.Va., was chairman of the planning committee and master of ceremonies for the mid-day festivities. Marion O. Butler was vice chairman and treasurer. Twenty-two of the original 48 students are now deceased. Dr. William P. Miller offered the invocation and necrology.

Following the luncheon, letters were read from a few of the absent members, and a committee was appointed to plan for another reunion to be held on June 12, 1993. Included in the committee are Albert P. Bundy, chairman; Marion O. Butler, vice

chairman and treasurer; and Nellie Wray Shannon, secretary.

The members present were Albert P. Bundy and wife of Weirton, W.Va.; Marion O. Butler and wife of Eldersville; Dr. and Mrs. William P. Miller of Mercer, former Superintendent of Burgettstown-Smith Township Schools and President of Muskingum College, New Concord, Ohio; Pete Gobleck and wife of Joffre; James A. Scott and wife of Burgettstown; Carolyn (Metalik) Pendleton and husband of Crafton; and Lillian (Kreston) Leider of Lancaster, N.Y.

Other members of the class unable to attend were Willa (Smith) Baum of Port Orange, Fla.; Alex McKay of Plymouth, Mich.; Mary (Smith) Organ of Burgettstown; Paul Duran of Bulger; Rachel (Otto) Gordon of Edgewater, Colo.; R. Donald Hall of the Weirton Geriatric Center, Weirton, W.Va.; Dorothy (Luttrell) Leinenkugel of Lake Worth, Fla.; Edna (Foster) Chambers of Zelienople; Nellie (Wray) Shannon of Pittsburgh; Gertrude (McKay) Shirey of Allen Park, Mich.; John Pauchnik of Milwaukee, Wisc.; Grace (Clark) Allen of Los Angeles, Calif.; Theresa (Williams) Del Coliano of Forked River, N.J.; Freda DeBrakeleer of

Brookville, Fla.; Eva (Doumont) Martin of McDonald, Ohio; Wilma (Kanneg) Morrow of Fedhaven, Fla.; Sara (Deer) Freville of La Habre, Calif.; Jean (Agnew) Winebrenner of Steubenville, Ohio; and Thelma (Deer) Wade of Santa Rosa, Calif.

Burgettstown Class of 1928 Holds Reunion

Burgettstown Enterprise-July 25, 1990 Edition



THE ENTERPRISE / JIM DALLARA

Junior high district band

The 1995 Pennsylvania Music Educators Association Junior High District Band West Festival will be held at Bethel Park High School March 10 and 11. Guest conductor for the festival will be James Berry, band director at Slippery Rock University. Representing Burgettstown at this year's festival will be Chris Rose, left, on baritone, and Emily Voyer, right, on flute. An afternoon concert will be given on Saturday, March 11, to conclude the festival.

Burgettstown Junior High District Band
The Enterprise-February 1, 1995 Edition

**Mrs. Kenneth Smith
Elected To Grade School**

Mrs. Kenneth Smith, a former teacher in the Purdy School, Hanover township has been elected teacher of the second grade, Burgettstown, to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Miss Betty Hood, who resigned to accept a position with the Curtiss-Wright Company at Beaver. The Board has refused the request of Mrs. Myra McKee, Arithmetic teacher for a continuation of a leave of absence. Mrs. McKee has been living in Colorado. She was ordered by the Board to report for duty on January 27.

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Musicians Are Ready For Opening Concert

High School Band and Orchestra
Musicians All Set for
First Concert

The Union high school band and orchestra concert will be held Thursday evening, May 14th, in the high school auditorium at 8 o'clock. The program will be divided into two parts, the first being made up of band numbers, mixed with solos, and the second part will consist of orchestral numbers and solos.

Tickets for the concert will be on sale by members of the two musical organizations and a packed house is anticipated. The band will appear in their new uniforms consisting of white trousers, blue and white capes and military blue caps. Following are the names of those who will appear in the band concert:

Trumpets—Floyd Bertovich, Jack Palin, Betty Wray, Emil Kowaski, Robert Huntsinger, Ethel Wade, William Karch, Mike Hanna, Thad Dodds, Alexander McConnell, Meryl Berry. Trombones—Lloyd Hindman, Gilbert Massey, Gordon Williams, Paul Blaine, Clyde Peterson, Ruth Taylor. Clarinets—Don Stitt, Charles Grimminger, William Waskovich, Angelo Spanogians, LaVerne Stype, Jane Smiley, Albret Shearn. Baritone—Sam Durst, William Davis. Bass—John Alagna, Stanley Kavensky, Michael Mudre. Drums—Tony Zelenko, Junius Parham. Saxophones—George Hamerick, Everett Stewart, Carl Ball, John Jones, Naomi Andrews.

The following is the list of those who will appear in the orchestra concert: Violins—Stanley Zupan, Lloyd Hindman, Emile Coulange, Lynn Hill, Amelio Martinez, Gladys Paetzl, Charles Mester, Joe Lombardo. Clarinets—Angelo Spanogians, William Waskovich, Donald Stitt, Charles Grimminger. Trumpets—Betty Wray, Jack Palin. Trombones—Gilbert Massey, Paul Blaine. Bass—John Alagna. Banjo—Ralph Dold, Lloyd McBee. Saxophones—Bernice Inglefield, George Hamerick, Everett Stewart. Drums—Junius Parham. Piano—Dorothy Inglefield.

Others who are now taking music and will be eligible for the school band next year are: William Filipponi, Sam Plate, Henry Longevitch, Anthony Kunkel, Thomas Cassidy, Paul Carmen, James Hughey, Bennie Horovitz, Steve Krzeczowsky, Ferdinand Howe, Nick Drazick, George Harris.

NEW HIGH SCHOOL FOR BURGETTSTOWN

**Proposition to Bond the District in the
Amount of \$30,000 for its Erection
Carried by a Vote of 115 to 67**

The proposition to bond the Burgettstown school district in the sum of \$30,000 for the purpose of erecting and equipping a high school building was submitted to the voters of the district on Saturday and carried by a vote of 115 to 67. Notwithstanding the fact that there was much interest in the election, it passed off very quietly. Those who opposed the improvement, as well as those who favored it, did what they could to create sentiment favorable to their side, but it was a gum-shoe campaign throughout. Many who were against the proposition when it was submitted to the voters and defeated in 1914 and 1915 were heartily for it on Saturday, having come to believe with those who favored it that the building was a necessity.

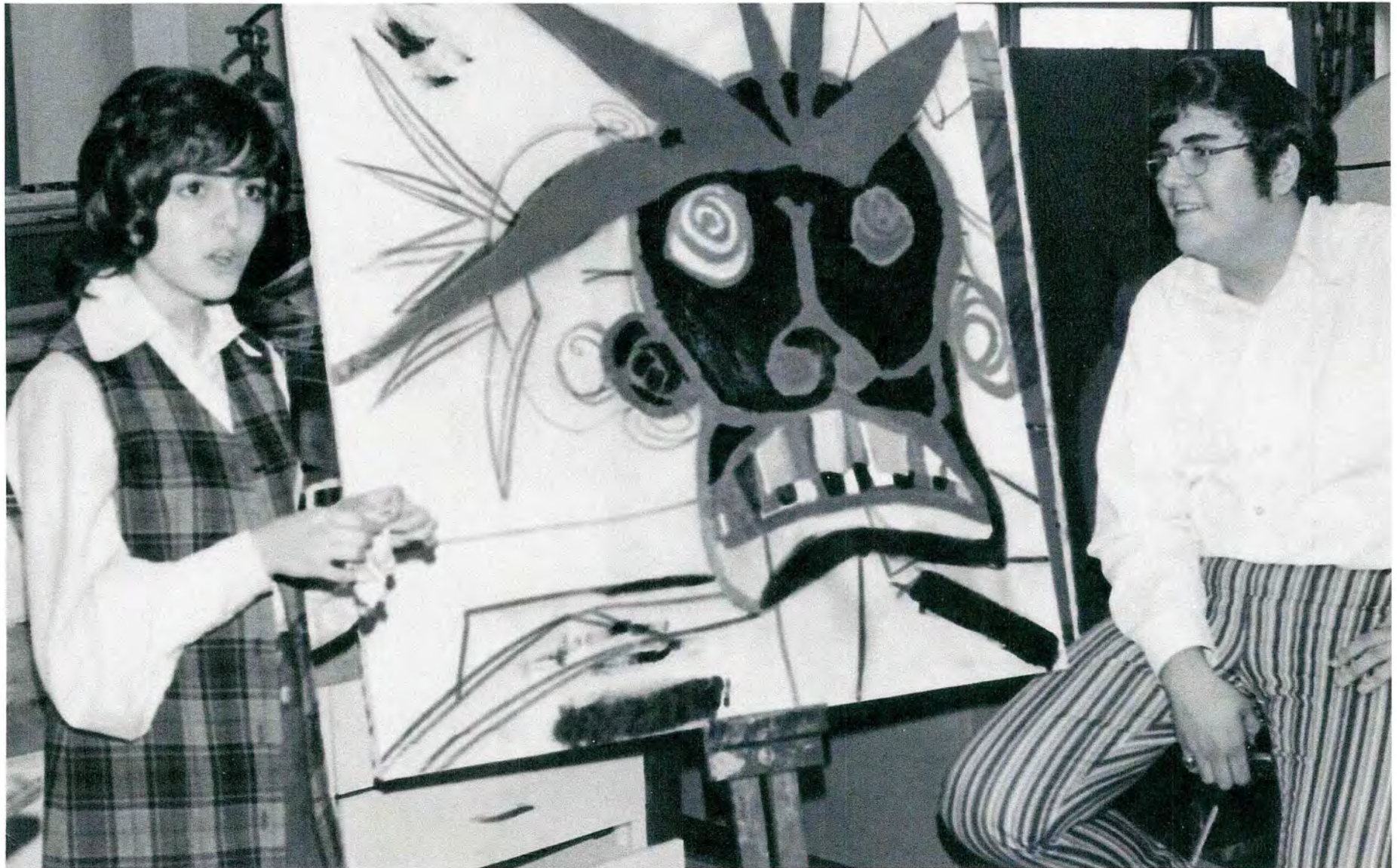
The new high school building will be erected on the Wilson heirs' property which the district bought three years ago for \$4,000. It is considered an ideal location, lying on the hill south of the First Presbyterian church, the property fronting 274 feet on Main street, and of irregular depth but averaging 160 feet. The present school building, which was erected in 1895, contains eight rooms. It has not been sufficient to accommodate the attendance of late years, and temporary quarters were provided on the Wilson property. After the new structure is built the grades will be housed in the present building, but additional room will be provided in the new high school building to care for any of the grades that are crowded out.

The school board, and the principal and his assistants, are to be congratulated on the clean manner in which this campaign was carried out. The principal is W. H. Donaldson and the members of the board are S. R. Shillito, A. E. Luttrell, W. E. Dickson, C. O. Taylor and S. V. Kimberland.

The present enrollment of the schools is 475, and of these 128 are in the high school. In the high school are 55 tuition pupils.

**New High School for Burgettstown
The Burgettstown Call-March 1, 1917 Edition**

Courtesy of Fort Vance Historical Society



**Burgettstown Senior High
Boy and Girl of the Month
Lynn Gilbert and Mark Muzopappa**

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Prices of admission to basketball games and wrestling events were set at twenty-five and fifty cents as presently in effect, a motion having been made by Ermil Caleffie and J. R. Culley. Mr. Caleffie also seconded a motion made by George Atherton that the board provide funds, not to exceed fifty cents per student for lunch for basketball players and wrestling participants after athletic trips. The motion passed.

Alban Dalverny moved that the board continue to provide transportation home for participants in the two sports, as was formerly done in the past. Gino Bianchi seconded Mr. Dalverny's motion.

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Burgettstown-Smith Twp. School Board Meets

In a motion made by J. R. Culley and seconded by Alban Dalverny, the joint Burgettstown Borough-Smith Township school board tentatively adopted the 1953-54 budget at a regular meeting Tuesday, Apr. 14, in Union high school.

The budget is based upon \$171,420.00 estimated expenditures as against \$171,500.00 estimated receipts. Included in the budget is \$6,000.00 mandated increments in teacher salaries which is required by law. Next year's budget shows teachers in Union high school will be receiving an average of \$3,560.00 salary per year. Teachers in Smith township schools average \$3,760.00 yearly and those in the borough average \$3,830.00.

Bills amounting to \$15,498.45 were approved for payment in a motion by Denny Scott, seconded by Alban Dalverny. Bids were opened and the highest bidders awarded the following items, in a motion by Carl Latella seconded by Edwin Wagner: Sunbeam waffle maker, Mrs. G. L. McKee, \$17; Sunbeam coffee maker, Mrs. Jean Smith, \$10.50; electric iron, Mrs. Michael Macheck, \$6.25; steam iron, Mrs. Charles Havelka, \$12; and Hamilton Beach mixer, Mrs. Charles Havelka, \$24.50.

W. P. Miller gave reports of the budget, building and band committees. His recommendations for the following improvements in the high school were approved in a motion by Joseph Bertovich, seconded, Geno Bianchi; patch plastering in the gymnasium, painting of several rooms, cleaning of window shades, replacing steps at rear entrances of the stage and extermination of termites.

A summer program for the band, under the direction of Mr. DiPasquale, was approved to include five weeks of practice for the junior and varsity bands beginning July 20 until August 21. A motion by J. R. Culley, seconded by Scott, that a used timpany drum be purchased from Volkwein's store at a price of \$150.

Mr. Bianchi made a request on

behalf of the Bulger VFW Post for the band to participate in Memorial Day services from 9 a.m., until noon, at Bulger, Cherry Valley and Raccoon honor rolls. Request was granted.

A salary increase of \$5.00 per month to Mr. Sonnenberg, caretaker at Hill stadium, was approved. Board members also granted a \$10 monthly increase to school secretaries, Mrs. Jean Smith and Mrs. Charles Havelka.

It was agreed that a \$1930 debt to National Stores, Washington, of the Athletic Council, be paid before the end of the fiscal year. The motion was made by Dalverny, seconded by Wagner.

A report was made that the summer recreation program was begun last Saturday in charge of Steve Babyak and all children of the borough and township are welcome to participate. The board granted Mr. Miller permission to attend the supervising principals' meeting at Bedford Springs, April 30-May 2, where he will take part in the program.

Following a request from one of the teachers for a lump sum payment of salary for the summer months, the board decided in a motion by Wagner, seconded by Bertovich, the 12-month payment policy be continued.

R. Donald Hall was present and reported that Dr. Addison H. Leitch, Dean and Professor of Theology at Pittsburgh Xenia Theological Seminary, has been engaged as speaker for the Baccalaureate services.

The board decided safety measures should be taken for those driving autos around the driveway directly in front of the school entrance. Therefore, in a motion by Bertovich, seconded by Scott, the board approved the installing of two chains at each end of the driveway in front of the building so that autos are unable to make a complete turn there.

Present at the meeting was Robert Bent, candidate for school director in the borough.



1994 Spanish Club trip to Spain

Front Row, L-R: Megan Hoon, and Yetta Reid. Second Row, L-R: Carrie Lonick, Dario Taccini, and Heather Lawson. Third Row, L-R: Mandy Mirich, Sara Snatchko, Jamie Pagasky, Christina Petricca, Alison Vraninin, Andrea Yadrick, and Brent Verner.

Square Deal Budget Calls For Raise Professors Tell Union Board Of Education

Increased cost of living was given as the reason for a request for increased salaries by two teachers of Union high school, William Miller and Joseph Hemphill, who appeared before a meeting of the Burgettstown Smith Township school board in regular session on Monday evening. Mr. Miller presented an argument for his appeal in the form of a "Square Deal Budget," whereby he set up figures to prove that his budget for married school teachers requires a salary of \$162 per month.

President of the Board A. J. Nairn appointed Members McCalmont, Sciamanna and Scott to study Mr. Miller's budget and to consider a possible wage scale raise for local teachers.

The Board considered the placing of insurance on Union high school building and contents, as the present contract expires on March 13, 1941. Insurance under consideration covers one fifth of the total insurance on \$143,000 buildings and one-fifth of \$65,000 insurance on the contents, which is placed on a five year plan. The Board will receive quotations for this business.

Mr. Andrews, N.Y.A. supervisor of Washington requested that the Board permit use of Union high school rooms for a first aid program for adults for Home Defense. Permission was granted to use the high school on Monday and Wednesday evenings, providing a minimum of 10 adults enroll in this class.

Secretary Nicksick read a letter of thanks from the "Bulger Boys" who were awarded sweaters for their football activities.

Mr. Nairn appointed Messrs McCalmont and Sciamanna members of the Athletic Committee for this year and Messrs Nicksick, Plate, Stevenson and Kimberland members of the 1941 Building committee.

Mr. Tennyson reported that 25 children have received treatment at the Dental Clinic to date, and that but 2 parents have refused permission for this service to their children to date. Questionnaires are sent to parents and must give signed permission before children receive dental treatment at the clinic, Mr. Tennyson said.



Top spellers

Burgettstown Area Elementary Center fifth graders participated in the fourth annual spelling bee, sponsored by the Washington Elks Club. Each fifth grade class held its own bee to selected a boy and girl to represent the school. Homeroom winners were, Leeanne Carnali, Patrick Stevens, Samantha Brietich, Rich Froats, Spencer Bartoletti, Gary Mader, Matt Carulli, Crystal Lombardo, Katie Ely and Ben Froats. As each school was to send only two girls and two boys to the meet, a mini-spelling bee was held to determine who would represent the school in the March 1 competition. Winning were, from left, Matt Carulli, Spencer Bartoletti, Katie Ely and Ben Froats.

Top Spellers
The Enterprise-May 20, 1998 Edition

Township and Borough Unite

One of the most important school announcements that has been made for a long time is to the effect that Burgettstown and Smith township are to unite in the construction and maintenance of a high school building. The matter has been under consideration by the school boards of the two districts for some time, and was fully agreed upon at a meeting held Monday night.

At the election on February 24th the borough school board was authorized by the citizens to bond the town in the amount of \$30,000 for high school purposes. By the new arrangement Smith township will \$35,000 to this amount, and the \$65,000 will be expended in constructing and equipping a building which will be the joint property of the two districts. It is not necessary for the township board to put the question to a vote of the taxpayers, the valuation of the township permitting the board to issue bonds to a much greater amount.

The building will be erected on the Wilson lots. An architect, Mr. Whitaker, has already been engaged, and after members of the board visit and inspect other high school buildings with a view to getting the best ideas, plans will be drawn up and work of construction started at the earliest possible date. They expect the building to be completed not later than January 1, 1918.

The cost of maintenance will be divided between the two districts in proportion to the number of pupils furnished. At this time the cost would be about equally divided, Smith township furnishing almost as many pupils as Burgettstown.

Township and Borough Unite for High School
Burgettstown Call-March 1917 Edition

Courtesy of Fort Vance Historical Society

School Board Begins Steps To Move Its Bus Garage

The Burgettstown Area School Board, at a special meeting Tuesday night, July 24, began steps to move its bus garage to a new site near the junior-senior high school.

The garage has been located for many years at the old high school property on Main Street in Burgettstown.

By a 6-2 vote, GRID Builders inc. of Zelienople was employed to draw specifications for a new pole type garage and secure all necessary state approvals.

The board also approved, by a similar vote, the removal of existing fuel tanks and pumps at the present site.

School board members Linda Gilson and Joseph Yadrick were opposed to both actions, and Edward DiNino was not in attendance.

Voting for approval were president James Drummond, J. William Hemphill, Floyd Thomas, Rose Ann Doak, Ronald Diaz and Donnie Grey.

A total cost estimate of \$220,000 was presented at the school board's July 16 meeting.

HIGH GRADUATE



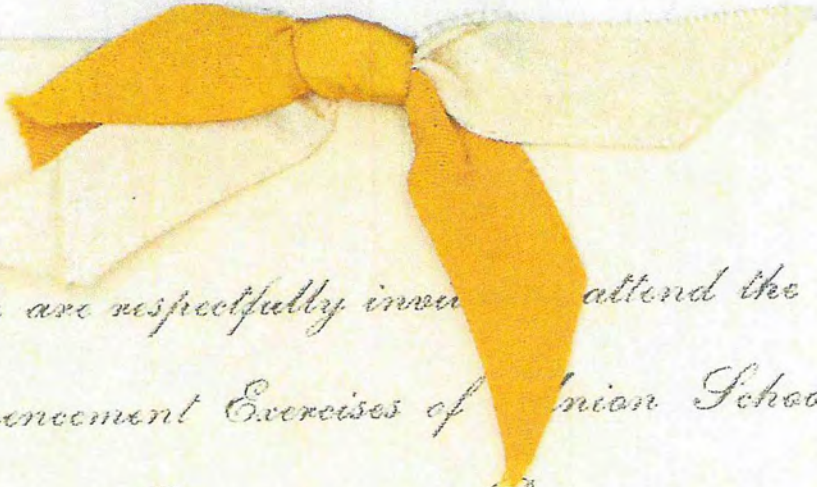
James Byrd, son of Buford Byrd, of Langeloth, recently graduated from a technical school at Fort Sam Houston, Texas, the fourth highest in a class of 84 students.

He is presently in an administrative position at Fort Bragg, North Carolina.



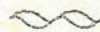
1993 Burgettstown School County Chorus Representatives

Left to right: Bethany Peters, April Lochran, Kim Kuzior, Shawn Strope, Dale Brown



*You are respectfully invited to attend the
Commencement Exercises of Union School,
Burgeltstown, Pa.,
to be held in Auditorium Hall,
Friday Evening, May 1st, 1896,
7:30 o'clock.*

CLASS OF 1896.



ETHEL REA McNARY.

BERTHA MAE ABEL.

HARRIET AGNES NICHOLLS.

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LEA NORA PATTERSON.

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BESSIE DARLING RINGLER.

Roster of Graduates U.H.S. Class of 1936

George Raymond Adams	Vera Louise Fullum
Katherine Prudence Alexander	George William Gamrod
Joseph Thomas Argenta	Lena Giometti
Clara Jean Astorino	Victor L. Gorni
Henrietta Mae Bertrand	Mary Ann Gratchen
Lillian Bernedette Boni	James Smith Hall
John H. Brooks	Gabriel W. Hanna
Margaret Alberta Capozzoli	Helen Harris
William Melvin Carlisle	Ralph Clair Hill
Paul M. Carman	Hettie Ruth Hindman
Ethel Jane Carter	Thomas J. Hitchcock
Robert Stephen Chastulik	Margaret Geraldine Hogue
Lois Claire Cooley	Caroline D. King
William C. Cooper	John R. Kirkpatrick
Gladys McNinch Crupe	Helen Marie Kochey
George L. Davis	Edward F. Kopacz
Sara Anne DeBasse	Stella Kovich
Mary Violet Delfrate	Mary Jeanne Krocsko
Thelma E. Dellapina	Anthony Lanovich
Leyester Charles DePorter	Mary Rose Larocca
Carl A. DeSantis	Joseph John Latella
Ruth Florence Dodds	Mildred Frances Laurich
George A. Donnick	Max Lescovich
Gertrude Arvella Durain	Marie Love
Eleanora Catherine Freshwater	John Joseph Lukon
Walter Chapman Lyle	William Andrew Proudfit
Grace Marmagin	James Willard Ramsey
Neida M. Mazzier	Kathryn Elizabeth Rash
John N. McCoy	Ruth Helen Reed
Jay A. Meneely	Jean Love Rommes
Laura Marie Michelucci	Thelma Lois Rommes
Barbara Miletich	Helen Margaret Romonoski
Mary Elizabeth Miller	Ernest James Rotta
Helena Rita Mungello	Alexander L. Sabo
Dorothy B. Myers	Claire C. Saska
Margarette Napolitana	Clara V. Scariot
David Arthur Nunn	Mary Elizabeth Smiley
Joanna B. Ocepek	Evelyn Blanche Smith
Margaret Elizabeth Ormos	Katherine Roberta Stevenson
Arthur Pagasky	Stefanna Marie Stopenski
Zelinda Louise Panconi	Ludwig D. Stetar
Josephine Ann Panzica	Gilbert J. Taucher
Victoria B. Pauchnik	Helen Cornelia Thomassy
Chester Pensak	Mary Belle Tidball
Jack Russell Pollon	Susanna Velegdan
Virginia Ann Pompe	Betty Ann Wade
Catherine A. Povero	Dola Elizabeth Wylie
Nicholas Procko	Lola Alice Wylie
Amor C. Prendes	Sophie Ann M. Ziemba
Delfina Prendes	Emil Zvonik

146 GRADUATE IN MAY 1940 CLASS

Members of the May 1940 graduating class of Union high school who will receive their diplomas at the commencement exercises in the auditorium this (Thursday) evening are: The asterisk indicates those in the upper 20 percent of the class.

Helen Babyak	Anna McCombs	Steve Kandray
Ludina Bango	Mary J. McCombs	Joseph Kubovic
Despa Barbush	Ruth Meneely	*J. Robert Kunkel
Regina Bialoskurski	Sarah Mike	Walter Lipnicky
Veronica Brosky	Julia Mudre	Frank Longevitch, Jr.
*Betty Creps	Frances Melba Pack	Raymond Loraski
Betty Campbell	Eva Panconi	Percy M. Lydick
Grace Cowan	Loretta Petroski	*J. Clark MacKenzie
Frances Daudet	June Phillips	Joseph H. McCalvine
Dora DeLenne	Beatrice Pilato	*Chester Mellovich
Margaret Delprato	*Leopolda Pirih	Daniel Mena
Margaret DeLuca	Lillie Plance	Mitchell Mroczkowski
Felina DePaul	Stella Rennie	James Murphy
Mary Domin	Anna Rinella	Robert Myers
Helen Dominski	Ruth Ann Russell	John Navage
*Mary Dubenko	Theresa Rivetti	Joseph Nairn
Helen Fabian	*Elaine Scarem	Severino Nicoletto
*Rita Jane Fagan	*Emma Stebe	*John Ossko, Jr.
Minnie A. Fedak	Bette Smith	Anthony T. Ostop
Margaret Fedorsin	Ines Sprando	Walter E. Ozimek
*Mary Fernandez	Stella Surba	George Pavlick
Elizabeth Foster	Martha A. Turner	Andrew Petrus
Eleanor Fratini	*Florence Taucher	*Harold Pinder
Laetitia Freville	Rose Testa	Clarence Power, Jr.
Leona Gareis	Sonia Warro	Michael Prebeg
Josephine Getsinger	Elizabeth A. Yesko	Joseph Pusateri
*Mary Gilson	William Allison	Joseph Ramirez, Jr.
Louisa R. Gobleck	Mario Alouise	Ralph Ramirez
Naughty N. Gonzalez	George Atherton	Joseph Rash, Jr.
*Irene Haba	David Barto	*Alfred Roman
Estelle Halulko	George Blehi	*James Savage
Margaret Hayes	*Louis Colteryahn	John Saver
Mae Hermes	Walter Cramer	William Senczyszyn
Ella Mae Hicks	*John Danek	Emanuel Sergakis
Almeda Hitchcock	Alfred DeValkeneer	Francis Shaw
Thelma Hogue	George Dold	*Jack Shelton
*Madeline Howe	*Charles Döerr	Ed Shubeyski
*Mary Ignatich	Walter Eversole	John Spontak
Lorraine Inglefield	Dante Filipponi	Ignace Sultie
Doris Ivery	Felix Filipponi	Leon Surba
*Gertrude Kanzius	Mike Geffert	Stephen R. Swanik
Frances King	Walter George	Edwin Taylor
*Helen Krznóvcke	*Mario Gobleck	Milan Tomich
Betty Kuhn	Charles Getsinger	David Tunno
Helen Laheta	James E. Gunn	Herman Verdin
Jeanne Malek	Nicholas Halahan	William Visnich
Evelyn Marcucci	*George Hanna	Anthony Yakima
*Vera Martin	Elmer Harper	Joe Yanni
Ruth McCausland	James Henry	

Celebrating 70 years



Members of the Class of 1944 at Union High School attending the 70th year reunion were: standing, from left, George DeSantis, Margie Maropis and Jack Crilley; and, seated, Rose Zilich Yesko, Mary Stiak Malinkowski, Jean Gilbert Castellino, Betty Hamill Crilley, Wardie Joseph Bertolotti and Lucille Jackson Byrne.

Union High School classmates remember fun times

By Rick Simon
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George DeSantis didn't get a chance to start his senior year of high school.

"All of the fellows in our class turned 18 in 1943, when they were juniors, and quite a few were drafted," he recalled. "They had to go into the service before their senior year."

DeSantis was inducted into the U.S. Army and participated in invasions of the Philippines and Okinawa, but was not wounded – and neither were any of his classmates during the duration of World War II, which ended two years later.

The military men thus put off graduation from Union High School, the forerunner to Burgettstown High. For DeSantis, the delay would be



Mary Stiak Malinkowski, Rose Yilich Yesko and Jean Gilbert Castellino reminisce of their school days in the mid-1940s.

65 years, when he passed his GED exam at 83.

Being uprooted from school as a teen would upset many people, especially

when they reflected on that later in life. But DeSantis accepts that now, as he did then, as an experience from a rich life. A life he has shared, to

a large extent, with almost everyone at his dinner table Sunday afternoon.

The Union High Class of 1944 celebrated its 70th re-

union at Walden's at 1709 Main, a Burgettstown restaurant. Yes, 70th. The banner behind their table attested to that.

All are in their late 80s, and all had a spirited time. They savored their meal but enjoyed chewing the fat just as much, recounting pleasant memories from growing up in Burgettstown, Slovan and surrounding communities.

About 30 remain from a class of 106, and nine – seven of them women – attended the soiree. And it didn't matter whether you got a GED in 2008, as DeSantis did. They were classmates in every sense.

Asked about their overriding memory of high school, about five responded: "Fun."

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"It was a different time," said Jean Gilbert Castellino. "It was a simpler time," said Mary Stiak Malinkowski.

Castellino and Wardie Joseph Bertolotti organized the event, with ample assistance from DeSantis. It had been five years since their last reunion; the first was in 1950.

Spouses Jack and Betty Hamill Crilley were among the guests who graduated together. Togetherness is the operative word here, as they've been married for 66 years, but together for more than 70.

"I met Jack the first day of school as a junior," Betty said. "He had just moved here."

"I came here from Mercer," Jack said, "and now we live there."

Margie Maropis, Rose Zilich Yesko and Lucille Jackson Byrne were the other classmates on hand. Maropis' husband, Pete, also was there, along with Byrne's two daughters.

Byrne was the only attendee who became an educator. She taught and was a dietitian at three Washington County school districts.

The celebrants remembered their region during the FDR administration as being mostly farms with some deep coal mines. A couple of classmates recalled Union High burned down in the mid-1960s while classes were in session, but that the new high school was ready to open.

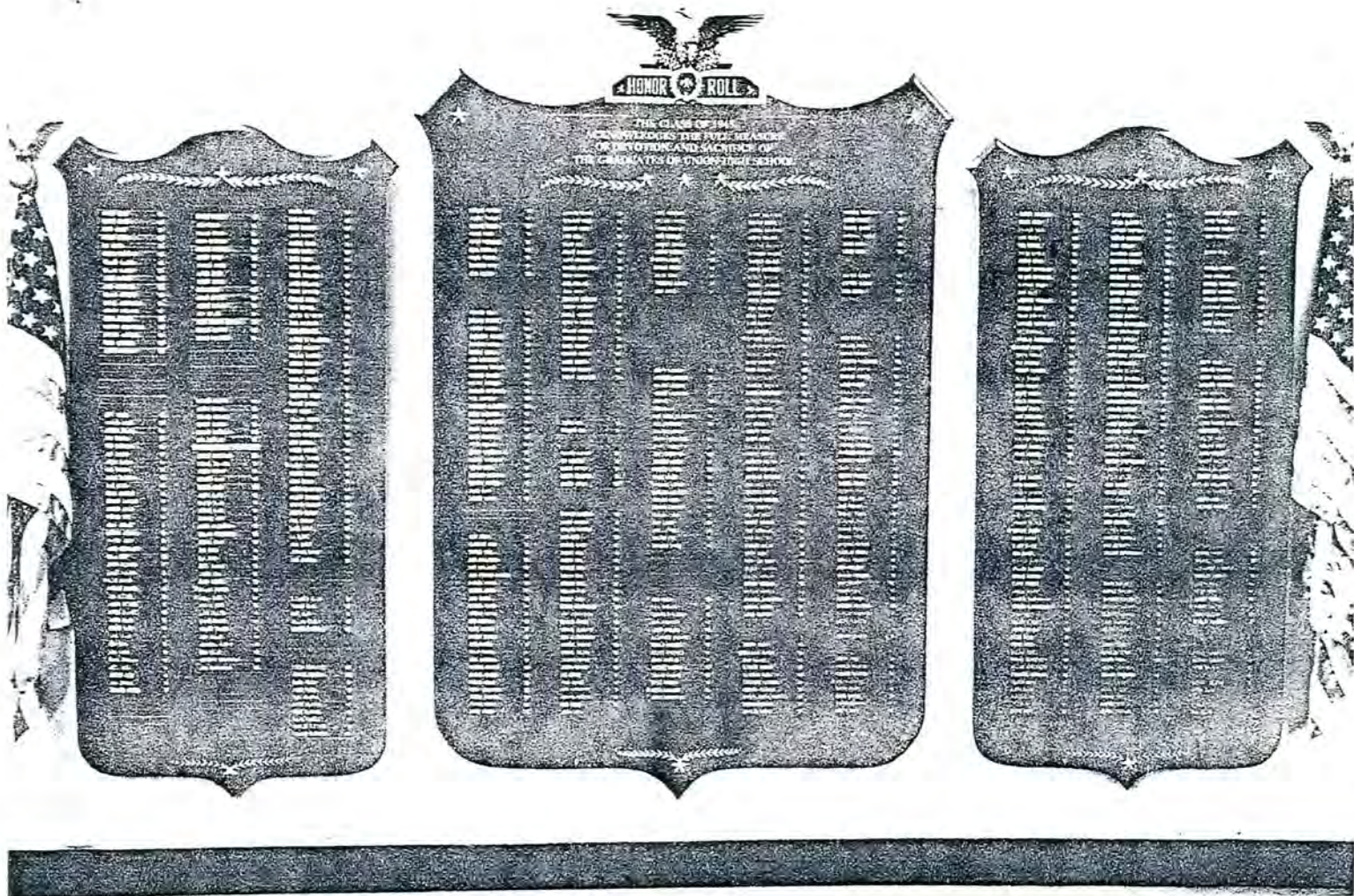
Speaking of lighting up – Betty Crilley still does. She didn't start smoking while in school, but not long afterward.

"I started when I was 18," she said, chuckling. "I still smoke. The doctor asked me, 'When will you stop?' and I said, 'When I die.'"

Class reunions frequently are conducted in increments of five years. Asked about a next one, several roared.

"We'll have four or five people for the next one," Castellino said.

"I've never heard of a"



Honor Roll

Union High School is proud of its World War II Honor Roll which was presented to the school by our predecessors, the Class of '45. This plaque graces the wall of the school's main front corridor.

Memories of this roll will linger long in the minds of the present student body. From day to day the students pause on their way to class to read the names of those graduates who served their country. Nineteen names are starred for having made the supreme sacrifice of their lives.

We are honored that Union has this permanent memorial to our alumni.

Class Of 1956 Holds Reunion At Ft. Cherry Country Club



(Blehi photo)

The Union High school class of 1956 held its ten-year reunion at the Fort Cherry Hills Country Club on Saturday, August 6.

Members of the committee were Betty Lou Zelenko, Nancy Pienkosky, Virginia Pasquale, Margaret Kriznik, Robert Spiotta, Ted Simmons, Charles Caleffie and Floyd Thomas.

Master of ceremonies for the evening was Robert Spiotta.

Awards were given to the following classmates:

Longest married, Floyd Thomas; most children, Floyd Thomas; traveling the greatest distance, George Ihnot and Steve Danek; first reservation, Valerie Bane Fish; and door prize, Dennis Barnhart.

Members of the class pictured above, from left to right, are:

First row: Michael DiBacco, Harvey Bane, John

Stiffler, Robert Spiotta, Michael Mitko, Donald Zelenko and George Ihnot.

Second row: Margaret Abate Kriznik, Patty Viakley Anderson, Patty Creps Galan, Lillian Garitano Morra, Mary Jane Richey Lonick, Sonia Golubofsky Lee, Ann Louise Stanish Simmons, Valerie Bane Fish, Nancy Burgoon Pienkosky, Sandra Petrucci Gilbert, Betty Lou Borsos Zelenko, Carol Jean Mis DiBacco, Patty Link Markar, Virginia Bartoletti Pasquale and Lillian Kover Rodgers.

Third row: Martha Smydo Stiffler, Theresa Moore Coates, Steve Danek, Rita Linkish Ussack, Eva Grubbs Simpson, Lois Reed Boyd, Ronald Prado, Dennis Barnhart, Beverly Irwin Grable, Charles Caleffie, Rev. Leo Burchianti and Joseph Penderville.

Fourth row: Phil Scott, Ted Simmons, Kenneth Putkovich, Dave Choman, James Hall, Richard

Class of 1956 Hold Reunion
Burgettstown Enterprise- August 24, 1966 Edition

Climax Scholarship Finalists Selected



These Union high school seniors have been selected as finalists for the Climax scholarships. They are, left to right, Dave Bundy, Lane Hall, Patty Stevenson, Rudy Tepsic, Bonnie Dodds, Floyd Cook, Judy Petricca and Ron DiOrio.

Not pictured are two other finalists, Joe Roberts, of Union High, and Theresa Rash, of Madonna High, who joined the other finalists for interviews at Pitts-

burgh Saturday.

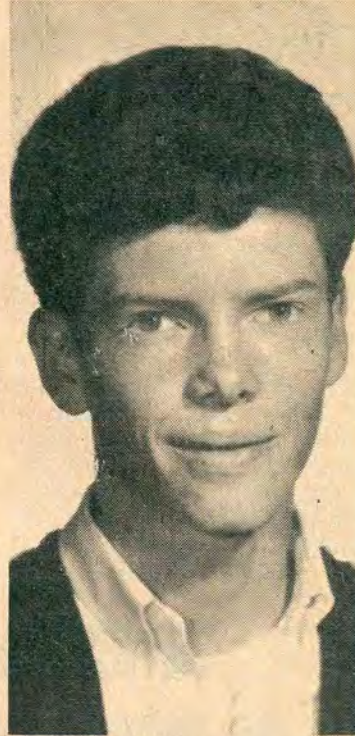
The finalists were hosted at the Hilton Hotel and were interviewed by four members of the Climax Scholarship Committee. Following lunch, they saw the musical, "Sound of Music." Upon their return to the hotel, they were served dinner and then returned home.

The names of the two scholarship winners will be announced at a later date.

Teresa Rash, Lane Hall Are Climax Scholarship Winners



TERESA RASH



LANE HALL

WVU, VPI, Choices For College Careers

Teresa C. Rash and Bruce Lane Hall have been announced as winners of the 1966 Climax Scholarships.

Each year, the Langeloth Plant of the Climax Molybdenum Company awards two scholarships, one to a dependent of an employee and one to a graduating senior from Burgettstown Union high school. The award is to recognize scholastic achievement and community leadership potential.

The scholarship award may be applied to any accredited institutions of higher learning in the United States, as selected by the student, provided the student enrolls in a course of study which leads

to a degree. The scholarship award will include full tuition costs.

Teresa is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Rash, Jr., of Francis Mine. She is a senior at Weirton Madonna high school. In addition to various clubs to which she belongs, Teresa is a member of the National Honor Society and Student Council and is the editor of the school newspaper. She plans to attend West Virginia University and study journalism.

Lane is the son of Mr. and Mrs. James Hall, of 51 Church street, Burgettstown, and is a senior at Burgettstown Union High. In addition to band, baseball and basketball activities, Lane also is a member of the National Honor Society. He plans to attend Virginia Polytechnic Institute and study industrial management.

Teresa Rash, Lane Hall are Climax Scholarship Winners
Burgettstown Enterprise-April 13, 1966 Edition

Three Seniors Win College Scholarships

College scholarships covering half of the tuition fee have been awarded to three senior girls on the basis of their achievements in competitive scholarship examinations.



JUNE CAMPBELL

A four-year scholarship to Bethany College, Bethany, West Virginia, was awarded to June Campbell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harry W. Campbell of Eldersville. June has been consistently an honor student, plays a clarinet in the U.H.S. Band, and is vice-president of the Lyre Club.

Augusta Amestadi, Langeloth, and Ilde Zamberlan, Francis Mine, won two-year scholarships of a similar nature to Duquesne University, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. Upon condition of high achievement during the first two years the scholarships will be extended to cover the entire college course. Ilde's essay, "My Career as a School Teacher" was recently published in the W.C.E.A. Bulletin.

FINE PUPIL GROUP TO GET DIPLOMAS FROM UNION HIGH

Class of One Hundred Seniors Will
be Awarded Coveted Diplomas
at U. H. S. Commencement

A class of one hundred students will be presented to the authorities of Union high school at the Commencement exercises on Thursday evening, June 4th, and will be awarded diplomas for completion of work of the four-year term now ended. This is a large class for a small town, and both students and instructors are to be congratulated for carrying such a large number through the long period of high school training.

The principal address at the Commencement will be delivered by Dr. Robert M. Steele, president of the California (Pa.) Teachers College. As an educator Dr. Steele ranks among the foremost, and he will bring to the local school graduates and their friends a message of timely interest and instruction.

The complete program follows:

Processional ----- Orchestra
Invocation ----- Rev. R. E. Carman
Music ----- Girls' Chorus
 Isle of Sleep—Bornschein
 June Rhapsody—Daniels
Address of Welcome - Mary Gratchen
Music ----- Girls' Ensemble
 Moon of Madness—Ferari
 Summer Noon—Gaul
 L'Heure Exquise—Hahn
 Solo—Jane Darras
Address ----- Dr. Robert M. Steele
Music ----- Mixed Chorus
 Sunbeam of Heaven—Christiansen
 If I But Knew—Clokey
 The Sleigh—Kountz
Valedictory ----- Catherine Povero
Diploma Presentation -- W. M. Fulton
Benediction ----- Rev. R. E. Carman
Recessional ----- Orchestra
 Coronation March—Meyerbeer

Fine Pupil Group to get Diplomas from Union High
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Commencement Program

Union High School Stadium

Wednesday Evening, June 3, 1942

8:00 P. M., E. W. T.

Processional	- - -	Union High School Band
Invocation	- - -	Rev. William J. McCashin
Duet	- - -	Martha Carman and John Durst "My Task"—E. L. Ashford
"Our American Way"		
Introduction	- - - -	William Sausser
Education in a Democracy	- -	Anna Ilyankoff
Civic Responsibility	- - -	Dallas Adams
Learning to Live Together	- -	Ruth Columbia
Tolerance	- - - -	Clara Filipponi
An Appreciation of Government	-	Meredith Cunningham
Forward	- - - - -	Edith Taylor
Baritone Solo	- - - -	Julian Myers "I Heard A Forest Praying"—Peter De Rose
Presentation of Awards	- - -	H. L. Tennyson
Presentation of Class	- - -	J. W. Welch
Acceptance of Class and Presentation of Diplomas	} - -	J. E. McCalmont
Benediction	- - -	Rev. William J. McCashin
Recessional	- - -	Union High School Band

Class Roll

Addington, Jessie Lee	Ilik, Agnes	Olszak, Sylvia
Allison, Ruth*	Ilyankoff, Anna*	Ossko, Anna
Bailey, Aelethea	Kargle, Virginia	Paul, Mary*
Bell, Dorothea	Kophazi, Marguerite*	Phillips, Lucy
Bertolotti, Thelma*	Kopolovich, Helen*	Povich, Sophie
Buritz, Olga	Kosem, Wilma	Pradetto, Anna
Campbell, Grace	Kosovec, Anna*	Prebeg, Helen
Carman, Martha	Kranak, Mary	Pyle, Betty
Castner, Ann	Krmel, Helen*	Ralston, Helen
Colpo, Lena	Kucera, Gloria	Reed, Virginia
Columbia, Ruth*	Kucher, Olga	Repole, Josephine
Conrad, Mildred*	Laheta, Emma	Riddile, Betty*
Cowan, Thelma	Leadbitter, Margaret	Rinella, Rose*
Culley, Eris*	Leunis, Helen	Rollage, Mary
Dellaria, Jennie	Lewis, Dorothy	Romonaski, Lorraine
DeLuca, Louise	Linn, Louella	Rossi, Bruna
DePaul, Ethelyn	Luce, Wanda*	Russell, Mary Virginia
Dluski, Josephine	Mata, Mary	Scarem, Dorothy
Falcon, Anita	McIntyre, Mary Jane*	Schrockman, Lillian
Filipponi, Clara*	McKeag, Marjorie	Secco, Argea
Fondoulis, Elizabeth	Mendez, Juanita	Senchur, Frances*
Garcia, Olga	Mika, Mary	Steele, Wanda*
Gargalionas, Athena	Miller, Katherine	Stefek, Matilda
Gavatorta, Frances	Moore, Alma	Steiminger, Helen
George, Doris*	Moore, Mary	Taylor, Edith*
Glessner, Irene	Mosocco, Lena	Tizik, Evelyn*
Gomez, Rachel	Munez, Beatrice	Tustin, Mabel*
Hamilton, Bette Lou	Mungai, Eleanor	Verez, Carmina
Hanna, Norma	Nairn, Mary	Vorinakis, Alexandria*
Hixon, Margie	Niznik, Mary	Vorinakis, Kathryn
Hobrat, Mary	Noah, Doris	Weaver, Betty
Hutchison, Marie	Nogier, Rose	

Class Roll

Adams, Dallas*	Gonzalez, Bennie	Pauchnik, Thomas
Addington, William	Gunn, Robert	Ponich, Mike
Andrews, William	Hayden, Sam	Pradetto, Thomas
Anderson, James	Henry, France	Proudfit, Donald
Anzlovar, Tony	Howard, Kenneth	Pugh, Fisher
Babyak, Steve	Jeram, Albert	Purdy, Robert
Barbarini, Fred	Karch, Freeland	Pusateri, Anthony
Buxton, Richard	Kidd, Robert	Puskarich, Charles
Clark, Joseph*	King, Richard	Sausser, William*
Colesberry, William*	Kirsch, Charles	Saver, Elmer
Costa, John	Kraeer, William	Senczyszyn, Mike
Culley, William	Lasobick, Walter	Simpson, Arthur
Cunningham, Jack	Longo, Anthony	Stiegel, Walter
Cunningham, Meredith*	Marcus, George	Strongosky, George
Davis, Jack	Matijevich, George	Szybisty, John
Dubich, John*	McCloskey, John	Tepsic, Nick
Durst, John	McCombs, Donald	Visnich, George
Evans, David	Miller, Howard	Warehol, Chester*
Fodor, William	Myers, Julian*	Wos, Joseph
Garcia, Raymond	Navage, Stanley	Yesko, Albert
Gobleck, Frank	Parkison, Kenneth	Zdbef, Stanley
Goldbach, Joseph	Patrina, Donald*	

*This group represents those in the upper 20% of the class.

Commencement Program

Union High School

Thursday Evening, June 3, 1943

8:00 P. M. E. M. T.

Processional	-	-	-	Union High School Band
Invocation	-	-	-	Rev. William H. Flurkey
Welcome	-	-	-	Matilda Pensak
Solo, "Dedication" by Franz	-	-	-	David Haines
Panel Discussion	-	-	-	"The World We Want"
Chairman — William Secen	-	Jules Darras	-	Lois Reed
Martha Kupisch	-	Elmer Gilson	-	Ann Smith
Violin Solo, "Czardas" by V. Monti	-	-	-	George Kortyna
Presentation of Awards	-	-	-	H. L. Tennyson
Presentation of Class	-	-	-	J. W. Welch
Acceptance of Class and Presentation of Diplomas	} }	-	-	D. J. Nicksick
Benediction	-	-	-	Rev. William H. Flurkey
Recessional	-	-	-	Union High School Band

Class Roll

Ahlborn, Anna E.	Gruber, Margaret	Reed, Lois*
Arguelles, Elvira*	Hobrat, Dorothy	Roberts, Lillian
Arguelles, Josephine*	Hrutkai, Rose	Robinson, Mary Lou
Babyak, Julia	Hucik, Veronica M.	Runtas, Julia A.
Barto, Reepa	Jeffrey, Lucy	Russell, Betty Jane
Buchko, Mary	Joynt, Ruth*	Saloum, Ann
Campbell, Enid J.*	Kleer, Mary K.	Schneider, Letty L.
Campbell, Nadene H.	Krupar, Agnes M.	Sendreak, Laura*
Conn, Willa M.	Kupisch, Martha*	Shearson, Alice M.
Costa, Elvera	Kuzior, Irene	Smigelski, Mary L.
Crispino, Eva	Kvak, Margaret	Smith, Ann*
Cunningham, Hazel M.*	Latzo, Margaret	Smith, Lorraine
Darras, Margaret A.	Machak, Mary A.	Strongosky, Mary
Daudet, Betty O.*	Marmagin, Jean M.	Sultie, Mary J.
Del Tozzotto, Emma	Marvich, Ann	Taucher, Cathern H.
Dodds, Bertha L.*	Matijevich, Mildred,	Taylor, Doris M.*
Dumbovich, Helen	McChancey, Dolores Al.	Thompson, Jeanne K.
Durinzi, Violet	Mike, Edna M.*	Thompson, Anna M.
Durst, Lorraine	Modic, Mary Lou	Tunno, Rose M.
Evanosky, Anne	Myers, Marian*	Vettore, Adella
Evans, Sophie C.*	Panconi, Mary Louise	Vujanick, Dorothy A.
Farley, Anna L.	Pensak, Matilda P.*	Vukas, Helen
Fratini, Evelyn	Petrel, Betty J.	Wagner, Thelma H.
Foster, Jean C.	Powell, Laura Lee	Webster, Faye E.
Franz, Bette L.	Puckett, Mary Lee*	Wiegmann, Carmen W.*
Freshwater, Viola	Pugh, Mary Eleanor	Yadrick, Irene A.
Garcia, Lillian J.	Puskar, Helen J.	Yario, Eleanore L.
Giometti, Rena	Puzik, Margaret L.	Zibritosky, Mary
Ginosky, Helen	Raffa, Helen	

Class Roll

Abate, Angelo A.	Holland, Carl C., Jr.	Pcscho, Paul
Arvanitakis, Christus	Karch, Gene R.	Plance, Edgar W.*
Astorino, Frank	King, Robert W.	Prendes, Saturno
Blaine, Morris D.	Koethe, Darrell R.	Revay, Joseph
Blehi, Albert	Lawrence, Robert A.	Robinson, Jack E.
Bole, James*	Lee, Thomas	Rumbaugh, David M.*
Bovelino, Frank	Lilly, Paul	Rusciolelli, Benjamin
Cuervo, Marshall	Longevitch, John	Secen, William G.*
Darras, Jules A.*	Majernik, George J.	Sandri, Attilio
Darras, Louis	Mansis, Reynold J.	Sartori, James W.
Elias, Thomas*	Marcus, Michael P.	Seyda, Joseph H.
Fodor, Albert	Maropis, Pete*	Spetek, Joseph E.
Garcia, Gerald*	McGraw, Patrick	Tennyson, James A.
George, Richard C.*	McWhorter, George Y.	Testa, Joseph
Gilson, Elmer*	McWhorter, James	Thornton, William L.
Gratchen, Joseph	Medved, Hobert J.	Verbanic, Herman F.
Haines, David A.	Morgan, John W.	Zablocki, Michael
Harpula, John	Ocepek, John	
Hibbs, Benjamin C.	Pappas, Charles	

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COMMENCEMENT

FORTY-NINTH ANNUAL
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GRADUATION EXERCISES
Burgettstown, Pennsylvania



BACCALAUREATE SERVICE

Burgettstown Area Junior-Senior High School Gymnasium

SUNDAY, MAY 28, 1967

8:00 P. M.

Processional **"March From Athalia"** **Mendelssohn**
Organist Mrs. John Lowry - Pianist Mrs. Charles Wilson

Invocation **Rev. Clarence Shaw**
Pastor, Church of the Nazarene, Atlasburg, Pa.

Selections **Chorus**
"One God" - Shirl "Go Not Far From Me, O God" - Zingarelli
Accompanist: Rosalind Rozmus Conducted by - Mrs. Barbara Dunmire

Scripture Reading and Prayer **Rev. Domenick Sgro**
Pastor, Christian Church of North America, Burgettstown, Pa.

Address **"Which Way Is Up"**
Dr. Joseph R. Hookey - Pastor, First Presbyterian Church, Washington, Pa.

Benediction **Rev. Clarence Shaw**

Recessional **"March From Athalia"** **Mendelssohn**

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-OUR SPEAKER-

Reverend William G. Rusch, Ph.D., was born in Dunkirk, New York, in July, 1924. He graduated from Strong Vincent High School in Erie, Pennsylvania, in 1942 and received a scholarship to Washington & Jefferson College where he completed one year's work before entering military service in the spring of 1943. In service he was trained as an aerial navigator and commissioned as a second lieutenant. He served as a B-24 navigator in the South Pacific with the 5th Air Force and at the end of the war became a rescue boat skipper and later the Operations Officer of a rescue boat unit in Japan.

After being discharged in July of 1946, Dr. Rusch returned to Washington & Jefferson College where he studied for one year before going to Western Theological Seminary in 1947. After a summer session at W. & J., in 1948 Dr. Rusch received his A.B. degree, graduating Magna Cum Laude, and was elected to Phi Beta Kappa.

He completed his theological training at Western Theological Seminary receiving the Bachelor of Divinity degree in June, 1950. He was also awarded the Church History prize and the Hebrew prize. While at Seminary, he also completed a Master of Education degree at the University of Pittsburgh which was awarded in August, 1950. He later earned a Doctor of Philosophy degree from the University of Pittsburgh which was awarded in 1958.

He served as pastor of the Third Presbyterian Church of Tarentum, Pa., from 1948 until January, 1951, when he became the first pastor of the newly organized Hamilton Presbyterian Church in South Hills, Pittsburgh. During his three and a half year pastorate there the church grew from 90 to 500 members, and a church building and manse were built. In June, 1954, he became the pastor of the Second Presbyterian Church of Washington, Pa., where he

served until the merger of that church with the Third Presbyterian Church to form the Church of the Covenant in 1960 when he became the first pastor of this new congregation which now numbers over 2,100. During his thirteen-year pastorate in Washington 1,439 new members have been received into the church.

In 1958 Dr. Rusch served as Moderator of Washington Presbytery. He also has served as Chairman of its General Council and Chairman of its Committees on Ministerial Relations, National Missions, Strategy, General Presbyter and Presbytery Council of United Presbyterian Man as well as serving on the Trustees and Committees of Christian Education and Bills and Overtures. While in Pittsburgh Presbytery he was Chairman of the Committee on Records, History and Judicial Business.

From 1960 to 1966 Dr. Rusch served as Chairman of the Christian Education Committee of the Synod and Chairman of the Department of Higher Education. For the last six years he has also served on the General Council of the Synod and on its Executive Committee as well as the Finance and Personnel Committees. From 1956 to 1961 he was the Clerk of the Permanent Judicial Commission of the Synod. He served on the Presbytery Boundaries Committee and with the Synod Committees of National Missions and Ministerial Relations. In 1962-63 he was President of the Board of Directors of the Synod Leadership Training School.

In 1964 he served the General Assembly on its Commission on Capital Needs. As a Commissioner to the uniting General Assembly of 1958 he was also one of its devotional speakers. His sermons have been printed in two national magazines, and he is one of the authors of "The Incomparable Snowden". His sermons have been broadcast weekly for over twelve years.

In 1957 he was elected a life member of the Board of Trustees of Washington & Jefferson College. He has provided leadership for numerous community affairs, serving as President of the Board of Directors of the Washington County United Fund in 1962. He is currently chairman of the Washington Youth Commission appointed by the Mayor with authority from the Juvenile Court to discipline and rehabilitate youth.

In 1947 he married Ruth Jeannette Johnson who served three churches as a Director of Christian Education. They have four children, Carolyn, 18; Betsy, 16; Kathy, 13; Paul, 11.

In June, 1966 he was elected Moderator of the Synod of Pennsylvania.

In the summer of 1966, he spent eleven weeks with his family in Europe, serving six weeks as the exchange pastor at the John Knox Presbyterian Church of Aberdeen, Scotland, and five weeks touring the continent of Europe.

COMMENCEMENT SERVICE

Burgettstown Area Junior-Senior High School Gymnasium

THURSDAY, JUNE 1, 1967

7:30 P. M.

Processional "Pomp and Circumstance" Edgar
Union High School Band

Invocation Rev. John P. Borter
Hillcrest U. P. Church, Burgettstown, Pa.

Welcome Adam Rossi
President of Senior Class

Selections Chorus
"You'll Never Walk Alone" - Rodgers
"Battle Hymn Of The Republic" - Steffe

Accompanists - Rosalind Rozmus, Larry Williamson - Drummer Michael Hanna
Conducted by - Mrs. Barbara Dunmire

Address "The Challenge Of Inner Space"
Dr. William G. Rusch, Pastor, Church of the Covenant, Washington, Pa.

Presentation of Awards John R. Grecco
Supervising Principal, Burgettstown Area School District

Presentation of Class R. Donald Hall
Principal, Union High School

Acceptance of Class and Presentation of Diplomas Neil Phillips
President, Burgettstown Area Board of School Directors

Alma Mater Union High School Band

Benediction Rev. Joseph Koloszczyk
Assistant Pastor, Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Burgettstown, Pa.

Recessional Fanfare & Recessional Ployhar
Union High School Band

— CLASS ROLL —

BOYS —

Alonso, Jess Manuel
 Alouise, John J.
 Alvarez, Raymond Eugene
 Barish, Edward
 Blank, Harry Allen
 Bailey, Robert L.
 Baileys, Donald Ray
 Bongiorno, Frank F.
 Boni, David Anthony
 Boni, John III
 Boni, Robert Michael
 Boyer, Raymond J.
 Caleffie, Fred
 Caleffe, Robert John
 Capozzoli, Art
 Conklin, Glenn Edward
 Couch, Larry J.
 Dalverny, Henry Eugene
 Davis, Jack D.
 DeCook, Michael Victor
 Diley, Donald A.
 Dluski, Ronald John
 Doak, Larry Allen
 Donati, Dennis Michael
 Drazick, George Michael
 Dudeck, Albert J.
 Farulli, Ralph B.
 Finley, Thomas J.
 Fodor, Carl G.
 Fritch, John W.
 Galish, Jr., George E.
 Gillespie, Ernest
 Gillespie, Richard
 Gonzalez, Raymond
 Hall, James Drew
 Hanna, Michael E.
 Jamison, Roy W.
 Karnek, Steven Bradley
 Kemp, Robert William
 Kern, Arthur Allison
 Koraido, Joseph L.
 Kostrej, Michael
 Kranak, Jerome Michael
 Kubovic, Joseph J.
 Kuzyck, John J.
 Link, Raymond
 McClements, Jack
 Mader, Gary
 Massengill, Henry
 Malone, Daniel E.
 Malone, Randall L.
 Matijevich, James
 Mavrich, Thomas F.
 Mayhew, Jonathan T.
 Mermon, Boley D.
 Merryman, Paul D.
 Michalski, Joseph M.
 Mitchell, Robert L.
 Montequin, Monte J.

Moore, William E.
 Muscaro, John D.
 Muscaro, Stanley
 Noga, Frank
 O'Brien, Carlos James
 Ostop, Steven G.
 Paniaha, William
 Pappas, Charles
 Patterson, Robert
 Petricca, Gerald
 Petricca, James Howard
 Petrucci, James Lee
 Pounds, Thomas A. Jr.
 Presutti, Robert
 Ratkoviitch, Jr., George
 Reid, John W.
 Rossi, Adam
 Ryan, Randy
 Sabo, Randall Paul
 Steiminger, Andrew J.
 Steiminger, John Paul
 Steiminger, Robert W.
 Stiegel, Mark
 Stopenski, Stanley
 Thomas, Edward P.
 Thornburg, Robert L.
 Vega, Donald Lee
 Wetzel, James E.
 Wilkins, Arthur N.
 Wilkerson, William
 Williamson, George III
 Yaksic, George T.
 Zibritosky, Carl F.
 Zick, Anthony J.

GIRLS —

Abbott, Peggy Lee
 Allison, Cynthia S.
 Allison, Kathleen Marie
 Baker, Elsie
 Baronio, Sandra Lee
 Bianchini, Linda Marie
 Bokulich, Veronica Ann
 Bozic, Paula Ann
 Caleffie, Nancy Jane
 Carter, Janet Kathryn
 Chastulik, Barbara
 Chastulik, Theresa Ann
 Chuburko, Mary Ann
 Clark, Sandra
 Cook, Jessica Lynn
 Costanza, Verina Lee
 Cowden, Kathleen Diana
 Craft, Faye Elaine
 Dalesio, Diane P.
 Dellaria, Frances
 Dluski, Debra Lynn
 Donati, Susan
 Drazick, Nicki Lou
 Dubich, Bernice
 Dunn, Charlotte
 Endler, Patricia Ann

Fiazza, Joanne
 Gatus, Roseann
 Gratchen, Kathleen Marie
 Graul, Karen Diane
 Grimes, Beverly
 Herbert, Katherine Louise
 Jackson, Donagene
 Jackson, Karen Lee
 Johnson, Betty Jo
 Jones, Linda
 Kaste, Nancy Faye
 Kavensky, Judith Ann
 Kern, Karen Ann
 Kophazi, Kathleen Louise
 Kopolovich, Lois Caroline
 Kotouch, Bernadette
 Kramer, Linda Mae
 Kubalak, Carol Ann
 Kucher, Marilyn Marie
 Latella, Trudy L.
 Lewis, Donna Jean
 Malone, Eva E.
 Maslyk, Dana Diane
 McClements, JoAnn
 Mecannic, Janice Marie
 Merriner, Rita
 Mis, Vonice A.
 Nadik, Gladys Elaine
 Nicksick, Catherine Joyce
 Nolan, Antoinette Marie
 Orison, Paulette A.
 Patterson, Patricia T.
 Preston, Sarah Jean
 Proudfit, Patricia J.
 Ralston, Phyllis M.
 Rollage, Marilyn Jean
 Rometti, Karen T.
 Rujak, Andrea Louise
 Russell, Jane A.
 Russell, Sharon Lynn
 Scott, Judith Ann
 Sebolt, Linda Ann
 Sinnett, Linda Ann
 Smiley, Nancy Elizabeth
 Swearingen, Donna L.
 Takah, Barbara Jo
 Taylor, Judith L.
 Tonetti, Catherine Marie
 Tonetti, Erma J.
 Trenary, Sandra Jean
 Trevena, Patricia
 Tulle, Marie Teresa
 Tustin, Mary
 Vanetti, Janet M.
 Vermeulen, Judith Lee
 Vuksanovich, Karen Louise
 Warchol, Renay Kathleen
 Wonsevicz, Marie Elizabeth
 Yakovich, Helen A.
 Yanovich, Barbara Ann
 Zarnick, Josephine

COMMENCEMENT ACTIVITIES ARE PLANNED FOR UHS

Supervising Principal H.L. Tennyson outlined commencement plans to members of the Burgettstown-Smith township School Board in regular session on Monday evening. The following events are being arranged:

Junior-Senior Prom, Friday May 17

Vesper Service, Sunday, May 19

The Rev. Samuel Shane, pastor of the Second United Presbyterian church will deliver the sermon.

Kennywood Picnic, Monday, May 20

May Day Program, Tuesday, May 21

King and Queen selected by vote of the boys and girls of the Senior class will be crowned with fitting ceremony at the May Day Festival.

Commencement, Thursday, May 23

Dr. A. J. Calderwood, dean of the faculty of Grove City college will address the graduates. The Commencement program will be presented as a panel discussion on "Guidance" by seven members of the Senior class.

School Term Ends, Friday, May 24

New school term begins August 28

Examinations for Seniors will begin on Monday, May 13 and for underclassmen on Wednesday, May 15.

Members of the Board discussed an industrial art program for next year at great length, and expressed their approval if the 1940-41 budget will permit the financing of such a program. Mr. Tennyson reported on a proposed program, at an estimated cost of from \$2500 to \$3000 for building and equipment, using two teachers, who could handle 4-2 period classes of from 20 to 30 ninth and tenth grade boys daily.

The proposed industrial arts program would include woodworking, metal working and electrical shop work. The directors considered the moving of a portable school building from Slovan to the high school grounds, setting it on a concrete and tile base to make a two story building. No definite action was taken.

President Kimberland appointed members Nairn, Sciamanna, Stevenson and McCalmont a Budget Committee to meet Tuesday evening to draw up a budget for the 1940-41 term and to submit said budget at the next meeting for approval.

Repairs to the sidewalk and the enlarging of the high school office were discussed. It was decided to proceed with said repairs after the school term closes.

A report from Faculty member Elizabeth Scott was read. Miss Scott made a tour of school libraries at Charleroi, Washington and Donora and reported that Union's library compared favorably with the libraries she had visited.

Bids were received for school supplies for Union from the following: Milton Bradley Co., \$718.00; William G. Johnston, \$715.00 and Kurtz Brothers, \$714.26. The contract for supplies was awarded to Kurtz brothers. Bills totalling \$5300.96 were read and approved for payment.

**COMMENCEMENT
DANCE**

Friday, June 3, 1955

UNION HIGH SCHOOL GYMNASIUM

Music By

RUSS ROMERO & HIS ORCHESTRA

Dancing 10 P. M. to 1 O'clock

ADMISSION

Dancing \$1.25 per person

Balcony -25c per person

**Commencement Dance
Burgettstown Enterprise-May 19, 1955 Edition**

Union School Commencement –May 3, 1894

The Commencement exercises of Union School were held in Academy Hall Thursday evening, May 3rd. The following was the program:

Prayer-Rev. Dr. Carson

Piano Duet-Misses Riddle and Stuart,

“Boielden Overture to Caliph of Bagdad”

Essay-Miss Glenna Tipton, “Courage”

Essay-Miss Maggie Hayden, “We Should Have an Object in Life”

Piano Solo-Miss Frankie McClure, “Maiden’s Prayer”-Baderzewska

Essay-Miss Mary Stuart, “Building of Character”

Essay-Miss Belle Stephenson, “History and Prophecy of the Class of 94”

Piano Solo-Miss Mamie Riddle, “Valse”-Aug. Durand

Address-Rev. A. T. Taylor

Piano Solo-Miss Mary Stuart, “German Triumphal March,” Jacob Kunkle

Presentation of Diplomas- Dr. L. C. Botkin

Song-“America,” by the school

Benediction-Rev. J. L. Weaver

The graduates were Glenna P. Tipton, Maggie E. Hayden, Mary Stuart, and C. Belle Stephenson.

The hall was crowded to its utmost capacity. Even standing room was at a premium, the aisles and every foot of available room being occupied. The graduates acquitted themselves well, and in fact the whole program was entertaining and well carried out. All musicians were encored. Rev. Taylor’s address to the class was especially good.

This was the second class to graduate from Union School. In the fall of 1888 the school board revised the course of study with a view of graduating those who completed the course. Under the instruction of Prof. W. C. Black, now Canonsburg, the following young ladies completed the course and were awarded diplomas: Mary P. Rice, Estella W. Crane, Estella Hartford, Vernie Forsythe, Mary Belle Galbraith, Allie McFarland and Nannie Doak, this constituting the class of 1889.

In the fall of 1893 the board added another room, revised the course of study and added rhetoric and civil government and under the instruction of Professor S. S. Baker graduated the class of 1894.

This news article was found in a personal scrap book in the archives of Fort Vance Historical Society.

Miss Cruikshank Resigns After Teaching 43 Years; U. H. S. Teacher 18 Years

June 13-1946

Thousands of graduates and students will learn with regret this week of the retirement of Miss Winifred Cruikshank from the faculty of Union high school. For 18 years Miss Cruikshank has



been one of the most beloved teachers at Union. Pupils were accustomed to looking forward to the time when Miss Cruik-

shank would teach them senior English and prepare them for their graduation day. For many years she took the responsibility of coaching the student commencement speakers, and until very recently she directed both the junior and senior plays and assisted in senior festivities. This past year she continued to coach the senior play and to help with the senior operetta. She was officially head of the English department and senior advisor.

In submitting her resignation Tuesday evening to members of the Burgettstown Smith township school board Miss Cruikshank continues to show her loyalty and devotion to Union high and offers to render any service that she can to the school in the future.

She graduated from Fairmont normal school and Davis and Elkins college, and for 43 years she has continuously served as a class room teacher. For 11 years she taught in Davis, W. Va. For five years she was principal and teacher of English at Williamstown, W. Va. Two years were spent at Richwood and seven years at Benwood, W. Va. She came to Union in 1928. Miss Cruikshank returned to her home in Belington, W. Va., before news of her retirement was made public. Her many friends in Burgettstown will view her departure from the community with the deepest regret.

**Miss Winifred Cruikshank
Resigns After Teaching 43 Years
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**John Cunningham
Receives Brunswick
Corp. Scholarship**

4-13-1961



A Union high school senior from the Eldersville community has been awarded the Brunswick Foundation scholarship for youth fitness leadership, provided by the Brunswick Corporation of Chicago, Ill. John Cunningham, son of Mr. and Mrs. Willis Cunningham has the honor of being the first student to receive the scholarship worth \$2000.

It was announced by the Brunswick Corporation that John was the winner after the screening of over 1,000 applications from outstanding high school students by the scholarship committee of the American Association for health, physical education and recreation. He will be graduated in June and plans to major in Physical Education at Bethany or Slippery Rock College. He has been accepted at Bethany.

In addition to placing in the top one-fifth of his class, John has participated in football four years, track, three years wrestling and basketball, two years. He was a member of the Junior Honor Society, has served as vice-president of the Junior class and Hi-Y, and is currently president of the Senior class.

Last fall John was the recipient of the McElhaney Award, presented each year in the Burgettstown area to an outstanding senior for scholarship, leadership and citizenship attainment. He is a member of the Varsity U and has been a member of the yearbook staff two years.

He is a former Explorer Scout, having been active in Scout activities several years. He is a member of the Eldersville Methodist church where he has taken an active part in the Sunday school and is a former member of the Junior choir.

**DR. W. E. DICKSON
RESIGNS FROM BORO
BOARD OF EDUCATION**

The resignation of Dr. W. E. Dickson, for sixteen years a member of the Burgettstown School Board was accepted with regret by members of the local board at their recent meeting. Dr. Dickson was elected to the Board from December 1913 to December 1919 and again in December 1931 and has served until the present time. He gave as his reason for resigning the fact that he would like to participate in the dental work of the school dental clinic.

The resignation of Mrs. Martha Lance Welch was accepted and Mrs. Deleie McPeak Sanders of Cherry Valley was elected to fill the vacancy. Mrs. Welch has taught the Borough fifth grade for the past eight years. Mrs. Sanders, her successor, formerly taught in Cherry Valley and Raccoon schools for a period of ten years.

Miss Rosalyn Carman was granted a leave of absence for one semester. She expects to complete her work for her Bachelor of Arts degree at the University of Pittsburgh.

DIRECTORS TOLD BUS SCHEDULE MUST BE REVISED

Supervising Principal H. L. Tennyson, President A. J. Nairn and Secretary Tony Plate spent last Friday in Harrisburg in consultation with officials from the Department of Public Instruction to secure additional data on the transportation allowance for Smith township school district. They were informed that the department had approved the bus contract for transportation of high school pupils to date, but that the present transportation program will have to be greatly curtailed before it can be eligible for state aid.

They learned that the state appropriation for transportation for Smith township is \$4000 per year, of which about \$1500 is necessary for transportation of elementary pupils to grade schools, leaving \$2500 for use for transportation of high school students.

Acting in the belief that the state would pay up to 75 per cent of transportation costs for high school pupils, the Smith township school directors awarded a provisional contract to D. Capozzoli and Co. for transportation of all high school pupils, except those living in Burgettstown at a cost of \$850 per month. If state aid for such transportation is only \$2500 for the school term, which means about \$277 per month, it can readily be seen that the school district will have to revise its entire transportation schedule, or the school district will be forced to pay several hundred dollars per month out of school funds for such transportation.

Recently enacted school laws make it mandatory for all boys and girls under 18 years of age to attend school but the law also states that transportation is to be furnished by the school district for all pupils living outside a two mile radius of the school. When the new transportation schedule went into effect, it added more than 100 students to Union roster, students from outlying districts, past 16 years of age, who had not been attending school.

HUNDREDS ATTEND BURGETTSTOWN MEMORIAL FOR FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT. DISTRICT GOES INTO MOURNING. PLEDGE UNITY TO TRUMAN

More than one thousand citizens of the Greater Burgettstown Community assembled in Union High School Saturday afternoon for a Memorial Service, from three to four o'clock to honor the memory of our late President, Franklin Delano Roosevelt and to pledge unity to our new head of state, President Harry S. Truman.

The meeting was called by Proclamation from Burgess A. O. Hindman, who presided. He was assisted by members of the Burgettstown Post of the American Legion, the Ministerium, Union high school orchestra and Mrs. Wayne Culley, who appeared as soloist.

Deep regret at the passing of the Nation's war-time President was in evidence over the entire district, and a state of mourning, declared by Burgess Hindman was strictly adhered to, Theatres and clubs, and public places of amusement closed Friday and until after 5 p. m. Saturday, and the business houses of the district were closed during the funeral hours.

Memorial services were held in the district schools, Friday at 1 o'clock after which the schools were adjourned.

Employees of industrial plants in the district reported for work as early as 4 a. m. for the Saturday morning shifts and work was discontinued during the afternoon to permit workers to attend the Memorial service.

**Hundreds Attend Burgettstown Memorial for FRD
District goes into Mourning. Pledge to Truman
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DISTRICT SCHOOLS ANNOUNCE HONOR PUPILS FOR FIRST PERIOD

UNION HIGH SCHOOL

Quality points for grades awarded on a unit subject are as follows: A - 4, B - 3, C - 2, D - 1, E - 0. A pupil must attain 15 or more quality points for high honors and 14-15 for honorable mention.

SENIORS

HIGH HONORS

Frank Ratkovich, Mary Arguelles, Mary Spanogians, Mary Vranjes, Peter Gobleck, Lucille Jackson.

HONORABLE MENTION

Margaret McGraw, William Diamond Betty Brown, Ruth Friday, Betty Hamill, Wardie Joseph, Rene Freville, Josephine Garcia.

JUNIORS

HIGH HONORS

Dorothy Kosovec, Kay Scott, Agnes Salum, Fraonces Peters, Ruth Choman, John Melton, Marjorie McCormick, Agnes Pikulski, Joseph Dellaria, Ruth Sacks, Irene Latzo.

HONORABLE MENTION

Rita Panconi, Ann Migias, John Puckett, James Reed, Harry Elias, Evon Gilson.

SOPHOMORES

HIGH HONORS

Betty Cowden, Helen Mudre, Mary Jane McWhorter, Mary Kopacz, Ruth Lee Clair, Antoinette Gobleck, Florence Schilinski, John Dalfol, Elizabeth Woods, James Lee, Erma Marvich, Dolores Jancart, Virginia Campbell, Eugene Povero, Eugene Vosburg, John Miller, Betty Joseph, Dorothy Horovitz, John Ratkovitch, Merle Turner.

HONORABLE MENTION

Walter Malek, Mary Petrel, Stanley Pensak, Charles Seminick.

FRESHMEN

HIGH HONORS

Mary Golubofsky, Dorothy Wonsevicz, James Gilson, Irene Wysocki, Angeline Restanio, Josephine Sedlar, Ruth Majernik, Sophie Quader, Dolores Kubovic Lorraine Caleffe, Grace Todoverto, Mildred Pikulski, Maxine Moore, Goldie Enos, Jeanne Young, Donald Downer, Thomas Harper, Vilma Gavazzi, Anna Mondin, Lillian Vranish, Frances Sultie, Anna Sokolowski, Anita Garcia, Nova Cowden, Thomas McCracken, John Collins.

HONORABLE MENTION

Betty Savage, Dorothy Schwab, Margaret Hvizdosh, Charlotte Pintar, Donna Skinner, Marko Skof, Robert Meyer, Dale Scott, George Boni, Gordon Bywaters, Stanley Jankowski.

BURGETTSTOWN

Grade I—Nicholas Diamond, Darlyle Webster.

Grade II—Gayle Tennyson, Lydia Buckwalter, Gerson Sacks, Lynn Lawson.

Grade III—Carol Cunningham, Victor Gilson, Kay Melvin, Barbara Grabski, David Sutton.

Grade IV—Robert Froats, Joan Collins, Joanne McDonald, Rowene Whalen.

Grade V—Robert Darras, Donald Froats, Robert Cowden, Mary Ella Cunningham.

Grade VI—Nancy Wagner, Constance Webster.

Grade VII—Ray Stewart, Elbert Seagle, Emerson Flurkey, Margaret Harbaugh, Ann Darras, Donna Cowden, Margaret Woods, Doris Tope, Jerry Williams, Dolores Taylor, Ruth Franz.

Grade VIII—Helen Halkas, Jane Alma Scott, Jo-Anne Smith, Irvane Gosteau, Donna Darras, Avonelle Stevenson.

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LANGELOTH

Grade I—Larry Davis, Alice Fernandez, Charis Van InWegan.

Grade II—Ronald Wallace, Robert Carmichael, Margaret Gill, Darlene Wisnosky, Earlene King.

Grade III—Jack Ashton, Frank Wilgocki, Lucy Mendez, Betty Simon Myrna Sonnenberg, Philip Prado.

Grade IV—Bobby Young, Faye Beaumont, Gloria Garcia, Velma Amistadi, Katherine Gavartorta.

Grade V—Janet Tomlinson.

Grade VI—Laura Lee Wheeler, Mary Paris, Norma Lou Wilgocki, Patrick Maropis.

Grade VII—Harry Fulmer, Raymond Wysocki, Duncan Beaumont.

Grade VIII—Augusta Amistadi, Bernice Wysocki, Donald Fletcher.

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SLOVAN

Grade I—Marlene Sicora, Mildred Vuksanovich, Stanley Tulick, Ronald Curtis, Lucille Grabski, Martha Ranovich.

Grade II—Martha Vuksanovich, Dominick Trimarki.

Grade III—Joann Plate, Sylvia Capozzoli, Mary Guiddy.

Grade IV—Rudy Visnich, Anne Latella, Sally Schlinski, Shirley Ann Robb.

Grade V—Helen Golubofsky, Barbara Schilinski, Quentin Capozzoli, Stephen Vuksanovich.

Grade VI—John Koval, Frank Piccolo, Gloria Thomas.

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RACCOON

Grade I—Carl DeValkeneer, Virginia Diley, Peter Gobleck, Joseph Kortyna, Wallace Krocsko, Theresa Kortyna, John Mac Sanders, Evelyn Smith.

Grade II—Eleanor Canonge, Arlene Borio.

Grade III—Philip Stanish, Ann Malone, Catherine Scopel.

Grade IV—Frank Delprato, Dolores Bianchini, Roger Wagner, Betty Venner.

Grade V—Leona June Deliere, Walter Stanish, Stella Jancart, Martha Moore, Margaret Malone, Pauline McGrogan, Charles Zilich.

Grade VI—Frances Gratchen, Donna Kristoff, Eleanora Budny, Helen Baloga.

Grade VII—George Flesher, Simone Lorant, Betty Mayer, Jean Mayer, Rudolph Putkovich.

Grade VIII—Loretta Restanio, Elizabeth Stiegel, Henry Budny, Paul Deliere, John Darras.

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ATLASBURG

Grade I—Bertha Dupesko, Henry McClements.

Grade II—Evelyn Brown, Sophia Dupesko, Katie Matijevich, Roberta Preston, Beverly Storf, Charlene Duffey, Arlene Langenbacher, Harry Moore, Robert Ruben.

Grade III—Barbara Staub, Magdaly Zablocki, Mildred Borus, Mary Mitchell.

Grade IV—Ronald Lindstrom, Randolph Brown, Carol Havelka, Stella Morne.

Grade V—Martha Cherek, Richard Bodnar, John Cherenko.

Grade VI—Kenneth Martiny, William Mitchell, Patricia Bonner, Albert Prezenkop, Robert Bongiorno.

Grade VII—Susan Michelucci, Theresa, Zablocki, John Lanczak, William Capazzoli, Melva Melton, Pete Matijevic, Stanley Poskosky, Olga Visnich, Helen Stiak, Eugene Bonjiorni, Frances Sokolowski.

Grade VIII—Tony Valenti, Dorothy Kaufman, Susan Mudre, Josephine Baich, Mary Stroen, Dolores Capazzoli, Anna Sherasky, Virginia Ganchuk, Yolanda Bovalina.

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HARMON CREEK

Grade I—Doris Baker, 3; Jerry Lyon 3.

Grade II—James Bannister, 3.

Grade III—Arletta Baker, 3.3.

Grade IV—Louise Peters 3.1, Virginia Hutchinson 3.

Grade VII—Velma Myers 3, Florence Cowden 3.

Grade VIII—Edith Woods 3.85, Ruth Malone 3.63, John Kosovec 3.25

FRANCIS MINE

Grade I—Wilma Senczyszyn.

Grade II—Nancy Strongosky.

Grade III—Joan Roberts, Arthur McHenry.

Grade IV—Fred Senczyszyn, C. Strongosky, Joe Pienkosky, Albert Zamberlan, Clifford Haspel.

Grade V—Joseph Zamberlan, Linda Lee Columbia.

Grade VI—Betty Senczyszyn, Rose Pienkosky, Harry Strongosky.

Grade VII—Lillian Senczyszyn.

Grade VIII—Ilde Zamberlan, Patsy Harshall.

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NELLE DUNCAN BLAINE

Of Burgettstown. Born 9/29/1898. Died 3/25/1992. Salary 1941-42, \$100 per month, 8-month term.

Took George Butler's place at Eldersville on Jan. 10, 1940, when he left to teach at Baden. Next term she began teaching at Burgettstown, until end of 1963-64 term.

Mrs. Ralph Blaine On Tour of Europe



several days of sight-seeing.

The trip will continue to Glasgow and Edinburgh, Scotland, by train. The Supreme Grand Chapter of Scotland, O.E.S., will be invited to engage in joint activities with the group.

Upon return to London, the group will travel by boat to LeHavre, France, and continue to Paris, with several days of leisure for sight-seeing. The flight home, by Air France, leaves Orly Airport in Paris on May 11.

Mrs. Blaine's traveling companion will be Mrs. Cora Clay, of McDonald, a Past Matron of the McDonald Chapter. Mrs. Clay and Mrs. Blaine will continue the trip by viewing the World's Fair for a few days upon their return to New York City.

Mrs. Ralph Blaine will join with ten other members of the Order of the Eastern Star for a tour of Europe which includes ten countries. The group left Kennedy Airport on Tuesday, April 14, from New York, via Air France Airlines for Paris.

They will continue by chartered train to Nice, Monte Carlo, and then to Rome, Venice and Florence, in Italy. Next stops include Switzerland; Munich and Wiesbaden, Germany; and a ride on a steamer is included in the many sight-seeing trips.

Amsterdam, Holland, will also be visited, where they will visit Rembrandt's House with its collections of paintings, and a diamond cutting factory. Also included on the tour is Brussels, Belgium, and then by steamer to Dover, England, and London for

Burgettstown Teacher Retires After 29 Years

Mrs. Nelle Blaine, of Burgettstown, is retiring after a teaching career that has spanned 29 years.

Mrs. Blaine has taught the past 18 years in the Burgettstown Elementary School. She previously taught in the Raccoon School in Smith Township, McDonald, Sloan and Eldersville.

She is a graduate of Indiana State Teachers College and Burgettstown High School.

Mrs. Blaine at one time taught a private kindergarten. She also has conducted adult education classes in a federal education project designed to aid foreign-born persons in obtaining knowledge of American government.

She is a member of the Westminister United Presbyterian Church, the National and Pennsylvania Education Associations. She is a charter member of the Business and Professional Women's Club; a member of the Order of Eastern Star, the Past Matron's Club, and Syria Ladies Social Club of Pittsburgh, the Washington Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution and past president of the Burgettstown Friday Club.

Mrs. Blaine, an ardent traveler, is planning a trip to Alaska in August.

She has two sons, Morris, of Coraopolis, and John, of Phoenix, Ariz.

FINE RECORDS BEING MADE IN SCHOOLS OF DISTRICT

Attention is directed to two particular items in the reports of Union high school, Burgettstown grade schools and Smith township schools: The total enrollment is 2,897 and perfect attendance in the three schools was 59 percent. The average for Washington county was 20 percent. This is an excellent showing when conditions in the community are taken into consideration.

There is still room for improvement in the "tardy" column, but tardiness in great measure is caused by transportation difficulties and delays occasioned by pupils being held up at railroad crossings.

In the following exhibit the figures in the first column show the enrollment; second column gives percentage of attendance; third column shows the tardy ones, and the fourth column is the number of pupils making perfect attendance:

UNION HIGH SCHOOL

Ninth Grade

Mr. Lawther	53	94	7	30
Mr. Fee	28	96	13	6
Miss Davis	31	97	2	15
Miss Lee	21	91	1	8
Miss Werner	17	97	20	12
Mr. Welch	75	97	26	24

Tenth Grade

Mr. Teare	38	94	29	5
Mr. Kiefer	39	97	44	10
Miss Maurhoff	27	95	16	16
Miss Hoge	63	96	4	45

Eleventh Grade

Miss Smith	34	94	21	11
Mr. Reed	35	98	9	12
Mrs. Jones	34	96	2	18

Twelfth Grade

Miss Cruikshank	48	96	17	18
Mr. Tennyson	27	91	10	12
Miss Scott	32	91	23	17
Total	602	244	259	

BURGETTSTOWN BOROUGH

1. Miss Malone	60	86	2	26
2. Miss Palin	53	91	1	22
3. Mrs. Puckett	36	95	4	21
3-4. Miss Inglefield	34	98		24
4. Miss Slonaker	39	96		26
5-1. Miss Lance	35	94	12	15
5-2. Miss Malone	34	94		26
6-1. Mrs. McKee	33	99	1	32
6-2. Mr. Hemphill	29	94	10	19
7-1. Mr. Piersol	31	97	9	10
7-2. Miss Scott	33	96	3	22
8-1. Miss King	29	97	2	22
8-2. Miss Munger	29	98	7	19
Total	475	50	284	

SMITH TOWNSHIP

First Grade

Miss Welch	31	87		13
Miss McPeak	21	86		9
Miss J. V. Burns	2	39	87	20
Miss Felch	15	85	1	7
Miss L. Colteryahn	32	87		11
Mrs. Keys	8	88		
Miss Boles	14	61		3
Miss E. King	10	70	1	3
Miss Cooley	23	91		7

Second Grade

Miss Blair	28	96		20
Miss L. Palin	25	90		10

Miss McCord	32	94		16
Miss Felch	18	94	6	5
Miss Colteryahn	22	93		8
Mrs. Keys	3	90		
Miss Boles	15	61	2	2
Miss E. King	16	86		4
Miss M. R. Blair	28	90		10

Third Grade

Miss McNary	36	83	1	15
Miss Buchanan	28	92		10
Miss Mull	27	90		12
Miss Dold	18	93	1	10
Miss Young	25	90		7
Mrs. Keys	2	95		
Mrs. Farrar	9	57		1
Miss Ralston	28	92		13
Miss Moore	29	95		19
Miss Hall	27	96		15

Fourth Grade

Miss Whalen	56	90		39
Miss McKenzie	34	88		13
Miss B. Burns	40	96	2	26
Miss Dold	19	92	1	6
Miss Young	15	85		2
Miss Boyd	27	92	9	4
Mrs. Keys	6	98		4
Miss Farrar	15	76		5
Miss Daudet	26	89		11
Miss Riley	38	75		5

Fifth Grade

Miss McGregor	51	88		23
Miss McBurney	37	88		17
Miss K. Colteryahn	40	98	1	31
Miss Dodds	13	97	12	8
Miss Bigger	14	94		7
Miss Boyd	15	85	3	4
Miss Seabright	18	66		4
Miss Danielson	15	82		7
Miss Daudet	12	96		6
Miss Riley	14	96		3
Miss Grable	24	87	4	7

Sixth Grade

Miss Burkett	34	93		18
Mr. Harris	34	90		13
Miss F. DeBrakeleer	32	97		11
Miss Sullivan	29	95		18
Mrs. Stoner	30	97		18
Miss Dodds	17	90	5	8
Miss Bigger	28	92		7
Miss Seabright	13	81		5
Miss Danielson	25	93		13
Miss Grable	27	90		8

Seventh Grade

Miss Zediker	25	89	3	10
Miss A. DeBrakeleer	29	93	3	15
Mr. Robertson	27	97	3	17
Mr. Dunbar	7	86		3
Mr. Mulholland	23	99		17
Mr. Nethercoat	11	82		6
Mr. Burns	18	99	5	15
Mr. Hall	27	90		9
Mr. Wiley	35	92	6	8

Eighth Grade

Mrs. Khatas	25	86		9
Mr. Malone	26	90		10
Mr. Proudfit	29	97		18
Mr. Butler	29	97		20
Mr. Critchlow	29	98		22
Mr. Dunbar	13	97		11
Mr. Mulholland	19	95		11
Mr. Nethercoat	11	94		9
Mr. Burns	11	97		8
Mr. Wiley	19	96		4
Total	1820	69	819	

New High Records Made By Pupils of Local Schools

Reports of the three school units of the local community for the month of April indicate the setting up of new records for perfect attendance and the lowering of tardy percentages. The exhibit of activities of the schools should be gratifying to all patrons of the educational system.

In the following report the figures in the first column show the enrollment; the second column gives the attendance percentage; the third column shows the number of pupils tardy during the month, and the fourth column records the perfect attendance:

Union High School			
Ninth Grade			
Mr. Lawther	49	92	1 4
Mr. Fee	25	90	13
Miss Davis	29	91	2 5
Miss Lee	19	95	1 3
Miss Werner	17	96	5
Mr. Welch	71	94	15
Tenth Grade			
Mr. Teare	36	91	15
Mr. Kiefer	39	92	9
Miss Maurhoff	38	95	14
Miss Hoge	58	93	3 25
Eleventh Grade			
Miss Smith	34	90	10
Mr. Reed	35	95	12
Mrs. Jones	35	95	12 8
Twelfth Grade			
Miss Cruikshank	46	90	1 5
Mr. Tennyson	27	91	1
Miss Scott	31	88	2 10
Total	589		22 154

Burgettstown Grade School			
1 Miss B. Malone	56	93	1 24
2 Miss Palin	54	92	1 24
3-I Mrs. Puckett	35	93	1 12
3-II Miss Inglefield	16	96	1 7
4-II Miss Inglefield	18	95	10
4-I Miss Slonaker	40	91	20
5-I Miss Lance	35	92	6 13
5-II Miss E. Malone	32	91	2 9
6-I Mrs. McKee	33	96	16
6-II Mr. Hemphill	29	95	16
7-I Mr. Piersol	31	95	8
7-II Miss Scott	32	95	11
8-I Miss King	29	95	2 15
8-II Miss Munger	28	95	2 13
Total	468		17 198

Smith Township Grades			
First Grade			
Miss Welch	31	97	16
Miss McPeak	22	98	10
Miss J. V. Burns	38	96	25
Miss Felch	16	90	9
Miss L. Colteryahn	32	94	12
Miss Lawson	8	90	2
Miss Boles	15	94	11
Miss E. King	10	93	5
Miss Cooley	25	94	11
Second Grade			
Miss Blair	28	95	12
Miss L. Palin	23	98	19
Miss McCord	31	98	25
Miss Felch	18	96	1 7

Miss Colteryahn	22	96	6
Miss Lawson	3	96	1
Miss Boles	16	99	14
Miss E. King	16	80	11
Miss M. R. Blair	27	97	13
Third Grade			
Miss McNary	37	94	20
Miss Buneman	29	98	23
Miss Mull	27	95	3 25
Miss Dold	16	92	7
Miss Young	25	94	9
Miss Lawson	2	88	
Miss Farrar	10	97	3
Miss Ralston	26	92	18
Miss Moore	29	96	13
Miss Hall	27	93	1 16
Fourth Grade			
Miss Whalen	57	96	25
Miss McKenzie	33	96	21
Miss B. Burns	40	98	31
Miss Dold	20	88	6
Miss Young	15	97	11
Miss Boyd	27	90	4
Miss Lawson	6	94	2
Miss Farrar	14	95	8
Miss Daudet	25	91	13
Miss Riley	39	96	15
Fifth Grade			
Miss McGregor	53	90	14
Miss McBurney	33	96	21
Miss K. Colteryahn	38	97	1 26
Miss Dodds	13	95	4 5
Miss Bigger	14	96	7
Miss Boyd	15	84	1 2
Miss Seabright	17	96ff	ff11
Miss Danielson	15	90	7
Miss Daudet	14	93	7
Miss Riley	14	95	4
Miss Grable	24	89	2 4
Sixth Grade			
Miss Burkett	34	94	10
Mr. Harris	35	92	7
Miss F. DeBrakeleer	32	97	1 24
Miss Sullivan	29	98	23
Mrs. Stoner	30	98	26
Miss Dodds	15	87	5
Miss Bigger	28	88	5
Miss Seabright	13	9	8
Miss Danielson	27	94	14
Miss Grable	26	90	1 6
Seventh Grade			
Miss Zediker	25	90	
Miss A. DeBrakeleer	29	98	21
Mr. Robertson	29	97	21
Mr. Dunbar	7	96	4
Mr. Mulholland	21	95	7
Mr. Nethercoat	11	95	5
Mr. Burns	19	99	17
Mr. Hall	27	89	4
Mr. Wiley	35	91	11 4
Eighth Grade			
Mrs. Kharas	24	96	9
Mr. Malone	25	92	3
Mr. Proudfit	28	95	19
Mr. Butler	29	99	22
Mr. Critchlow	29	96	18
Mr. Dunbar	12	96	4
Mr. Mulholland	18	96	6
Mr. Nethercoat	11	97	7
Mr. Burns	11	100	11
Mr. Wiley	19	91	3 1
Total	1813		31 898

SCHOOL AVERAGES FALL DUE TO PUPILS' ILLNESS

Due to an epidemic of measles among the children of the borough and Smith township, the attendance percentage of pupils in the schools was slightly lowered during the month of November. From other angles the reports show gratifying results are being obtained through efficient and capable management and an excellent staff of instructors.

In the following reports the figures in the first column give the number of pupils enrolled; the second column shows average attendance; the third column shows the number of pupils tardy, and the fourth column gives the number of students making perfect attendance records:

GRADE SCHOOLS

First Grade

Miss Welch	35	86	15
Miss McPeak	21	95	12
Miss J. V. Burns	39	79	2
Miss Felch	15	41	2
Miss L. Colteryahn	31	69	8
Mrs. Keys	8	94	5
Miss Boles	14	95	9
Miss E. King	9	94	7
Miss Cooley	27	75	7

Second Grade

Miss Blair	28	79	10
Miss L. Palin	25	99	10
Miss McCord	33	73	8
Miss Felch	20	45	2
Miss Colteryahn	22	70	3
Mrs. Keys	3	70	3
Miss Boles	15	95	8
Miss E. King	14	96	8
Miss M. R. Blair	28	94	19

Third Grade

Miss McNary	38	88	1
Miss Buneman	29	98	23
Miss Mull	28	76	10
Miss Dold	18	67	5
Miss Young	25	88	5
Mrs. Keys	2	100	5
Miss Farrar	11	93	6
Miss Ralston	28	96	23
Miss Moore	29	90	18
Miss Hall	27	90	14

Fourth Grade

Miss Whalen	56	96	45
Miss McKenzie	33	94	1
Miss B. Burns	39	74	1
Miss Dold	19	54	2
Miss Young	15	88	7
Miss Boyd	27	79	8
Mrs. Keys	6	83	3
Miss Farrar	15	94	7
Miss Daudet	23	97	1
Miss Riley	40	96	25

Fifth Grade

Miss McGregor	51	91	3
Miss McBurney	36	98	23

Miss K. Colteryahn	40	88	2
Miss Dodds	13	74	3
Miss Bigger	15	91	1
Miss Boyd	14	91	6
Miss Seabright	18	97	14
Miss Danielson	15	92	8
Miss Daudet	12	93	5
Miss Riley	14	91	7
Miss Grable	24	84	2

Sixth Grade

Miss Burkett	36	92	18
Mr. Harris	34	94	23
Miss F. DeBrakeleer	32	98	30
Miss Sullivan	30	83	14
Mrs. Stoner	31	90	17
Miss Dodds	16	83	2
Miss Bigger	25	94	6
Miss Seabright	13	98	7
Miss Danielson	26	96	19
Miss Grable	29	93	14

Seventh Grade

Miss Zediker	26	97	18
Miss A. DeBrakeleer	27	95	1
Mr. Robertson	26	91	21
Mr. Dunbar	8	72	3
Mr. Mulholland	21	98	16
Mr. Nethercoat	11	98	8
Mr. Burns	15	99	16
Mr. Hall	27	96	16
Mr. Wiley	37	92	3

Eighth Grade

Mrs. Kharas	26	97	10
Mr. Malone	25	98	18
Mr. Proudfit	30	98	23
Mr. Butler	29	91	15
Mr. Critchlow	32	82	13
Mr. Dunbar	13	94	1
Mr. Mulholland	19	98	15
Mr. Nethercoat	11	96	6
Mr. Burns	11	98	9
Mr. Wiley	24	96	3

Total1835.....36.996

UNION HIGH SCHOOL

Ninth Grade

Mr. Lawther	56	98	8
Mr. Fee	30	97	13
Miss Davis	33	97	4
Miss Lee	22	99	14
Miss Werner	17	99	1
Mr. Welch	77	95	16

Tenth Grade

Mr. Teare	39	95	9
Mr. Kiefer	39	96	16
Miss Maurhoff	42	97	5
Miss Hoge	61	95	5

Eleventh Grade

Miss Smith	34	96	8
Mr. Reed	37	96	3
Mrs. Jones	37	97	7

Twelfth Grade

Miss Cruikshank	47	95	8
Mr. Tennyson	28	94	2
Miss Scott	32	96	4

Total632.....109.332

DOM. MUNGELLO ELECTED SUB AT UNION HIGH

Pominick Mungello, former manager of the Mary Ann Theatre was the successful applicant for the job of substitute teacher in Union high school and was hired by the Burgettstown-Smith township school board at the regular meeting of the Joint Board on Monday evening.

Mr. Mungello is a graduate of Washington and Jefferson college and holds a provisional certificate to teach Problems of Democracy and Civics. He will substitute for J. Francis Reed, who has been granted a leave of absence for three months special instruction in the Infantry Reserve at Fort Bennington, Ga. Mr. Reed is a Captain in the Officers Reserve Corps.

The motion to hire Mr. Mungello was made by A. J. Nairn, president of the Smith township school board and seconded by Tony Plate.

Bills totalling \$4581.43 were approved and ordered paid, leaving a balance of \$1348 in the treasury.

The directors voted to renew insurance coverage of \$27000 on the high school building at an annual premium of \$485.33, to be divided among local firms of Bell, McFarland and Cassidy. They spent considerable time discussing a Five Year Plan for Insurance for the School District. A motion was passed that in 1941, the matter of renewals be studied at least six weeks before the due date of premium, in order that the Directors may look into the possibility of securing a lower insurance rate.

Dom. Mungello Elected Sub at Union High
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Early Schools of the Burgettstown Area

Key facts about our schools

The Burgettstown School was originally No. 1 but after the borough was established in 1881, this number was given to the Tenan School, built in 1881 or 1882 and located near the Tenan farm a little to the northwest of Burgettstown.

No. 2 was Plum Run located in the valley of that stream and on the old road to Eldersville about one and one-half miles west of Burgettstown.

No. 3 was Cinder Hill about one and one-half miles northeast of Burgettstown near the farm owned in later years by Andrew Proudfit. The site is now within the stripped-over lands of the Harmon Creek Coal Co.

No. 4 Point Pleasant was on the eastern side of Raccoon Creek and just short distance upstream from Bavington.

No. 5 the Russell School near Bulger, was the last Smith Township's one-room schools to be closed which was done at the end of the 1927-1928 school term. Sara McNall Purdy was the last teacher in this building.

No. 6 Midway, was located in the eastern end of the township near the old location of the Center U. P. Church. But as the population in the part of Midway which was Smith Township increased, the school was moved to that place and eventually other rooms were added making it a grade school and finally being taken over by Midway when it became a borough in 1903.

No. 7 Farrar, near Cherry Valley, became in time the Cherry Valley grade school.

No. 8 Cooke, was near the Cooke farm on present Route 18 south of Atlasburg. The old frame building was built in 1860's was used until 1912 when the brick building, still standing, was built and used until this school was closed.

No. 9 the "Yellow: School at present Slovan.

No. 10 might have been named: "Controversy". This school was authorized by an act of the State Legislature in 1849 against the wishes of the school board and these men would have nothing to do with the new school, so they resigned in a body as a protest against the affair. The court appointed a new school board, and school was held in this building until about 1858.. The 1861 map of Washington County shows that this school was located on the hill above Burgettstown and just east of the old U. P. Church. Now the location of the U.P. Graveyard.

No. 11 was formed by resolution of the school board in 1853. The school, once known as Mud Hollow from its location, was later moved onto land of John L. Proudfit near Raccoon Station and it was then known as Oak Hill. After No. 10 disbanded, No. 11 took the number 10 and was ever afterward known by that designation. So it is generally regarded that Smith Township had only ten district schools.



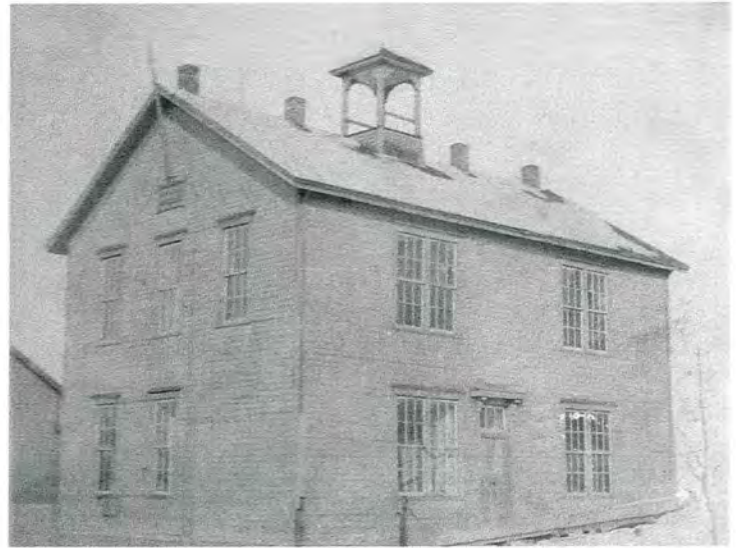
First School building in Burgettstown
Located on Liberty Avenue



The second school was located on Main Street.
It was used as a private residence for many years.

The 1895 school building is the last remaining..
It is now used as an apartment building.

Early Schools of Burgettstown



Third School was located near Center Avenue.
It was torn down to make the railroad yard.



The school was built in 1895. At one time, it was
used for all twelve grades.

Educating children in Burgettstown's early days

From the earliest days of Burgettstown area history, the subject of education for the youth was of utmost importance.

The school history of Burgettstown and that of Smith Township are closely related, as Burgettstown was a part of Smith Township for 100 years. Washington County was organized March 28, 1781, and Smith Township's organization took place less than four months later.

One hundred years passed before the people of Burgettstown received approval from the court for its charter as a borough. Until this time, Burgettstown was essentially a part of Smith Township.

The earliest schools were of a subscription type. A group of citizens would subscribe to a fund and hire a teacher. This teacher usually taught in a vacant room in the house of one of the subscribers, or in a vacant house built for that purpose. Length of terms would be irregular and other essentials indefinite.

Not much is known of the actual beginnings of the local school system. The earliest school on record in Smith Township was taught by William Lowrie before the close of the Revolutionary War. This was on a farm later owned by Maxwell Work.



KATHRYN SLASOR

A Mr. Sinclair taught in Cinder Hill district before 1800. (Cinder Hill was in the area of today's Burgettstown Park.)

Also in Smith Township was a George McKeag, a lot owner in 1798. He taught in the winter of 1798-1799, and in 1803, on a farm later owned by Professor S.C. Farrar.

The first school building in Burgettstown was on Liberty Street in what was then known as West Boston, Burgettstown's original name.

Today, Liberty Street is on the hillside above East Market Street, and borders the Slovenian Club.

The lot of Joseph Caldwell also bordered the school lot and was dated April 23, 1807. This was the year that the first schoolhouse in Burgettstown was used. The original part of the building had a board roof. The shingle roof addition was



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FIRST SCHOOLHOUSE - Burgettstown's first school building on Liberty Street.

built in 1862. The original building was used for school purposes until 1834.

Henry Robinson taught in the Liberty Street school in its last year. Joseph Buchanan was also teaching in this building in 1834, and was forced to abandon it due to the poor condition of the roof. He finished his term elsewhere.

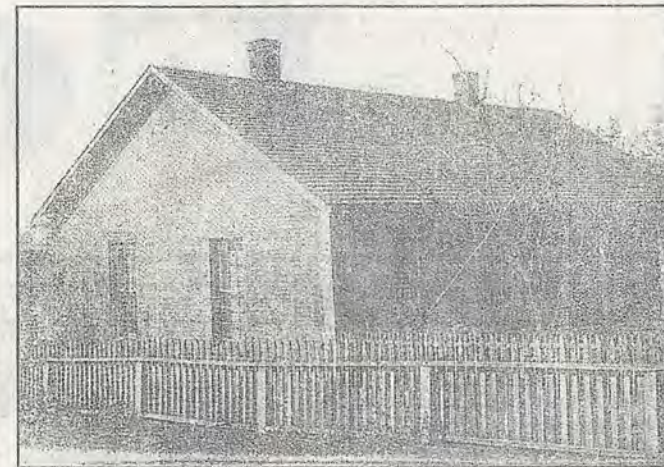
Dr. Joseph Campbell started teaching about 1807. He was a Justice of the Peace, a practicing physician and owned a drug store.

Anthony Gallagher taught in

1817. He was an excellent swordsman and drilled a class in the art of fencing during the evenings.

A building on the corner of Liberty and Market Streets was used in 1832 by Mrs. Sally Taylor, who also gave instructions in needlework.

Samuel Douthett and his sister, Isabella, taught in a house owned by Rev. John Hood, former pastor of the U. P. Church, in Burgettstown. School was held on the second floor. Mr. Douthett paid Mrs. Elijah Henwood a dollar a month to walk



Contributed

ANOTHER BUILDING - This structure was also used as a school house.

through her kitchen.

In 1834, a lot was leased from Dr. Stephen Smith on what later became Main Street. A one-story brick building was built, containing two apartments, by Edward Downing, of Hickory, for both school and church purposes. School closed when the building was needed for preaching.

The year 1834 was a highlight of the school system in the area.

This was the year the Public School Law of Pennsylvania was passed. Election Day was a

rainy one, and since no building in town was big enough to hold all the voters, they gathered in the covered bridge at the foot of Pittsburg Street "near the steam flouring mill." Those in favor went to one end of the bridge, opposed, the other end. (This makeshift voting spot was near where Pappas Lumber was later built.)

"There will be more about the second, third and fourth school buildings in later issues.

(Slasor is a special correspondent to the Pennsylvania Focus.)

**EIGHTH GRADE GRADUATES
ARE AWARDED DIPLOMAS**

Thirty three pupils of the Burgettstown school were graduated from the eighth grade Thursday, May 28th, at Union high school. The class made a splendid appearance. The girls wore white dresses trimmed with their class colors. The stage was elaborately decorated with tree ferns and palms.

The following program was given:

Song by the class, Star Spangled Banner; invocation, Rev. Clayton M. Goe; welcome, William Weaver; song, "Seek Your Star," Eighth Grade Glee Club; reading, Nellie Martin; class will, Gene Stottlemyer and Durward Glessner; octette, "Mighty Like a Rose," Martha Proudfit, Mary Gruber, Evelyn Berry, Dorothy Bable, Hugh Hitchcock, Robert Munger, Henry Pavan, Anthony Kunkel; reading, Ethel Kiss; song, "The Bells of St. Marys;" key oration, Joe Rago; Arille Conrad received the key for the seventh grade; valedictory address, Quinten Cunningham; presentation of diplomas; benediction, Rev. Mr. Goe.

Much interest was shown by the large attendance of parents and friends. Due to the absence of Mr. Hughey, president of the Board of Education, Mr. Stottlemyer, principal, in a few well chosen words presented the diplomas to the members of the class.

Much credit is due for the success of the program to Helen Pearce, music supervisor of the grade school.

FFA scholarship winners



Katie Shuba, daughter of Kevin and Tara Shuba of Burgettstown, received the 2015 T. Lee Carter Memorial Scholarship at the annual H.G. Parkinson FFA banquet at Fort Cherry High School. The scholarship is in memory of Carter, a former ag teacher and FFA adviser at the high school for more than 30 years. The scholarship was established for Fort Cherry FFA members who will be studying agricultural sciences at a post-secondary institution. Shuba plans to attend Morehead University in Kentucky in the fall. With Shuba are Jay Carter, left, and Mac Carter.



Matthew McDonald, son of James and Shari McDonald, was awarded the 2015 T. Lee Carter Memorial Award for excellence in parliamentary procedure and speech contests. McDonald is a member of Fort Cherry High School's HG Parkinson FFA Chapter. He plans to attend Westminster College in the fall to study public relations. With McDonald are Jay Carter, left, and Mac Carter.

Philip Baker, a member of Fort Cherry High School's HG Parkinson FFA Chapter, was awarded the 2015 Jacob/Shaler Scholarship. The award is given in memory of Ruth Jacobs and her brother, George Shaler, to a student in the agricultural science department for exemplary scholastic record and involvement in agricultural education. Baker, son of Mark and Cindy Baker, plans to attend Carnegie Mellon University in the fall to study engineering. With Baker is Jodie Hoover, FFA adviser.



3 UNION GRADS ARE ELECTED TO H. S. FACULTY

Three former Union graduates will return to school on September 2 as newly elected members of the faculty, to fill vacancies caused by resignations received by the Burgettstown-Smith township school board. At the regular meeting on Monday evening the Board elected Miss Helen Thomas, a graduate of Wooster college with the degree of Bachelor of Arts to teach American history at the minimum salary of \$1200 per year. Miss Gina Filipponi of Slovan, a graduate of the University of Pittsburgh with the degree of Bachelor of Science was elected to teach Commercial subjects at the minimum salary of \$1200 per year. At a former meeting, Miss Amelia Nicksick of Slovan, a graduate of the Indiana State Teacher's college with the degree of Bachelor of Science in Education was elected to teach Commercial subjects at the minimum salary of \$1200. All three teachers hold provisional certificates.

The resignations of Miss Eugenia Harper and Mrs. Catherine Kirschbaum Kleuber, Commercial teachers were accepted by the Board.

Miss Clara Werner, head of the Home Economics department was placed on a 10 month's basis and her salary raised from \$1600 to \$1800 a year. She will spend the month of June on home projects, working with students in their homes.

Coach Canning was given assistance when Nicholas Mervosh was appointed first assistant in football and to coach the Junior high school basketball; Don Hall was appointed second football assistant to coach the Sophomore football squad and baseball; Joseph Hemphill was appointed coach of Freshman football.

Excerpts of information about Burgettstown Public Schools from audio taped interview with Bessie Gilbert (Gatho) 1903-1984. Interview conducted by her daughter Becky Gatho (Hurst) 05 April 1983

Teacher of both first grade in 1910 and then second grade in 1911 was Minnie Simpson. She is the teacher shown with the classes in the two postcard pictures of Room One, B Class (1910) and Room No.2 (1911).

Bessie Gilbert is shown in the dark dress 5th from the left of the first row in the 1910 photo. Immediately to her left is her lifelong friend, Verda Fleming (Stewart).

In the 1911 second grade picture Bessie Gilbert is at the bottom left side, first row, light dress. Verda Fleming is at her left in the dark jumper with light blouse

Teachers went to a county Teachers Institute during the Christmas break, probably before the holiday. Miss Simpson sent Christmas cards from Washington, Pa. to her students.

Names of teachers Bessie Gilbert remembered:

3rd Grade: Miss Leonard

4th Grade: Mrs. Anna Pyle

5th Grade: (Bessie Gilbert skipped 5th grade)

6th Grade: Liza Merchant

7th Grade: Betty Smylie

8th Grade: Anna Crouch

High School Bessie Gilbert only attended h.s. for two years.* Teachers she remembered:

Mr. Riggs

Miss Jewel—Latin Bessie Gilbert took Latin for one year, then took German her second year.

Russell Artman—Algebra

*After her 2 years of h.s. Bessie Gilbert enrolled in a course Steubenville Business College. She rode the train from Burgettstown to Steubenville each day. After graduation she worked for Adam Grine, Superintendent of American Zinc and Chemical Company, at Langeloth for a brief time, then for Mosel Johnson Wholesale Food Distributors in Steubenville.

Becky Gatho Hurst 4 Nov 2014

Bessie Gilbert Gatho
June 14, 1903-July 8, 1984

GRADE PUPILS PLAN BENEFIT FOR PATROL BOYS

Children of the Burgettstown Grade School will blend their talents in a musical and recitative program to be given in Union high school auditorium on Thursday evening, February 1 at eight o'clock. The proceeds will be added to the camp fund to defray expenses of the Patrol Boys to the annual convention in Washington, D. C. this spring.

The program will be as follows:

First Grade—Little Ducky Duddle, Renstrom; My Pony, Danish Folk Tune; Mister Owl, Adair; Game of Tag; My Fiddle.

Third Grade—Come and Follow; All Thro' the Night, Welsh Folk Tune.

Verse Speaking Choir
In Timbuctoo, Marchette Chute, Mixed Group.

Some One, Walter de la Mare, Girls.
No Sir, English Ballad, Group with two Solo's.

Trio—The Green Cathedral; Summer Time, "Porgie and Bess", Gershwin.

Fourth Grade—Father Lead Us; Little Night Wind; Il Etait Une Bergere, French Folk Tune.

Mixed Chorus—Wake Thee Now Dearest, Czechoslovakian Folk Song arranged by Deems Taylor.

Musical Reading—The Usual Way Phyllis Fergus.

Ensemble—Now is the Month of Maying; May Day Carol; Robin in the Rain, Noble Cain.

Verse Speaking Choir—Sea Fever, John Masefield, Boys; Congo, Vachel Lindsal, Mixed Group; 100th Psalm, Bible, Mixed Group.

Fifth Grade—Rounds—Sing, Sing Together, Old English; Merrily, A Southerly Wind, Old English; Ho Every Sleeper Waken.



Pictured above are officials who participated in the ground breaking ceremony for the new Burgettstown Area Junior-Senior high school at the site near the Burgettstown Community Park Sunday afternoon. In the

front row, left to right, are Dr. James J. Tinney, Supervising Principal; William H. Donaldson, former County Superintendent of Schools; Morris Harvey, school board president; Arthur E. Tennyson, architect;

Walter Robertson, of Harmon Creek Coal Corp.; James O. Smalley, board member; and Van Nest Wiegmann, board member. Second row, left to right, Carl Latella, board member; Ermil E. Caleffo, board

member; Dr. Douglas J. Bowman, County Superintendent of Schools and Joseph Bertovich, board member.

(Observer photo)

* **High School Closes June 20** *

Principal W. H. Donaldson, of the Burgettstown schools, is in receipt of the following letter from the state superintendent of public instruction:

Harrisburg, Pa., March 24, 1917.

Dear Sir:—Frequently inquiries are made as to the length of time the high schools of different grades must be in session. Section 1602 of the School Code requires twenty days of actual teaching to constitute a school month. Section 1701 specifies that high schools of the first grade must be in session not less than nine months in each year; high schools of the second grade must be in session not less than eight months in each school year; high schools of the third grade must be in session during the minimum term of seven months.

High schools which do not comply with these requirements of the law will lose not only their rank but also the part of the appropriation which would otherwise be due them as high schools of that grade.

It is very essential that high schools should fill out the time required by law, because their graduates will otherwise have trouble with the preliminary education in case they desire to enter a normal or some other professional school.

Very truly yours,
Nathan C. Schaeffer.

In accordance with these instructions the High school will not close till Wednesday, June 20. There are no restrictions on the grades, however, and they will close May 30.

High School Seniors To Receive Washington & Jefferson Scholarships



Shown here are the fifteen Washington County high school seniors awarded scholarships by W. and J. College. Standing in foreground is (left) Louis Anthony Spossey of Trinity and William C. Porter, retiring alumni president; seated, left to right, are Edward W. Grimm of Trinity, Robert R. McGowen of Trinity, Franklin L. Hunt of Avella, Norman Higginbotham of Washington and James Welsh of Ellsworth; second row, stand-

Observer Photo
ing left to right, are Robert Benedetti of Bentleyville, Edward Peterson of Avella, Frederick R. Crupe of Union (Burgettstown), Ray E. Wenzel of Monongahela, Larry Romboski of Washington, Ernest R. Salvitti of Bentleyville, Howard F. Kunkle of Peters Township, William R. McGowen of Trinity and John S. Perry of Washington.

High School Seniors Receive Washington and Jefferson Scholarships
Burgettstown Enterprise-June 9, 1955 Edition

FOURTH ESTATERS AT UNION HIGH SCHOOL



Mrs. Michael Harris, teacher of Journalism at Union high school has selected the above staff to write and edit this year's volume of Union Hi-Lite, official high school paper, which is published once a month. The first copy of Hi-Lite will be distributed in the school Monday, October 5.

The practice of assigning one student to be responsible for each page of the newspaper will be continued. For the October issue, the following students have been selected as follows: Page 1, Irene Bokulich; Page 2, Marlene Bihum; Page 3, Jo Stanish and Page 4, Angela Yaco.

Seated, left to right: Kaye Miller, Lynn Lawson, Yvonne Martin, Eleanore Canonge, Shirley Rock, Bernadette Dugas, Irene Bokulich, Marlene Bihum, Cynthia Sciamanna, Darla Bish and Josephine Comis. Standing: left to right: Michael Bihum, Rudy Lounder, Joe Stanish, advisor Mrs. Michael Harris, Nancy Strongosky, Richard Donati, Robert Carmichael and Dorene Blue.

HONOR ROLL OF UNION STUDENTS

The honor roll is based upon the number of quality points earned. A pupil has earned 15 or more quality points to attain high honors and 14 to 15 to attain honorable mention.

Subjects of more or less than one credit have the corresponding proportion of quality points. Thus, a $\frac{1}{2}$ credit subject would have two quality points for grade A.

Seniors

High Honors—Anna Ilyankoff, Helen KrmeJ, Dallas Adams, Eris Culley William Colesberry, Mary Jane McIntyre, Evelyn Tizik.

Honorable Mention — Alexandria Vorinakis, Doris George.

Juniors

High Honors—Martha Kupisch, Edna Mike, Elveria Arguelles, Enid Campbell, Doris Taylor, Lois Reed, Theresa Conjeski, Josephine Arguelles, William Sachan, Jules Darras, Betty Daudet, Marian Myers, Matilda Pensak, Ann Smith, Thomas Elias, Dorothy Vujanick, Richard George, Elmer Gilson, Emma Bailey, Ruth Joynt, Bertha Dodds, Gerald Garcia.

Honorable Mention — Laura Sendreak, Nadene Campbell, Carmen Wiegmann, Mary Lee Puckett.

Sophomores

High Honors — Wardie Joseph, Frank Ratkovitch, Frederick Pope, Peter Gobleck, Evelyn Verbanic, Rita Castner, Mary Spanogians, Elizabeth Hamill, Andrew Korody, Charlotte Houghton, Betty Brown, Laverne Wos, Mary Vranjes, Denny Scott, Eleanor Raggi, Margaret Nicoletto, Ruth Friday, Dorothy Furneaux, Frances Yukevich.

Honorable Mention—Maxine Beard, Martha Deluca, Josephine Garcia, Louise Jackson, Stella Lasobek, Mary Vetorri, Richard Rossy, Richard Calfeffey, Harry Mehalic, James Stewart, Julius Verez.

Freshmen

High Honors—Ruth Sacks, Joseph Dellaria, Margaret Richards, Ruth Choman, Dorothy Kosevec, Agnes Saloum, Ralph Froats, Anne Rash, Andrew Gratchen, Martha Kophazi, Harry Elias, Agnes Pikulski, John Melton, Frances Peters, Kay Scott, Vera Mae Webster, Helen Wukelic, James Reed.

Honorable Mention—Mary Sherockman, Rita Panconi, Louis Pradetto, George McChancy, John Michalka.

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BULGER SCHOOL HONOR ROLL

Grade 1: Richard Dellapina, Jon Steven Koskie, Ronald Lacouvre, Leon Testes, Shirley Dalverny, Geraldine Dellapina.

Grade 2: Louis Armes, Mary Emler, Roberta Rometti.

Grade 3: Raymond Dellapina.

Grade 4: Margaret Anne Brown, Anita Banks.

Grade 5: Dora Ross, Albert Turkily William Prata.

Grade 6: Dolores Templeton, John Darras, Jean Sartori.

Grade 7: Donna Skinner, Lillian La Rocka, Anna Marie Fratini.

Grade 8: Kermit King, Louis Dellapina, Helen Kostelich.

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ATLASBURG HONOR ROLL

Grade 1: Barbara Staub, Mildred Boris, Billy Cherenko, Magdalyn Zblaka, Virginia Patricca.

Grade 2: Bobby Sentipal.

Grade 3: Martha Cherok, Sara Ja Farley.

Grade 4: Michael McClosky, Billy Mitchell, Patricia Dineen.

Grade 5: Eugene Bonjorni, John Lamyak.

Grade 6: Dorothy Caufmon, Virginia Ganchuk, Frances Hvizdosh, Tony Valenti.

Grade 7: Mary Golubofsky, Ruth Majernik, Anna Sokolowski, Doris Strowmatt, Dorothy Wonsevicz, Anna Mandin, John Davis.

Grade 8: Florence Schilinski, Dominick Bovalina, Betty Joseph, Helen Mudre, Charles Semnick, Amelia Steiminger, Stanley Pensak.



Jason and Jennifer Pavlik with parents, Mike and Lois Pavlik.

Named Most Improved Student

Jason Pavlik, son of Mike and Lois Pavlik of Burgettstown, R.D. 1, recently received the "Most Improved Student of the Year" award at his school.

Jason has attended I.U. classes at the Washington Park School in Washington for four years.

He has a brother, Michael, who attends Burgettstown Area Junior High School, and a sister, Jennifer, who will be a kindergarten student at Hanover School.

Jason is the grandson of Pauline Pavlik of Weirton, W.Va., and Mrs. Margaret McCutcheon of Burgettstown, R.D. 1.

**Jason Pavlik-Named Most Improved Student
Burgettstown Enterprise-July 11, 1990 Edition**

Joint Board Adopts Consolidation Plan

Eighth grade students of Burgettstown and Smith township will attend school in the Union high school building the joint board decided in session Tuesday evening. The consolidation plan, having been approved by both boards in previous meetings, was put to vote Tuesday evening. The decision was unanimous.

The resignation of Mrs. Dorothy G. Proudfit from the Commercial department and Miss Erla Bell Malone from the physical education department of Union high school was accepted.

~~Anderson~~ Carmichael was elected to fill a part time position as custodian of the football field.

The board agreed to lend bleachers from the Hill Memorial Stadium to the Hillman Ball Park, having rescinded a previous motion which forbid such action. As an amendment to the motion to lend the bleachers, the members agreed that any future requests for the bleachers would be given due consideration by the board. A committee in charge of Hillman Field and composed of Monte Scott, Ralph Lee, Ralph Fulton and W. P. Miller made the request.

Mrs. Helen Romanetti was awarded a bid for a Hotpoint De Luxe Electric range at \$195.

The board agreed to accept the tentative budget and to advertise it.

The Plunkett Chemical Company was given a contract for nine months beginning September 1, to clean and disinfect toilet facilities at the high school.

**Joint School Board Adopts Consolidation Plan
Burgettstown Enterprise-May 13, 1948 Edition**

Joint Board Hires Two New Teachers

Providing satisfactory salary arrangements can be made Miss Clara Jaylock and Miss Theresa Tiano will fill vacancies in the commercial department at Union high school for the year 1948-49. The joint board, in session Tuesday evening, approved the transfer of Mrs. Nell Blaine and Mrs. Nellie Kharas from positions in the borough and township elementary schools to the junior high school department at Union high.

The resignation of Mrs. Helen Macks and Mrs. Amelia Mergen were accepted by the board. Mrs. Mack's position in the home economics department will not be filled. Mrs. Mergen is resigning from the commercial department, and Miss Jaylock or Miss Tiano has been hired in her place.

The school directors approved the use of the practice field at Hill Memorial Stadium by South Burgettstown Junior Legion Baseball team. Regulations made by the band committee were accepted by the board. W. P. Miller was given authority to hire a carpenter to make necessary repairs to the gym floor. Two majorettes will be given the opportunity of attending a school of instruction this summer.

The budget for 1948-49 was approved. Edwin Wagner was appointed acting secretary until July 13, 1948 since the position of secretary has been filled by the late O. M. Kimberland. Elmer Harper has been elected by the borough board to fill Mr. Kimberland's place. The home economics house will be repapered wherever necessary during the summer. The school calendar for next year was adopted. School will open Tuesday, September 7 and close Friday, June 3.

**Joint Board Hires Clara Jaylock and Theresa Tiano
Burgettstown Enterprise-Jun 10, 1948 Edition**

June DiOrio Is Sno-Ball Queen



Enterprise Photo

Miss Barbara Staub, president of the FHA of Union high school, had the honor of presenting awards to Miss June DiOrio and Harold McElhaney as Sno-Queen and Jack Frost at the annual Sno-Ball dance held in the gym last Thursday evening.

When final ballots were cast for the royal pair, the following attendants were also named: Alice Linkesh, Gerry Dellapina, Myrna Sonnenberg and Shirley Dennis; to Jack Frost - Ronald LeCouvre, Robert Thomas, William Koval and Raul Campa.

The FHA, whose advisor is Mrs. George Hanna, presented the Sno-Queen with a compact and corsage of white carnations and her attendants received corsages of mixed flowers. Mr. McElhaney received a billfold and white carnation boutonniere.

The Sno-Ball dance is an annual affair at Union high school and is the highlight of the schools activities. Sponsored by the Future Homemakers of America, preliminary balloting for the titles is held prior to the dance.

Following the crowning of the Queen, dancing was held during the remainder of the evening to a juke box.

June DiOrio is Sno-Ball Queen
Burgettstown Enterprise-December 25, 1952 Edition

JUNIOR PLAY, 'YOUTH TAKES OVER' TO BE GIVEN NEXT TUESDAY EVENING

Members of the Junior class of Union high school will present "Youth Takes Over", a comedy in three acts by Betty Smith and Robert Finch in the high school auditorium on Tuesday evening, April 16. Miss Winifred Cruikshank, english teacher, is coaching the play.

The play, with many touches of humor, tells the story of Albert Williams a sixteen year old pupil of George Washington high school, who has acquired such a reputation that the teachers automatically blame everything that happens on him. A new principal, who has a theory that if you keep a bad boy busy, you have a boy too busy to be bad, gives Albert complete charge of a carnival. With Pop, the janitor, a few good pals and some girls that are a nuisance, Albert emerges as an executive of high finance.

Tickets for the production went on sale this week.

C A S T

Miss Gunther, home room teacher	June Keifer
Miss Stickney, teacher of composition	Gertrude Dodds
Mrs. Rathbone, a public spirited citizen	Betty Clark
Mrs. Jones, the president of the Parent-Teachers Association	Ruth Darras
Ethel, a sophomore	June Burns
Snooky Phipps, a junior	Mary Jane Harmon
Detsie Brice, the school vamp	Naomi Giesey
Mrs. Thurston, the chemistry teacher	Ila Durst
Peggy Brown, a sophomore	Virginia McWhorter
Betty Brown, her sister	Helen McElwain
Pop, the janitor	Glenn Nicholls
Gloria Wheeler	Mary Hamill
Barbara Thompson } juniors	Mildred Jean Stewart
Doctor Pierson, the new principal	Donald Tope
Mr. Andrews, the Latin teacher	Lloyd Coulter
Swinburne Jones, the honor student	Fred George
Albert Williams, the senior	Anton Zilich
Gus Landers, the football star	Clyde Cain
Pete Barry, a junior	Charles Trinone
Lenny Ellis, a senior	Jay Jackson
Henry Wilson, a freshman	Ed Sausser
The Postman	Albert Dugas

THE CHORUS

Kathryn Tomich	Kathryn Vujanick
Marguerite Medved	Ariel Russell

Sophia Monasteria

POSTER COMMITTEE

Marguerite Medved	Kathryn Tomich	Kathryn Vujanick
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Junior Play, 'Youth Takes Over'
Burgettstown Enterprise-April 11, 1940 Edition

List of Promotion in Union School for 1894-1895 School Years

From division 1, room 1, to division 2, room 1:

Jennie Pettibon, Harry Montgomery, Paul Lyon, Ethel Wilson, Hattie McGee, Lillie Russell, Estella Patterson, Willie Nesbit, Shirley Bruce, William McMurray, Hugh Wilson, Pearl Karns, Bertha Boyd, Fanny McGee, Garfield Brown, Beatrice Gillespie, Maud Gillespie.

From division 2, room 1, to division 3, room 2:

Willie Karns, Patterson Weaver, George Pyles, John Falconer, Eddie Andrews, Walter Kennedy, Mabel, Irving, Bessie McGregor, Hattie Leopold, John Pyles, Eva Cooper, Belva Jackson, Orrie Hunter, Frank Kelso, Bertha Cain, Bell Rankin, Harry Robb, Charlie Westlake, Lydia Shipley, Jessie Cook, Flora Smith, Frank Cooper, Cornellus Andrews.

From division 3, room 2, to division 4, room 2:

Grace Botkin, Ruth Cramer, Jennie Patterson, Fanny Andrews, Frank Russell, Jane Nelson, Ray Simpson, Mary L. Weaver, Georgie Stievenart, Lawrence Cole, Ella Montgomery, Lillie Pyles, Mary M. Weaver, Edna Richey, John Cook.

From division 4, room 2, to division 5, room 3:

Frank Leopold, Blanche Pyles, Jane Daugherty, Gertie Rankin, Belle McClure, Nellie McMurray, Elda Porter, Charlie Karns, John Gilbert, Minnie Silvers, Mary Clelland, Julia Smith, Sadie Silverthorne, Frank McCombs.

From division 5, room 3, to division 6, room 3:

Edna Scott, Louie Pyles, Mary Botkin, Elsie Scott, Myrtle Patterson, Lucy Williams, Nellie Reed, Mollie Eberle, Amelia Cramer, Flora Parks, Bertha Karns, Elva Manson, Floyd Linn, John Leopold, Clare Manson, John Shipley, Willie Rankin, Clarence Porter, John Davies.

From division 6, room 3, to division 7, room 4:

Clyde Casey, Clifford Silverthorne, Robert Stephenson, Thomas Cole, Lillie Shaw, Robert Pyles, Hubert McMurray, Mary Irving, Harry Carnahan, Flora Irving, Louis Leopold.

From division 7, room 4, to division 8, room 4:

Dora Nelson, Zella Stievenart, Eddie Jackson, Willie Patterson, Anna McClure, Effie Pettibon, Lucy Arnold, Thomas Casey, Bert Finley, Leona Woodrow.

This news article was found in a personal scrap book in the archives of Fort Vance Historical Society.

New Instructor At Union High School



New Industrial arts and metal shop instructor at Union high school is Frank Longevitsh of Sloan, pictured above. Mr. Longevitsh was formerly employed at Follansbee high school, Follansbee, W. Va., the past two years, and taught mechanical drawing.

He is a graduate of Union high school, class of 1940 and served with the U. S. Navy from 1943 to 1946, with 24 months' overseas duty. Frank attended Fresno State College, Fresno, Calif., from 1947 to 1949 and transferred to California State Teacher's College, Pa., where he graduated in 1951 with a Bachelor of Science degree. Mr. Longevitsh will receive from the University of Pittsburgh Aug. 26, a Master of Education degree.

**Frank Longevitsh-New Industrial Arts and Metal Shop Instructor
Burgettstown Enterprise-August 20, 1953 Edition**

**PERCY LYDICK AWARDED
WAYNESBURG SCHOLARSHIP**

Percy Lydick graduate of Union high school, with the class of 1940 received word today that he has been awarded an Ability Scholarship to Waynesburg college. The scholarship is an all expense one and for four years duration. Percy will study public school music. He attended the first semester at Indiana State Teacher's college last fall and since that time has been employed at the Western Auto Associate Store in Burgettstown. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Percy Lydick of Cross Creek.

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Issued under the authority of the Executive Board.

DATE **November 15th, 1926.**

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President.

McCLUSKEY RESIGNS GOES TO MIDLAND

Union High School for the third time since Pearl Harbor is without a Football Coach. Coach Edward J. McCluskey's resignation was accepted at a recent meeting of the School Board, effective at the close of this term. McCluskey has accepted a contract with Midland Pa. high school as head coach of Football, Basketball and Baseball, at a considerable increase in salary.

McCluskey succeeded Ronco as coach here, but with no contract other than as teacher of Physical Education. During his brief career with Union he put school athletics out in front and led the 1944 football eleven into the play off which was nosed out for the championship finals. His 1944-1945 basketball team was nosed out of the Sectional playoffs by Washington High.

Coach Canning, in the service holds the contract for the local job and succeeding him, temporarily since his enlistment has been Mer vosh and Hall, in service and Ronco and McCluskey, resigned.

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**McCluskey Resigns-Goes to Midland
Burgettstown Enterprise- April 19, 1945 Edition**

MUSIC DIRECTOR

Meet Union High School's new director of Music, R. P. McGregor. Mr. McGregor will direct a Patron's



R. P. MCGREGOR

Concert and Community Sing in Union Auditorium. He plans to present the school's various musical organizations in solo numbers, and to lead group singing of Christmas Carols by the students and audience.

Mr. McGregor came to Burgettstown schools from Avella, where he taught music in the Avella schools from 1937 to 1949. He attended public school at Wilkesburg and Carnegie Tech where he received his A. B. degree in 1935.

R. P. McGregor
Burgettstown Enterprise-December 19, 1940 Edition

Jr. High Head



Nicholas Mervosh, assistant principal at Union high school since 1951, has been elevated to the position of junior high principal by the board of directors of the Burgettstown Area School District. He began his new duties July 1.

Mr. Mervosh has been with the U.H.S. faculty since 1938, when he began as civics teacher and assistant football coach. He was named assistant principal and faculty manager, a position he will retain, in 1951.

He was the first wrestling coach at the school, holding the coaching job from 1948, when the sport was initiated here, until 1952, when he resigned to accept the duties as assistant principal. He was the head football coach in 1949 and 1950.

A 1930 graduate of Union high school, where he was a member of the varsity football and track teams, Mr. Mervosh received his B.E. degree in 1938 from Duquesne University after attending John Carroll University, Cleveland, Ohio, for three years. He received his Masters degree in 1943 from the University of Pittsburgh.

He and his wife, Mildred, are the parents of one son, Ted, 17, who will be a senior at Union this year.

**Nicholas Mervosh Promoted to Jr. High Principal
Burgettstown Enterprise-July 19, 1962 Edition**

MILLER HEADS TEACHER GROUP

William P. Miller, acting principal of Union high school is the new president of the Burgettstown - Smith township Education Association. He began his term on Tuesday evening, when a splendid program was given, with Dr. George E. Jones of the University of Pittsburgh as guest speaker.

The Association plans this year to bring prominent educators in educational philosophy and departmental work in the schools.

Mr. Miller is no stranger in Union high school, for he graduated there himself in 1928 and came back to teach



WILLIAM P. MILLER

in 1935. In the interim, he attended Wooster where he was granted a B.A. degree in 1932. He received a B.S. in Education from Ohio State in 1934 and taught one semester in Wellsville Ohio schools. He is now doing graduate work in the fields of Mathematics and physics.

Miller is acting as assistant principal during the absence of Francis Reed, who is with the armed forces of the United States. He is also Faculty Manager of Athletics at Union.

He is a member of the Sigma Pi Sigma, national honorary society in Physics.

In 1936 he was united in marriage with Evanna Cook, who is an active worker in local club and church affairs. Mr. Miller, also finds time to engage in Community projects and is Deputy Commissioner of the Panhandle District Scouters.

William P. Miller Heads Teacher Group
Burgettstown Enterprise-November 27, 1941 Edition

Dr. Miller Promoted At Muskingum



Dr. William P. Miller, well-known educator in the Burgettstown-Smith Township schools for 25 years, has been named head of the Department of Education and Chairman of the Division of Education at Muskingum College. He succeeds Dr. Lorin E. Bixler in the college's top education post. The appointment was effective September 1.

Dr. Miller had served as Supervising Principal of the Burgettstown Area School District, and had served the local schools in various capacities for more than 25 years.

During the 1959-60 school year, he served as the superintendent of the Canon-McMillan Joint School System before submitting his resignation in June, 1960, to accept a full professorship at the New Concord, Ohio, college.

In addition to his duties as head of the Department of Education at Muskingum, Dr. Miller will serve as director of the Student Placement Bureau, director of the Summer School and coordinator for the off-campus programs at Cambridge, Coshocton and Dover-New Philadelphia.

Honor Societies Induct Members

National Honor Society inductions were held at Union high school on Monday, February 26, with both the Senior and Junior chapters receiving new members.

Seniors inducted into the Senior National Honor Society were Jane Gobleck, Cheryl Findling, Carmen Diaz, Ruth Bertovich, Sondra Kovach, Ruth Fratini, Carol Sebolt, Steven Harris, Robert Roberts, Robert Pavlich and Diane Visnich.

The following were inducted into the Junior National Honor Society:

9th Grade: Janet Bokulich, Leatha Davis, Susan Raggi, Mike Kucher, Andy Kokoskie and Debbie Starkey.

8th Grade: Edith Armstrong, Jeff Bucey, Trudy Davis, Helen Karas, Gary Pensis, Carl Jelovich, Jayne Lee Sella and Marsha Golonka.

7th Grade: Robert Mark, Michael Bohn, Linda Petricca, Paula Pakisz, Bruce Ramsey, Karen Rometan and Carmina Stracci.

National Honor Society Induct Members
Burgettstown Enterprise-March 27, 1968 Edition

Courtesy of Fort Vance Historical Society



Join honor society

Ten students from Our Lady of Lourdes School were inducted into the National Honor Society at a special ceremony held June 8. Inductees were, from left, first row, Margaret Phillis, Cameron Kramer, Jennifer Colpo, Jennifer Thayer and Kristie Kubovic; second row, Jacinta Green, Christine Hughes, Alyshá Holmes, Jamie Pagasky and Sara Snatchko. The ceremony was hosted by Sharon Baily, sponsor of the Junior National Honor Society at Burgettstown Area High School. Mrs. Mary Kay Shimko is the sponsor for Our Lady of Lourdes School.

National Honor Society-New Members
The Enterprise-July 8, 1992 Edition



First Row, L-R: Margaret Phillis, Cameron Kramer, Jennifer Colpo, Jennifer Thayer, and Kristie Kubovic; Second Row: Jacinta Green, Christine Hughes, Alysha Holmes, Jamie Pagasky, and Sara Snatchko,

**National Honor Society-New Members
The Enterprise-July 8, 1992 Edition**

NEW DRIVER EDUCATION CAR FOR U.H.S.



The new driver education car at Union high school forms the background for this Enterprise photo.

Pictured from left to right

are William Schneider, Pittsburgh Area Zone Manager, Lincoln-Mercury Division; James Dellaria, Lawson and Dellaria Sales and Service; R. Donald

Hall, Union high school Principal; and Joseph Pusateri, driving instructor at the high school.

**New Driver's Education Car for U.H.S.
Burgettstown Enterprise-June 21, 1962 Edition**

Key facts about our schools

Then and Now

Looking back from the early forties, we see a change. We have now what is called the so-called "new education," which simply consists in a better presentment of the subject taught. This is the change. The first step in reading was to learn the alphabet. Certain letters were early learned, while p,d,b,and q were the last. The next step was to learn to spell; the first lesson was:

a-b	ăb	b-a	bā	b-l-a	blā
e-b	ěb	b-e	bē	b-l-e	blē
i-b	īb	b-l	bī	b-l-l	blī
o-b	ōb	b-o	bō	b-l-o	blō
u-b	ūb	b-u	bū	b-l-u	blū

NEW HIGH SCHOOL FOR BURGETTSTOWN

**Proposition to Bond the District in the
Amount of \$30,000 for its Erection
Carried by a Vote of 115 to 67**

The proposition to bond the Burgettstown school district in the sum of \$30,000 for the purpose of erecting and equipping a high school building was submitted to the voters of the district on Saturday and carried by a vote of 115 to 67. Notwithstanding the fact that there was much interest in the election, it passed off very quietly. Those who opposed the improvement, as well as those who favored it, did what they could to create sentiment favorable to their side, but it was a gum-shoe campaign throughout. Many who were against the proposition when it was submitted to the voters and defeated in 1914 and 1915 were heartily for it on Saturday, having come to believe with those who favored it that the building was a necessity.

The new high school building will be erected on the Wilson heirs' property which the district bought three years ago for \$4,000. It is considered an ideal location, lying on the hill south of the First Presbyterian church, the property fronting 274 feet on Main street, and of irregular depth but averaging 160 feet. The present school building, which was erected in 1895, contains eight rooms. It has not been sufficient to accommodate the attendance of late years, and temporary quarters were provided on the Wilson property. After the new structure is built the grades will be housed in the present building, but additional room will be provided in the new high school building to care for any of the grades that are crowded out.

The school board, and the principal and his assistants, are to be congratulated on the clean manner in which this campaign was carried out. The principal is W. H. Donaldson and the members of the board are S. R. Shillito, A. E. Luttrell, W. E. Dickson, C. O. Taylor and S. V. Kimberland.

The present enrollment of the schools is 475, and of these 128 are in the high school. In the high school are 55 tuition pupils.

**New High School for Burgettstown
The Burgettstown Call-March 1, 1917 Edition**

No Decision From Second Meeting For "Union District"

No definite action was taken by Burgettstown Borough, Smith, Jefferson and Hanover township school districts when a second meeting for a proposed "union district" was held with assistant county superintendent W. G. Burkett at Hanover township new school building Monday evening.

Each board was present with representatives of Parent-Teacher groups and the Raccoon Valley Chamber of Commerce committee.

Two inquiries as to whether the question of entering a union is placed on the ballot at the primary or general election for public vote; and how shall such a question be put forth to the public, were answered by Mr. Burkett in his resume of how a union is formed.

The question should be placed on the November general election and it is worded the way the directors desire but approved by the County Commissioners.

Burgettstown and Smith directors voiced their status by saying they are in favor of a union; however, Hanover and Jefferson township were silent and agreed to make a decision on the issue at their next regular board meeting.

In his review of how the school code designates a union district may be formed, Mr. Burkett said it is one of the simplest procedures and may be accomplished quickly.

It is similar to a jointure except the state gives special aid of 60 per cent more reimbursement in a union, allowing \$800 per teaching unit, and is decided by the people.

Attention was called to the present county plan of Unit One, and how the school districts have been divided into three sub-units. Because Jefferson township was assigned to another sub-unit, approval would have to be made by the County board and Department of Public Instruction for them to join here.

Burkett stated that the 60% special aid in a union district is a highly desirable feature of this plan. Building of new schools would not cost more than those which individual districts undertake and the extra reimbursement would result in rapid and bigger payments to reduce debt.

More discussion was held on the indebtedness of districts and election of school directors.

Midway during the meeting, the Hanover directors were hosts and served light refreshments.

Mr. Burkett, in resuming his talk, said there is only one way a school district can express itself and that is by resolution. If Jefferson decides to favor a union, a resolution must be submitted to the proper authorities for a change in the sub-division.

At this point, action of local school boards is the most important step. Mr. Burkett also suggested that Hanover take a census of pupils who would be affected in the proposed union. No further meeting was scheduled until each board gives its final decision, the latter part of February.

In closing, Mr. Burkett said this special aid is offered to union districts because such an agreement eliminates the large number of school districts. He said that this offer has been in the school code book since 1911 and only one was formed, recently between California and East Pike Run: quoting, "Where there is no vision, the people will perish."

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PATROL BOYS FORM SAFETY CLUB



Chief of Police Henry Vega has invited patrol boys who guard the safety of grade school students at crossing, to join with him in a "Traffic Club" which meets once a month in the Borough building. The object of the club, a noon luncheon affair, is to thrash out

traffic problems which confront the boys in their work.

The above Enterprise photo shows Vega and his boys having lunch at the Borough building last week. The boys consumed 2½ dozen buns, 4 lbs. wieners, 2 dozen bananas, 2 dozen apples, 3 lbs.

cake and 14 pints chocolate milk.

In the picture are Ted Mervosh, Rocky Malone, Carl Jeffery, William Todd, Marshall Hanna, Randall Kidwell, David Hulick, and Gary Slater. Ronald Gunn, another patrolman was unable to be present because of illness.

Patrol Boys Form Safety Club

Burgettstown Enterprise-February 7, 1957 Edition

PEOPLES NATURAL GAS
ESTABLISHES FUND

Establishment of a fund to provide scholarships and other financial assistance for higher education to the children of employes who lose their lives in line of duty with the company is announced by E. M. Berger, president of The Peoples Natural Gas Company.

The fund has been established by The Consolidated Natural Gas Company, of which Peoples is a subsidiary, and is known as The Consolidated Natural Gas System Educational Foundation. Bankers Trust Company, New York, is trustee with a committee of five employes from the subsidiary companies as administrators. Funds are provided by Peoples and four other subsidiary companies.

The foundation will provide for instruction in colleges or universities, business schools, vocational or trade schools, professional schools and other private or public institutions of learning other than public or private grade or high schools or college preparatory schools. Financial assistance includes tuition, books, fees other like expenses and normal living expenses.

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**Peoples Natural Gas Establishes Fund
For Scholarships and other Assistance
Burgettstown Enterprise-August 9, 1945 Edition**

Eugene Petricca Appointed To Local School Board Berth



Eugene Petricca has been appointed by the Board of Directors of the Burgettstown Area School District to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Peter Gobleck, Jr.

Action by the school board was taken Thursday night at a special meeting in Union high school. Petricca was one of several applicants for the position. All were given interviews at a meeting held two weeks ago.

The motion appointing Petricca to the school board was made by Clyde Fox and was seconded by Harry Sabatasse. The six board members—Fox, Sabatasse, Ermil Caleffie, Paul Pcsolinski, Joseph Bertovich and President Paul Tucci—voted in favor of the motion giving Petricca unanimous approval. He was sworn into office minutes later.

Petricca, 48, of Atlasburg, who has been active in community affairs for a number of years, will serve for the period of Gobleck's term, two years.

He is president of the Raccoon Valley Chamber of Commerce and is serving with the Board of Directors of the Raccoon Valley Industrial Development Corporation.

Petricca is a partner in the Burgettstown Farm Supply management, selling farm equipment. His wife is the former Ruth Havelka and they have five children: David, 19, a sophomore at the University of Toledo; Shelley, 16, junior at Union high school; James, 13; Gene, 8; and Marjorie, 6.

In other action taken by the school board Thursday night, the Atlasburg PTA was given permission to use the high school gym for a Valentine dance for children to be held February 17 from 2 to 5 p.m.

Bids were opened for test drillings at three elementary schools, and the board voted to accept the low bid, subject to review by the architect, solicitor and engineer.

**Eugene Petricca Appointed to Local school Board
Burgettstown Enterprise-January 25, 1962 Edition**

Pam Tyler Wins Petrucci Award



Pamela Tyler, R.D. 3 Burgettstown, is the second recipient of the annual Domenick D. Petrucci Citizenship Award, presented to an outstanding graduate at Union high school.

Instituted in honor of the late founder of Petrucci's Market, the award is open to a senior boy or girl displaying leadership, scholarship, extra-curricular activities, personality and character.

The winner is selected by a committee consisting of the Supervising Principal, Principal, Assistant Principal, Senior Class Advisor and three additional faculty members.

The winner receives an inscribed wrist watch. In addition, a plaque is displayed in a prominent place in the Union high school building.

Miss Tyler, the daughter of Mrs. Frank Schottenheimer, was presented the award at Commencement exercises last Thursday by Eugene "Jimmy" Petrucci, of Petrucci's Market.

An honor student at Union high school, she was a member of both the Junior and Senior National Honor Societies, serving as secretary her senior year. She is also a member of the Tri-Hi-Y, and served as vice-president of the Future Teachers of America and vice-president of the Spanish Club. She was a cheer leader for three years, and was editor-in-chief of the "Hi-Lite," the school newspaper.

Miss Tyler plans to continue her education at Central Methodist College, Fayette, Missouri, majoring in foreign languages and political science.

Harriet Holt was the first recipient of the award.



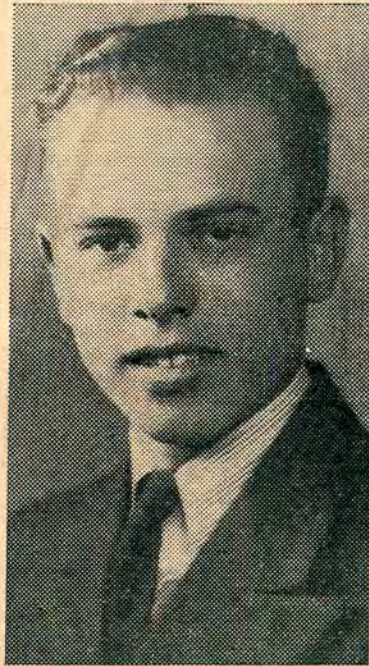
PSEA Lobby Day Held In Harrisburg

The Pennsylvania State Education Association held its annual Lobby Day at the state Capitol in Harrisburg June 18-20. More than 250 teachers from around the state participated. Shown above, left to right, are Regina O'Hern, Burgettstown Area; Rep. Anthony Colaizzo; Joseph Gowern, Canon-McMillan; Janice Tekavec, Jefferson-Morgan; Cynthia Darras, Burgettstown Area; Dana Kubik, Bethlehem-Center; Fred Berestecky, Ringgold; Rep. Victor Lescovitz; Richard Cornell, Washington; Rep. Leo Trich Jr.; and Tom Bell, Fort Cherry.

**PSEA Lobby Day Held in Harrisburg
Burgettstown Enterprise-July 11, 1990 Edition**

Scholarship

Kenneth Duane Reed, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Reed of 16 East Market street and a graduate of Union, class of 1939 has been selected by the Alumni Committee of this district to receive a four year scholarship to Washington and Jefferson College. The total value of the scholar-



KENNETH DUANE REED

ship, \$800 will be distributed over a four year period. Duane, who ranked 14th in his class of 152 members was a leader in school activities, in addition to making an excellent scholastic record. He was president of his class during his Junior year and was a member of the Student Council, and also played the trumpet in the school band.

Duane's out of school hobby is building model airplanes and he has several finished planes that are intricate in design and show fine workmanship.

Kenneth Duane Reed-Scholarship



This young man playing the horn might appear to be relaxing in his chair, but the pencil behind his ear and the look in his eye indicates serious attention to his music. This is Rick Sarracino pictured while practicing one of the numbers to be presented Thursday night.

Rick Sarracino
Burgettstown Enterprise-1962 Edition

ROAD SAFETY COURSE NOW GIVEN IN SCHOOL

Courses of Study for Auto Drivers
and Pedestrians in Public
Schools Now Available

Definite progress has been made in the development of courses of study for automobile drivers and pedestrians in the public schools of the Commonwealth, Dr. Lester K. Ade, Superintendent of Public Instruction said recently.

The development of these courses has arisen from requests for this type of education in Pennsylvania. While courses in health and safety have been given in the elementary grades for some years, it is only recently that specific courses in highway safety have been offered in the secondary school. The increasing volume of automobile casualties, the adventurous spirit of youth, and the increasing centralization of population have brought about the establishment of courses of study to meet these conditions.

The Department of Public Instruction of Pennsylvania is only one of at least 35 State Departments of Education which are providing instruction on safe automobile driving practices. In conjunction with the safety division of the Department of Revenue, the Department of Public Instruction prepared a bulletin on highway safety adapted to secondary school use. Hundreds of schools in this Commonwealth have introduced this bulletin for the purpose of teaching highway safety.

Among the schools that have made great progress in developing these courses are the high schools at Waynesboro, Steelton, Harrisburg and Allentown. At Waynesboro every school pupil is required to take a brief course in this subject. Lectures, questions, individual assignments, newspaper clippings and charts are used to supplement demonstrations of safe driving. Safety consciousness is the object sought in the course. A survey made of its students by the Steelton high school revealed that from a student body of some 800, 30 per cent came from homes where there were automobiles; 39 pupils were licensed operators, 318 intended to get a driver's license; and 14 of the 39 licensed drivers had been involved while driving in accidents. Fifty-seven per cent of the students were interested in taking the course.

Road Safety Course Now Given in School
Burgettstown Enterprise-August 20, 1936 Edition

Foundation accepting scholarship applications

Washington County Community Foundation is accepting applications for the following post-secondary scholarships:

- Clyde J. Tracanna/Washington Rotary Club Scholarship – \$3,000 available for McGuffey, Washington and Trinity students involved in community service.

- Joseph P. Femiani Memorial Scholarship – \$1,000, Peters Township students involved in community service.

- David O. and Sara F. Johnson Family Education Fund – \$1,000, McGuffey students.

- Alice Boone Main Memorial Fund – \$500, McGuffey students.

- Barry Clark Barto Memorial Scholarship Fund – \$500, Burgettstown students attending a trade school.

- Buckholt Science Scholarship – \$500, McGuffey students majoring in science.

- Burgettstown Junior/Senior High Student Council Leadership Scholarship Fund – \$500, Burgettstown students active in Student Council.

- Arthur V. Ciervo Scholarship Fund – \$500, Bethlehem-Center students.

- Margaret Pitek Ciervo Scholarship Fund – \$500, Bethlehem-Center female students.

- Ronald T. Miller Scholarship Fund – \$1,000, Peters Township students majoring in engineering.

- Charles Pappas Sr. Scholarship Fund – \$1,500, Burgettstown students.

- Visiting Nurses' Association Scholarship Fund – \$3,000, second-year nursing students who reside in Washington County.

- Curtis Wachter Memorial Scholarship Fund – \$500, photography or photojournalism major who resides in Washington County.

- Dr. Paul Pipik Fund for Study in the Health Sciences – \$850, Bethlehem-Center students majoring in health sciences.

- Kirk C. Moninger Fund – \$300, Trinity students who are members of the National Honor Society or varsity lacrosse.

- Elizabeth Plumer Memorial Scholarship Fund – \$1,000, Trinity students majoring in education.

- D. Jack and Geraldine L. Gaido Memorial Fund – \$4,000, Chartiers-Houston and Trinity students or homeschooled students residing in these districts who are majoring in business, medicine or theology.

- Dave Pew Memorial Scholarship Fund – \$500, Peters Township students who are majoring in music or music education.

- Ringgold Alumni Scholarship Fund – \$250, Ringgold students.

- Sprowls College and Post Graduate Scholarship Fund – \$1,000, Fort Cherry students, with a preference for students with a passion for the humanities.

- Kerns Family Scholarship Fund – \$1,000, McGuffey stu-

dents who are members of Future Farmers of America and majoring in agriculture.

- John and Sophie Choratch Scholarship Fund – \$17,000, children of Washington County families accepted at or attending a post-secondary trade school, college or university whose parent or guardian is employed or volunteers as a first responder in Washington County. Preference will be given to those students whose parent or guardian has been killed in the line of duty, or those who have been affected by a local tragedy.

- Burgettstown Lions Scholarship Fund – \$1,000, Burgettstown students involved in community service.

- Megan J. Phillis Scholarship Fund for Academic Excellence – \$500, Burgettstown students.

- Black Family Scholarship – \$2,000, Avella or West Greene students majoring in agriculture, education or nursing.

- Rebecca Sarah Rogers – \$1,000, Washington students majoring in education.

- Linda LeFever Scholarship Fund – \$1,000, Heinz School of Carnegie Mellon for residents of Washington or Allegheny counties.

- Scholarship Fund for the Arts – \$500, Chartiers-Houston students majoring in the arts.

- Kiwanis Club of Washington Scholarship Fund – \$500, Western Area Career and

Technology Center students.

- Ryan Johnston and Vaughn Johnston Scholarship Fund – \$1,000, McGuffey students.

- Chapman Family Scholarship Fund – \$25,000, students graduating from any high school in Washington or Greene counties and attending any post-secondary school, including trade and technical schools.

- CAS / Dr. Kim Stacher Scholarship Fund – \$1,000, students graduating from any high school in Washington or Greene counties, with preference given to former students of the Community Action Southwest Head Start program.

- Olivia Scott Scholarship Fund – \$2,000, students graduating from any high school in Washington County.

- Washington Community Federal Credit Union Scholarship – \$4,500, students graduating from any high school in Washington County.

- Sam and Bev Minor Fund – \$1,000, students graduating from a Washington or Greene County high school, with preference given to students who demonstrate a propensity for entrepreneurialism, have been employed while attending high school or who have participated in Junior Achievement. This is the initial distribution from this fund, which was created in 2013 by the WCCF to honor Sam and Bev Minor as Philanthropists of the Year.

- William L. and Barbara M. Laird Fund – \$1,000, McGuffey students majoring in elementary education. This is the initial distribution from this fund, which was created in 2014 by Cathie Laird to honor her parents for their role in making her career as an elementary teacher possible.

- Christman Family Scholarship Fund – \$1,000, Washington High School female students who are members of a minority class. This is the initial distribution from this fund, which was created in 2014 by Audrey Christman. As a student, Christman received scholarship support that helped her to attend college, and through the Christman Family Scholarship, she hopes to create a similar opportunity for local young women who are pursuing higher education. Christman and her late husband, Walter, also have a donor advised fund at WCCF.

Applications must be submitted electronically using the online post-secondary scholarship application available at www.wccf.net. Additionally, students must provide hard copies of their completed FAFSA form and transcript to the WCCF office, 331 S. Main St., Washington, PA 15301. All components of the application must be received by April 1 for any student to be considered for a scholarship.

To date, the foundation has awarded more than \$1.1 million in scholarships to local students.

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**Peoples Natural Gas Establishes Fund
For Scholarships and other Assitance
Burgettstown Enterprise-August 9, 1945 Edition**

Cutbacks may hit Western Pa.

School aid formula being considered creates winners, losers

By MARC LEVY
Associated Press

HARRISBURG – A new public school funding formula being considered by the Legislature would create winners and losers as it seeks a way to link the distribution of state aid more closely to need.

Shrinking school districts that were previously spared aid cutbacks – many in Western Pennsylvania – would see their share of aid come in lower under the proposed new formula, an Associated Press analysis found.

But many of Pennsylvania's biggest cities and fastest-growing suburbs – believed to

have been shortchanged previously – would get a larger slice of aid for public school instruction and operations.

Here's a further examination and breakdown of the plan, including which counties and districts would see the biggest gains and which would see the biggest losses:

Share of winners, losers

All told, 162 districts would get a bigger share of aid that is distributed through the new formula compared to the share of aid the districts received this year, the AP found. Nearly twice as many, 308, would get a smaller share; 30 would see no difference.

No district's aid would drop

below the amount it now receives even if it continues to shrink.

How it would be implemented?

The Legislature has not settled when to start using the formula or how much money to distribute through it. For instance, districts may continue to receive the amount of aid they got this year and only dollars allotted above that baseline amount would be carved up differently under the new formula.

But it would change how at least some aid to Pennsylvania's 500 school districts would be distributed after more than two decades of lawmakers and

governors bending the formula to their will.

What's different about the new formula?

It places more emphasis on need.

It would recognize a district's number of low-income students, including those living below the federal poverty level, as well as their percentage of enrollment. It also would, for the first time, recognize charter school costs, geographic size and financial wherewithal to fund schools with local taxes.

The number of English-language learners would also be a factor, as it has only intermittently in the past.

10 counties with biggest increase in percentage share: (in order of biggest gain)

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| ■ Berks | ■ Montgomery |
| ■ Lehigh | ■ Delaware |
| ■ Lancaster | ■ Monroe |
| ■ York | ■ Luzerne |
| ■ Philadelphia | ■ Dauphin |

Explanation: The increases in these counties are largely driven by the increased share for a big city, though a couple – Monroe, Montgomery and Delaware – would get larger shares based on growing student populations.

10 counties with biggest loss in percentage share: (in order of biggest loss)

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| ■ Westmoreland | ■ Allegheny |
| ■ Washington | ■ Butler |
| ■ Beaver | ■ Fayette |
| ■ Cambria | ■ Indiana |
| ■ Blair | ■ Somerset |

Explanation: The counties with the biggest proposed loss in share of school dollars are in Western Pennsylvania, where the state's biggest population losses have occurred.

10 districts with biggest increase in percentage share: (in order of biggest gain)

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| ■ Reading | ■ Erie City |
| ■ Allentown | ■ Wilkes-Barre Area |
| ■ Philadelphia | ■ Pocono Mountain (Monroe Co.) |
| ■ Lancaster City | ■ Harrisburg City |
| ■ York City | ■ Bethlehem Area |

Explanation: Cities are dealing with the poorest, most challenging students to educate, and this formula is designed to help deliver more aid to address that. Pocono Mountain is an example of a growing suburban district that was relatively neglected.

10 districts with biggest decrease in percentage share: (in order of biggest loss)

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| ■ Pittsburgh | ■ Penncrest (Crawford) |
| ■ Altoona Area | ■ Punxsutawney Area (Jefferson) |
| ■ Armstrong | ■ Penn-Trafford (Westmoreland) |
| ■ Pleasant Valley (Monroe) | ■ Forest Hills (Cambria) |
| ■ Connellsville Area (Fayette) | |
| ■ Warren County | |

Explanation: All these counties are in Western Pennsylvania, where the state's biggest population losses have occurred since 1990, when Pennsylvania governors and lawmakers began discounting the importance of student population changes in determining how to divide up state aid among school districts. The result was that districts with shrinking student populations continued to receive more aid.

Percentage share for 10 largest districts (by student population):

- Philadelphia: 18.8 percent; up from 17.8 percent.
- Pittsburgh: 1.76; down from 2.75.
- Central Bucks (Bucks County): 0.46; up from 0.30.
- Allentown: 2.94; up from 1.76.
- Reading: 3.86; up from 2.12.
- Bethlehem: 0.88; up from 0.51.
- Erie City: 1.78; up from 1.04.
- North Penn (Montgomery County): 0.28; up from 0.16.
- Downingtown Area (Chester Co.): 0.251; up from 0.248.
- Upper Darby (Delaware): 0.85; up from 0.62.

Explanation: Pittsburgh is a loser here after being protected from losing money amid steep declines in student population in the past two decades. Winners include districts that educate large proportions of the poorest students – such as Philadelphia, Allentown and Reading – and did not shrink as fast, and suburban districts that are growing, including North Penn, Downingtown Area and Upper Darby.

UNION BOARD CALLS UPON CITIZENS TO PROTEST PLACING OF BEER PARLOR NEAR ATHLETIC FIELD

Members of the Burgettstown-Smith township school board in regular session on Monday evening called upon the taxpayers of this community to protest the erection of any beer or liquor establishment on property adjacent to the new Union Athletic Field. By unanimous consent, such a motion was passed and written into the minutes of the meeting.

At the same meeting John Kudlic of Monessen was elected teacher of woodworking and metal work for the new Industrial Arts Department of Union high school. Mr. Kudlic, who received his Bachelor of Science degree from State Teacher's College, California, Pa., in 1940 is also a graduate of the Monessen high school class of 1933. He will receive minimum salary of \$1200 per year.

**JOINT BOARD MEETING
OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS**

The monthly meeting of the Boards of Education of Burgettstown and Smith township was held in the office of the principal in Union high school building on Monday evening. The president, C. A. Hamilton, presided and the following were in attendance: Smith township directors—Carl McFarland, Henry Colteryahn, H. H. Dold, J. L. Phillips, Lee R. Scott; borough directors—C. W. Tope, B. L. Hughey, Dr. A. O. Hindman, O. M. Kimberland, Guy C. Russell. Prof. C. F. Barr, high school principal was also present.

In addition to routine work and a discussion of the progress being made on the new addition to Union High building, the Board re-elected Professor Barr as principal, and Miss Mary E. Thome assistant principal.

**School Board discusses new addition to Union High School
Burgettstown Enterprise- March 19, 1931 Edition**

SCHOOL BOARD NEWS

Both Burgettstown and Smith Township School boards have set the millage for the current year at 27 mills, with no change in the rate, and both Boards are now working on the 1945-46 budget which will be adopted at the June meetings.

The joint board has let a contract with the Melrose Supply Co., of Bridgeville for the re-grading, draining, and re-seeding of the Athletic Stadium. Top soil is now being placed on the grounds in preparation for the seeding. Because of the work being done the Annual Commencement exercises have been moved indoors to the high school auditorium.

Miss Ann Swanik, school nurse for Smith township has been given a military leave of absence and reported Tuesday for Army nurse duty.

School Board To Vote On Area Technical School

Board members of each school district in the western attendance area of Washington County are being asked to vote on whether a Vocational-Technical School is to be established in the area.

The election was called in a resolution passed by the County Board of School Directors at its regular June meeting. Local school districts must make a decision and notify the county Board of its action within 60 days after receiving official notice of the resolution.

Schools in the attendance area are Avella District, Burgettstown Area, Hanover Township, Canon-McMillan, Chartiers-Houston, East Washington, Fort Cherry, McGuffey, Morris Township, Peters Township, Trinity and Washington City.

The action asks the local districts to indicate interest or non-interest in the establishment of the area Vocational-Technical School. If the district indicates interest the board will vote on the following question:

"Do you favor the school district participation in the organization, establishment and operation of an Area Vocational-Technical School for the attendance area?"

Whether the school is to be established is determined by a majority vote of all directors in the school districts desiring to participate.

School Board to Vote on Area Technical School
Burgettstown Enterprise-June 24, 1964 Edition

**SCHOOL BOARDS
ENDORSE P. S. E. A.
TEACHERS' PROGRAM**

The Burgettstown-Smith Township School Boards went on record at their February meetings held last week as endorsing the complete program of the Pennsylvania State Education Association in its entirety as the only means of giving some justice to the teachers, children and real estate owners of the state. The Boards went on record as asking the State Legislature to develop a new financial program for the financing of school districts' educational expenditures in order to relieve the inadequate taxation burden placed upon real estate.

The secretaries of the boards were instructed to send a copy of the resolutions to Governor Edward Martin, to the majority and minority leaders and the Chairman of the Education Committees in both houses of the Legislatures; to the State Senator and Representatives and to the Enterprise.

This program, which will be presented by the State Education Association for action at the current session of Legislature provides many benefits both to teachers and to school districts.

**School Board Endorse P.S.E.A. Teacher's Program
Burgettstown Enterprise-February 22, 1945 Edition**

SCHOOL BOY PATROLS TO SAFEGUARD PUPILS

Motor Club and State Patrolmen Join
in Move to Safeguard Small
Pupils of School

Final plans for the inauguration of school boy safety patrols were made last week by Robert E. Cole, manager of the Washington County Motor Club, Corporal Cox of the State Highway Patrol and J. E. Dowden Burgettstown Chief of Police.

Twelve boys were chosen as patrolmen and six as alternates, comprising four patrols. They were given instruction in the proper way to direct the flow of child traffic at the four dangerous intersections near the school used by the children at dismissal time.

The local county motor club, which is affiliated with the American Automobile Association and the Pennsylvania Motor Federation, now operates patrols at 23 schools, with over 300 patrolmen. In the United States about 200,000 boys are enrolled in 35,000 patrols.

In addition to the actual work on the streets, the club distributes 380 safety posters and 440 safety lessons to the schools in the county. The safety lessons are published in four groups, covering the safety education of children from kindergarten to high school age. Last year the American Automobile Association distributed over 800,000 of these lessons and a like number of safety posters.

The A. A. A. and the Pennsylvania Motor Federation have been pioneers in the drive for the reduction of the number of child accident fatalities. In Lehigh county, accidents to children have been cut 400 per cent. Wherever the patrols have been organized there has been a marked reduction in the number of children hurt while in the region of their schools.

In commenting on the inauguration of the patrols, Manager Cole of the motor club said: "We are pleased to cooperate with the school officials and the Burgettstown police in the matter of safeguarding the lives and limbs of the school children. The intersections near the school which the children are required to cross are the most dangerous in Washington county. I am sure that safety conditions will be vastly improved by the operations of the patrols."

The names of the Burgettstown safety patrolmen follow: Captains Charles Scott, Nacy Panzica, Bud Drake and Carl DeSantis; patrolmen, Jay Meneely, John Shubl, Joe Pascarella, Ray Adams, Ralph Hill, Ernest Rotta, Stanley Smith, Robert Baldwin; alternates, Victor Marinch, Jack Kirkpatrick, Tommie Hitchcock, William Brewster, Paul Carmon, William Gamrod.

SCHOOL DIRECTORS OPPOSED TO THEATRE'S ATTEMPT TO INTERFERE WITH PROGRAM WITH NOON SHOW

The Burgettstown-Smith Township School Board in regular session on Tuesday evening passed a motion that the Secretary "Be instructed to have published in the Burgettstown Enterprise, a statement expressing their strong disapproval of the exploitation of Union High School pupils during noon hours by the management of the Mary Ann Theatre, as printed in that theatre's recent bill."

The Mary Ann recently passed out hand bills telling of a plan for a noon hour show on Mondays from 12:20 to 12:45 and inviting H. S. pupils to attend and to eat their lunches in the theatre. An admission fee is to be charged.

The Union Board desires that parents be informed that they strongly disapprove and are not a party to this program. They regard it as a direct interference with the school program. The Directors are of the opinion that the school district provides much more satisfactory arrangements for high school pupils during the noon hour, and that the building furnishes more satisfactory lunch room accommodations than can this theatre.

After a spirited discussion of the proposed interference with the school program, the directors discussed plans whereby aeronautics and pre-induction courses may be included in the September 1943 curriculum.

At a meeting of Smith township school directors on Tuesday evening, a motion was passed to apply for state financial aid, with which to complete the school term.

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**School Directors Opposed to Theatre's
Attempt to Interfere with Program with Noon Show
Burgettstown Enterprise-March 11, 1943 Edition**

PUBLIC SCHOOL HELP FOR BACKWARD CHILD

Home and School Visitors Directed
by State to Aid Handicapped
Children in Schools

Aid for public school pupils suffering from social handicaps will be given by Home and School Visitors, Dr. Lester K. Ade, Superintendent of Public Instruction, said last week.

"Evidences of poor social adjustments include poor health, irregular attendance, tardiness, day-dreaming, misconduct, and delinquency," Dr. Ade said.

"The Home and School Visitor, who is particularly concerned with these children in the school district, will attempt to discover the causes of these conditions and their remedies. Accordingly, she tries to discover whether or not the child may have such physical handicaps as defective eyesight or hearing, defective bones, joints, or muscles, decayed teeth, heart or glandular defects, and poor nourishment. She likewise takes into consideration the possibility of certain mental handicaps such as nervousness, emotional weaknesses, feelings of inferiority, worry, mental conflict, or mental disease.

"It is likewise possible that the Home and School Visitor may discover the cause of maladjustment in some aspect of the school system, such as unattractive school surroundings, absence of vocational encouragement, a lack of sympathetic understanding on the part of the teachers, or a lack of recognition of the child by the other pupils.

"If the cause of the child's poor attitude is not to be found in any of these factors, the Home and School Visitor may look to the home and neighborhood conditions. In the home she may find a lack of understanding of the school program or failure in child training and lack of discipline, inadequate rest and sleep for the child, illness in the home, social insecurity and poverty, working mothers, or demoralized home conditions caused by overcrowding, immorality, and criminality."

PATROLS TO CAPITOL

Burgettstown and Langeloth Boy Patrols from the grade school will leave by bus with 215 other Washington county boys for Washington, D. C. on Friday morning to participate in their sixth annual camping trip in the Nation's Capitol.

Accompanied by Principal Stottlemeyer and Principal Critchlow the following boys will make the trip: Burgettstown, William Diamond, Wilbert Morrow, Frank Nemeth, Ray Lynch, Jimmy Stottlemeyer, Harry Mehalic, Charles Matalik, Denny Scott and Frank Pappas, also Richard George, a 1939 patrol boy, who was unable to attend last year because of illness.

From Langeloth — Manuel Garcia, Harry Diamond, Angel Montequin, Gus Gargalianas, Joe Gonzalez, Benny Rodriguez, Victor Mena, Paul Meeham, James Allas, Julius Verez, Emelio Cuervo, Frank Bender, Angel Vallina, Lewis Reed, Bill Finney.

Patrol Boys are selected from eighth grade honor students. The money for their trip is earned by students and this year Burgettstown grade students earned camping money from the following sources: concert, bake sale, selling seeds, magazines and cleaning powder.

The local boys will march down Constitution avenue on Saturday morning with about 8000 boys from the United States. They will wear white trousers, blue sweaters with gold trim and blue overseas caps. During their Washington visit they will be addressed by Congressman Faddis.

**School Patrols Participate in 6th Annual Camping Trip At Nation's Capitol
Burgettstown Enterprise-May 9, 1940 Edition**

School Report for 6th Month

PERFECT IN ATTENDANCE

Room One—Rex Brestle, Wilfred Woods, Thomas Billhimer, James Stone, Arnold Pease, Arthur Richey, Ellis Andrews, Wilmon Culley, Sadie Woods, Harriet Malone.

Room Two—George Algeo, Roy Billhimer, Lee Hemphill, James Lewis, Warren Malone, Harry McCormick, Walter Woods, Donald Woodrow, Ernest Kuhn, Valjean Brown, Mary Cody, Mary Fredericks, Elizabeth Hughes, Irene Hodge, Helen McBride.

Room Three—John Billhimer, Andrew Henot, Edwin Hill, Leroy Malone, Delbert Morrow, Clifford Richey, Carl Shirey, James Longo, John Linn, Cora Boyd, Dora Boyd, Elizabeth Culley, Jessie Stone.

Room Four—Adelena Rotta, Mary Linn, Mildred Broida, Ruth McBride, Florence Shirley, Albert Richey, Glenn Osburn, Richard Clark, Raymond Hemphill, Frank Stone, Carol Bole, Harold Malone, Edwin Webster, Alva Martin, Shannon Lyon.

Room Five—Pearl Boyd, Edna Malone, Verda Fleming, Bessie Gilbert, Elizabeth Algeo, Nellie Ferguson, Myrtle Pate, Wilma Shillito, Mae Ferguson, James Webster, Robert Culley, Karl Huber, Walter Morrow, Robert Hamilton, John Malone, Leroy Scott, Robert Waite, Jerome Whalen, Edward Ingram, Milton Shirey, Thomas Smith.

Room Six—Russell Bole, John Clark, George Luttrell, Kyle Purdy, George Shirey Shirey, Warren Tope, Harvey Woods, Alvin Vance, Alex. Waite, Margaret Andrews, Nannie Beard, Velma Billhimer, Elizabeth Brockman, Harold Coulter, Helen Figley, Dorothy Felch, Pearl Hogue, Margaret Lyon, Fernie Malone, Josephine Pyle, Elva Richey, Letitia Scott, Mary Scott, Ethel Wolfe, Vera Pyle, Emma Bryte, Angelina Martin.

Room Seven—John Culley, John Cramer, William Creighton, Edwin Malone, Ethel Boyd, Etta Boyd, Pearl Core, Hazel Jackson, Gladys McCullough, Gertrude Miller, Helen Conrad.

Room Eight—Raymond Coulter, William Lyon, Ronald Miller, Edwin McBride, Wyllie Pate, James Shirey, Paul Stewart, Clifford McCormick, Margaret Duncan, Dorothy McCabe, Wilda Russell, Mildred Woodrow.

Room Nine—Ellen Bole, Lucille Culley, Cora Todd, Elizabeth McClure, Alice Tope, Edith McElhaney, Bessie Truax, Arliner Young, James Simpson, Scott Todd, Arthur John, Israel Bloom, Isaac Bloom, Lee McCartney, Burt Scott, Clarence Wolfe.

School Report for 6th Month
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School Tax Figures

We have at hand statistics showing the tax levy of the different districts in Washington county having six rooms or over, which we publish merely as a matter of news. The first column gives the tax levy, the second the number of rooms in the school and the third the grade of the school:

Bentleyville.....	10.....	10.....	2
Burgettstown.....	8.....	10.....	1
California.....	12.....	11.....	*
Canonsburg.....	11½.....	31.....	1
Charleroi.....	15.....	46.....	1
Claysville.....	12.....	9.....	3
Cokeburg.....	20.....	6.....	*
Donora.....	12.....	22.....	1
East Washington.....	7.....	8.....	1
Ellsworth.....	20.....	9.....	*
McDonald.....	12.....	14.....	1
Midway.....	12.....	7.....	2
Monongahela.....	12.....	36.....	1
North Charleroi.....	15.....	6.....	0
Roscoe.....	14.....	8.....	0
W. Brownsville.....	9½.....	8.....	0
Washington.....	10.....	94.....	1

Those in the third column marked (0) have no high school, those with (*) are not classified.

Elco and Stockdale, four rooms each and no high school, have levies of 7 and 14 mills respectively.

All the above figures are for tax for school purposes only.

School Tax Figures

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Schooles Gets WVU Grant-In Aid



Union High football player Lewis Schooles is shown signing a grant-in aid agreement with West Virginia University, while W.V.U. assistant coach Howard Tippet looks on.

Beaming their approval are Union football coach Pat McGraw, left, and Lew's father, Mike, right.

The ceremony took place at the Schooles home last Friday.

West Virginia's grant-in aid to young Schooles covers a full four-year athletic scholarship. Included are expenses for room and board, books tuition and fees.

Lew, 17, has already been accepted at West Virginia University, where he will major in industrial engineering.

He has lettered in varsity football at Burgettstown Union for the past three years, playing his senior year at end. The 6-1, 194-pound senior has been with the varsity basketball team the past two years and also lettered with last year's track team.

Schooles has also been an honor student at Union high school.

Lew will follow in the footsteps of two other former Union High stars--Mickey Trimarki and Frank Malardie--who played their collegiate football at West Virginia.

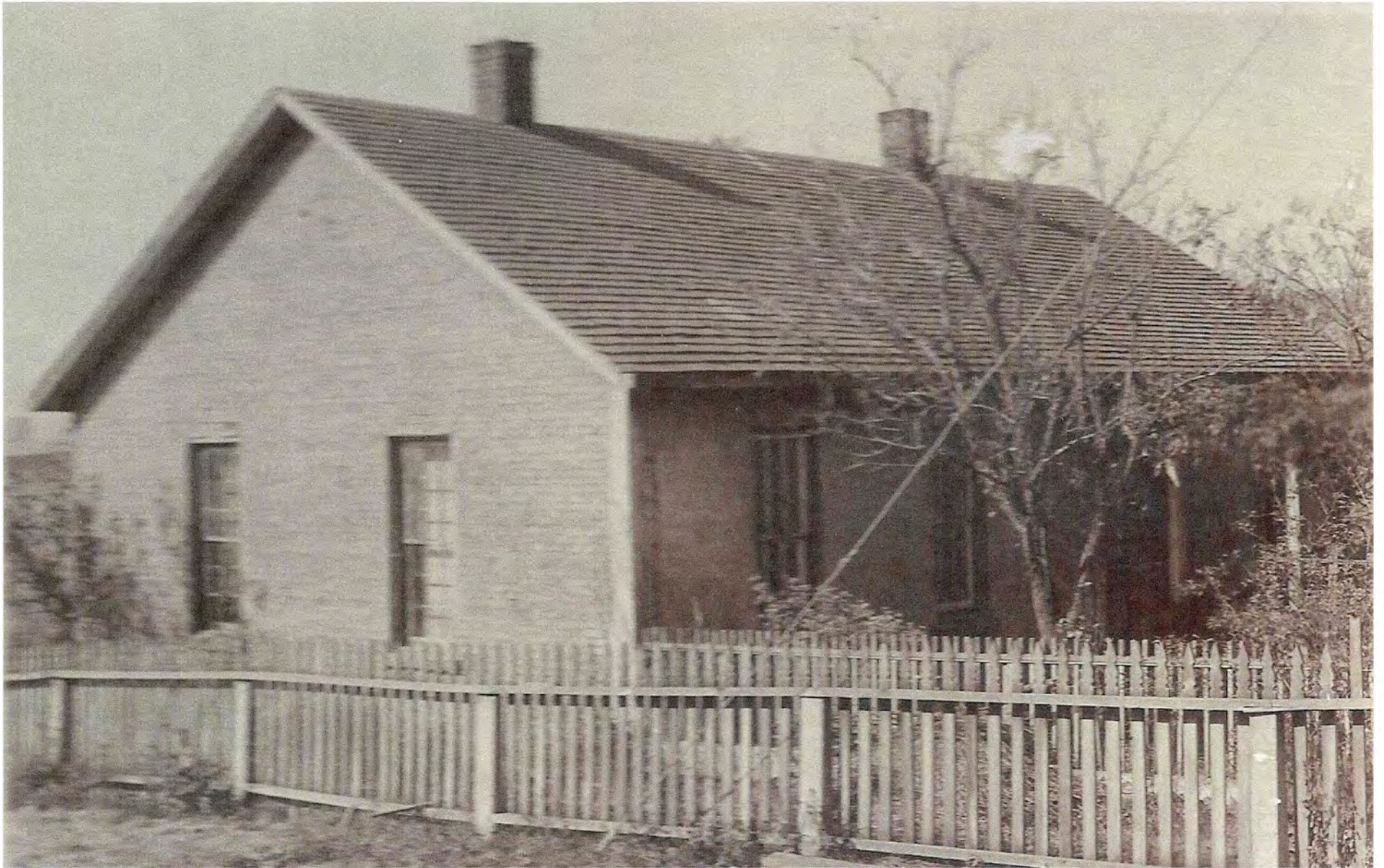
He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Michael L. Schooles, of Burgettstown, R.D. 1.

SCHOOLS ARE TO REMAIN CLOSED UNTIL WEATHER MODERATES

All social activities in the district have been cancelled and people are urgently requested to stay at home until the snow is removed from the highways. Superintendent of Schools H. L. Tennyson could not say when school will be resumed, since the buses are unable to bring children in from outlying districts where one way traffic is in effect. He said he hoped that classes could be resumed by Thursday, but it will depend on weather conditions and snow clearance.

Postmaster Ralph Bell reported that rural carriers were making an attempt to deliver mail in those areas where the roads are unblocked. Mail is piling up at the local office and is being delivered in town where possible. Very little parcel post has come in since the blizzard.

Local food stores report that supplies are dwindling but to date there has been plenty for all. Monday, bread and milk trucks got to town. The bread quickly disappeared from counters and George Wagner disposed of a truck load of weiner buns, pronto. The milk trucks that came in disposed of their wares to families with babies and small children. A small supply of canned milk is reported in demand.



Second Burgettstown School Building
South Main Street, Burgettstown, PA

Mary Golubofsky of Slovan, U.H.S Junior Is Crowned Snow Ball Queen at Colorful Ceremony Sponsored By Home Ec. Club

Mary Golubofsky of Slovan, a Union high school junior, was crowned Sno-ball queen and presented with a corsage of chrysanthemums by Union high students at a dance sponsored by the junior home economics club in the gym Thursday night. Mary emerged in the finals as queen with attendants Pauline Noble and Jean Christopher, seniors, Lois Gregory, junior and Melva Melton, freshman, as her attendants. Each of the four girls received a chrysanthemum spray for her hair.

Mary has been active in many school activities. She is vice president of the library club, president of the senior home economics club, secretary-treasurer of her home room, and is on the honor roll. As a sophomore she was vice-president of her class.

A winter scene was the theme for the dance decorations. A huge Christmas tree with a snowman on either side surrounded by a picket fence was in the center of the gym.

Several name bands including Harry James and Tommy Dorsey with Perry Como singing the vocals furnished music from the juke-box.

Refreshments were sold by the home economics club headed by a committee consisting of Geraldine Brunner, Betty Turner, Betty Pauchnik, and Helen Stiak. Mary Ann Linkesh and Betty Meyer were in charge of tickets, and Helen Stiak, Alice and Agnes Lovin, Dorothy Joseph, Ann McGraw Margaret Woods and Melva Melton composed the decorating committee.

The club plans to make the Sno-ball dance an annual affair with the selection of the Sno-ball queen each year.

**Mary Golubofsky Crowned Snow Ball Queen
Burgettstown Enterprise-December 27, 1945 Edition**

Sparing the Rod

Principal George R. Norris, of the Burgettstown schools, recently made an address at a township institute near the county seat, and awoke next morning to find himself famous. Mr. Norris spoke against corporal punishment in the schools. Since then most of the county papers have commended him for the stand he has taken, and on Friday the Gazette-Times came out with his picture and the following remarks:

George R. Norris, principal of the Burgettstown public schools, has created a sensation among the teachers of Washington county by his public statement denouncing corporal punishment. This is the first time that any local teacher has had the temerity to come out openly to oppose the use of the rod.

Norris not only denounces the corporal punishment method of control but he goes farther and shows by concrete examples from his own school how much can be gained by moral suasion. At the beginning of the present school year he and his teachers decided to do away with corporal punishments as an experiment. Now Principal Norris declares the teachers find they are having better order than ever before. Principal Norris cited definite cases of supposedly bad boys in whom a great change for the better has been wrought by the new system.

Some of the articles would lead one to infer that Principal Norris has entirely done away with corporal punishment. This is not quite true. What Mr. Norris said was that at the beginning of the term it was agreed that the teachers were not to inflict corporal punishment, and this agreement has been rigidly carried out. The professor is opposed to it, but he feels yet that there are extreme cases when no other remedy will quite bring the answer. He holds that those cases

are very, very rare and that such punishment might well be prohibited by law. From reports which we have received we believe our schools are better disciplined than ever before, and during the seven months of the present term he has applied the paddle to not more than a half-dozen pupils. In our school days no one thought the teacher was earning his salary if he didn't go the rounds two or three times a week. In our neighboring schools of McDonald twenty cases of corporal punishment were reported for last month. We know the Burgettstown schools are better disciplined than those which we attended, and we have an idea that they would not suffer any in comparison with those of McDonald.

Principal George R. Norris
Sparing the Rod
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Pleasing Concert.

The concert presented in Union high school auditorium last Thursday evening by the Elias Tamburitza Serenaders was one of the best that has been given here, and was greatly enjoyed by a fair sized audience. The quartette of instrumentalists are skilled artists and their program was one of uniqueness as well as excellence. The class of '35 is to be commended for bringing to Burgettstown such a high grade attraction.

TEACHERS' BACK PAY IS IN SIGHT

School teachers of Smith township, who have been waiting all summer for over-due salaries are about to receive their checks, it was learned today. Smith township, a third class school district has received notice from Harrisburg, that a check for \$14,000 will be paid within a few days. This represents the balance in state aid due since last February, and the final amount due on 1939-40 payments.

Auditor General F. Clair Ross today approved payment of \$1,301,379 in state aid to more than 2200 fourth class school districts of the Commonwealth withheld since February.

Warrants approved today represent the final 17 per cent of the semi-annual payment for the support of public schools in these districts during the school year 1939-40 due last February. Total payments due at that time were \$7,655,153 of which only 83 per cent—or \$6,263,306, after deductions—was paid.

Today's payments cover the remainder due and reimburses fourth class districts in full for the 1939-40 term. Next regular payments are due in August.

Fourth class districts in this section will receive the following payments: Burgettstown, \$1,225.53; Cross Creek twp., \$629.00; Hanover twp., \$469.00; Jefferson twp., \$584.80; McDonald, \$2,432.70; Midway, \$883.58; Robinson twp., \$503.20.

Burgettstown, Pa. Thursday, January 18, 1945

Teachers Plan Meeting To Hear About Proposed Salary Bills

Burgettstown Teachers' Association is planning a meeting of Branch 2 of the Washington County Educational Association to be held in the high school auditorium on Thursday evening, January 25. Wilbert Welch, Principal of Union high school is Chairman of this district and will preside at the meeting. Mr. Welch will present Legislators of Washington County who will discuss proposed legislation now before the Pennsylvania Senate and Assembly.

Peter D. Elish, Houston and J. D. Pollon, Avella, members of the Legislature and Senator Wallace S. Gourley of Houston plan to attend this meeting. The proposed legislation, prepared with the approval of the State Educational Association would provide a basic

beginner's pay of \$1600 per year for college graduates who enter the teaching profession, and increments according to years of experience, preparation and additional education. The basic teacher's beginning salary in 3rd and 4th class districts, which includes Burgettstown and Smith township now, is \$1000 to \$1200.

Educators from Burgettstown, Hickory and McDonald and Smith, Robinsen, Hanover, Jefferson, Cross Creek and Independence townships will attend this meeting.

Burgettstown Teacher's Association met in the high school on Wednesday evening, January 17, with President George Lewis presiding details for the January 25 meetings.

**Teachers Plan Meeting to Hear about Proposed Salary Bills
Burgettstown Enterprise-January 18, 1945 Edition**

Gertrude Linn Kelly

Bob Stottlemeyer

Elsie Smith

Mary Lee Puckett

Mary Nichols

Nora McCorkle

Ann Cox Scott

Unknown

Josephine Pyle

Lucille Culley Welch

Burgettstown School Teachers, 1920-1921



H. L. Tennyson Discusses Teacher Problems At Washington Kiwanis Club

Harry L. Tennyson, Secretary of the Washington County Education Association, addressed the Washington Kiwanis Club at a meeting in the George Washington hotel, Thursday. Mr. Tennyson discussed "The Problem of the Teacher."

The scarcity of teachers is one of the main problems facing public education, Mr. Tennyson pointed out. During World War II, 350,000 qualified teachers left the profession; now many more are leaving due to the high cost of living. In 1946 only 64,000 were preparing for the teaching profession against 174,000 in 1941. Less than 14 percent of all teachers in educational institutions are men. In order to support families many teachers have been forced to obtain jobs after school hours. For these reasons the education of millions of children is suffering.

Low salaries, Mr. Tennyson stated, is the cause for these educational problems. In Washington County, the average salary for teachers in the elementary grades is between \$1600 and \$1700, and between \$200 and \$300 higher in the high schools.

A legislative program in Pennsylvania, now put in motion, sets a beginning salary for teachers at \$2400 per year. A maximum of \$4400 has been requested. To obtain this maximum, the teacher must have his Master of Arts degree and have eight or nine years of teaching experience.

**H. L. Tennyson Granted Leave From School District;
W. P. Miller Elected Acting Superintendent**



HARRY L. TENNYSON

Harry L. Tennyson, superintendent of Burgettstown-Smith Township schools, will study for his doctor's degree at the University of Southern California this year since he has been granted a leave of absence by the Burgettstown-Smith Township School board.

Harry L. Tennyson, superintendent of Burgettstown-Smith Township schools, was granted a sabbatical leave of absence for one year effective September 1, 1947, by the joint borough and township school board in session Tuesday evening.

Mr. Tennyson, who is taking his first leave of absence in 21 years of teaching and supervisory work, plans to study for his doctor's degree in school administration at the University of Southern California at Los Angeles, Cal., during the year 1947-48. He has agreed, however, to return to the Burgettstown-Smith Township school district at least one year following the expiration of his leave. The Tennyson family expects to move temporarily to California soon after September 1.



WILLIAM P. MILLER

William P. Miller-acting superintendent of the Burgettstown-Smith Township School district.

William P. Miller, present assistant principal, was appointed acting superintendent to replace Mr. Tennyson for one year. Harold Malone, faculty member in the science department, will assume the duties of the assistant principal for the same period.

Mr. Miller, who is especially interested in administrative work, served in the capacity of principal during W. J. Welch's leave of absence in 1946.



W. HAROLD MALONE

Harold Malone-assistant principal at U.H.S.

Two vacancies in the teaching staff at Union high school were filled at the Tuesday evening meeting when the board elected Miss Kathryn Wilson, present teacher in Munhall high school, as an instructor of Spanish and Latin. Miss Wilson, who holds a masters' degree from the University of Pittsburgh and who has attended both Duke University and the University of Wisconsin for special work in Spanish, is a teacher of four year's experience.

Miss Alicemarie Blasek of Bellevue, who also hold a master's degree and who taught last year at Crafton high school, was elected to fill the vacancy left in the commercial department upon the resignation of Mrs. Marie Love Smiley.

Two other vacancies still exist in the English department, and to date the position of school nurse for the Burgettstown-Smith township school district has not been filled, Mrs. Garcy having recently resigned. Local nurses, who may be at all interested in the position, should see Mr. Tennyson at once.

The Bond Issue

We Publish
Arguments
For and
Against It

Facts on the Bond Issue

To build or not to build—that's the question for the people to decide at the March 21st election.

Much has been said in regard to the increase of taxes that the proposed new school building will bring upon the taxpayers of Burgettstown. Now we would like to present a few facts for our taxpayers to consider. First, our school board is placed in a very hard position. We are now receiving from outside tuition approximately \$1750.00, which means about three mills on our valuation. Should we be compelled to use the old building as we now have it, it will necessitate our keeping all outside pupils out so we will be able to make room for our own scholars, thus compelling us to increase our millage to 13 mills, for our expense of running the school will be the same as if we admit the outside pupils. For your consideration we submit the following facts; they are not "hot air," but solid facts as they stand before us:

PRESENT SYSTEM

Tax available at 10 mills.....	\$6370 00
State appropriation.....	1700 00
	\$8070 00

EXPENDITURES

Teachers and Janitors for nine months.....	\$6490 00
Current expenses as shown by last audit.....	1770 00
One bond to pay.....	1000 00
Interest on bonds.....	270 00
	\$9530 00

leaving a deficit of \$1460.

WITH NEW BUILDING, ON A BOND ISSUE OF \$35,000.00

Tax available.....	\$6370 00
State appropriation.....	1700 00
Outside tuition.....	3000 00
	\$11070 00

EXPENDITURES

Teachers and Janitors.....	7007 00
Current expenses.....	1700 00
One bond to pay.....	1000 00
Int. on all bonds.....	1845 00
	\$11552 00

Deficit with new building \$482.

You will readily see that we will have a nice balance of \$978.00 in favor of the new building. Besides we are paying for the new building, while if we continue as we are for the next twenty-five years we will have nothing but our old building while our taxes will be more than enough to have the new building.

School Director

He Favors the Bond Issue

I favor the bond issue in general terms.

1st—Because we need more room and a better equipment to take care of our own borough children.

2nd—Because the State law compels us to do this, and specifies the manner of construction and equipment.

3rd—Because it is the only method of obtaining a sum sufficient to finance our growing needs, and very properly places this burden upon the coming generation.

4th—Because Burgettstown "is on the map" to stay. It is no longer a hamlet, a mere place to die; it is a place to live, a factor in the industrial world. Its future growth is beyond question. Greatness has been thrust upon us. That we will rise to the demands of this new and better life is equally certain.

5th—Because the Board of Education asks it after having made a careful survey of the subject for a period exceeding twelve months, and are unanimous in their conclusions. A directorate better qualified to deal with such matters would be difficult to find. A canvass of its members convinced me of their honesty of purpose and ability to spend the sum asked wisely.

6th—Because it won't pay to build a mere temporary makeshift. \$20,000 is not enough to erect and equip a school building in the manner required by the school law. The code requires fire-proof materials, fire escapes, etc. A prison sentence awaits the directors if they fail to meet these requirements. Such is law and justice if disaster overtakes us.

Parents shudder with sympathetic grief at even the mention of the fire in the Collingwood school where three hundred children and several teachers perished because the directors failed to obey the law or even the common instincts of humanity. It is the principal item cost in the construction work in the proposed new building and nothing can be too good for such worthy purpose.

Citizens and parents, shall we endorse a miserly policy when safeguarding a child's life is an issue? The directors should be commended and sustained in their efforts to provide a commodious and fire-proof structure.

If YOU think so, GET BUSY; the bond issue is in grave danger of defeat.

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The school board meeting Monday night, to which the citizens were invited to talk over the proposed bond issue, was not a howling success from the viewpoint of the directors. Only about fifteen persons responded to the invitation, and no arguments were presented either for or against the question. Guess the board will have to wait till the 21st to know what the citizens really do think of it.

The Bond Issue

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THE LONG AGO

Events of Other Times From
Various Sources of Local
History and Old Legends

From the issue of the Enterprise
of November 10, 1909:

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The first high school class in Burgettstown was started in 1889. Since then (until 1909) 101 students have been graduated from the school. Eleven are now in college and 17 are engaged in teaching. In the death of Prof. R. P. Stevenson the Burgettstown schools lost one of its best friends. He was one of the foremost educators of the state and served a number of years on the local school board. He organized the Eldersville normal school and was its principal for several years.

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Local dairymen were indignant regarding a speech made at the second annual meeting of milk dealers held at the Pittsburgh Chamber of Commerce by R. L. Munce of Canonsburg, one of the most prominent men connected with the milk and cream industry in Pennsylvania. Mr. Munce described the average milk dealer, or many of them, as "conducting their business in a slothful manner and offering the public milk that is not even fit for their own hogs."

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Robert C. Cross, John C. Cross and Susannah Cross of Hanover township petitioned the Washington County Court to determine the facts in the matter of a dispute and contest in the will of Mitchell R. Cross, deceased. The brothers and sister alleged undue influence over their father's action by the principal devisee and executor of the will.

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James Donaldson, 20 years old, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Donaldson of Bavington lost all the fingers of his right hand when the hand was caught in a corn shredder. The young man was taken to a Pittsburgh hospital, where two different operations were necessary.

Robert Caldwell, 70 years old, a member of the Burgettstown Post, Grand Army of the Republic, died in his home near Paris. He was born on the farm on which he died, and had spent his entire life there with the exception of four years in the army.

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A horse owned by M. R. People of Cherry Valley and driven by Everett Wilson, was instantly killed in stumbling over a molasses barrel which had been rolled into the middle of the road at Johnson's store as a Hallowe'en prank.

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An exceptionally well-produced entertainment was given by the Cross Creek high school students. Mrs. Gus Zaebisch directed the music. In charge of the production were Miss M. Eola Smith, principal, and Miss Nellie A. Gault, assistant, of the Cross Creek schools.

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Burgettstown high school football eleva defeated Noblestown A. C. by a score of 10 to nothing in a spirited game. The local lineup was: Richards, Huber, E. Smiley, Seabright, Pollock, Westlake, Pugh, Mackenzie, Exley, C. Smiley, Kane.

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After eating a hearty breakfast. John Kuzma, a miner, arose from the table in a boarding house at Block No. 7, Avella, and fell dead. Death was due to a sudden heart attack.

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Dr. W. S. Clark was the unfortunate victim of a painful boil on his face.

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Reports of Smith township schools showed 15 teachers, 427 pupils and a high average attendance, for month of October, 1909.

"U" Club Formed at Union.

Lettermen, or those eligible for letters on the Union High football team and the girls' and boys' basketball teams, held a meeting in the school Thursday evening of last week. Coach Roy Mann presided at the meeting, presenting to the members a constitution which was accepted after the various sections were voted upon and some revision being made. Following this an election of officers took place, and those selected for the offices of president, vice president, secretary and treasurer in order, were: James Zelenko, Michael Niksich, Jane Lee Evans, and George Yaksic. After the election Mr. Mann turned the meeting over to the new president who, after much deliberation decided that the next meeting would be Thursday evening, March 19 at 7:30 o'clock in the school.

"U" Club Formed at Union
Burgettstown Enterprise-March 19, 1931 Edition



Perfect Attendance awards, for periods ranging from three to five years, were presented to the following. The first row, left to right. Marilyn Kucher, Linda Comport, Kathy Cunningham, Ruth Ann O'Shanka, John Comport, Frank Allison, and Bob Andrikanrich. Second row, Cheryl Findling, Mary Margaret Farulli, Anna McMahon, Terry Jelovich, Cheryl Smith, Linda Bertolotti and Patty Yaco. Third row, Mary Orenchuk, Betsy Kophazi, Ruth Kopolvich, Carmen Diaz, Mary Ann Karas, and Chris Toth. Fifth row, Paul Depaul, Leon Pendracky, Jim Azzarello, and David Creps.

Awards Day Assembly at Union High School

Burgettstown Enterprise-June 12, 1968 Edition

Courtesy of Fort Vance Historical Society



Seniors who maintained a scholastic average of 3.0 or better are pictured above. First row, left to right, Cheryl Findling, Ruth Bertovich, Ruth Fra-

tini, Debbie Herbert, Kathy Lonick, Susan Rinehart, Susan Vranjes and Carol Sebolt. Second row, Betty Jane Rigo, Sandy Janowitz, Mary Ann Tasz,

Carmen Diaz, Diane Visnich, Kathy Jancart and Mary Venner. Third row, Bob Pavlich, Mel Riddile, Roger Bertovich and Steve Harris.

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Dee Janulewicz, Karlene Wetzel and Sandy Rhode. Second row, Georgia Kemp, Mary Ann Karas, Jane Gobleck, Patty Nunez, Cheryl Smith and Kathy Smalley. Third row, Ed

Sciamanna, Leon Pendracky, Paul DePaul, David Creps, Steve Harris and Sam Muscaro. Fourth row, Albina Filipponi, Tootsie Bongiorno and Teresa Rupani.

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140 SENIORS ENGAGE IN GRADUATION FESTIVITIES AT UNION HIGH SCHOOL

Graduation activities at Union high school for 140 Seniors began last week end when members of the class of 1943 presented the patriotic revue "Listen, Mr. Speaker." Presented in five scenes, the pageant unfolded a story of America today. Reflecting credit on the members of the staff who trained them, the Seniors gave a good account of themselves and held the interest of the audience, through to the finale. Interesting costumes and typical back drops, prepared by the Home Economics and Industrial Arts departments, gave the production a professional touch.

JUNIOR-SENIOR PROM

On Friday evening, May 28, the Junior class will entertain the graduates at the Annual Prom. Stan Vinton's orchestra will furnish the music.

BACCALAUREATE

Sunday evening, May 30 at eight o'clock in the high school auditorium the Baccalaureate Sermon will be preached by Dr. William M. Hughes, pastor of the United Presbyterian church of Gibsonia, Pa. The program for the Baccalaureate service will be as follows:

Processional—Pomp and Circumstance—Elgar.

Invocation—Rev. R. C. Sutton

Selection—"Hark The Vesper Hymn is Stealing" Russian Air, sung by the Girls' Chorus.

Address—Dr. Hughes.

Selection, "God Be With You"—Tom-er, by the Girls' Chorus.

Benediction—Rev. R. C. Sutton.

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COMMENCEMENT

Commencement exercises will be held in the Athletic Field, (weather permitting) on Thursday evening June 3. Six graduates will present a panel discussion on "The Kind of World We Want" and will base their declamations on "The Four Freedoms—Freedom of Religion, Freedom of Speech, Freedom from Want and Freedom from Fear."

SCHOOL ENDS JUNE 4

Last day of school for the present semester will be Friday, June 4. A Trial schedule for the 220 incoming Freshman will be run at high school on June 3. Final examinations for Seniors will be given on May 26 and 27 and for lower classmen on May 28, 31 and June 1. Classes will be dismissed at noon on Monday, May 31 Memorial Day, in order that students may participate in Memorial Day exercises at Fairview cemetery, conducted by the American Legion. Union high school band will appear at Midway at 12:30 p. m. Memorial Day and then will return to Burgettstown to lead the parade to Fairview cemetery for the Observance here.

COMMENCEMENT TO BE HELD AT H. S. STADIUM

The largest class to graduate from Union high school, 174 boys and girls, will form a processional into Union's new athletic stadium on Monday evening, May 26 at eight o'clock d.s.t., to receive their diplomas, signature for four year's high school work. The program, presented in ritualistic style, will be as follows:

Processional, "Coronation March"—Meyerbeer, Union High School Band.
Invocation.

The Theme—Class President, Virginia McWhorter.

Trumpet Solo, "Sounds from the Hudson"—Clark, Charles Rusza.

Purpose of Ritual, June Keifer.

Scholarship, Gertrude Dodds

Workmanship, Glenne Nicholls.

Leadership, Frederick George

Citizenship, Anton Zilich.

Character, Helen McElwain.

Clarinet Solo, "Long, Long Ago"—Ritter, Michael Zabetakis.

Gratitude, Kathryn Tomich.

Farewell, Virginia McWhorter.

Presentation of Awards — H. L. Tennyson, Supv. Principal of Burgettstown-Smith Joint School District.

Presentation of Class, Mary E. Thome, Principal of Union High School.

Acceptance of Class and Presentation of Diplomas—A. J. Nairn, President of Burgettstown-Smith Joint School District.

Benediction.

Recessional.

Commencement to be Held at H.S. Stadium
Burgettstown Enterprise-May 22, 1941

COMMENCEMENT PROGRAM

HILL MEMORIAL STADIUM

Wednesday Evening, June 4, 1947 — 8 p.m. d.s.t.

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Processional, "Union High School Alma Mater" Band
Invocation Rev. W. J. McCashin
Pastor of Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church
Welcome John Collins
President of the Senior Class
Piano Solo, "Sonate", Haydn Angelina Restanio
Address "The Half Million Dollar Question"
By Eugene P. Bertin
Dean at Mansfield State Teachers' College
Duet, "A Roundelay", Loomis Ethlyn and Donna Darras
Presentation of Awards H .L. Tennyson
Supervising Principal
Presentation of Class J. W. Welch
Principal
Acceptance of Class C. M. Marino
Presentation of Diplomas
President of Burgettstown-Smith Twp. School Board
Benediction Rev. W. J. McCashin
Recessional Band

**Union High School Commencement
Burgettstown Enterprise-June 5, 1947 Edition**

H. S. AWARDS

A crowd of approximately 1,000 friends and well-wishers crowded the high school auditorium Wednesday night, May 22, to see this year's Senior receive their diplomas. One of the highlights of the ceremony was presented by Supervising Principal H. L. Tennyson, who gave special recognition to outstanding pupils.

Gertrude Kanzius, valedictorian of the class was presented with a year's subscription to the Readers Digest.

Robert Kunkel received the medal offered by the Bausch & Lomb optical company to the Senior showing the greatest progress in any field of science.

Each year the high school itself awards two medals, one to a Senior and one to a Junior in recognition of general excellence in chemistry. This year Mary Gilson received the Senior medal and Frederick George the Junior medal.

Louis Colteryahn was the winner of another much coveted prize, the scholarship given by the University of Pittsburgh to the Senior with the best combination of grades, activities, personality and character. Louis was chosen from among five applicants in an interview with Mr. Quick, registrar at Pitt.

In addition, Severino Nicoletto was given special recognition for a perfect twelve-year attendance record. Severino lives at Raccoon and for three years was compelled to walk to school.

Percy Lydick with a perfect attendance record of six years was similarly honored.

Band Uniforms Ordered From Cleveland Company

The Slavin Uniform Company from Cleveland, Ohio, was awarded a bid for supplying Union high school band with uniforms at a meeting of the Burgettstown-Smith township school board and band committee Monday evening. The total cost of the purchase, which includes 44 players' uniforms, five majorette costumes and a uniform for the director, will be \$2727.75. The band is already in possession of the necessary sum for the purchase.

Six different companies made bids. The uniform chosen will be of whipcord with a jacket made Cossack style in French blue with royal blue trimming. The trousers are dark royal blue, and the hat also blue with white trimming. Delivery is expected not later than February 15. Measurements were taken of band members Tuesday morning.

Attending the meeting Monday evening, besides the board and band committee, were R. P. McGregor, Wilbert Welch, H. L. Tennyson, Gus Barbush and Ray Simpson. Mr. Barbush and Mr. Simpson served in an advisory capacity.

UHS Band Will Present Concert May 8



Shown above in the Enterprise photo are members of Union high school's band and majorettes who are busy rehearsing for their annual spring concert on Friday, May 8, under the direction of Henry DiPasquale.

1st row, l to r: majorettes-S. Dennis, M. Sonnenberg, head; J. Cole and P. Morgan. 2nd row-R. Getsinger, F. Warrender, J. Van Gorder, A. Linkesh, A. Borio, J. Powell, C. Johnson, J. Ayres, J. Haba, W.Krosco.

3rd row-L. Tucci, R. Vega, E. McChancy, B. Davidson, M. Gill, S. Hawkins, N. Sugick, B. Bugay, J. McDonald, A. Englert, L. Burchianti, E. Stewart, Mr. DiPasquale.

4th row-J. Rupani, A. Boles, A. Campos, D. Jones, G. Holland, S. Figley, M. Dalverny, R. Lander, C. Wagner, A. Boni, J. McCoy, P. Creps, S. Petrucci, K. Zabetakis.

5th row-J. Ivery, B. Dunbar, S. Vranjes, V. Popp, M. Russell, G. Collier, M. Vranjes.

UHS Band Will Present Concert May 8
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Union High School Band

Solo Cornets:

Emile Kowalski
Betty Wray
Jack Palin
Floyd Bertovich
Alex McConnell

First Cornets:

Ethel Wade
Meryl Berry
William Karch
Thad Dodds

Second Cornets:

Robert Hunsinger
Mike Hanna

Solo Clarinets:

William Washcovich
Donald Stitt
Charles Grimminger
Angelo Spanogians

Second Clarinets:

Laverne Stype
Jane Smiley

Third Clarinet:

Albert Shearn

Saxophones:

Carl Ball
George Hamerick
Everett Stewart
John Jones
Naomi Andrews

Baritones:

Stanley Kavensky
Sam Durst
William Davis

Basses:

John Alagna
Michael Mudre

Drums:

Tony Zelenko
Junius Parham

Trombones:

Gilbert Massey
Ruth Taylor
Paul Blaine
Lloyd Hindman
Clyde Peterson

UNION BOARD CALLS UPON CITIZENS TO PROTEST PLACING OF BEER PARLOR NEAR ATHLETIC FIELD

Members of the Burgettstown-Smith township school board in regular session on Monday evening called upon the taxpayers of this community to protest the erection of any beer or liquor establishment on property adjacent to the new Union Athletic Field. By unanimous consent, such a motion was passed and written into the minutes of the meeting.

At the same meeting John Kudlic of Monessen was elected teacher of woodworking and metal work for the new Industrial Arts Department of Union high school. Mr. Kudlic, who received his Bachelor of Science degree from State Teacher's College, California, Pa., in 1940 is also a graduate of the Monessen high school class of 1933. He will receive minimum salary of \$1200 per year.

**UNION BREAKS RECORD
WITH BIG ENROLLMENT**

Union high school has gotten under headway with the largest enrollment in the history of the school. Following is the registration by classes:

Seniors, 102; Juniors, 155; Sophomores, 189; Freshmen, 254, total 700. This large enrollment naturally necessitates making many adjustments in the school organization in order to care for pupils' needs. At the present time the cooking laboratory, dining room, typing room, physics laboratory, and gymnasium are all utilized as home rooms for pupils. It is unfortunate that pupils must report in these rooms since they have no place suitable to keep their books and in the case of the typing room and gymnasium, no place to rest a book while at study. At the present time there are 75 freshmen boys whose home room is the gymnasium.

The Class schedules have been changed this year so as to accommodate all pupils without resorting to half-day sessions which in themselves are very undesirable. Two additional teachers have been added to the faculty and additional equipment has been purchased in an attempt to accommodate everyone in a normal school day. The principal is considerably puzzled at the present time as to how assemblies are to be conducted since there are approximately 150 more pupils than the normal seating capacity of the auditorium.

It is interesting to note the enormous increase in enrollment over a period of 15 years. Following are statistics which indicate a tremendous increase in our own secondary school enrollment:

Year	Enrollment	Graduates
1920	131	21
1925	249	40
1930	352	59
1935	650	105
1936	700	102

CAST FOR SENIOR PLAY "NO MORE HOMEWORK"



Enterprise Photo

Members of the Senior play cast shown in the Enterprise photo above are: 1 to r-1st row: Doris Hawkins, Alice Brunner and Helen Mis. 2nd row: Marlene Bihum, Norma Brown, Arlene Borio, Irene Bokulich, Margaret Gill, Janet McDonald, Jessie McCoy and Mrs. Pusateri. 3rd row: Arnold Rottelini, Bob Carmichael, Richard Owens, Dave Miller, Vincent Boller, and Joe Miller. Not shown-Joe Pace and Albert Fay.

Cast for Senior Play "No More Homework"
Burgettstown Enterprise-November 12, 1953 Edition

DEAN CARROLL SPEAKS TO CATHOLIC GRADS

Father James Carroll, dean of the Duquesne University, preached a Baccalaureate sermon to Catholic members of the Union high school graduating class in Our Lady of Lourdes church on Sunday evening. Father Carroll's subject was "Service to God and Manhood." Special music was furnished by the Men's choir who sang, "Come Holy Ghost" and "Oh Mary, My Mother". The graduates, dressed in cap and gown, formed a processional to their seats.

Rev. W. J. McCashin pronounced the invocation. The solemn benediction was given by Rev. Charles M. Keane, pastor of St. Patrick's church at Noblestown. He was assisted by Rev. Vincent Leonard, chaplain at the Allegheny County home, Woodville, and the Rev. James Burke, of St. Francis Xavier church of Northside, Pittsburgh.

**Dean Carroll Speaks to Catholic Grads
Burgettstown Enterprise-May 29, 1941 Edition**

CHANGE SYSTEM OF GRADING AT UNION SCHOOL

The Enterprise is in receipt of a communication from Supervising Principal Harry L. Tennyson concerning the new grading system which went into effect at Union high school last week.

Says Mr. Tennyson,
Attention Parents!

"If it has been your opinion that your sons and daughters have been "getting by" in their high school subjects for some time past without doing much work maybe you have already noticed a change for the better so far as studying is concerned. If not, better be prepared for a possible shock when the next report cards come home. The reason—at a recent meeting of the high school teachers it was definitely decided that the system of grading which has been in use for some time should undergo considerable revision. In the future, students will be expected to show a much higher level of achievement (than hertofore) in order to secure passing grades.

There has been in use a system of grading in which, regardless of the achievement of the group, only a certain percentage would or could receive the various grades and there would be in a given class the same number of A's as E's, (7%) the same number of B's as D's (14%) and the balance (58%) received C's. On a particular examination the majority of a class may and did very often answer only fifty per cent or less of the questions correctly and still receive a D or even a C. Students had become "wise" to the fact that if the majority in a class worked below capacity it would require less study on the part of all to secure passing grades.

The change in the grading basis will recognize that such results as above do not deserve passing grades and they will not be given. Further, in conjunction with the Guidance program instituted recently in the high school there is a definite attempt on the part of teachers to recognize that there are differences in individuals and that, in the future, the Union High School student will not be competing for grades on a basis of comparing his work with that of his fellow classmates but on a basis of achievement in the subject matter he is studying as compared with his ability to achieve.

Further, the high school authorities wish to correct the impression left with many parents by students that they usually have no work to do after school. Assignments are always sufficiently long and the average student's day is so nearly filled with recitation periods that it is practically impossible to complete all of the next day's work to any satisfactory degree during school hours with only one or two study periods."

**Change System of Grading at Union High School
Burgettstown Enterprise-February 8, 1940 Edition**

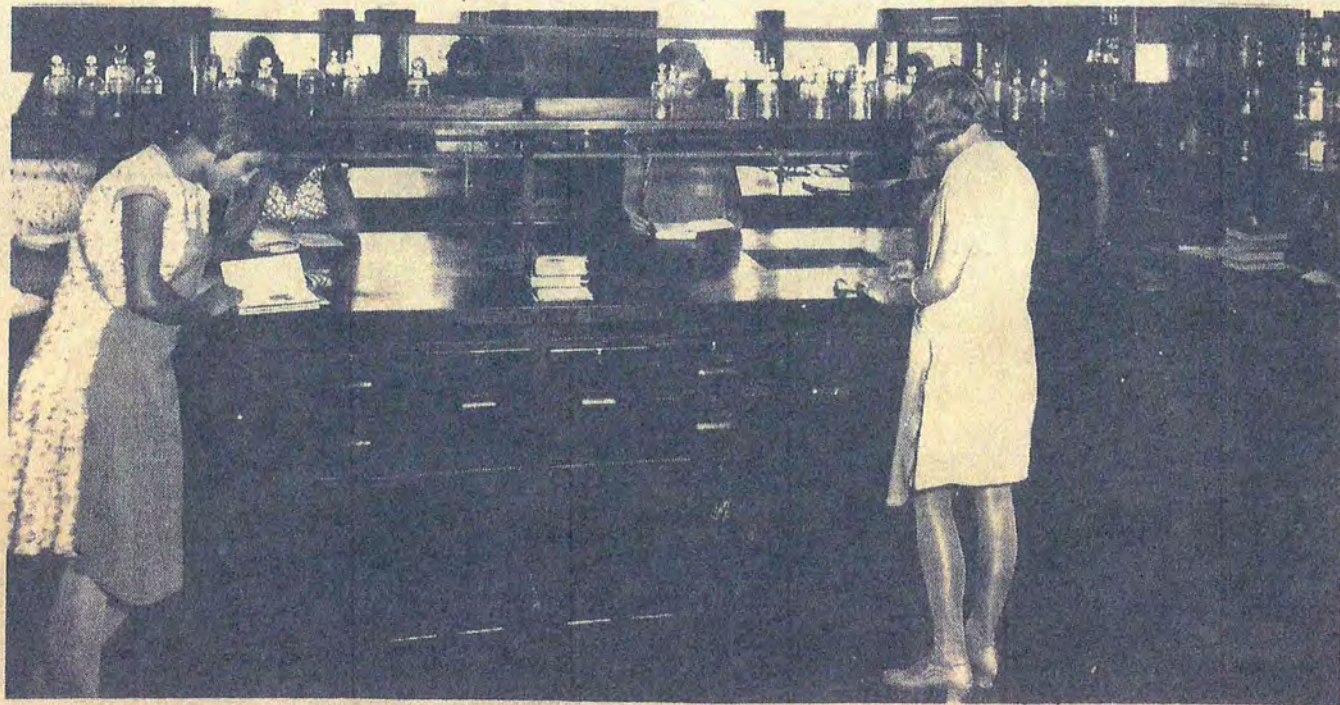
UNION CHEERLEADERS

GET NEW UNIFORMS

It's high time someone mentioned the fine work being done by the Union High School cheerleading corps. If some of you haven't noticed our cheerleaders, I'm sure you will at the next game because the girls, all nine of them, are sporting new uniforms. The lucky girls are Marie Yolton, Naughty Gonzalez, Virginia Reed, Virginia Metrovich, Jane Fagan, Jane Vosburg, Mildred Conrad, Eva Williams, and Betty Lou Hamilton.

Even if the girls do have new uniforms, we can't overlook the boys on the corps. They always look 'spiffy' too, in their white trousers and blue sweaters. Joseph Pusateri is the head cheerleader and his cohorts David Tunno and Gus Diamond.





These pictures were borrowed from Nick Mervosh, UHS junior high school principal. In the photo above, which was taken sometime between 1926 and 1930, you see the chemistry room and the costumes worn by Union high students way back then.

**Do you Remember UHS "Way Back When"
Burgettstown Enterprise-April 11, 1963 Edition**

UNION SCHOOL CLASS GIVEN FINAL HONORS

Interesting Ceremonies Mark Close
of Successful Term
of Union High

The Rev. Dr. Joseph Stevenson of the state of California delivered the commencement address at final graduating exercises for a class of 66 Seniors at Union high school on Monday evening, before a capacity crowd. Dr. Stevenson's address held the interest of all present. It was inspirational and informative, with an occasional bit of humor.

Following an overture and the processional by the Union high school orchestra, under the direction of G. A. Schooley, prayer was offered by the Rev. G. U. Martin, pastor of the Langeloth Church. Edward McCloskey, as salutatorian and Mary Fliton, as valedictorian delivered well prepared addresses. Diplomas were presented to the graduates by C. A. Hamilton, president of the school board. Dr. Stevenson pronounced the benediction.

The commencement program follows: March, orchestra; invocation, Rev. G. U. Martin; salutatory, Edward McCloskey; address, Rev. Joseph Stevenson, D. D.; music, orchestra; valedictory, Mary Fliton; presentation of Diplomas, Mr. Hamilton; benediction, Dr. Stevenson.

The class roll is as follows: Helen Agnew, Ada Bella, Theresa Bezusko, Betty Bigger, Mildred Blazina, Elizabeth Bruce, Lois Bucknam, Helen Carroll, Dorothy Dodds, Barbara Donnack, Agnes Doumont, Barbara Dubick, Mary Filipponi, Mary Fliton, Thelma Forner, Mary Fryer, Margaret Griffith, Vera Guio, Bernice Inglefield, Anna Kophazi, Lucille Laskey, Marie Martin.

Henry Bennett, Ermil Caleffie, Eli Cavalier, Wasyl Cherry, Dominick Cody, LaVerne Gilliand, Charles Griminger, George Hamerick, John Hanna, George Harris, John Harris, Lloyd Hindman, John Hucik, John Jones, John Kupolovich, Harry McAnulty, Edward McCloskey, Royal McGillis, Michael Nicksick, Raymond Reynolds, Louis Robert, Carmen Sansone.

Dean Mazzier, Geraldine Myers, Gladys Paetzel, Lois Palin, Margaret Parer, Sara Proudfit, Louise Pyle, Elizabeth Repole, Elizabeth Robinson, Melba Rommes, Eva Schneider, Lillian Taucher, Roberta Weaver, Esther Welch, William Scopel, Andrew Scherrockman, Fred Smith, Angelo Spanogians, Donald Stitt, Albert Watlet, John Zabetakis, James Zelenko.

UHS Class Given Final Honors
Burgettstown Enterprise-June 4, 1931 Edition



UNION HIGH SCHOOL

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UHS Class Of 1928



This was the 1928 graduating class of Union High School.

How many of the graduates can you recognize? They are as follows:

Top row, left to right, F. Slack, J. Agnew, Walter Dickson, Caroline Mentalic, James Scott, Mary O. De Walt and Pete Gobleck.

Second row, Dean Dowler, A. Hindman, Grace Clark, J. Riley, F. DeBraekeleer, A. McKay and Rachel Otto.

Third row, John Pauchnik, Mary E. Reasons, Wilma Kanney, Nellie Wray, Sophie Nicksick, Bernadette O'Brien and Willa Smith.

Fourth row, Teresa Williams, Mable McKay, R. Hemphill, vice-president; Dorothy Luttrell, president; Edna Foster, secretary - treasurer; Stella Stettar and William Miller.

Fifth row, Paul Durain, W. Maggs, W. Kanney and Mary Parkam.

Sixth row, Robert Hall, Irene Kochey, Eva Daurmont, W. Bucknam, Albert Bundy, Evanna Cook and Mary Smith.

Bottom row, L. Kreston, M. Butler, K. Smith, T. Deer, J. Sanders, G. McKay, W. McCabe and A. Stevenson.

Classmates At Washington, D.C.



Some readers may recognize the faces in the photo above. This was the 1929 class at Union High School and the photo

was taken at Washington, D. C.

Dr. Lee B. Martin is at the extreme left in the back row. Dr. Charles Hughey is at the far right in the back row. Next to him is Ralph Farulli.

**Class of 1929 Washington DC Trip
Burgettstown Enterprise-May 7, 1975 Edition**

CLASS OF 1934 ENJOYS REUNION

Several alumni of the class of 1934 of Union High School met in reunion, Monday evening, July 10, at the New Penn Club on Route 88, near Pittsburgh. Included in the party were Dr. and Mrs. Robert Steele of Pitcairn and Mr. and Mrs. J. Paul Lawther of Canonsburg. Mrs. Steele, formerly, Elizabeth T. Smith, and J. Paul Lawther were former members of the faculty at Union High school. Those attending the affair were: Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Christy, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Reasons, Katherine Dubich, Helen McMahon, Delphina Prendes, June Davidson, Josephine Jackson, Katherine McMahon, Meryl Berry, Geraldine King, Joseph Dubich, Maurice Johnson, Ralph Dold, Mary Dugas, J. T. Davis, Bernard Griffith, Edward Cunningham, Robert Hunsinger, and Stephen Benn.

**UHS Class of 1934 Reunion
Burgettstown Enterprise-July 13, 1939 Edition**



UNION HIGH SCHOOL

CLASS of 1934

photo by
Weller



M. HANNA	S. GOLESKI	N. RICHEY	V. LAWSON	K. TEPIC	B. HALL	J. JACKSON	G. KING	A. WARRO	W. DAVIS						
J. WILLY	M. GAMBETTA	L. COLPO	J. MCKISSON	E. NOVOSEL	I. MAHONE	H. BONNER	V. MAZZIER	M. KARGLE	M. ODEPEK	M. DELIERE	A. BUCKNAM	M. GARCIA	L. ASTORINA	M. CASSIDY	C. MESTER
W. BUNDY	M. MURRAY	N. SLACK	W. SANDERS	A. KUHN	M. DUGAS	M. JERES	S. KRZYK	C. MEZAK	L. BURNS	M. BERRY	M. ANDREWS	T. BERTRAND	E. TRIVNOVIC	H. McMAHON	M. JOHNSON
J. CONTROY	C. STEELE	J. LATALLE	K. LANDER	M. RUSZAK	A. SAUER	Y. GAIA	A. GOBLECK	M. TAUCHER	K. DUBICH	A. LAURICH	G. NAPOLITANA	S. PENSAK	B. TANDY	A. CHRISTY	
E. RALSTON	L. HILL	E. COULANGE	D. SIMPSON	B. GRIFFITH	G. MALONE	P. HOWE	P. HOROVITZ	B. MCCARTY	R. DOLD	R. REYNOLDS	D. SANDRI	R. ROMMES	A. STETAR	A. MOSKUM	W. ROSSON
A. SCARIOT	W. MULLEN	F. BARONIO	E. KOWALSKI	C. LATALLE	J. DUBICH	M. DEMO	R. DOLD	A. SHARKEY	H. RZATE	W. SUSTANA	M. SASKA	J. BARISH	O. SCAGLE	S. BEN	E. PATRICK



UHS Class of 1934 has its 58th Year Reunion
The Enterprise-September 30, 1992 Edition

Members of the Class of 1934 who gathered for a brunch reunion recently were, First row, from left, Lucille Saska Colpo, Sara Kaezyk Ozimek, Mae Kargle Kerekes, Meryl Berry Watt, Naomi Andrews King, and Stella Polinski; second row, Maurice Johnson, Angelo Scariot, Mary Jereb Sinnett, Helen McMahon Johnson, Irene Malone Linton, Carl Latella, and Bill Sustana; third row, Melvin Harrell, Dick Reasons, Matthew Petricca, and Robert Reynolds. Not pictures but present was Robert Huntsinger.

Fort Vance Historical Society

Members of the Union High School Class of 1934 gathered at the Best Western in Weirton, W.Va., Sept. 13 for a Sunday brunch. Twenty-one classmates and four guests attended.

Out of a class of 105, sixty-one are now deceased, and four of those have died since the last reunion: Lynn Hill, John Schilinski, Alice Bucknam and Homer Daniels.

Several classmates came from a distance. They included Maurice and Helen Johnson of Florida, Atty. Angelo Scariot of Virginia Beach, William Sustana of Texas and Dick Reasons of California.

It was the first time that Melvin Harrell of Monaca had attended a class reunion.

Dick Reasons presented members of the class with beautiful letter openers which he and his son had carved from wood.

Serving on the reunion committee were Meryl Berry Watts of Pittsburgh, and Sarah Kaezyk Ozimek and Mae Kargle Kerekes of Bulger.

The class is now planning to hold a reunion each year.



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Fort Vance Historical Society



UHS class of 1936

Union High School Class of 1936, Burgettstown, held its 60th anniversary reunion Aug. 9, at the Best Western in Weirton. Twenty-one members and one guest were present. The welcome was extended by Mary Gratchen Tasz and William Proudfit, master of ceremonies, gave the invocation and read letters from classmates unable to attend. Ralph Hill led the group in a moment of silence and prayer in memory of 42 deceased members. The reunion committee included Lena Giometti Colpo, Arvella Durain Sella, Mary Gratchen Tasz, Margaret Hogue Testa and Nelda Mazzier Williams. The 1936 class officers were Mary Gratchen Tasz, president; William A. Proudfit, vice-president; Ruth Dodds McClelland, secretary and Joseph T. Argenta, treasurer. First row, from left, Vera Fullum Washington, Helen Harris Hill, Margaret Hogue Testa, Marie Love Smiley, Lola Wylie Linscott, Dola Wylie Modransky and Eleanor Freshwater Bender. Second row, George Davis, Gladys McNinch Crupe, Ludwig Stetar, Caroline King Secko, Betty Ann Wade Sestak, Mary Gratchen Tasz, Betty Smiley Alexander and Neida Mazzier Williams. Third row, William Proudfit, Ralph Hill, James Ramsey, Arthur Nunn and William Gamrod. Not pictured is Arvella Durain Sella

UHS Class of 1936
The Record Enterprise-October 2, 1996 Edition



UHS Class of 1940 Reunion

First Row, L-R: Ann Rinella, Rose Testa Lounder, Helen Kryzonovche Goodman, Helen Fabian DeGarmo, Andrew Sherockman, Mrs. Mary Thome Love, Miss Elizabeth Scott, Theresa Rivetti Cippola, Stella Surba Dommer, Emma Stebe Emler. Second Row, L-R: Margaret Fedorain Neuman, Irene Haba Spin, Blaine Scarem Soreenson, Despa Barbush Nevergall, Jay Mitchell Dvorsak, Vera Martin, Ruth McClausand Guthrie, Margaret Delprato Geffert. Third Row: L-R: Walter Eversole, Walter Lipnicky, Ignace Sultie, Verna Brosky Chatter, Anthony Ostop, Roger Darke, Robert Kunkel, Joseph Nairn, Edward Shubeyski Shelton, William Visnich, Hohn Spontak, Nick Hallahan, Leon Surba. Mike Geffert, Minnie Fedak Kowalik, Steve Swanik, Frank Longevitch. Fourth Row, L-R: Clark Maxwell, Dwight Harper, Mario Gobleck, Joseph Dragan, Andrew Petrums, George Atherton, David Tunno, George Pavlich, Steve Drazick, Alfred DeValkeneer, Walter George, Milan Tomich.

Burgettstown Enterprise-July 8, 1970

Fort Vance Historical Society

The Class of 1940 of Union High School held its 30th Class Reunion at the Cherry Valley Sportsmen's Club on Saturday, June 20, at 6 p.m.

The welcoming address to the class was given by Walter Lipnicky. He also introduced the Toastmaster, William Visnich, a member of the class and at present supervising principal of the Chartiers Valley School System.

Invocation was given by Milan Tomich, a classmate. A moment of silence was held in honor of sixteen deceased classmates.

A home-style dinner was served to the 83 guests, of which 45 were members of the Class of 1940.

After the dinner, a roll call of class members was held, in which each member stood up, gave his name, where he lived, his profession, how many children he had and introduced his mate.

Prizes were awarded to John Spontak, who had sent in the first reservation; Walter Lipnicky, most children, 8; Steve Drazick, most recently married; Dave Tunno and Mrs. Emma Stebe Emler, traveling the farthest; Mrs. Helen Fabian De Garmo, most grandchildren; Mrs. Teresa Cippola, youngest grandmother; and Dwight Harper, youngest grandfather.

Mrs. Ruth McCausland was given a special gift for the work she had done on the reunion and for traveling from Chester, West Virginia, to attend all the reunion meetings. Mr. and Mrs. George Nevergall were the recipients of both door prizes awarded, a centerpiece of blue and white flowers and a basket of fruit given by Dante Filippini. Mrs. Nevergall is the former Despa Barbush.

Next on the program was the introduction of the teachers. The members of the Class of 1940 were very happy to have in the midst Mrs. A. A. Love, Miss Elizabeth Scott, Dr. and Mrs. Andrew Schrockman and Mr. and Mrs. W. K. Power.

A business meeting was held and the committee for the 1975 reunion was held. Frank Longevich was named chairman.

Dance music was presented by the Veldettes.

There was a cake walk during the intermission, and Mrs. Joseph Pusateri was the winner.

The Class of 1940 has made a donation to the Burgettstown Public Library in memory of its sixteen deceased members.

First row, left to right, Ann Rinella, Rose Testa Louder, Helen Kryzonovche Goodman, Hlen Fabian DeGarmo, Andrew Sherockman, Mrs. Mary Thome Love, Miss Elizabeth Scott, Theresa Rivetti Cippola, Stella Surba Dommer, Emma Stebe Emler.

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Graduates of Union High School, Class Of May 1940



Top row, left to right—Felix Filloponi, George Pavlick, Andrew Petrus, Harold Pinder, Chester Mellovich, president, Vera Martin, secretary and treasurer, Clarence Power, vice president; Joseph Kubovic, Severino Nicoletto, Joe Nairn. Row 2—Joseph Rash, Lillie Plance, Josephine Getsinger, Margaret Hayes, Rose Testa, Leona Gareis, Anna Rinella, Elizabeth Yesko, Martha Turner. Florence Taucher, James Savage. Row 3—Percy Lydick, Bette Smith, Ines Sprando, Gertrude Kanzius, Warra Sonia, Elaine Scarem, Ruth Ann Russell, Emma Stebe, Stella Surba, Mitchell Mroczkowski. Row 4—Steve Swanik, Doris Ivery, Ruth Meneely, Loretta Petroski, Beatrice Pilato, Leonolda Pirihi, Stella Rennie, Theresa Rivetti, June Phillips, Melba Paek, Walter Ozimek. Row 5—Iggy Sultie, Lorraine Ingelfield, Jennie Malek, Sarah Mike, Eva

UNION HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 1941

GIRLS

Bable, Ruth
Barbush, Margaret
Bebo, Anna
Bebo, Julia
Bezusko, Irene
Bober, Ann
Boller, Helen*
Bonar, Geraldine
Boni, Jean
Burns, June
Campbell, Pauline*
Clark, Betty
Cooke, Julia B.*
Cooper, Alice
Cousin, Janice
Cowden, Virginia
Creps, Norma
Cuervo, Predad
Darke, Betty
Darras, Ruth
DeValkeneer, Frances
Diaz, Pansy
Dodds, Gertrude*
Dumbovich, Anna
Durst, Ila
Elich, Mary*
Evans, Phyllis
Fiazza, Clara*
Fullerton, Edith
Fulton, Janet*
Gecoma, Lillian
Giesey, Neoma
Godish, Margaret

Gorni, Dolores
Gunn, Mary
Hamill, Mary
Hanlin, Mary Louise
Harmon, Mary
Hogue, Dorothy
Kandray, Anne
Keifer, June*
Kharas, Roberta*
King, Bernice
Korosec, Emma
Kucic, Frances
Kupisch, Emma
Laurich, Mary
Lawrence, Jo Ann
Lorant, Ermeline
Malone, Arlene
Malone, Erla Belle
Marcus, Mary
McChancy, Minnie*
McElwain, Helen*
McWhorter, Virginia*
Medved, Marguerite
Mike, Freda
Minko, Jennie
Monestario, Felicia
Monestario, Sophie
Muskovich, Edith
Novitsky, Sophie
Paul, Julia
Petach, Margaret
Piersol, Sara
Pompe, Evelyn

Prado, Marciana
Prebeg, Marie
Rinehart, Lorraine*
Ringer, Evelyn*
Russell, Ariel
Russell, Lois
Schilinski, Adeline
Schulte, Verna
Scott, Dorothy*
Sendreak, Jennie*
Sergakis, Anna
Seyda, Annette*
Sprando, Jennie
Steiminger, Matilda*
Stewart, Mildred
Suica, Doris
Suica, Zara
Sultie, Ann*
Taucher, Betty*
Testa, Margaret
Thomas, Emma
Tizik, Margaret*
Tomich, Kathryn
Turk, Mary
Turkily, Helen*
Venturini, Lucy*
Vosburg, Jane
Vujanick, Kathryn*
Winders, Dorothy
Zabetakis, Adeline
Zabetakis, Helen
Zalaznik, Della
Zupan, Dorothy

BOYS

Abate, George
Astorino, Dominick
Bayus, Andrew
Bennett, John
Bozic, George
Brown, Donald
Brown, John
Bruno, Secondo
Bywaters, Donald
Cain, Clyde
Cikovic, Joe
Comis, Dino*
Coulter, Lloyd*
Dellapina, Louis
Dellaria, James
DeMario, Feore
Dodds, William
Dugas, Albert
Dvorsak, John
Elliott, Richard
Fernandez, Joe
Fish, Keith
Foley, Frank
Garcia, Raymond
George, Frederick*
Gonzalez, Manuel

Grubor, Mike
Harmon, John E.
Harris, Philip
Howard, William
Jackson, Jay
Kluchanovich, John
Kopacz, Leo*
Kophazi, Joe
Kranak, John
Lutz, Ralph
Maropis, Nick
Martinez, Connie
McMahon, Pete*
Mena, Adolphe
Mester, Raymond
Metz, William
Miller, Paul
Moore, Jack
Nicholls, Glenne*
Niznick, Andrew
Nokovich, Nick
Olszak, Steve
Roner, Bert
Rowland, Jack
Rumbaugh, Frank
Ruzsa, Charles
Sachan, Frank

Soloum, Sam
Sarracino, James
Sausser, Edward*
Shaw, Glenn
Slopek, Julius
Steiminger, Lawrence
Stewart, Robert
Sztukowski, William
Tepsic, Joseph
Tope, Donald*
Trinone, Charles
Turkily, John
Vernillo, Dominick
Vorinakis, Dimetrio*
Warchol, John
Wascovich, Henry
Yanni, Bradley
Yolton, Robert
Zabetakis, Mike*
Zalaznik, Donald
Zilich, Anton*
Zuccaro, John
(* This group represents those in the upper 20% of the graduating class.

U. H. S. Class Of '42 Holds Reunion

Members of the 1942 graduating class of Union high school had a gala time in reminiscing and dancing when they held a reunion Saturday evening at 7:30 o'clock at the Pike hotel.

Due to weather conditions, the dinner was re-scheduled for 9 p. m., when 140 guests were served. Table decorations were in a blue and white color scheme with candles and floral centerpieces of delphiniums. Each member received a reunion program. Ladies were presented with a lovely corsage and the men yellow boutonnières.

Acting as toastmaster was Harold Malone and William P. Miller said grace prior to the dinner. Other faculty members attending were: R. Donald Hall and H. C. Colesberry. The speakers' table, trimmed in blue and white, was centered with a large birthday cake which was later won by Mr. and Mrs. Mike Ponich of Aliquippa, in a "cake walk".

Mr. Malone added to the enjoyment of the evening, by screening movies of the class and its' activities. Prizes were awarded: Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Malone, Burgettstown; for having the most children, four; Mr. and Mrs. John Sarracino, married the longest, October, 1942; Mr. and Mrs. Robert Gunn, traveling the longest distance, Chicago, Ill., and Mr. and Mrs. Darrell Koe-the, Burgettstown, newlyweds.

Other members travelling long distances were: Kenneth Parkinson, Ithica, N. Y.; John Szybisty, Jr., Detroit, Mich.; and Walter Stiegel, Toledo, Ohio. Communications were received from the following who were unable to attend: Walter Lasobick, Melbourne, Fla.; Eris Culley, St. Petersburg, Fla.; and George Strongosky, Melvindale, Mich.

Deceased members of the class were remembered including Bill Kraeer, Mary Trosky, Louise DeLuca, Kay Wheeler, and George Skof; deceased servicemen: Andy Pescho, John Costa, Ernest Speer and Steve Mudre.

Officers of the class attending were: William Sausser, president; Joe Clark, vice president; Virginia Reed Williamson, secretary. Dallas Adams, treasurer, was unable to attend.

Chairman of the reunion, Charles Kirsch, expressed appreciation to committee members for their cooperation and help in making the reunion a success together with assistant chairmen, Jack Davis and Joe Wos. The next reunion date was for June, 1956. The Norman Smith orchestra provided music for dancing.

Others named to the reunion committee were: Doris Noah, Barbara Ingram, William Addington, Mary Jane McIntyre, Frances Senchur, Kay Vorinakis, Alexandria Vorinakis, Albert Yesko, Donald Proudfit, Steve Babyak, Nick Tep-sic and Bruna Rossi. Invitation chairman was Joseph A. Wos, Jr.; movies of school activities, Stanley Zdbicki and John Sarracino; novelties and prizes, Virginia Williamson; orchestra, Arthur Simpson; overhead expenses, Andrew Laurich; secretary, Clara Filipponi; sick and deceased, Anthony Pustateri.



Contributed

Class reunited

Union High School Class of 1946 celebrated its 55-year reunion Oct. 5-7 at Embassy Suites Hotel in Coraopolis. Classmates who attended were, first row, from left, Sera Campa Truax, Alongina Martinez Olivera, Margaret Winders Gaines, Olga Fernandez, Pauline Gavatora Meneely, Edith DeSantis Comport, Rose Longo Potenzini, Erma Marvich Raggi, Regina Linkesh Janosco, Lois Harmon Allen, and Donna Fullum Brown; second row, Lela Bango Dagostino, Virginia Campbell Souffrant, Bill Kidd, Keith Gaines, Tink Addington, Ruth Lee Clair Hook, Dolores Jancart DeSantis, Eugene Raggi, Grace Tobin Capozzoli, Jean Saheim Porteous, Helen Kostelich Asti, and Evelyn Strongosky Munro; and third row, John Ratkovitch, Bob Neil, Frank Bonner, Stanley Pensak, Walter Malek, Joe Kandray, Bob Gilbert, Bill Kovach, Rosalyn Culley Keifer, Mary Jane McWhorter Lee, Tony Dugas, Eugene Povero, Adelene Perko Gehrke, Sophie Pappas Pavan, and Dorothy Yadrick.

**Union High School-Class of 1946
PA Focus-February 9, 2002**

THIRTY-FIRST ANNUAL
Graduation Exercises
UNION HIGH SCHOOL
Burgettstown, Pa.

Commencement Program

HILL MEMORIAL STADIUM

Thursday Evening, June 2, 1949

7:00 P. M., D.S.T.

Processional	"Union High School Alma Mater"	Band
Invocation	- - -	Rev. J. Herbert Cruickshank
Welcome	- - - - -	William Cindrich
	President of Senior Class	
Trombone Solo	- - -	"The Little Chief"
	By Arthur Pryor	Ray Stewart
Address	- - -	"Where Do We Go From Here"
	George Humphries Tolley	
	Jamestown, New York	
"The Story of a Tack";		"Three Little Maids"
"The Whistling Girl"	- - -	Girls' Sextet
	Carol Flegal, Gloria Gomez, Anna Mae Stroud,	
	Doris Tope, Ruth Dovec, Martha Moore	
Presentation of Awards	- - -	H. L. Tennyson
	Supervising Principal	
Presentation of Class	- - - - -	J. W. Welch
	Principal	
Acceptance of Class		
Presentation of Diplomas	- - -	Carl Latella
	President of Burgettstown-Smith Township School Board	
Benediction	- - -	Rev. J. Herbert Cruickshank
Recessional	- - - - -	Band

UHS Class of 1949 Graduation Exercises
Burgettstown Enterprise-June 2, 1949 Edition

Fort Vance Historical Society

Union High School Class of 1953



Union High School, Burgettstown, Class of 1953 celebrated its 60-year reunion Sept. 28 at Ponderosa Golf Course. Classmates who attended were, first row, from left Arlene Boles Alexander, Judy Scruppi Bovalina, Charlotte Nogier Obreza, Lil Hixon Stiffler, Agnes Chilensky Morris, Geraldine Culley Starr, Betty Ann Davidson Fletcher, Phyllis Ayres Suica, Jean Rupani Martin, Mary Guiddy DeVuono, Anita Campos Flaherty and Richard Delapina; second row, Barbara Staub Lemunyn, Shirley Dennis Marcucci,

Myma Sonnenberg Bettinger, Arletta Baker Zelenko, William Columbia, William Buxton, JoAnn Roberts Kucera, Jacqueline Culley Eakin, Elma Stewart Cunningham and Florence Dugas Jonczak; and third row, Joseph Tunno, Raymond Cunningham, Donald Allen, Frank Kruzniak, Richard Jancart and Jon Rutkauskas. Not pictured are Robert Thomas and Magdeline Russell Foster.

Union High School Class of 1953
Observer-Reporter-November 11, 2013

UNION HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 1957 HOLDS REUNION



Pictured above are the members of the Union high school Class of 1957 who held their reunion Saturday, June 23, at the Kucher-Saska V.F.W. Hall in Burgettstown.

Eighty-eight people were present for the occasion. Following dinner, W. Harold Malone, Master of Ceremonies, introduced Joseph Pusateri, the

senior class advisor, who gave the address.

Prizes were awarded as follows: longest married, Ellen Goleski Perry; most children, Audrey Gilson Brown; most recently married, Miriam Cassidy Bailey; newest baby, Bill Donati; and traveled the longest distance, Sue Figley Klein and Mary Ann Sarnicke, New York.

Class members pictured above

are first row, left to right: Miriam Cassidy Bailey, Jean Robert, Sue Figley Klein, Rosemary Nice Lyons, Virginia Morra Sherosky, Carol Cumer Froats, Elizabeth Karas McCreight, Thurma Wharton Thomas, Marlene Delfrate Torboli, Stephanie Mis Iannetti, Delores Porchiran Moore, Mary Ann Sarnicke Delprato, Lois Malone and Glenda Holland Stravroul-

akis.

Second row: John Rash, Nick Iannetti, Charles Scruppi, Mike Miller, Carole Wagner, Georgette Robb Tolak, Shirley Windsheimer Bender, Maxine Mermon, Gerry Schiavo Martin, Roberta Robinson Galan, Barbara Sandri, Ellen Goleski Perry, Shirley Mayer Diamond, Audrey Gilson Brown, Patty McFarland, Gerry Pirih Sabo,

Janet Sugick Elich and Lorraine Resnik Billie.

Third row: Ralph Strope, Tom Reed, Roy Strope, Bill Brunner, Arthur Froats, Bill Donati, Carl Vanats, Donald Mike, Charles Cunningham, John Clair, Joe Antonetti, "Shorty" McGivern and Bill McCreight.

**Union High School Class of 1957 Reunion
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Class of 1963 Reunion
Burgettstown Enterprise-November 4, 1970 Edition

Kneeling, L-R: Manuel Alvarez, George Swanik, and Richard McClements. **First Row, L-R:** Judy Scott Bain, JoAnne Bolku;ich, Carol Mecannic McClements, Jim Smalley, Yvonne Sinnett Foflygen, Jerry Prado, Gloria Metrovich McDowell. **Second Row, L-R:** Antonette Colpo Bartoletti, Ronald Gunn, Shelley Petricca Wehrer, Paul Tepsic, Ruth Dalverny Gabrielle, Jerry Cipranic, Marilyn Kemp Kubalak, Marshall Hanna, Peggy Riggle Niedzialkia, Vickie DeCook Armistadi, Mary Ann Yaworski Marsella, Betty Jo Clark Ziegler, Jackie Elich Bigler, Cheryl Ralston Hundzienski, Terry Baronio, Lee Ann McCreary Rash, Janice Krista Boni, Bonnie Testa Haspel, Art Delprato, Irene Delprato, Irene Yakovich Morningtonstar. **Third Row, L-R:** Ralph Filipponi, Jim Reed, Redo Celli, Jim Williamson, John Kubalak, Dennis Bertoni, Richard Boni, Frank Steiminger, Roy Lounder, **Fourth Row, L-R:** Jack Blasco, Dave Hulick, Frank Malardie, Ray Lounder, George Niedzialkia, Richard Bartoletti.

Class Of 1963 Holds Reunion



The Union High School Class of 1963 held its seven-year reunion on Saturday, October 17, at the Cherry Hills Country Club. George Niedzialkia led the invocation and was master of ceremonies for the evening. Members of the reunion committee were as follows: Manuel Alvarez, Vickie DeCook Amistadi, JoAnne Bokulich, Ruth Dalverny Gabrielli, Cheryl Ralston Hundzienski, Jim Latella, Carol and Rich McClements, Gloria Metrovich McDowell, Peg and George Niedzialkia and Shelly Petricca Wehrer.

After dinner, a program followed at which time prizes were awarded to the following classmates.

Farthest traveled--Terry Baronio; Longest married--Richard Bartoletti and Irene Yakovich Morningstar; First reservation--Jerry Prado; Last reservation--Antonette Colpo Bartoletti; Longest hair--Jim Smalley; Least hair--Dave Hulick; and newest baby--Bonnie Testa Haspel.

The remainder of the evening was spent in dancing to the music of the Stellas.

Pictured above--kneel-

ing, left to right: Manuel Alvarez, George Swanik, Rich McClements.

First row, seated, left to right: Judy Scott Bain, JoAnne Bokulich, Carol Mecannic McClements, Jim Smalley, Yvonne Sinnett Poflygen, Jerry Prado, Gloria Metrovich McDowell.

Second row---standing, left to right: Antonette Colpo Bartoletti, Ronald Gunn, Shelley Petricca Wehrer, Paul Tepsic, Ruth Dalverny Gabrielli, Jerry Cipranic, Marilyn Kemp Kubalak, Marshall Hanna, Peggy Riggle Niedzialkia, Vickie DeCook Amistadi, Mary Ann Yaworski Marsella, Betty Jo Clark Ziegler, Jackie Elich Bigler, Cheryl Ralston Hundzienski, Terry Baronio, Lee Ann McCreary Rash, Janice Krista Boni, Bonnie Testa Haspel, Art Delprato, Irene Yakovich Morningstar.

Third row, Ralph Filpponi, Jim Reed, Redo Celli, Jim Williamson, John Kubalak, Dennis Bertoni, Richard Boni, Frank Stelminger, Roy Lounder.

Fourth row--Jack Blasco, Dave Hulick, Frank Malardie, Ray Lounder, George Niedzialkia, Richard Bartoletti.

Class of 1963 Reunion

Burgettstown Enterprise-November 4, 1970 Edition

Union High School Class of 1965



Union High School Class of 1965 held its 50-year reunion the weekend of Aug. 21 at the Pittsburgh Airport Marriott. An informal social was held Aug. 21, with graduates from the classes of 1963, '64, '66 and '67 also attending. On Aug. 22, there was a dinner, and on Aug. 23, a breakfast buffet was held. Classmates who attended were, front row, from left, Cheryl Cunningham Hulick, Cecelia Durko Burrows, Kathy

Tender McBee, Rosalind Mader Good, Georgia Beard Clark, Rosemary Monteguín Orenchuck, Dorothy O'Shanka Morris, Pam Rodriguez Adler, Dorothy Roberts Baker, Annette Azzarello Latella and Kathy Smith Copeland; second row, Judy Pompe Prado, Mary Lou Smydo Dowler, Sunny Pascarello Whitt, Jean Perkins Caldwell, Sue Shipman Malewski, Rose Stetar Carns, Betty Florio Buzzato and Peggy

Nokovich Clark; third row, Gary Kristoff, Joe Krzczowski, Chuck Homitz, Chris Malick, Darrell Martin, Pete Spotti, Stanley "Puffy" Michalski, Jim Butcher, Barbara Steiminger Bail, John Gilbert and Sonnie Figley Allison; and fourth row, Gary Gratchen, John Bebo, John Andrikanich, John Chastulick, Gary Malone, Mike Rollage, Jim Hanlin, Jack Tarhalla, Phil Esno and Dean Allison.

**Union High School Class of 1965 Reunion
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Burgettstown High School



45th Reunion
Class of 1969



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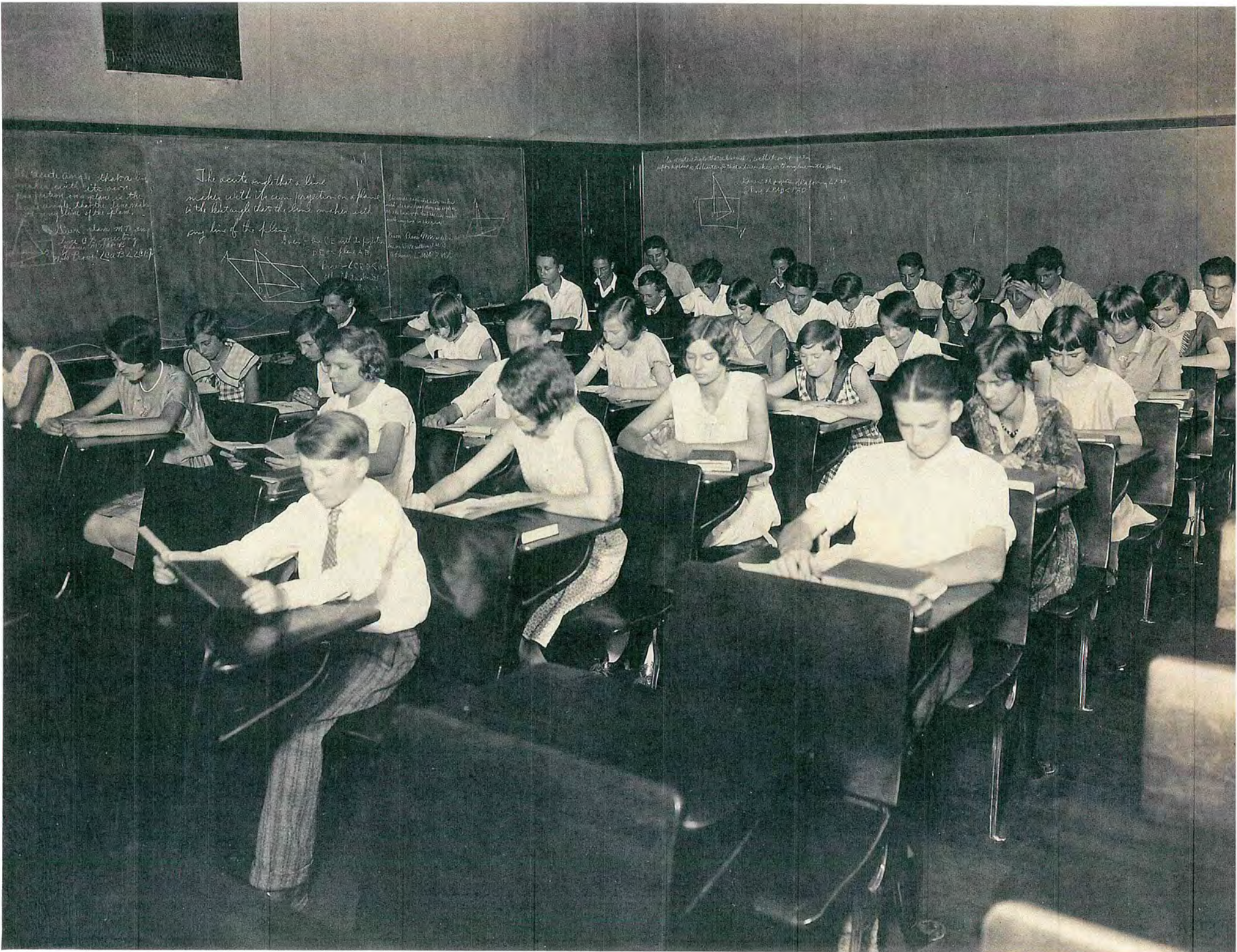
UHS Class of 1969

Front Row L-R: Bill Gavazzi, Patty Wetzel Gavazzi, Charlene Pakisz Grey, Kris Riddle Provenzano, Linda Evantz Gavazzi, Terry Porchiran Balduin, Margie Lukancich, Linda Vuksanovich Trenent, Katie Kyluck, and Mary Beth Demcheck Bukovinsky.

Second Row L-R: Rosemary Guglielmo Salonica, Gene Karch, Cindy McQuain Parker, Shirley Byard Bebo, Barb Nadik Kowcheck, Lynn Alouise Stewart. Cathy Walters, Patty Sprando Ginosky, Denise Vuksanovich Cline, and Mary Jean Povero

Third Row L-R: Allen Bittner, Don Delprato, Don Smith, Dave Shipman, Ken Howard, Faye Remmert Wolfkill, Albert Wolfkill, Don Bywaters, Charles Budash, Tony Alvarez, Danny Peters, Dave Vraninin, Chuck Riggs, and Sarah Ralston Riggs.

Top Row L-R: Ed Wonsevicz, Jim Bebo, Roger Cowan, Tom Cleland, Ken Weaver, Bill Michael, Ron Zibert, Rich Ginosky, Bob Atkinson and Mike Kranyk.





A typical Union high school classroom late in the 1920's is pictured above. This was either Room 106 or 207 of the old school plant. Do you recognize any of these students? The Enterprise would like to know.

**Do you Remember UHS "Way Back When"
Burgettstown Enterprise-April 11, 1963 Edition**

Commencement Program

Union High School Auditorium
THURSDAY, MAY 31, 1962 — 7:00 P. M.

Processional	Union High School Band	"Alma Mater"
Invocation	Pastor, Eldersville Methodist Church Eldersville, Pa.	Rev. William R. Keys
Welcome	President, Senior Class	Carl Jeffrey
Selections	"June Is Bustin' Out All Over" "Climb Every Mountain" — Rodgers and Hammerstein Accompanist — Deborah Jones	Girls' Ensemble
Address	Dr. John W. May Dean of the College Washington & Jefferson College Washington, Pa.	"Long Range Survival"
Presentation of Awards	Supervising Principal	Dr. James J. Tinney
"Ave Verum"	Principal	Union High School Band
Presentation of Class	President Burgettstown Area Board of School Directors	R. Donald Hall
Acceptance of Class and Presentation of Diplomas	Rev. William R. Keys	Paul Tucci
Benediction		"Alma Mater"
Recessional		

UHS Commencement Program
Burgettstown Enterprise-1962 Edition

Student Concert May 10

Union high school boys' chorus will make its first appearance at the concert which will be given by musical organizations of the school on Friday evening May 10 at eight o'clock. Music Director O. Glenn Aiken will

Herman Verdín, Union high school senior Violinist who competed in the State Music Finals at Harrisburg last week was awarded second place with superior rating. Herman was accompanied on the piano by Julian Myers and played for his required number, "Gavotte" and for his selected number, "Ballade and Polonaise" by Vieux Temps.

present an interesting and varied program and has selected marches with the idea of giving each different group an opportunity to show its technical ability.

Programme Notes

The Boys' Chorus numbers give us three distinct types of selections. First, in Kentucky Babe, we have a number that gives us the Negro Semi Classical Music. The second number, "When My Dream Boat Comes Home" gives us an opportunity to hear a recent number in choral form. The last of this group, "Old Black Joe", is one of the best loved of Stephen Collins Foster.

"Finlandia", written by the most beloved of all Finnish composers. Sibelius is still living and is beloved by his fellow countrymen. Finlandia has been tokened as the national an-

them of Finland. It is interesting to note that this is an original composition and is not made up of folk tunes.

"Dublin Holiday" is very picturesque in the picturing of the life of the Irish. In some manner the bag pipes have gotten into Dublin and are very predominant in the selection. This selection is one that lends itself to the working of lights to give different effects. You will be glad to see the different parts pictured in lights.

"Overture Militaire", written by an American born and an American trained musician. "Skornicka", head of Music Department of Minnesota. His music is based on Haydn and is very interesting. He has used the beginning of one of Haydn's works and then writes his own middle part. It is bright and has very wide range in instrumental expression.

"Lassus Trombone", a number to give all Trombone lovers an opportunity to hear a real Trombone smear. It is a novelty selection and one that is well known to music lovers.

"O Lord Most Holy", is the special number that was mentioned last week. This selection introduces you to a new soloist and to a new arrangement of instruments. It is presenting Thomas Smith as Trumpet soloist with the accompaniment played by six clarinets and a brass quartet. This selection was originally arranged for voice. The present arrangement was made by the conductor and will give an opportunity for unique lighting effect.

EMPLOYEES AT HIGH SCHOOL TO GET PAY RAISE

Burgettstown-Smith township school board met Monday evening in the high school office to consider several matters of importance to the district.

Music Director McGregor was present at the meeting to ask closer cooperation and interest of the Board in the school's music program. The President, James McCalmont appointed a committee, including Messrs. Scott, Plate, Nicksick, Harper, Tennyson and Welch to work with Mr. McGregor for an expanded music program.

The following committees were named for the year 1942:

Athletics: Messrs McCalmont, Scott Sciamanna and Plate.

Building: Marino, Swanik, Kimberland and Atherton.

Salary: Marino, Harper, Sciamanna and McCalmont.

The salary committee was instructed to prepare a schedule of salary increases for all employees of the high school, not to exceed 10 per cent of present salaries.

The Slovan Fire Department was granted the use of the auditorium for a concert on February 5, proceeds to be used for civilian defense equipment.

Superintendent Tennyson, Solicitor Wallace Gourley and Tony Plate spent Wednesday in Harrisburg conferring with officials of the Department of Education in an effort to secure an appropriation for transportation of pupils from Langeloth and Slovan to the high school.

3 UNION GRADS ARE ELECTED TO H. S. FACULTY

Three former Union graduates will return to school on September 2 as newly elected members of the faculty, to fill vacancies caused by resignations received by the Burgettstown-Smith township school board. At the regular meeting on Monday evening the Board elected Miss Helen Thomas, a graduate of Wooster college with the degree of Bachelor of Arts to teach American history at the minimum salary of \$1200 per year. Miss Gina Filipponi of Slovan, a graduate of the University of Pittsburgh with the degree of Bachelor of Science was elected to teach Commercial subjects at the minimum salary of \$1200 per year. At a former meeting, Miss Amelia Nicksick of Slovan, a graduate of the Indiana State Teacher's college with the degree of Bachelor of Science in Education was elected to teach Commercial subjects at the minimum salary of \$1200. All three teachers hold provisional certificates.

The resignations of Miss Eugenia Harper and Mrs. Catherine Kirschbaum Kleuber, Commercial teachers were accepted by the Board.

Miss Clara Werner, head of the Home Economics department was placed on a 10 month's basis and her salary raised from \$1600 to \$1800 a year. She will spend the month of June on home projects, working with students in their homes.

Coach Canning was given assistance when Nicholas Mervosh was appointed first assistant in football and to coach the Junior high school basketball; Don Hall was appointed second football assistant to coach the Sophomore football squad and baseball; Joseph Hemphill was appointed coach of Freshman football.

**3 Union Grads are Elected to H.S. Faculty
Burgettstown Enterprise-August 21, 1941 Edition**

GRADES WILL PRESENT ANNUAL BENEFIT CONCERT THURSDAY EVE

Advance ticket sale, zealously conducted by Burgettstown grade school pupils, indicates a record breaking attendance at the Annual Concert to be given in the Union auditorium this (Thursday) evening. The Washington, D. C. camp fund of the Patrol Boys will benefit from concert proceeds. Miss Isobel Scott, who succeeded Miss McAusland as grade school music instructor, will make her bow at the concert as director of the music groups. She will be assisted by Miss Katherine Pyle, who will present verse speaking groups.



ISOBEL SCOTT

Isobel Scott, is the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. D. T. Scott of Ford City, where her father, Dr. Scott is a Presbyterian minister. She attended Junior and Senior high school at Ford City and received her Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Public School Music degrees from Western College, Oxford, O.

While in college, Miss Scott studied under Dr. Edgar Stillman Kelly, who is resident composer on the campus at Western. He is prominent in music circles both at home and abroad. One of his best known modern works is "Alice in Wonderland."



KATHERINE PYLE

Katherine, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George W. Pyle of Church street needs no introduction. She is a Union grad and attended Pennsylvania College for Women, Pittsburgh, which is noted for being the first college in the United States to establish a Verse Speaking choir. During college, Katherine majored in English and edited the student newspaper publication. She received her A. B. degree in 1937.

Last summer she studied toward an M. A. degree at Duke University. Miss Pyle is also a winter-time student in the education department of Pennsylvania State Extension school, where she is receiving instruction in verse speaking from Miss Frances Pearson, an instructor trained in London, England.

Union H. S. Graduates Form Imposing Class

Mildred Ahlborn
 Ruth Vietta Algeo
 Leah A. Argenta
 Dorothy L. Bable
 Lena Judith Beri
 Teresa Louise Beri
 Evelyn L. Berry
 Mary Virginia Bigger
 Anne B. Breska
 Elizabeth Jane Burns
 Helen Naomi Cavender
 Wilda Margaret Creps
 Wilma Mildred Creps
 Hazeltine Davis
 Rebecca Frances Davis
 Louise E. Dellapina
 Angelina DiBacco
 Marie Anne Fedorka
 Connie Fernandez
 Irene Filipponi
 Ann Elizabeth Fischer
 Kathryn J. Fliton
 Bertha Harriette Fullum
 Anna Lucille Garcia
 Mary Getsinger
 Jannie Gonzalez
 Marye B. Jeram
 Margaret E. Jones
 Elizabeth L. Kophazi
 Pauline Krmel
 Maude Mildred Lance
 Rose Marie Laurich
 Iola Dolores Martin
 Nell Beatrice Martin
 Patricia Monasterio
 Verna Rae McHenry
 Marie Josephine Nogier
 Solena Nunez
 Mary Ola Parham
 Antoinette Pascarella
 Emma Mae Peterson
 Betty Phillips
 Rita Evalyn Prado
 Sophie Procko
 Cora Martha Proudfit
 Agnes Rago
 Ruth McFarland Reed
 Daisie Irene Robertson
 Julia Bernadette Sabo
 Amalia Sciamanna
 Mary Spontak
 Margaret Willa Stetar
 Mary Stevenson
 Anne Strongosky

Mildred Marie Trusnovic
 Margaret A. Vajentic
 Alice Marie Willhoyte
 Mildred S. Yaksic
 Sara Yaksic
 Gilda Bernadette Yanni
 Sue Kathryn Yesko
 Charles Roy Baker
 Stanley J. Bednarzik
 Angelo Edward Baronio
 Andrew Borus
 William Duncan Brown
 Benjamin Budny
 Charles Richard Bundy, Jr.
 John G. Cartier
 John Castellano
 William James Castner
 Leon Henry DeBrakeleer
 Henry C. Colteryahn, Jr.
 Frank Dellaria
 William Asa Equels
 Joseph Raymond Frye
 Edward F. Guna
 Arthur Durward Glessner
 John Leonard Hermes
 Joseph Jeram
 John Kaezyk
 Fred Calvin King
 Anthony H. Kunkel, Jr.
 John Kuntz, Jr.
 Matthew Kuzior
 Charles J. Lonski
 Paul McChancy, Jr.
 Victor Messaka
 Robert S. Munger
 Harold J. Murphy
 Benjamin Charles Navage
 John Earl Pascoe
 Matthew Petricca
 Henry Jack Pavan
 John Bernard Petrus
 Joseph Thomas Rago
 Harry Lawrence Remmert
 Phebo Benjamin Repole
 Donald Dean Saxton
 Albert Sella
 Paul McDonald Smiley
 Rea Brownlee Smiley
 Delbert Joseph Smith
 John Eugene Stottlemeyer
 Gaspar Augustine Toth
 William Wilson Weaver
 John Paul Yukevich



Lucille Culley Welch
Burgettstown High School Graduation-1914

HONOR ROLL OF UNION REVEALS GOOD WORK

Students of Local High School Make
Excellent Records During First
Quarter of Term

Honor groups of Union high school for the first quarter of the term have been announced by Prof. Charles F. Barr, supervising principal of the community educational system. In the following tabulation a computation of quality points is given. Quality points are determined as follows: Each credit of "A" grade is multiplied by 4; "B" grade by 3; "C" grade by 2; "D" grade by 1, and "E" grade by 0. To determine the quality point average divide the sum of the quality points by the number of subjects taken.

HIGHEST HONOR GROUP

3.5 and above

Seniors

Name	Points
John Kirnpatrick	4.0
Catherine Povero	3.8
Marguerit Capozzoli	3.6
Mary Gratchen	3.6
Helen Thomassy	3.5

Juniors

Joseph Ilik	4.0
Juliette Medved	3.8
Billie Lou Andrews	3.6

Sophomores

Anna Polinski	4.0
Jane Darras	3.8
Gretchen Power	3.8
Paula Pyle	3.8
Mary Vukas	3.8
Bernice Danek	3.6
Clara Grezelok	3.6

Freshmen

Robert Russell	3.8
Ethel May Joint	3.8
Charles Tope	3.75
Gertrude Lipnicky	3.75
Annabelle Tizik	3.75
Lois Williams	3.75
Katherine Dallmyer	3.6
Jeannette Rago	3.6
Duane Kirkpatrick	3.6

HONOR GROUP

3.2 to 3.5

Seniors

Joe Argenta, Mary Krocsko, Marie Love, Anthony Lanovich, Gladys McNinch, Betsy Miller, Jo Panzica.

Juniors

Gertrude Hellmers, Genevieve Lawrence, Rosy Novosol, James Hughey, Gina Filipponi, Rose Scariot, Anita Sciamanna, Henrietta Gobleck.

Sophomores

Irene Conjeski, Betty Keeny, Velma Martin, Delphia Willhoyte.

Freshmen

Duane Reed, Jeanette Capozzoli, Juanita Eversole, Gertrude McChancy, Inez Rodriguez.

UHS Honor Roll Reveals Good Work
The Burgettstown Enterprise-November 27, 1935 Edition

Union H. S. Honor Roll Second Quarter Period

The computation of quality point averages of students of Union high school for the quarter of the 1936-37 school term is shown in the following report. Quality points are determined in the following manner: Each credit of "A" grade is multiplied by 4; "B" grade by 3; "C" grade by 2; "D" grade by 1; "E" grade by 0. To determine the quality point average divide the sum of the quality points by the number of subjects being taken. Names of students, with their respective ratings, follow:

Highest Honor Group 3.5 and above	
Seniors	
John Kirkpatrick	4.
Marguerite Capozzoli	3.8
Mary Gretchen	3.8
Catherine Povero	3.8
Mary Krocsko	3.6
Helen Thomassy	3.5
Juniors	
Joseph Illik	4.
Juliette Medved	4.
Doris Shelton	3.6
Sophomores	
Anna Polinski	4.
Paula Pyle	4.
Jane Darras	3.8
Gretchen Power	3.8
Bernice Danek	3.6
Mary Vukas	3.6

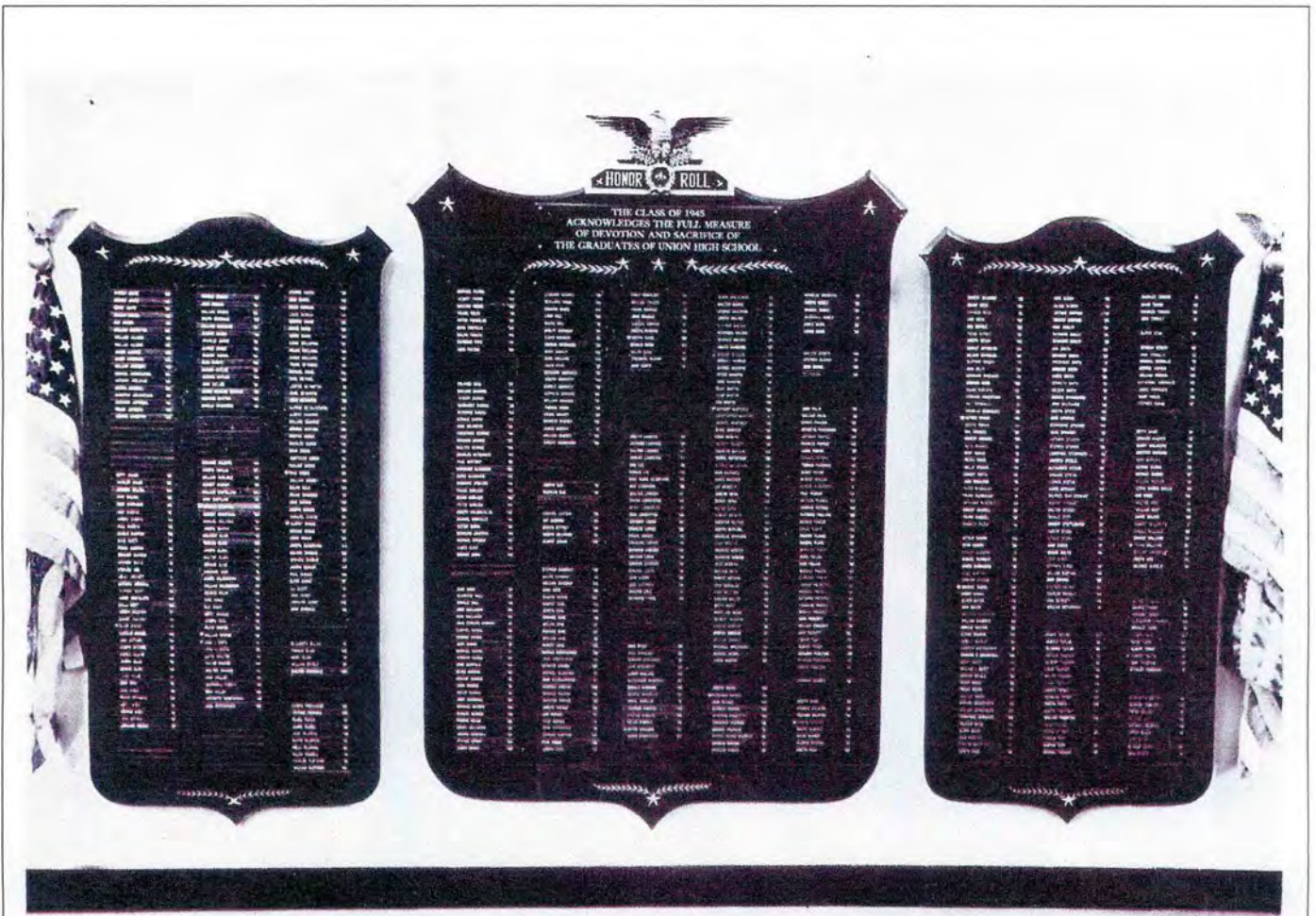
Freshmen	
Stella Lipnicky	4.
Katherine Dallmeyer	3.8
Juanita Eversole	3.8
Robert Russell	3.8
Lois Williams	3.8
Charles Tope	3.7
Duane Kirkpatrick	3.6
Ethel Mae Joynt	3.6
Jeanette Rago	3.6

Honor Group 3.2 to 3.5	
Seniors	
Ray Adams, William Cooper, Marie Love, Eleanor Freshwater, Anthony Lanovich, Neider Mazzier, Betsy Miller, Josephine Panzica, Clara Scariot.	

Juniors	
Dorothy Allison, Billie Lou Andrews, Gena Filliponi, Henrietta Gobleck, Blanche Gobleski, Eleanor Kimberland, Gertrude Hellmers, Rosy Novosel, Rose Scariot, Anita Sciamanna, Jean Thomassy.	

Sophomores	
Irene Conjesky, Clara Crzelock, Betty Kennedy, Annabelle Meehan, Agnes Kolvites, Eddie Lounder, Velma Martin, Delphia Willhoyte, William Steckler.	

Freshmen	
Jeanette Capozzoli, Elliott Canonge, Margaret Ellias, Mary Kosevec, Gertrude McChancey, Downie Mirich, Theodore Nicksick, Ines Rodriguez, Annabelle Tizik.	



Honor Roll

Union High School is proud of its World War II Honor Roll which was presented to the school by our predecessors, the Class of '45. This plaque graces the wall of the school's main front corridor.

Memories of this roll will linger long in the minds of the present student body. From day to day the students pause on their way to class to read the names of those graduates who served their country. Nineteen names are starred for having made the supreme sacrifice of their lives.

We are honored that Union has this permanent memorial to our alumni.

**World War II Honor Roll
Union High School Yearbook-1945**

LOCAL FIRMS GET CONTRACT FOR UHS INSURANCE

The Union high school Board of School Directors met last Wednesday evening and elected William A. Proudfit as substitute teacher for J. Francis Reed, Mr. Reed has been called to the colors and has been given a leave of absence by the Board for the "duration." Mr. Proudfit received his degree from Westminster college in June, 1940.

One-fifth of the total amount of insurance on Union High school's three buildings was awarded to the three local firms of Cassidy, McFarland and Bell. The policy covers \$33,611.50 insurance on the main building, the home economics and industrial arts headquarters.

Directors discussed the possibility of securing an N.Y.A. project for landscaping and beautifying high school grounds. The project will be applied for. It was announced that H. L. Tennyson is absent from duty this week to attend a meeting of Educators, convening in Atlantic City.

JANITOR WANTED

The Union High School of Burgettstown will receive applications for the services of three janitors for term of 9½ months beginning August 15, 1935. Salary \$80.00 per month. Application must be received not later than July 15, 1935. Apply to E. B. Smiley, secretary, Bulger, Pa. 17-3tc

**Janitor Wanted for UHS
Burgettstown Enterprise-June 19, 1935 Edition**

JUNIOR PROM TO BE HELD FRIDAY

Members of the Junior class of Union high school will entertain the 1940 graduates at the Annual Junior Prom in the high school gym on Friday evening, May 17.

Committees who are planning the party include: Senior officers, President, Chester Mellovich, vice president, Clarence Power and secretary and treasurer, Vera Martin.

Junior officers, President, Marguerite Medved, vice president, Glenn Nicholls and secretary and treasurer, Virginia McWhorter.

Prom Committees: Refreshments, faculty advisor, Miss Dorothy Strong; Helen Boller, chairman, Jean Skipper, Margaret Tizik, Helen Turkily, Erla Belle Malone and Doris Suica.

Invitations, faculty advisor, Miss Ada Bella, Irene Bezusko, chairman, Dorothy Zupan, Lucille Detorre, Judy Belle Cooke, Roberta Kharas, aides Joe Gruber and John Kluchanovich.

Decorations, faculty advisor, Arthur Tennyson, Dorothy Scott, chairman, Joseph Tepsic, John Zuccaro, Margaret Barbush, Betty Jean Darke, Mildred Jean Stewart, Mary Hamill, Ray Mester, Bob Cunningham, Dolores Gorni, Lorraine Rinehart, Robert Stewart, Ruth Darras, Allen Goodwin, Mary Jane Harmon, William Dodds, Dimetrio Vorinakis, Freddie George, Kathryn Vujanick and Jay Jackson.

Orchestra: faculty advisor, O. G. Aiken, Matilda Steiminger, Kathryn Tomich, Charles Ruzsa, John Brown and William Metz.

Junior Prom to be Held Friday
Burgettstown Enterprise-May 16, 1940 Edition

**JUNIORS ENTERTAIN SENIORS AT MEXICAN
FESTIVAL IN H. S. GYM THURSDAY EVENING.**

Closing days of school for the class of May 1945 hold a busy schedule for the Seniors. Beginning with the Junior-Senior Prom on (this) Thursday evening until Commencement on Tuesday evening, May 29, many events are planned.

The Juniors are indulging in a "good neighbor" policy at their annual ball with colorful decorations to delight the dancers. Lee Barrett's orchestra will furnish music for dancing.

Committees assisting with the affair include: Decoration-James Lee, chairman, Francis Boner, William Lyon, Rosalyn Culley, Jack Miller, Keith Gaines, Mac Padolski, Charles Dowler, Alongina Martinez, Betty Cowden, Sophis Pappas, Bernice McConaughy, Bob Neil, Evelyn Strongosky, Lorraine Del Tozzotto, Eugene H. Vosburg, II and John Blaine.

Orchestra-Mary Lou Ritz, chairman, Betty Waltl and Bob Neil; Program-Helen Pappas, chairman, Ruth Lee Clair and Keith Gaines; Refreshments-Agnes Brimmer, chairman, Donzella Fullum, Mary Jane McWhorter, Eugène Povero, John Dalfol and Joan Linn:

George R. Lewis, Junior and Miss Winifred Cruikshank, Senior faculty advisors are assisting with Prom plans.

LARGEST CLASS GRADUATES AT UNION HI. SCHOOL

A. J. Nairn, president of the Burgettstown-Smith township high school board exploded the fallacy of the saying, "The World Owes Me a Living" when he presented diplomas to the largest class ever to graduate from Union high school, at Commencement in the new Athletic Stadium on Monday evening. Mr. Nairn warned the class "that living will be awfully hard to collect." He also pointed out the fallacy of another saying, that far pastures are greener." He advised these young men and women, who are entering upon business careers to look close home for their "place in the sun."

More than 2000 persons crowded into the bleacher section to hear a new type of Commencement program. The program was in Ritual form and the theme as introduced by Class President Virginia McWhorter was developed by June Keifer, Gertrude Dodds, Glenn Nicholls, Frederick George, Anton Zilich and Helen McElwain. The invocation and benediction was delivered by Rev. H. S. Giffen, pastor of Langeloth Community church. Charles Rusza played "Sounds from the Hudson" by Clark as a trumpet solo and Michael Zabetakis presented the clarinet solo, "Long, Long Ago" by Ritter. They were accompanied on the piano by Julian Myers.

Miss Kathryn Tomich expressed the Gratitude of the class to parents and to the school and the farewell was said by Virginia McWhorter. Miss Mary E. Thome presented the class and diplomas were given out by Mr. Nairn. Music was furnished by the high school band.

Supervising Principal of Schools H. L. Tennyson presented the following awards:

Bausch and Lomb Science award—Michael Zabetakis.

Senior Chemistry—Leo Kopacz.

Junior Chemistry—William Sausser.

Valedictorian award for 1941, one year's subscription to the Reader's Digest—Gertrude Dodds.

University of Pittsburgh scholarship—Gertrude Dodds.

Washington and Jefferson scholarship—Frederick George.

Alumni scholarship to Washington and Jefferson—Michael Zabetakis.

Gift of portable public address system for Athletic Stadium and Announcer's booth from the class of 1941 to Union high school.

**Largest Class Graduates at Union High School
Burgettstown Enterprise-May 29, 1941 Edition**

Main Street- Slovan, PA



Union High School Marching Band-Unknown Year

CLARENCE POWER, RUTH ANN RUSSELL REIGN ON MAY DAY

By popular vote of the Senior class of Union high school Ruth Ann Russell will be crowned queen and Clarence Power will be crowned king at May Day Festivities which will be held in the play area adjoining the high school next Tuesday evening, May 21 at 6:15 o'clock.

Ruth Ann and Clarence, popular members of the graduating class who were selected by their classmates to rule over the annual May Day Pageant have been active students for the past four years.

Ruth Ann, who is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. G. Russell has participated in the following activities, while in high school: Tri-Hi-Y; Chorus; Band; Secretary of G. A. A., Junior year; Secretary of Sophomore class; Secretary of Student Council, Junior year; Junior and Senior play.

Clarence is the son of Mr. and Mrs. C. N. Power. His high school record shows an active participation in many departments of school activities:

Class President—1. Freshman year; 2. Junior year; 3. Vice President, Senior year; Home room President—1. Sophomore year. 2. Junior year; Member of Musical Comedy Cast, Sophomore year; Carried leading part in Junior Class play; Carried leading part in Senior Class play; Member of Student Council, Freshman, Sophomore and Junior years; Member of Hi-Y organization, Freshman, Sophomore, Junior and Senior years; Played Football, Junior and Senior years.

THE CAST

Trumpeteers— Frances King, Ella Mae Hicks.

Class President—Chester Mellovich.

Crown Bearers—Naughty Gonzalez, Jane Fagan.

Scepter Bearer—Herman Verdin.

Jesters—Joe Pusateri, Joe Nairn.

King—Clarence Power.

Queen—Ruth Ann Russell.

Attendants—George Atherton, Joe Kubovic, Mike Lipnicky, Louis Colteryahn, Jack Shelton, Walter Cramer, Walter George, Milan Tomich, Charles Doerr, Walter Eversole, John Navage, James Savage, Robert Kunkel.

Betty Kuhn, Gertrude Kanzius, Vera Martin, Josephine Getsinger, Helen Laheta, June Phillips, Almeda Hitchcock, Mary Ignatich, Elizabeth Foster, Mary Fernandez, Margaret Hayes, Thelma Hogue, Lorraine Ingelfield.

Fairy— Laetitia Freville.

Elves — Ralph Ramirez, Mario Alouise, Clark MacKenzie, Harold Pinder, James Henry, Raymond Loraski, John Saver, Dwight Harper, Edward Shubeyski, William Allison.

Frances Daudet, Felina DePaul, Ines Sprando, Stella Surba, Emma Stebe, Rose Testa, Ruth Meneceley, Elizabeth Yesko, Florence Taucher, Theresa Rivetti.

Satelities — Stella Rennie, Betty Creps, Betty Campbell, Dora Delenne, Margaret DeLuca, Virginia Bialoskurski, George Dold, Daniel Mena, Leona Gareis, Grace Cowan, Jennie Malek, Ruth McCausland, Bette Smith, Minnie Fedak, Felix Filippini, James Gunn.

Sophomores—David Tunno, Ignace Sultie, Joe Yanni, Joseph Rash, Duffy Barto, George Hanna, Charles Getsinger, Mike Geffert, Mae Hermes, Irene Haba, Helen Babyak, Julia Mudre, Margaret Fedorsin, Louisa Gobleck, Sonia Warro, Helen Dominiski.

May Pole — Mitchell Mroczkowski, Nick Halahan, William Visnich, James Murphy, Tony Yakima, William Senyczyn, John Spontak, Severino Nicoletto, George Blehi, Walter Ozimek.

Despa Barbush, Melba Pack, Beatrice Pilato, Margaret Delprato, Mary Gilson, Estelle Halulko, Anna McCombs, Ludina Bango, Lillie Plance, Eleanor Fratini.

Recessional.

SENIORS BUY \$250 WAR BONDS

The Senior Class of Union High school, May 1943 has purchased \$250 in War Bonds for the purpose of reconstructing the student bleachers at the Athletic Field after the war. The bonds were formally presented to the Burgettstown-Smith township school board at the regular meeting held Monday evening, by Principal J. Wilbert Welch, acting in the absence of Supervising Principal Harry L. Tennyson, who is a patient in the Washington hospital, and who submitted to an operation last Friday.

Realizing the need for more adequate seating accommodations for the student body at football games, the Seniors decided to invest their funds in War Bonds for the duration, so that they could be used for this project after the war.

The Board authorized the cleaning and repair of the high school heating plant. Levelling and re-seeding of the Athletic Field was also authorized.

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**UHS Senior Class Buys \$250 War Bonds
Burgettstown Enterprise-May 13, 1943 Edition**

SENIOR CLASS WILL PRESENT "FAITH, HOPE AND FLARITY" IN AUDITORIUM, DECEMBER 12

The Senior Class of Union High School will present in the high school Auditorium at 8:00 p.m., on Thursday, December 12, 1946, the three act farce Faith, Hope, and Flarity under the direction of Miss Mary Louise Flowers.

The cast is as follows:

Sally, the maid Stella Lonski
Blodgett, the butler... Sam Lescal-
lette
Mrs. Orkney, the housekeeper...
Anna Sokolowski
Mamie, the cook..... Goldie Enos
Faith Crabbe..... Jeanne Young
Hope Crabbe..... Anita Garcia
Quadlander Crabbe... Wade Buck-
walter
Monty Van Twiller... Richard Ge-
coma
Reggie Van Twiller James Gilson
Terence Flarity..... Tom Harper
Jack Quinlan..... Gene Horton
Patrick Flarity..... John Collins
Ivy Lane..... Anna Marie Fratini

THE STORY

How to sidestep an unwelcome marriage planned for them by an autocratic father is the particular headache that upsets the tranquility of the Crabbe twins, Faith and Hope. One of them must marry Terence Flarity, son of Mr. Crabbe's old war buddy, or be disinherited. The beautiful girls make themselves up as ugly as possible in the hope that young Flarity will not porpose. With the same idea in mind, Terence, in an equally hideous disguise, hopes that neither twin will accept his proposal. How the young people finally straighten out their tangled affairs makes a fitting climax to this whirlwind farce.

**Senior Class Will Present "Faith, Hope and Flarity"
in Auditorium, December 12
Burgettstown Enterprise-December 5, 1946 Enterprise**

SHOW BUSINESS, SENIOR PLAY ATTRACTS LARGE AUDIENCE

The senior pageant, Show Business, which was presented on May 24 and 25 in the Union high school auditorium had a large attendance. The pageant was directed by Mrs. Michael Harris and Miss Josephine Garcia, and written and acted out by the seniors. The following is a corrected list of the cast:

ORCHESTRA

Henry Boni, Virgil Hook, Robert McGregor, Donald Taylor, Dave Evans.

ACT I

Narrator: George McElhaney, Irving Berlin, Jerry McAdoo; Mrs. Berlin, Elizabeth Castner; Mr. Berlin, Jr., Jerry Stiffler; cousin, Edwin Maltony; children, Madelyn Donati, Virginia Brunner, Grace Yario, Donna Kristoff, George Martin; Blind Soul, Edwin Maltony; Bartender, Pat Maropis.

"Alexander's Ragtime Band"-Charleston: Jane Dugas, Alberta Przenkop, Mary Lou Dowler, Mary Zablocki, Frank Piccolo, Richard Semenick, Dan Stiffler, Robert Kortyna.

"Midnight Choo-Choo Leaves for Alabama" Choo Choo Special-Anna Mis, Virginia Brunner, Joan Willhoite, Marjorie Robertson, Harry Strongosky, Emre Sedlak, Ralph McCracken, Burley Roberts.

"When I Lost You"-Jerry McAdoo.

ACT II

Army Reville: "Oh! How I Hate To Get Up in the Morning" Jerry McAdoo Tom King, Frank Kowalski, Sergeant, Andrew Orgavon.

"This Is The Army"-Bill Pappas, Bob Maltony, John Melvin, Edwin Maltony, Ralph McCracken, George Martin, Charles Kittle, Jim McConnaughey, Frank Piccolo, Charles O'Shanka, Richard Semenick, Burley Roberts.

"I Left My Heart at the Stage Door Canteen": Frank Piccolo, Richard Semenick, Robert Maltony, Edwin Maltony.

"God Bless America"-soldiers. Master of ceremonies, Pat Maropis.

"International Rag"-Shag: Ethelia Stephens, Virginia Vega, Connie Webster, Lillian Ben, Charles O'Shanka, Jerry Stiffler, Gilbert Yukevich.

"You'd Be Surprised"-Fred DeValkeneer, Darlene McCormick, Mary Esther McCormick, Joyce Slater, Joan Willhoite, Alberta Przenkop, Betty Sensezyszyn, Joan Kortyna, Joan Allen.

"Blue Skies" Black Bottom-

Betty Miller, Madelyn Donati, Mary Paris, Dorothy Woods, Jerry Stiffler, Charles O'Shanka, Charles Kittle, Don Clark.

"Russian Lullaby"-Joan Allen
"Everybody's Do'in It" Varsity Drag-Mary Ratkovich, Theresa Anzlover, Nancy Wagner, Robert Maltony, Frank Piccolo, Richard Semenick.

"All By Myself", "What'll I Do" Mary Paris.

"Marie"-Jerry Stiffler, Joan Allen, D. McCormick M.E. McCormick, Madelyn Donati, Ruth Dovec, Martha Moore, Alberta Przenkop.

"A Fellow With An Umbrella"-Bunny Hug: Eleanor Stephens, Norma Lou Wilgoeki, M.L. Dowler, Nancy Wagner, Edwin Maltony, John Melvin, Andy Orgavon, Emre Sedlak.

ACT III

Irving Berlin, Frank Piccolo singing "Always" and "All Alone".

"The Girl That I Marry" "Cheek to Cheek" sung by trio, Gloria Gomez, Martha Moore, Ruth Dovec.

Picture Waltz-Jane Dugas, Danny Stiffler, Frank Piccolo.

"I've Got My Love To Keep Me Warm"-Connie Webster.

"Easter Parade", group singing, Camerman, Robert Kortyna.

"How Deep Is The Ocean" tango, Gloria Gomez, Pat Maropis, Elizabeth Castner, Gilbert Yukevich.

"Doing What Comes Naturally". "Who Do You Love"-Boy, Richard Semenick, Girl, Nancy Wagner, E. Stephens, Z. Tucci, G. Gerren, P. Dinnen, M. Walker, M. Ratkovich, M. Bonner, M. Donati, D. Woods.

"Let's Have Another Cup 'A Coffee" group singing.

"Heat Wave", Can Can-Ethelia Stephens, Connie Webster, Darlene McCormick, Mary Esther McCormick, Harry Strongosky, Jim McConnaughey, Edwin Maltony, Frank Kowalski, R. Semenick, Don Clark, Pete Sergakis.

"Let's Take An Old Fashioned Walk" Robert Verbanic, Dan Stiffler, Burley Roberts, Mary Jo Walker, Stella Oldock, Dorothy Woods.

"Step'in Out With My Baby" jitterbug - Jerry McAdoo, Bill Pappas, Tom King, Betty Senczyszyn, Norma Wilgoeki, Ethelia Stephens.

"White Christmas", Ballet-Mary Paris, Connie Webster, Grace Yario, Anna Mis, G. Gomez.

"They Say It's Wonderful" sung by Frank Piccolo, Gloria Gomez, Show Business-finale, complete cast.

Lights: Emre Sedlak, Albert Kortyna, Harry Phillis, Wayne Phillis, Joe Collins.

Ushers: Donna Jean Henry, Leona Dorcon, Anna Mae Lander, Carol Holland.

Make-up: Frances Gratchen, Donna Robertson, Violet Nedley, Mary Kraeer, Helen Baloga.

The Senior class wishes to thank Mr. Sauter and the members of the orchestra for their help.

U. H. S. Seniors Present "Ghoul Friend" March 1 & 2

1961



Members of the Senior class of Union high school will present "Ghoul Friend," a mystery comedy, in the auditorium on Thursday, March 2 at 8 p.m. Director Regis Brozier is hold-

ing final rehearsals of the cast shown in the above Cindrich photo. They are: first row, l. to r.-Charles Jackson, David Mungello, Charles Farulli, Ralph Scott, Pete Blue, John

Tasz, Flossie Sendora, Joe Kiss, Ped Phillips, James Bernola and Frank Chastulik. Second row, l. to r.-Lana Garcia, Sally Welsh, Ruth Martin, Beverly Davis, Karen Kosem, Gari

Napolitano, Molly Sue Malone, Janet Lukon, Patty McKee, Donna Pascarelli, Bonnie Napolitano, Roxanne Tucci, Martha Robert, Harriet Holt and Mr. Brozier.

U.H.S. Seniors Present "Ghoul Friend" March 1 & 2
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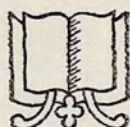
SENIOR VESPER SERVICE

Union High School,

Burgettstown, Pa.

May 27, 1934

8:00 P. M.



Processional

Orchestra

Pomp and Circumstance---Sir Edward Elgar

Invocation

Dr. Charles D. Castle

Music

Chorus

O Bone Jesu---Palestrina

As Torrents in Summer---Sir Edward Elgar

Scripture Reading

Rev. R. C. Sutton

Prayer

Rev. R. E. Carman

Music

Choral Ensemble

Cradle Song---Rimsky-Korsakov

Beautiful Saviour---Finnish Folk Song

Sermon

Rev. George A. Long, D. D.

Music

Chorus

Summer Noon---Gaul

June Rhapsody---Daniels

Benediction

Dr. George A. Long

U. H. S. Seniors Complete Drivers' Course



L. to r. Shown above in the Enterprise photo are four members of the class who have successfully passed their test and are now licensed drivers: Joseph Pusateri, instructor; Madelyn Donati; in the car Betty Miller; Nancy Wagner and Virginia Brunner.

Five members of this year's graduating class at Union High school have not only passed their three "r" exams successfully, but they have also passed the requirements of the Pennsylvania Vehicle Code and are now licensed drivers of automobiles.

The first high school driver training course at Union is coming to a successful close with Joseph Pusateri as the instructor and 23 girl members of the class who took the course. One boy was enrolled but he was soon overwhelmed by the abundance of femininity and dropped out. If you've seen the Scott Service driver training car cruising about town with a n intent and earnest young lady at the wheel and Mr. Pusateri seated beside her, be not alarmed, for she has been fully informed as to what to do in a traffic jam, and is about to take her test for her own license.

Members of the class who took the course are Joanne Allen, Lillian Ben, Virginia Brunner, Elizabeth Castner, Pat Dinnen, Madelyn Donati, Frances Dvorsak, Gloria Gomez, Frances Gratchen, Joa n Kortyna, Betty Miller, Stella Oldack, Mary Paris, Alberta Przenkop, Betty Riddile, Donna Robertson, Betty Senczyczyn, Mary Slater, Ethelia Stephens, Nancy Wagner, Dottie Woods and Mary Zablocki.

A dual-control Chevrolet was furnished gratis to the high school for use in the course. In the class room the pupils learned the Pennsylvania vehicle code, the theory of driving, mechanics of a car, proper attitude and the importance of safe driving. Behind the wheel instruction included starting and stopping, going from second to high gear, backing up, left turn, right turn, etc., and turning around in the middle of a road and routine highway driving.

U.H.S. Seniors Complete Driver's Course
Burgettstown Enterprise-June 1, 1950 Edition

SENIORS PRESENT PATRIOTIC REVUE THURS.-FRI. EVES

Union High school Seniors will present a Patriotic Revue "Listen Mr-Speaker" in the auditorium on Thursday and Friday evenings, May 13 and 14 at 8:15 p. m. to which the public is cordially invited.

The pageant, in Five Scenes, will be given as follows: 1, A Public Place; 2, "Americans Can Sing"; 3, My Home in My Little Home Town; 4, The History Class and 5, Grace-Height-Breadth and Power. Three Seniors, Bill Sachen, Ann Smith and Matilda Pensak will present the prologue.

Members of the Senior class will be assisted by the high school band, choral groups and lower classmen.

Members of the chorus who will present musical numbers are: Elvira Arguelles, Josephine Arguelles, Dolores McChancey, Mary Lou Robinson, Willa Conn, Rose Hrutkai, Veronica Hucik, Mary Kleer, Helen Puskar, Mary Lee Puckett, Lucy Jeffrey Enid Campbell, Laura Sendreak, Catherine Taucher, Rose Tunno, Ann Thompson, Lorraine Durst, Lorraine Smith, Mary Lou Modic and Eleanor Yario.

Students who will appear as Citizens in the Pageant are: Rose Giometti, Irene Yadrich, Laura Lee Powell, Viola Freshwater, Margaret Latzo, James Sartori, David Haines, Robert King, James Tennyson, William Thompson, John Ocepek, Gene Karsch, Marshall Cuervo, Anna Ewanosky, Julia Runtas, Attilio Sandri, Margaret Kovak and John Longevich.

Other characters in Scene One will be depicted by Enid Campbell, Paul Lilly, John Longevich, Evelyn Fratini, Betty Schneider, Ann Saloum, Jules Darras, John Pescho, Raymond Mansis, Tom Lee, Joseph Testa and Charles Pappas. Members of the Smith Family will be Elmer Gilson, as the father; Marian Myers, as the mother; Hazel Cunningham, the daughter and Bill Morgan as the son. Special music will be presented by George Kortina.

In Scene two, the following will depict the leading characters: Angelo Abate, Ann Ahlbourn, Betty Franz, Mary Louise Panconi, Emma DelTozotto, Julia Runtas, Margaret Latzo, Margaret Kovak, Mary Smigelski, Betty Schneider, Evelyn Fratini, Carman Weigmann, Ann Saloum, Dorothy Vujanick, David Rumbaugh, Louis Darras, Joe Roevay, Violet Durinzi, Morris Blaine, Dorothy Hobrat, Robert Lawrence, Helen Vukas, Bertha Dodds, Joe Seyda, John Ocepek, Jim McWhorter, Albert Fodor, Mary Buckho, Mildred Matyovich, Elvera Costa, Carl Holland, Nadine Campbell, James Tennyson, Ruth Joynt, Saturna Prendes, Helen Genosky, Margaret Gruber, George McWhorter, Betty Daudet, Agnes Krupar and Jack Robinson.

In Scene three will be seen: Betty Franz, Lois Reed, Lillian Garcia, Margaret Ann Darras, Joe Gratchen, Laura Sendreak, Ben Hibbs, Mary Eleanor Pugh, Chris Arvantakis, Albert Blehi, Gerald Garcia, Helen Dumbovich, Martha Kupisch, Julia Runtas, Repa Barto, Benny Russciolli, Bob Lawrence, Thelma Wagner, Frank Astorina, Lillian Garcia, Morris Blaine, Frank Bovalina, Emma DelTozotto, Margaret Kovak, Margaret Latzo and Jim Boles.

In Scene four, Thomas Elias will preside as chairman of the history class and the pupils will be: Carmel Weigmann, Attilio Sandri, Eva Crispia, Mary Zibrotosky, Frank Bovalina, Edgar Plance, Edna Mike Irene Kuzior, Marshall, Cuervo, Jeanne Thompson, Doris Taylor, Pete Maronis, John Harpula, Carl Holland, Thelma Wagner, Herman Verbanic and Dorothy Vujanick.

In Scene 5, the following characters will appear:

Grace—Betty Jane Russell, Lillian Roberts, Margaret Puzik and Sandy Sultie.

Prayer by David Haines.

Height—Alice Shearson, Ann Mavrich, Bertha Dodds, Mary Machak, Jean Foster and Margaret Ann Darras.

Breadth—Sophia Evans, Mary Sultie, Mary Strongosky, and Betty Petrel.

Power—Adella Vettori, Faye Webster, Helen Raffa, Mary Louise Panconi, and Jean Marmagin.

Other students are assisting in the following capacity.

Stage Manager, Mike Zablocki and assistants, Joe Spetek, Albert Fodor and Edgar Plance.

Spot Lights—Hobrat Medved and Albert Blehi.

Ushers—Ann Mavrich, Alice Shearson, Lorraine Durst, Betty Petrel, Mary Louise Panconi, Mary Sultie and Bertha Dodds.

Stage settings by Industrial Arts Department.

Costumes by Home Economics Department.

Accompanists—Mary Lee Puckett and Mrs. R. P. McGregor.

UHS Seniors Present Patriotic Revue
Burgettstown Enterprise-May 13, 1943 Edition

High School Seniors To Receive Washington & Jefferson Scholarships



Shown here are the fifteen Washington County high school seniors awarded scholarships by W. and J. College. Standing in foreground is (left) Louis Anthony Spossey of Trinity and William C. Porter, retiring alumni president; seated, left to right, are Edward W. Grimm of Trinity, Robert R. McGowen of Trinity, Franklin L. Hunt of Avella, Norman Higginbotham of Washington and James Welsh of Ellsworth; second row, stand-

Observer Photo
ing left to right, are Robert Benedetti of Bentleyville, Edward Peterson of Avella, Frederick R. Crupe of Union (Burgettstown), Ray E. Wenzel of Monongahela, Larry Romboski of Washington, Ernest R. Salvitti of Bentleyville, Howard F. Kunkle of Peters Township, William R. McGowen of Trinity and John S. Perry of Washington.

UNION STAFF WILL TAKE REGISTRATIONS

Principal J. Wilbert Welch announced today that registrations are now being taken at the office, for all students who expect to attend Union high school next semester and who have not already been registered. The high school office is open week days, Saturday excepted from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

The enrollment for Union this year will average about 900 students according to present figures. The classes are registered as follows: Seniors, 198; Juniors, 228; Sophomores, 238, and Freshmen, 218.

FIRST CANTEEN IS BIG SUCCESS

The first in a hoped-to-be series of Student Council Canteen dances was held on February 18, in the Union High School gym. The crowd was larger than usual. Particularly conspicuous by their presence were the freshmen; and contrary to their reputation for being "green" they seemed as much at home on the dance floor as the seniors. Refreshments were sold during the evening and pop was (im-ag-ine!) only five cents a bottle.

The dance was, of course, non-profit to the student council; and as long as the students want these dances, the council will do their best to hold them. The next canteen dance date will be announced well in advance, and a big crowd is the surest guarantee of the continuance of this student council project.



UHS Students in School Library-1955

L-R: Liberty Zabetakis, Deanna Burchianti (Yanni), Barbara Irwin, Carol Johnson, Nell Moore, and Pat Fratini.

Students To Present "A Date With Judy" At Union High School, Thursday, April 15

The cast for "A Date With Judy", Union High School's spring play, is in its final week of rehearsal for the performance scheduled for Thursday, April 15, in the high school auditorium. A three act comedy, the play is based on the radio production of the same name.

The cast has worked under the direction of Miss Marie O'Brien, assisted by Bernice Wysocki. Mary Ann Seyda will play the leading role, supported by a cast of seven juniors and six seniors. Henry Boni has replaced Karl Ulrich in the role of Melvin Foster.

Others in the cast are as follows:

Dora Foster, Geraldine Brunner; Randolph Foster, Delmont Whalen; Hannah, Ann McGraw; Barbara Winsocket, Ruth Franz; Oogie Pringle, George Loffert; Mitzi Hoffman, Andrea Garglianos; Mr. Martindale, Robert Cassidy; Mrs. Hotchkiss, Mary Spenkar; Mrs. Scultzhammer, Avonelle Stevenson; Rexford Meredith O'Connor, Ray Stewart; Susie, Frances Sokolowski; Eloise Hotchkiss, June Campbell.

Judy is sixteen, pretty, and vivacious. She and a friend, Barbara Winsocket, are trying to raise the most money for the Community Relief Fund in order to win the crown of queen at a dance. Tootsie Whitman, Judy's bitter enemy, is leading the race so Judy and Barbara have entered many contests for cash prizes. Mrs. Foster's social position is nearly ruined when Judy's scandalous confession, that she has written for the "Amazing Confession Magazine" is read at a P. T. A. meeting instead of Mrs. Foster's speech. In conclusion, Tootsie Whitman has lost her chance of winning the race and Judy is to be crowned queen at the dance. Randolph, Mitzi Hoffman, and Oogie Pringle provide many hilarious moments throughout the play.

Students to Present "A Date with Judy"
The Burgettstown Enterprise-April 15, 1948 Edition

MANY OF UNION HIGH TAKE COLLEGE WORK

Nearly Half Graduates of Local High
School are Registered in
Various Colleges

As an evidence of the completeness and attractiveness of education in the Union high school of Burgettstown it is noted that more than 46 per cent of the graduates of last year's class have enrolled in various colleges and other institutions of advanced learning.

It is a special tribute to the excellence of the local schools when the graduates from the high schools feel the desire to continue in educational endeavor. That the experiences of the students have been pleasant as well as profitable is thus demonstrated. And it is a mark of distinction to the management of any school system to see such a large number of graduates continuing in academic work.

A list of Union high graduates now enrolled in institutions of advanced learning follows:

Helen Agnew, Washington Hospital; Ada Bella, Bethany; Betty Bigger, Westminster; Lois Bucknam, George Washington; Dorothy Dodds, Slippery Rock; Mary Fryer, Washington Hospital; Bernice Inglefield, Slippery Rock; Lucille Laskey, Penn State; Geraldine Myers, Allegheny Hospital; Gladys Paetzel, University of Pittsburgh; Lois Palin, California Normal; Margaret Parker, Duff's Business College; Sara Proudfit, Slippery Rock; Eva Schneider, Mercy Hospital; Roberta Weaver, Pittsburgh Academy; Esther Welch, Slippery Rock; George Hamerick, University of Pittsburgh; Lloyd Hindman, Washington & Jefferson; John Harris, West Liberty; George Harris, West Liberty; John Kopolovich, University of Pittsburgh; Harry McNulty, John Carroll University; Mike Niksich, University of Pittsburgh; Donald Stitt, Grove City College; William Scopel, Duquesne University; Andrew Sherockman, University of Kentucky; Angelo Spanogians, University of Pittsburgh; John Zabitakis, University of Detroit.

Many of Union High take College Work
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Academic awards were received by these eight seniors. Front row, let to right, Terry Jelovich, Academic and Distinguished Service Awards; Cheryl Smith, instrumental music; Teresa Rupani, art; and Mary Ann Karas, Business. Back Row, left to right, Sam Muscaro, journalism, David Creps, science, Tim Mroczkowski, Student Council Scholarship; and Karl Resnik, vocal music.

**Awards Day Assembly at Union High school
Burgettstown Enterprise-June 12, 1968 Edition**

Courtesy of Fort Vance historical Society

AIRPLANES ON DISPLAY AT UNION HIGH SCHOOL

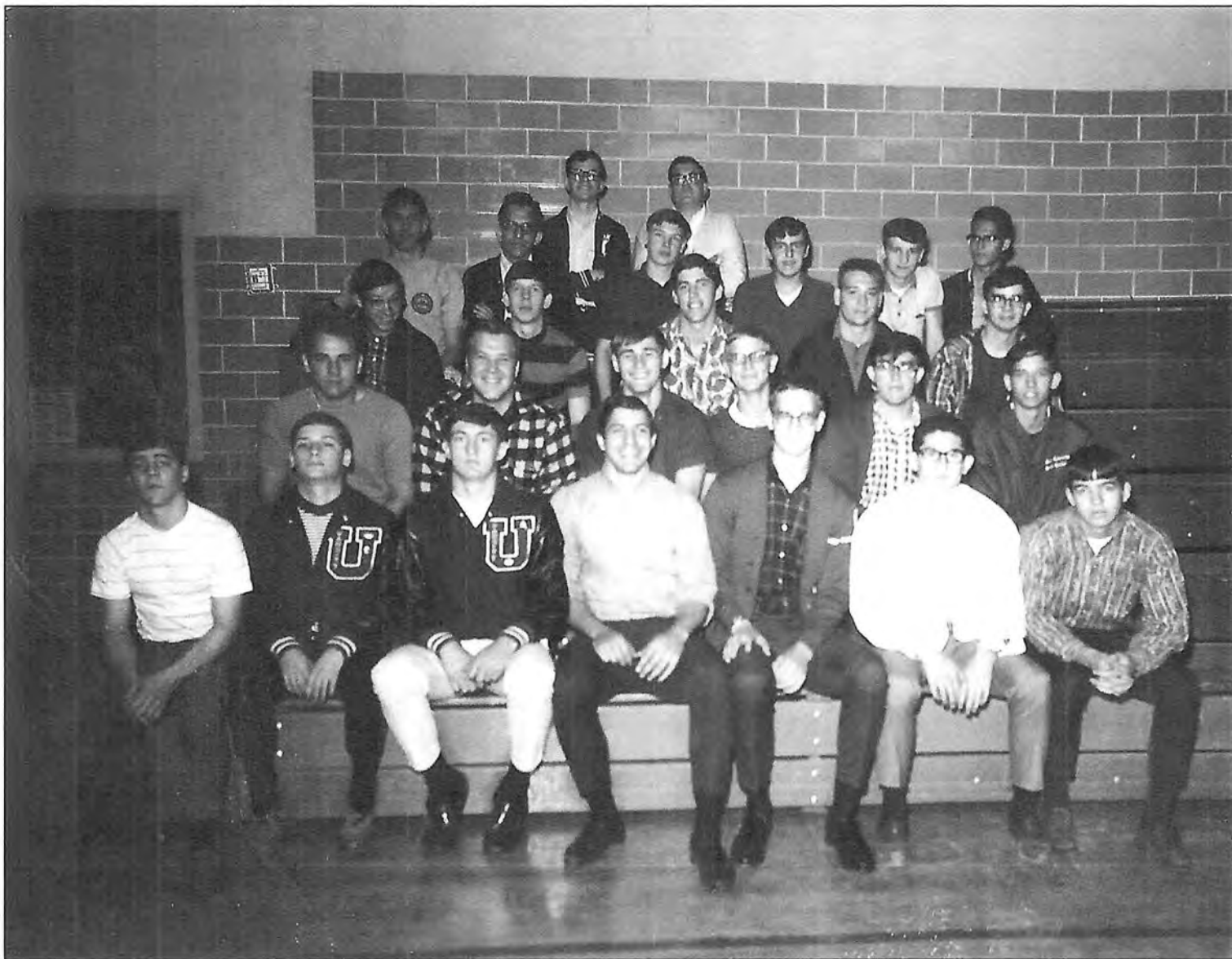
Exhibit of Planes Built by Local
Boys May Now be Inspected
at Union Building

During the present week an exhibition of 26 model airplanes has been on display in the library of Union High School. Models of Curtiss biplanes, Sopwiths, Nieuports, Boeing Transports, and many others are suspended from the ceiling in various formations and positions. At one end of the library a flight of seven pursuit planes in "V" formation, protect a Condor Bomber. At the other end another group is shown in a dog fight. Others are suspended in typical flight positions. The exhibition is featured by Joseph Caplan's large monocoque model having a wingspread of six feet.

These planes were constructed by Tom Hitchcock, Ralph Rossy, Harold Murphy, Cecil Mester, Joseph Caplan, John Fulton, John Adamson, and Willard Allison. The public is invited to visit the exhibition. There will be no charge for admission.

The exhibition is the initial step in the formation of a model airplane builders club at Union. Grade school and high school students are eligible for membership. During the first week in May members of the club will enter their models in an endurance flight contest, in which the models will compete for appropriate prizes. Anyone interested in joining the club may apply to W. J. Kiefer, science teacher, for membership.

This phase of manual training of students has been under way in the high school for about a year. Boys have been working in spare time preparing models, which are now being shown the public for the first time. The planes represent careful and very efficient work and the public will be well repaid by visiting the exhibit any day during the next week.



Athletic Awards were presented to the following at the Awards Day Assemble. First Row, L-R: Jon Vallina, Jim Repole, Dennis Daley, Dave Scruppi, Joe Korosec, Tom Maltony, and Dave Evantz. Second Row: Frank Korpos, Greg Wilgocki, Harvey Simmons, Ron Quader, George Capozzoli, and Paul Fuller. Third Row: Frank Allison, Emil Stanish, Mel Riddle, Ed Slopek, and Jim Phillips. Fourth Row: Charles Kreszock, Bob Andrikanich, Joe Wiles, Bill DiNino, Pat Shergi, and Tim Mroczkowski. Fifth Row: Robbie Roberts, and Jim Allen.

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"TALKIES"

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Burgettstown High School-Class of 1916

Clarence Wolf

Bert Scott

Izzy Bloom

Nell Duncan

Vivian Gilbert

Bessie Truax

George Bloom

Lee McCartney

Nancy Jones

Edith McElhaney

Joseph Weber

Richard Johnson

Arliner Yong

Climax Scholarship Finalists Selected



These Union high school seniors have been selected as finalists for the Climax scholarships. They are, left to right, Dave Bundy, Lane Hall, Patty Stevenson, Rudy Tepsic, Bonnie Dodds, Floyd Cook, Judy Petricca and Ron DiOrio.

Not pictured are two other finalists, Joe Roberts, of Union High, and Theresa Rash, of Madonna High, who joined the other finalists for interviews at Pitts-

burgh Saturday.

The finalists were hosted at the Hilton Hotel and were interviewed by four members of the Climax Scholarship Committee. Following lunch, they saw the musical, "Sound of Music." Upon their return to the hotel, they were served dinner and then returned home.

The names of the two scholarship winners will be announced at a later date.

EXCELLENT MARKS MADE BY UNION HIGH STUDENTS

The following report of the Union high school, Burgettstown grade school and Smith township schools for the month of March is submitted by Prof. Charle F. Barr, Supervising Principal. In the first column the enrollment in each grade is shown; the figures in the second column gives the attendance percentage; third column figures show the number of pupils tardy, and in the fourth column is the register of perfect attendance. Particular attention is directed to the fine showing of Union high school, where out of an enrollment of 600 there were 251 students making perfect attendance.

UNION HIGH SCHOOL

Ninth Grade

Mr. Lawther	52	93	22
Mr. Fee	26	94	1
Miss Davis	30	94	2
Miss Lee	20	97	8
Miss Werner	17	96	11
Mr. Welch	74	96	55

Tenth Grade

Mr. Teare	35	91	1
Mr. Kiefer	39	94	2
Miss Maurhoff	37	95	18
Miss Hoge	61	95	3

Eleventh Grade

Miss Smith	33	95	1
Mr. Reed	35	94	8
Mrs. Jones	35	95	2

Twelfth Grade

Miss Cruikshank	47	91	1
Mr. Tennyson	27	92	11
Miss Scott	32	91	18

Total 600 31 251

BURGETTSTOWN

- Miss B. Malone 56 93 32
- Miss Palin 54 98 41
- Mrs. Puckett 37 98 25
- Miss Inglefield 16 95 11
- Miss Slonaker 40 96 26
- Miss Inglefield 18 97 15
- Miss Lance 35 94 1
- Miss E. Malone 32 93 2
- Mrs. McKee 33 98 26
- Mr. Hemphill 29 98 19
- Mr. Piersol 31 97 1
- Miss Scott 33 94 21
- Miss King 29 96 1
- Miss Munger 28 99 1

SMITH TOWNSHIP

First Grade

Miss Welch	31	93	17
Miss McPeak	22	97	16
Miss J. V. Burns	39	94	1
Miss Felch	15	93	12
Miss L. Colteryahn	32	98	28
Mrs. Lawson	8	93	4
Miss Boles	15	76	5
Miss L. King	12	64	1
Miss Cooley	23	95	11

Second Grade

Miss Blair	27	95	11
Miss L. Palin	25	100	22
Miss McCord	33	95	24

Miss Felch	18	97	4
Miss Colteryahn	22	95	16
Mrs. Lawson	3	87	1
Miss Boles	16	83	2
Miss E. King	13	72	4
Miss M. R. Blair	28	91	21

Third Grade

Miss McNary	37	93	22
Miss Buneman	29	99	26
Miss Mull	27	96	19
Miss Dold	17	96	3
Miss Young	25	92	13
Mrs. Lawson	2	97	1
Miss Farrar	9	97	4
Miss Ralston	27	87	10
Miss Moore	30	96	19
Miss Hall	27	91	1

Fourth Grade

Miss Whalen	57	94	39
Miss McKenzie	33	99	26
Miss B. Burns	40	98	29
Miss Dold	19	94	1
Miss Young	15	90	7
Miss Boyd	27	96	6
Mrs. Lawson	6	99	2
Miss Farrar	14	91	8
Miss Daudet	25	89	11
Miss Riley	39	95	16

Fifth Grade

Miss McGregor	53	92	35
Miss McBurney	35	96	29
Miss K. Colteryahn	38	96	27
Miss Dodds	13	97	8
Miss Bigger	14	98	11
Miss Boyd	15	95	8
Miss Seabright	17	99	15
Miss Danielson	15	86	8
Miss Daudet	14	95	9
Miss Riley	14	97	6
Miss Grable	24	90	7

Sixth Grade

Miss Burkett	34	92	12
Mr. Harris	34	94	19
Miss F. DeBrakeleer	32	99	12
Miss Sullivan	29	98	22
Mrs. Stoner	30	98	22
Miss Dodds	15	87	3
Miss Bigger	28	93	13
Miss Seabright	13	99	10
Miss Danielson	27	92	19
Miss Grable	25	92	6

Seventh Grade

Miss Zediker	25	90	10
Miss A. DeBrakeleer	30	98	25
Mr. Robertson	29	92	22
Mr. Dunbar	7	98	5
Mr. Mulholland	23	98	19
Mr. Nethercoat	11	99	8
Mr. Burns	19	97	15
Mr. Hall	27	93	13
Mr. Wiley	33	96	3

Eighth Grade

Mr. Kharas	25	95	10
Mr. Malone	26	93	9
Mr. Proudfit	28	99	26
Mr. Butler	29	98	21
Mr. Critchlow	29	97	1
Mr. Dunbar	12	97	8
Mr. Mulholland	18	98	9
Mr. Nethercoat	11	98	9
Mr. Burns	11	100	10
Mr. Wiley	19	97	13

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H. S. AWARDS

A crowd of approximately 1,000 friends and well-wishers crowded the high school auditorium Wednesday night, May 22, to see this year's Senior receive their diplomas. One of the highlights of the ceremony was presented by Supervising Principal H. L. Tennyson, who gave special recognition to outstanding pupils.

Gertrude Kanzius, valedictorian of the class was presented with a year's subscription to the Readers Digest.

Robert Kunkel received the medal offered by the Bausch & Lomb optical company to the Senior showing the greatest progress in any field of science.

Each year the high school itself awards two medals, one to a Senior and one to a Junior in recognition of general excellence in chemistry. This year Mary Gilson received the Senior medal and Frederick George the Junior medal.

Louis Colteryahn was the winner of another much coveted prize, the scholarship given by the University of Pittsburgh to the Senior with the best combination of grades, activities, personality and character. Louis was chosen from among five applicants in an interview with Mr. Quick, registrar at Pitt.

In addition, Severino Nicoletto was given special recognition for a perfect twelve-year attendance record. Severino lives at Raccoon and for three years was compelled to walk to school.

Percy Lydick with a perfect attendance record of six years was similarly honored.

LARGE NUMBER OF UNION HIGH STUDENTS QUALIFY FOR SCHOLASTIC HONOR RATINGS

At Close of First Semester Students Show Remarkable Results of Splendid Training Received in Local School

Following is the honor roll for Union high school as completed at the close of the first semester of the term 1934-1935. This represents the semester average for the pupils whose names appear.

The honor group is composed of students whose grades are all A or B. The honorable mention group comprises those students who have only one grade below B, and that grade being a C.

The total enrollment in Union high school at the present time is 622, divided as follows: 108 seniors, 105 juniors, 181 sophomores, 228 freshmen. It is interesting to note that five per cent of the student body have succeeded in making grades of A and B, or high honor grades, and a total of twelve per cent had only one grade below B, that grade being a grade of C.

An A grade represents 95 per cent or better, B 90 per cent to 94 per cent and C 85 to 89 per cent.

Following are the honor students:

Seniors—Henry Colteryahn, Mary Bigger, Anna Breska, Connie Fernandez, Kathryn Fliton, Amelia Sciamanna, Alice Willhoyte, Sara Yaksic.

Juniors—Catherine Povero, Joe Argenta, William Prouditt.

Sophomores—Helen Balogh, Gina Filipponi, Gertrude Hellmers, Helen Krocsko, Doris Shelton, Joseph Ilik.

Freshmen—Bernice Danek, Jane Darras, Julia Kovich, Anna Polinski, Gretchen Power, Paula Pyle, Anna Saxton, Mary Vukas, Delphia Willhoyte, Kathryn Yanni, Margaret Yesko, Eddie Lounder, Eli Povioch, Melvin Taucher, Harold Taylor.

The following students are given honorable mention:

Seniors—Joe Jeram, Paul McChancy, Robert Munger, Joe Rago, Hazel Davis, Rose Laurich.

Juniors—Thelma DeHapina, Mary Gratchen, Mary Elizabeth Miller, John Krkpatrick, Anthony Lanovich, Arthur Nunn.

Sophomores—Betty Baker, Cecilia Breska, Eleanor Kimberland, Mary McChancy, Juliette Medved, Mary Mudre, Rosy Novosel, Jean Thomassy, Joe Caplan, Steve Dubish, Clyde Durst, Mike Klimenko, Paul Kosak, Nicholas Tony.

Freshmen—Marjorie Bertrand, Ruth Bland, Clara Grzelak, Anabel Meehan, Pearl Sams, Robert Clark, Thomas Froats, William Palin, Hugh Pollon, Leonard Robertson, Donald Schayes, William Steckler.

List of Promotion in Union School for 1894-1895 School Years

From division 1, room 1, to division 2, room 1:

Jennie Pettibon, Harry Montgomery, Paul Lyon, Ethel Wilson, Hattie McGee, Lillie Russell, Estella Patterson, Willie Nesbit, Shirley Bruce, William McMurray, Hugh Wilson, Pearl Karns, Bertha Boyd, Fanny McGee, Garfield Brown, Beatrice Gillespie, Maud Gillespie.

From division 2, room 1, to division 3, room 2:

Willie Karns, Patterson Weaver, George Pyles, John Falconer, Eddie Andrews, Walter Kennedy, Mabel, Irving, Bessie McGregor, Hattie Leopold, John Pyles, Eva Cooper, Belva Jackson, Orrie Hunter, Frank Kelso, Bertha Cain, Bell Rankin, Harry Robb, Charlie Westlake, Lydia Shipley, Jessie Cook, Flora Smith, Frank Cooper, Cornellus Andrews.

From division 3, room 2, to division 4, room 2:

Grace Botkin, Ruth Cramer, Jennie Patterson, Fanny Andrews, Frank Russell, Jane Nelson, Ray Simpson, Mary L. Weaver, Georgie Stievenart, Lawrence Cole, Ella Montgomery, Lillie Pyles, Mary M. Weaver, Edna Richey, John Cook.

From division 4, room 2, to division 5, room 3:

Frank Leopold, Blanche Pyles, Jane Daugherty, Gertie Rankin, Belle McClure, Nellie McMurray, Elda Porter, Charlie Karns, John Gilbert, Minnie Silvers, Mary Clelland, Julia Smith, Sadie Silverthorne, Frank McCombs.

From division 5, room 3, to division 6, room 3:

Edna Scott, Louie Pyles, Mary Botkin, Elsie Scott, Myrtle Patterson, Lucy Williams, Nellie Reed, Mollie Eberle, Amelia Cramer, Flora Parks, Bertha Karns, Elva Manson, Floyd Linn, John Leopold, Clare Manson, John Shipley, Willie Rankin, Clarence Porter, John Davies.

From division 6, room 3, to division 7, room 4:

Clyde Casey, Clifford Silverthorne, Robert Stephenson, Thomas Cole, Lillie Shaw, Robert Pyles, Hubert McMurray, Mary Irving, Harry Carnahan, Flora Irving, Louis Leopold.

From division 7, room 4, to division 8, room 4:

Dora Nelson, Zella Stievenart, Eddie Jackson, Willie Patterson, Anna McClure, Effie Pettibon, Lucy Arnold, Thomas Casey, Bert Finley, Leona Woodrow.

This news article was found in a personal scrap book in the archives of Fort Vance Historical Society.

LOCAL FIRMS GET CONTRACT FOR UHS INSURANCE

The Union high school Board of School Directors met last Wednesday evening and elected William A. Proudfit as substitute teacher for J. Francis Reed, Mr. Reed has been called to the colors and has been given a leave of absence by the Board for the "duration." Mr. Proudfit received his degree from Westminster college in June, 1940.

One-fifth of the total amount of insurance on Union High school's three buildings was awarded to the three local firms of Cassidy, McFarland and Bell. The policy covers \$33,611.50 insurance on the main building, the home economics and industrial arts headquarters.

Directors discussed the possibility of securing an N.Y.A. project for landscaping and beautifying high school grounds. The project will be applied for. It was announced that H. L. Tennyson is absent from duty this week to attend a meeting of Educators, convening in Atlantic City.

SENIOR VESPER SERVICE

UNION HIGH SCHOOL

SUNDAY EVENING, MAY 21, 1933

March Orchestra

Invocation Rev. Charles D. Castle, D. D.

Music Girls Chorus

Scripture Reading Rev. R. E. Carman

Prayer Rev. R. E. Carman

Music Girls Trio

Sermon Dr. Joseph A. Stevenson
"Athletic Intellectuality"

Music Girls Chorus

Benediction Dr. Joseph A. Stevenson

Union High School-1933 Senior Vesper Service

Courtesy of Fort Vance Historical Society

At a meeting of the Academy Board on Monday evening it was decided on account of so much sickness and the bad roads to postpone the closing lecture of the course till May 21st, when Col. G. W. Bain, of Kentucky, will once more appear before a Burgettstown audience. Col. Bain is well known here and his name is a guarantee of a good house.

**Academy Board Postpones Lecture because of Sickness and Snow
The Burgettstown Call-March 2, 1892 Edition**

**MAJOR WATCHMAN OF ARMY AIR FORCE
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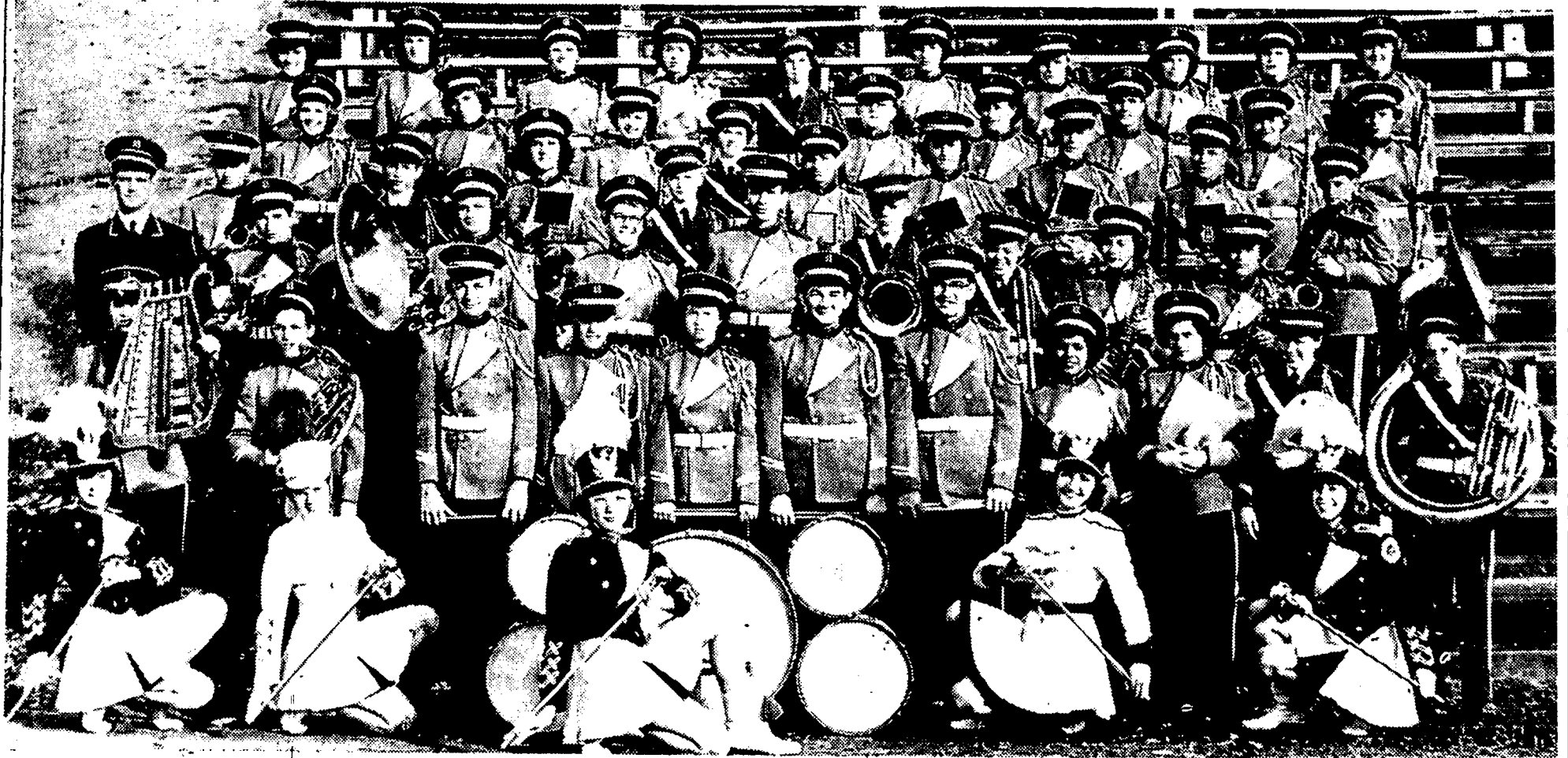
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THE PRIDE OF UNION HIGH SCHOOL



Shown in the above photo, l to r: ROW 1—M. Sonnenberg, M. Crumrine, J. Baronick, M. Trimarki, S. Dennis. ROW 2—Jane Jackson, R. Bongiorno, S. Vranjes, J. Cunningham, Elma Stewart, M. Vranjes, A. Campos, M. Long, B. Davidson, J. Haba. ROW 3—R. McGregor, R. LeCouvre, M. Russell, A. Linkesh, R. Sentipal, H. Dunbar, V. Boller, A. Stroud, G. Tennyson. ROW 4—A. Haba, V. Martinez, V. Popp, J. Ayres, P. Gobleck, S. LePacz, D. Fischer, J. Rutkauskas, W. Sartori. ROW 5—L. Buckwalter, A. Englert, S. Morne, Eunice Stewart, F. Warrendar, J. Martinez, J. Boni, J. Pastor, R. Taucher. ROW 6—Jean Jackson, P. Morgan, J. Medili, J. McDonald, M. Gill, G. Mike, M. Linn, A. Boles, J. Rupani, O. Weigmann.

D. ROSSER, PHOTO

THE PRIDE OF UNION HIGH SHOOOL
Burgettstown Enterprise-November 16, 1950 Edition



UNION HIGH
BLUE DEVILS
SCHOOL

1954



Union High School
Burgettstown Pa.

High School Class At Mt. Vernon In 1923



Burgettstown High School held a party at Mt. Vernon in May, 1923.

This picture was taken then.

How many can you identify?

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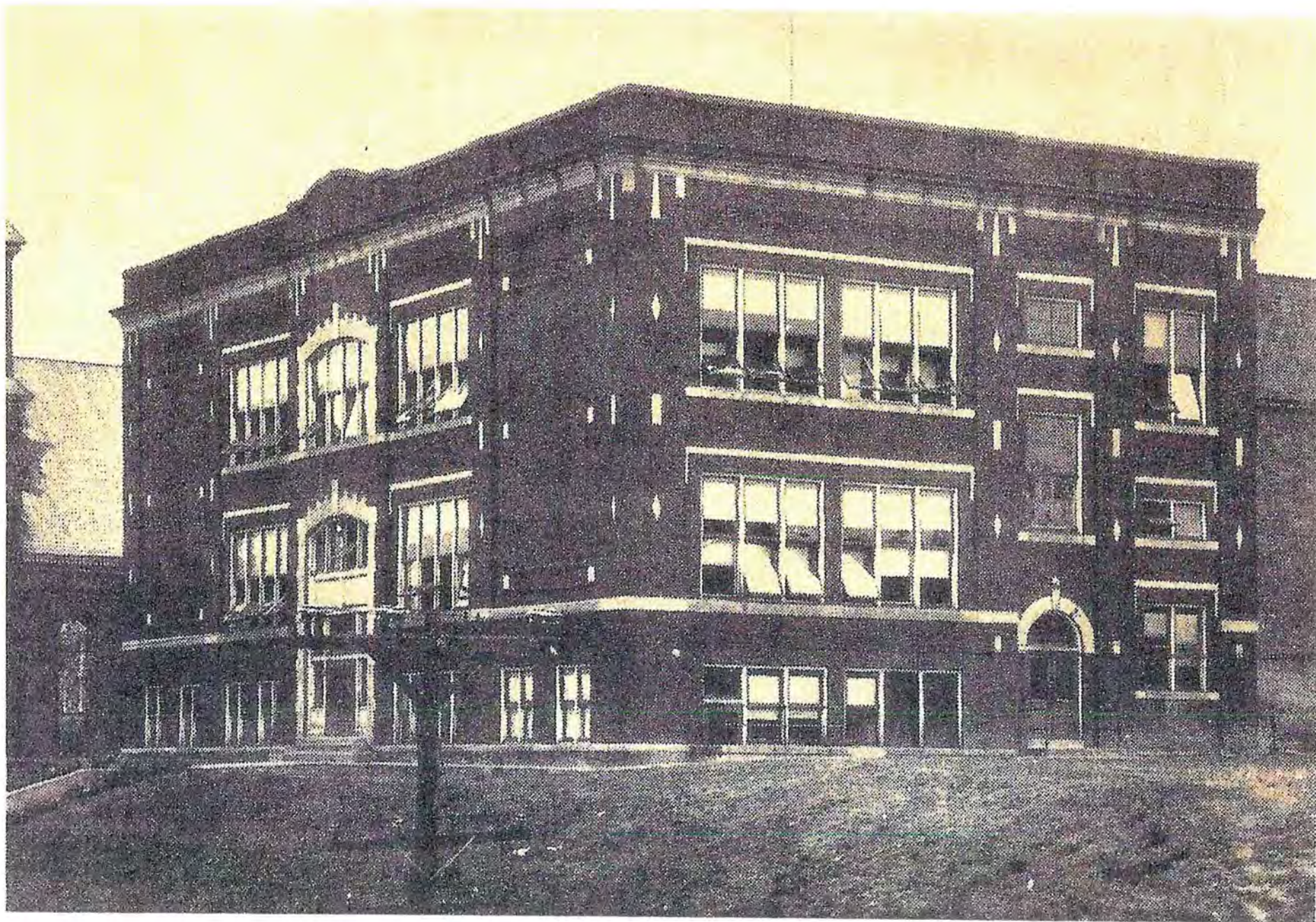
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Union High School Majorettes-1959

Bottom Row, L-R: Marianne Esno, Susan Rash, Top Row: Harriett Holt, Roxanne Tucci, Gari Napolitano, Ruthie Martin, Donna Kiger, Karen Kosem, Lana Garcia, Gloria Boni, Mary Ellen Blaine, Rita Lounder.



Union High School

The building is shown as built was originally built in 1918. An addition was added to a portion of the building in 1931.
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Fort Vance Historical Society







Rear view of Union High School Fire-Burgettstown, PA

FINE PUPIL GROUP TO GET DIPLOMAS FROM UNION HIGH

Class of One Hundred Seniors Will
be Awarded Coveted Diplomas
at U. H. S. Commencement

A class of one hundred students will be presented to the authorities of Union high school at the Commencement exercises on Thursday evening, June 4th, and will be awarded diplomas for completion of work of the four-year term now ended. This is a large class for a small town, and both students and instructors are to be congratulated for carrying such a large number through the long period of high school training.

The principal address at the Commencement will be delivered by Dr. Robert M. Steele, president of the California (Pa.) Teachers College. As an educator Dr. Steele ranks among the foremost, and he will bring to the local school graduates and their friends a message of timely interest and instruction.

The complete program follows:

Processional ----- Orchestra
Invocation ----- Rev. R. E. Carman
Music ----- Girls' Chorus
 Isle of Sleep—Bornschein
 June Rhapsody—Daniels
Address of Welcome -- Mary Gratchen
Music ----- Girls' Ensemble
 Moon of Madness—Ferarri
 Summer Noon—Gaul
 L'Heure Exquise—Hahn
 Solo—Jane Darras
Address ----- Dr. Robert M. Steele
Music ----- Mixed Chorus
 Sunbeam of Heaven—Christiansen
 If I But Knew—Clokey
 The Sleigh—Kountz
Valedictory ----- Catherine Povero
Diploma Presentation -- W. M. Fulton
Benediction ----- Rev. R. E. Carman
Recessional ----- Orchestra
 Coronation March—Meyerbeer

Fine Pupil Group to get Diplomas from Union High
Burgettstown Enterprise-May 28, 1936 Edition

CLASS OF 1923



1923 Class

Identification

Following is a list of the graduates of the Class of 1923, a picture of which was published recently in this newspaper:

Top row, left to right, Robert Culley, Richard Clark, Paul Deliere, Warren Columbia, Charles Hamilton, Robert Mauchline, Lester Neil, James John, Dooco Suica, Joseph Milligan, Robert Sanders, Edward Wilcowski.

Second row, left to right, Clifford Richey, Elizabeth Love, Gladys Kennedy, Lucy Bland, Helen Moore, Betty Culley, Alberta Ivery, Jessie Lyle, Frances Porter.

Bottom row, left to right, Raymond Welch, Harold Stevenson, Ella Cunningham, Stella Kuhns, Marian Snyder, Thelma Culley, Dolly Cassidy, Cora Byrd, Elizabeth Cook Cramer, Frances Bogdan.

UNION HIGH SCHOOL DESTROYED BY THREE HOUR FIRE

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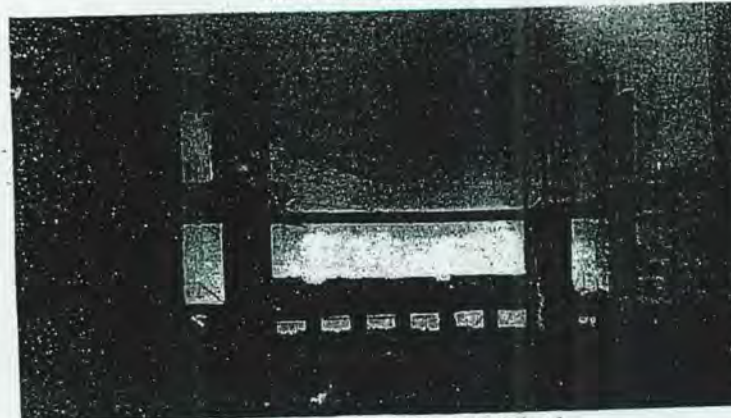
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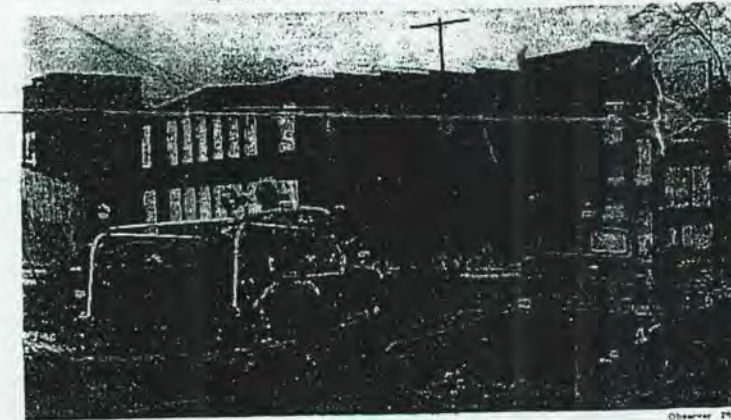
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View Of Gutted School Building



Gymnasium Section Of School After Wall Collapsed



Fire Company Hoses Strwn Along Street

Seniors Resume Classes Friday In New High School

"We are making preparations for the Seniors to begin classes at the new high school Friday morning, March 29," Dr. James J. Tinney, Supervising Principal of the Burgettstown Area School District, announced this week in reply to queries following the destruction of the old high school plant last Thursday.

Dr. Tinney said the entire south portion of the new plant, which includes the classrooms, will be officially turned over to the school district Thursday morning at a meeting with Earl Shay, chief inspector of the State Public School Building Authority.

Present plans for resumption of classes for the seniors, as outlined by Dr. Tinney and Principal K. Donald Hill, are:

*Seniors will meet at elementary school buses in their respective areas Friday morning and will be transported to the Taaste-Frees stand across from the old high school building.

*Burgettstown borough students will walk to the Taaste-Frees stand, where all students will be marshalled and transported to the new school plant.

*NO STUDENT WILL BE PERMITTED TO DRIVE TO THE NEW SCHOOL PLANT, MOONEBUT FACULTY MEMBERS AND SENIOR SCHOOL STUDENTS WILL BE PERMITTED ON THE SCHOOL GROUNDS.

*Schedules, home room, and locker assignments will be given to the seniors Friday. Regular classes will resume Monday.

JUNIORS MAY BEGIN CLASSES NEXT WEEK

Mr. Hill said the school officials hope to have the Junior Class begin school next week, as soon as the classrooms are completed at the new plant. He said sufficient desks and books and adequate personnel are available for the resumption of classes.

Dr. Tinney announced that all information concerning resumption of classes will come from the school. Students are advised not to call the school for information. They were notified as in when the other classes will begin.

RECORDS SAVED FROM FIRE

Mr. Hill announced that most school records were saved from the flames that destroyed the old school. Many of the records had been transferred to the new school weeks ago.

Active and inactive student files were saved, as were the following: guidance records, athletic records, records of recognized circumstances, records of health and dental records.

The school library was also saved by the firemen. The library at the school will be a public one. Instruments and uniforms, all athletic equipment and all driver education records were also saved.

Mr. Hill said the yearbook materials had already been sent to the printer, so the students will get their books. Class rings and diplomas were also saved from the blaze.

Baseball and track schedules are expected to be met this year.

A number of typewriters and business machines were saved also.

SCHOOL OFFICIALS SAY "THANKS"

Dr. Tinney and Mr. Hill, on behalf of the school district, wish to thank all the citizens of the area, the faculty, the students and especially, the firemen, for their help in trying to preserve the records and combat the flames during the recent disaster.

Three Generations Pass Through School

In at least three cases, three generations of a family could claim having attended classes in the Union high school building which was destroyed by fire last week.

Gibery Cunningham, a sophomore, is the daughter of Jack Cunningham, who graduated in 1942, and the granddaughter of Carolyn Richey Gray, who was a member of the Class of 1924.

Two Union high students, Betty Jo Clark, a senior, and Sandra Clark, an eighth grader, are the daughters of Betty Lou Hamilton Clark, Class of 1942, and granddaughters of Elsie Linn Hamilton, also a member of the Class of '24.

Dorothy Reed Darke, who was the first graduating class of the high school, in 1919, is the mother of Betty Jean Darke Smith and Dorothy Darke Riddle, both of whom attended the school. Mrs. Smith's daughter, Rowland Jean, graduated from Union High in 1961, and another daughter, Leslie, is a freshman at the school. Mrs. Riddle's daughter, Marty Jo, is also a freshman.

All of these former and present UHS scholars still live in the Burgettstown area.

A quick check by the Enterprise early Monday revealed these three instances of third generations who have passed through the school. Those knowing of others are asked to contact the editor.



Spectacular Blaze Levels 45-Year Old School Plant

Fire reared its ugly head at Union High School last Thursday afternoon and destroyed the 45-year old building in a spectacular blaze that attracted eight trucks from five local fire departments.

Volunteer firemen from Burgettstown, McDonald, Hanover Township, Slovan and Midway were summoned to the scene shortly after the alarm was sounded at 4:55 p.m., but in less than two hours, the school was completely gutted and termed by one fireman as "a complete loss."

The destruction of the soon-to-be abandoned building was attributed by Burgettstown Fire Chief Walter Farmer to defective electrical wiring. The blaze apparently began in a switchbox located in the auditorium wing, travelled up a wall and smoldered in a recessed ceiling.

JANITOR DISCOVERS FIRE

The fire was discovered about 4:45 p.m. by Harry Raymer, a school custodian, in an electrical panel on the stage of the auditorium. After failing to put out the blaze with a fire extinguisher, Raymer called to Mary Tazs, a school secretary who was in the office at the time, and she summoned the borough firemen.

After connecting over 900 feet of 2 1/2 inch hose from the nearest fire hydrant on Church Street to a truck from where they hoped to pump water, local firemen entered the building through the rear exit of the auditorium with three hoses, each measuring over 200 feet in length.

Dr. James J. Tinney, Supervising Principal of the Burgettstown Area School District, who had seen classes dismissed at the school a little over a half hour before the fire was discovered, and who had returned to the school to catch up on some work, was attempting to fight the flames with a fire extinguisher, but was warned by firemen to "get out before the ceiling collapses." Less than five minutes after the firemen arrived, the ceiling crumbled when lights were blown to the floor from the pressure being built up inside the "false ceiling."

RECORDS REMOVED WHILE FIRE RAGES

Maintenance men, faculty members and some townspeople were on hand immediately to aid with the removal of school records and other valuable property, even while the fire burned. The removal operations were supervised by Dr. Tinney and Principal K. Donald Hill, who returned to the school from home upon hearing of the fire.

Over 150 firemen joined in an effort to combat the flames, but they were hampered at times by low water pressure. When the ceiling collapsed and the flames began to spread out of control, firemen concentrated their efforts on adjoining buildings. The school buses were removed from the garage to an adjoining street.

The front section of the building came crashing to the earth, showering Main Street with brick and stone.

END OF AN ERA

The fire hoses strwn along the street caused Route 18 to be closed for three and a half hours.

The three-story, ten-classroom structure, which was built in 1918 with an addition put on in 1931, was scheduled to be abandoned at the end of this school year, when the new high school was scheduled for completion.

There was no rest that night for Burgettstown firemen, who left the scene shortly after midnight. At 3:20 a.m., they answered a call at Hillside, where the Elmer Wilson home was heavily gutted from fire.

BUILDING REDUCED TO RUBBLE

By Friday morning, workers from the Irvin T. Miller Construction Company had reduced the walls to rubble. Mr. Miller told an Enterprise reporter there were some materials that could be salvaged.

Some 48 hours after classes were dismissed on Thursday, March 21, the familiar old landmark on the top of the hill was gone.



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Union High School, Burgettstown, Pa

Union High School
Main Street, Burgettstown, PA
Burned to the ground-March 1963

UNION HI-LITE

VOLUME 20 NO. 7

Union High School — Burgettstown, Pennsylvania

Tuesday, April 30, 1963

UNION HIGH SCHOOL DESTROYED BY 3-HOUR FIRE

Three-Hour Holocaust Consumes All Of 46-Year Old Secondary Building

Dr. James J. Tinney Resigns Position

Dr. James J. Tinney, Supervising Principal of the Burgettstown Area School District, formally resigned his position at the school board meeting of April 10, 1963. After one year as supervisor of the elementary schools of the area and four years as supervising principal of this school district, Dr. Tinney will leave July 1st, 1963, for Pitman, New Jersey, where he will assume the responsibilities of Superintendent of Schools.



Pitman, New Jersey, is



Thursday, March 21, dawned cold and frosty. During the day the icy blasts of air and stinging snow flakes belied the calendar's announcement that spring had arrived. It was almost as if the winter, which was particularly strong and bitter this year, was refusing to die without a grand stand exit. The 890 students who sat in the various rooms of Union high school that day, however, little realized that the weather's dramatic death scene being enacted was nothing compared to an electrifying death scene to occur less than an hour after the final 4:12 dismissal, for at 4:45 began the end of an era—Union High School expired in a holocaust. After enduring forty-six years and perhaps ten thousand students, the school was completely destroyed by fire in less than three hours.

The fire, which was reported to be the result of faulty electrical wiring, first began in the ceiling area near the auditorium stage and was discovered by a janitor, Harry Reymer. He tells the story in the following words: "I was cleaning the balcony of the auditorium when I heard a light bulb explode in the ceiling near the front of the auditorium. Then smoke started coming out of the ceiling at that spot. The smoking area was too far away for me to get at. Just then Mrs. Tasz and Mary Invernizzi came in and I told them to call the fire department."

Mrs. Mary Tasz, school district bookkeeper, came back to the building to have an employee sign some papers, and was waiting for a ride home. She supplies the following

science equipment, all library equipment and books, some band instruments and music, thousands of textbooks, etc., the building itself was also a total loss.

Union School Commencement.

The Commencement exercises of Union school were held in Academy Hall Thursday evening, May 3rd. The following was the programme:

Prayer—Rev. Dr. Carson.

Piano Duett—Misses Riddile and Stuart, "Boielden Overture to the Caliph of Bagdad."

Essay—Miss Glenna Tipton, "Courage."

Essay—Miss Maggie Hayden, "We Should Have an Object in Life."

Piano Solo—Miss Frankie McClure, "Maiden's Prayer"—Baderzewska.

Essay—Miss Mary Stuart, "Building of Character."

Essay—Miss Belle Stephenson, "History and Prophecy of the Class of '94."

Piano Solo—Miss Mamie Riddile, "Valse,"—Aug. Durand.

Address—Rev. A. T. Taylor.

Piano Solo—Miss Mary Stuart, "German Triumphal March,"—Jacob Kunkle.

Presentation of Diplomas—Dr. L. C. Beckin.

Song—"America," by the school.

Benediction—Rev. J. L. Weaver.

The graduates were Glenna P. Tipton, Maggie E. Hayden, Mary P. Stuart, C. Belle Stephenson.

The hall was crowded to its utmost capacity. Even standing room was at a premium, the aisles and every foot of available room being occupied. The graduates acquitted themselves well, and in fact the whole programme was entertaining and well carried out. All of the musicians were encored. Rev. Taylor's address to the class was especially good.

This was the second class to graduate from the Union school. In the fall of 1888 the school board revised the course of study with a view of graduating those who completed the course. Under the instruction of Prof. W. C. Black, now of Canonsburg, the following young ladies completed the course and were awarded diplomas: Mary P. Rice, Estella W. Crane, Estella Hartford; Vernie Forsythe, Mary Belle Galbraith, Allie McFarland and Nanuie Doak, this constituting the class of 1889.

In the fall of 1893 the board added another room, revised the course of study and added rhetoric and civil government and under the instruction of Prof. S. S. Baker graduated the class of 1894.

List of Promotions in Union School.

From division 1, room 1, to division 2, room 1:

Jennie Pettibon, Harry Montgomery, Paul Lyon, Ethel Wilson, Hattie McGee, Lillie Russell, Estella Patterson, Willie Nesbit, Shirley Bruce, William McMurray, Hugh Wilson, Pearl Karns, Bertha Boyd, Fanny McGee, Garfield Brown, Beatrice Gillespie, Maud Gillespie.

Promoted from division 2, room 1, to division 3, room 2:

Willie Karns, Patterson Weaver, George Pyles, John Falconer, Eddie Andrews, Walter Kennedy, Mabel Irving, Bessie McGregor, Hettie Leopold, John Pyles, Eva Cooper, Belva Jackson, Orrie Hunter, Frank Kelso, Bertha Cain, Bell Rankin, Harry Robb, Charlie Westlake, Lydia Shipley, Jessie Cook, Flora Smith, Frank Cooper, Cornelius Andrews.

Promoted from division 3, room 2, to division 4, room 2:

Grace Botkin, Ruth Cramer, Jennie Patterson, Fanny Andrews, Frank Russell, Jane Nelson, Ray Simpson, Mary L. Weaver, Georgie Stievenart, Lawrence Cole, Ella Montgomery, Lillie Pyles, Mary M. Weaver, Edna Richey, John Cook.

From division 4, room 2, to division 5, room 3:

Frank Leopold, Blanche Pyles, Jane Daugherty, Gertie Rankin, Belle McClure, Nellie McMurray, Elta Porter, Charlie Karns, John Gilbert, Minnie Silvers, Mary Clelland, Julia Smith, Sadie Silverthorne, Frank McCombs.

From division 5, room 3, to division 6, room 3:

Edna Scott, Louie Pyles, Mary Botkin, Essie Scott, Myrtle Patterson, Edna Miller, Theresa Eberle, Kate Patterson, Lucy Williams, Nellie Reed, Mollie Eberle, Amelia Cramer, Flora Parks, Bertha Karns, Elva Manson, Floyd Linn, John Leopold, Clare Manson, John Shipley, Willie Rankin, Clarence Porter, John Davies.

From division 6, room 3, to division 7, room 4:

Clyde Casey, Clifford Silverthorne, Robert Stephenson, Thomas Cole, Lillie Shaw, Robert Pyles, Hubert McMurray, Mary Irving, Harry Carnahan, Flora Irving, Louis Leopold.

From division 7, room 4, to division 8, room 4:

Dora Nelson, Zella Peterson, Eddie Jackson, Willie Patterson, Anna McClure, Effie Pettibon, Mary Arnold, Thomas Casey, ~~John~~ Leona Woodrow.

UNION STAFF WILL TAKE REGISTRATIONS

Principal J. Wilbert Welch announced today that registrations are now being taken at the office, for all students who expect to attend Union high school next semester and who have not already been registered. The high school office is open week days, Saturday excepted from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

The enrollment for Union this year will average about 900 students according to present figures. The classes are registered as follows: Seniors, 198; Juniors, 228; Sophomores, 238, and Freshmen, 218.



County band

This year's Washington County Music Educators Association County Band and Chorus Festival will be held at Trinity High School. Performances were set for Jan. 28 and Feb. 3. The guest conductor for this year's band will be Dr. Robert Cameron from Duquesne University. Band members representing Burgettstown Area High School, from left, are Elizabeth Ransom, clarinet; Wendy Choman, trombone; Lisa Conklin, tenor sax; Marcie Barkhurst, clarinet; Ginnie Lemley, clarinet; and Michael Doak, baritone sax. Not pictured: Ken Boswell, percussion, and Katie Smedley, oboe.

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ELECT WELCH H. S. PRINCIPAL

J. Wilbert Welch assistant, was advanced to the position of Principal of Union high school at the July meeting of the Smith township and Burgettstown Joint school board on Monday evening. Mr. Welch succeeds Miss Mary Thome, who resigned on July 1st to become the bride of the Rev. A. A. Love, United Presbyterian minister of Mt. Washington, Miss Thome and Rev. Love were married at the home of her brother, the Rev. J. L. Thome at Oxford, Ohio, on Monday, July 21.

Mr. Welch's salary was placed at \$2250, with an increment of \$100 each year for two years. He has been associated with the local school system for many years and has served efficiently as a teacher, basketball coach and assistant principal.

Captain J. Francis Reed, faculty member, now serving with the United States army in the Academic department at Fort Benning, Ga., was elected assistant principal at a salary of \$1800 with an increment of \$100 each year for two years. For the duration until Captain Reed's discharge from army duties, William Miller, faculty member, was named acting assistant principal at a salary of \$1800.

R. Donald Hall, former principal at Slovan and teacher at Atlasburg school, was elected to fill the vacancy in social studies, formerly taught by J. Francis Reed, at a salary of \$1500 a year, with an increment of \$100 at the end of the first year.

Helen M. Mellovich of Slovan was elected Home Economics teacher at a salary of \$1200, to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Sara Elizabeth McKillip. Miss Mellovich a graduate of Indiana State Teacher's college, taught Home Economics at Avella last year. W. J. Robertson, teacher at the Langeloth school was elected substitute mathematics teacher at a salary of \$1600 the position to become permanent when a vacancy occurs. Carroll Hamilton was elected substitute teacher in the science department at a salary of \$5.00 per day.

The resignation of William K. Powers, assistant coach and history teacher was accepted. Mr. Powers has accepted a position in the Metallurgy Department of the Carnegie Illinois Steel Co., at Clairton.

A letter was read from the Treasurer of the Borough Council James J. Reed, stating that the school property has been liened for a sewer assessment of \$298.51, now past due. It was recalled that this bill has been approved for payment when and if funds are available.

Charles "Chevy" Scott and Frank Bailey, respective managers of boys' and girls' softball teams, were given the use of the Athletic field for a series of softball games, under lights during August. They plan to hold night games at the Field on August 8, 15, 22, and 29. They gave a guarantee for cost of the lights and agreed to divide any proceeds from the games at least 60-40, in favor of the school district.

The bid of McGee and McGee of McKeesport for repairing the furnaces in the high school was accepted, to cost \$90.50.

The Standard Floor company of Pittsburgh was given the contract for laying inlaid linoleum on the high school office to cost \$110.00. Mr. Tennyson was instructed to purchase window shades for two classrooms and to supervise the installing of four lights each in rooms 204 and 205. These classrooms at present have one light each.

At a meeting of Smith township directors, preceding the Joint Board meeting, these directors voted to accept delinquent taxes in the sum of \$5000 from the American Zinc and Chemical company for 319 acres of coal land, the Zinc company recently purchased from the Pittsburgh and Erie Coal company. This acreage lies between Atlasburg and Langeloth.

Mrs. Roger M. Boyd was appointed tax collector of the school tax of Smith township to fill the unexpired term of her late husband.

**J. WILBERT WELCH
UHS PRINCIPAL - TEACHER**

John Wilbert Welch, former principal and teacher at Union High School, began his teaching career in 1920-21 in Smith Township; the same year he coached the local football team. He later taught in West Virginia but returned to teach at Union High School where he was employed for 31 years.

As a classroom teacher, Mr. Welch taught math and science. He also coached both girls and boys basketball at various times. In 1937, his boys' team won the WPIAL Basketball Championship for Class B.

In the late Thirties and Forties, he was a member of Burgettstown Borough Council.

Since his retirement in 1958, he has enjoyed playing golf and darts. He has been a member of the Fort Vance Historical Society and has served as an elder in the Hillcrest Presbyterian Church.

Mr. Welch was 88 years old January 28, 1981. He and his wife, the former Lucille Culley, will celebrate their 56th wedding anniversary July 30, 1981. They reside on the corner of Church and Culley Street.

