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CIRCUS

The Show Must Go On



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This annual is dedicated to Mrs. Bessire, director of our school. We wish it to be a visible expression of our appreciation for her unending effort to give us a usable knowledge of the world and its problems.

The Senior Class of 1947

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FRESHMAN MENAGERIE

Circus Animals

The animals play a big part in the circus because their antics attract so much attention. Usually the children enjoy the animals more than anything else in the circus. They can feed peanuts to the elephants or watch the pranks and trickery of the monkeys. Their interest is held by prancing horses, bicycle-riding bears, terrifying gorillas, prowling lions and tigers, dancing dogs and the ever present companions of the animals, the clowns.

Many years ago when circus first began, the animals only took a minor role in the drama of the circus. But the enjoyment people got from the circus was not diminished because of this fact. Today modern methods have almost eliminated the possibility of escaping animals. When one does get loose, the main task is not in his capture but in keeping the audience from getting hysterical.

Although animals are supposed to be unintelligent things, their frankness always brings out the real attitudes of people. You can never face down uninhibited looks of the animals which seem to penetrate to your very soul.

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FRESHMAN BIOGRAPHIES

Name - **Betty Clark**
Born - Flint, Michigan - Jan. 21
Saying - Oh Jiminy
Talent - Singing, Dancing, Acting
Ambition - Stage shows and pictures

Name - **Pat Cowan**
Born - Milwaukee, Wis. - July 6
Saying - Piffle
Talent - Dramatics and Voice
Ambition - Actress

Name - **Joel Davis**
Born - Hollywood - Nov. 21
Saying - Edd-Gads
Talent - Acting
Ambition - Radio Actor

Name - **Mike Hemingway**
Born - Hollywood - Jan. 22
Saying - Ya Know
Talent - Training Collies
Ambition - Rancher

Name - **Jackie Horner**
Born - Buffalo, N.Y. - Aug. 9
Saying - Fiddle-de-ee
Talent - Playing piano and acting
Ambition - Concert pianist

Name - **Robin Levinson**
Born - Hollywood - Sept. 14
Saying - Ah Nuts
Talent - Ballet dancer
Ambition - Actress and ballet

Name - **Leonard Mazzola**
Born - Los Angeles - April 6
Saying - It's terrific
Talent - Music
Ambition - Band leader

Name - **Luke O'Conner**
Born - Los Angeles - March 20
Saying - Wise up!
Talent - Basketball
Ambition - Professional baseball

Name - **Bob Padden**
Born - Los Angeles - August 11
Saying - So_ _ _ _ !
Talent - Football
Ambition - Rancher

Name - **Owena Peterson**
Born - Princeton, Ill. - Aug. 6
Saying - Oh fudge
Talent - Voice
Ambition - A doctor

Name - **Gil Warrenton**
Born - Hollywood - December 27
Saying - Vout
Talent - Playing Boogie
Ambition - Intelligence Officer

Name - **George Zeutzius**
Born - Washington, D.C. - Aug. 22
Saying - What a babe!
Talent - Basketball
Ambition - Lawyer

Freshman Predictions

Owena Peterson – will be a doctor
Leonard Mazzola – will be another Gene Krupa
Luke O'Conner – will be a professional baseball player
Pat Cowan – will be a great actress
Bob Padden – will be a rancher
Betty Clark – will be a famous dancer
Robin Levinson – will be a history teacher
Gil Warrenton – will be an auto racing driver
Jackie Horner – will be a concert pianist
Joel Davis – will be a radio announcer
Ted Donaldson – will be an author
George Zeutzius – will be a lawyer on the bench



THE STORY OF THE CIRCUS

The circus is an epic
Of a million different tales,
The performing bears, the tigers,
They repeat their story a thousand times
To anyone who'll pay.
You say one day it's childish
But you go back again next day.
You stand in front of the main big tent,
And listen to the barkers;
They look like cardboard statues
You might use for cute bookmarks.
"See the powerful Hercules,
Hurry, Hurry, Hurry!"
But do not rush, they'll wait for you
To come, you needn't worry.
"Get your cotton candy here"
Popcorn only a dime."
"Come see Mysto the Mind Reader,
You'll have a terrific time."
"See Electro and the mental giant,
Give that gentleman the money.
And the lady who swallows sharp objects,
(Keep away from the big sword Sonny.)"
Then you enter the Big Tent,
There the barkers have tact,
"We are proud to present the siamese twins
And their sensational trapeze act!"
See the brothers who walk the tightrope,
And the man who cast away fears,
By entering the lions cage!"
(They've probably been trained for years.)
Yes, you'll see all these and myriads more,
(They'll amaze you if you don't mind them.)
So remember if you go to the Circus
That's where you'll find them . . .

Freshman Menagerie

When the circus arrived in our town, I decided to visit it. I get the surprise of my life when the lion trainer came out to do his act. It was our own Gill Warrenton in the cage doing a very fine job of animal taming. As I watched the rest of the show I saw that the clowns were Mike Hemingway, James Miller, Joel Davis, and Ted Donaldson. The bare back riders were Robin Levinson and Jackie Horner. I also saw two jugglers who were Betty Clark and Bob Padden. Pat Cowen and Owena Peterson were introduced as tight rope walkers who would perform with a fifteen piece band under the direction of Leonard Mazzola.

Later, as I bought some peanuts and pink lemonade, I realized that the salesman was none other than Luke O'Conner. After the circus we all met and had a grand time talking over our Freshman days at Mar-Ken.

The First Event

It was on an unknown day at the beginning of the year 1947, that the Freshman class except for a refraining two or three, started out to go horseback riding. We all went out and piled into Mar-Ken's buggy and proceeded to look for a nice grassy spot at Griffith Park. On arriving, we spread out our food and commenced to eat. We had a nice vegetable salad which of course became a little messy on the way out. There was a hot dish, this time being macaroni and salmon. We also had potato chips and last but not least a chocolate cake and a white cake. We were no longer hungry so we all scrambled back in the cars for a short and noisy ride to the Pico stables. We arrived there in one piece and ran inside to see those beautiful horses. After waiting a mere thirty minutes we were all on our horses and started out on our trip.

We started rolling along. Everyone was talking at once and not really saying anything but having a good time. We rode for quite a while then took some pictures. We started up the hill and when we arrived at the top and stopped to take some more pictures.

Then we started the journey down. We arrived on flat ground all in one piece and continued on. We crossed the Los Angeles River which incidentally had some water in it as we all found out by getting wet.

So we started the last part of our trip by walking the horses home. We reached the stable in good spirits and stopped a few minutes for more pictures and a coke.

We had to leave so we all crawled out to the car and flopped down and rode in leisurely fashion back to dear old Mar-Ken.

Comic Strip Characters

Jackie Horner	Fritzi Ritz
Pat Cowen	Aggie Mack
Betty Clark	Brenda Starr
Robin Levinson	Daisy Mae
Owena Peterson	Dixie Dugan
Bob Padden	Terry Lee
Mike Hemingway	Dagwood
George Zeutzius	Dick Tracy
Luke O'Conner	Li'l Abner
Gil Warrenton	Flash Gordon
Joel Davis	Henry
Ted Donaldson	Ralph Freeto

Songs for the Freshmen

Jackie Horner	Kitten on the Keys
Pat Cowen	I'll Get By
Betty Clark	Confessin'
Robin Levinson	Good, Good, Good
Bob Padden	Because
Mike Hemingway	I Like Mike
George Zeutzius	Remember Me
Luke O'Connor	What a Difference a Day Made
Gill Warrenton	Some Day I'll Know
Joel Davis	I Wish I Knew
Ted Donaldson	My Little Bimbo
Owena Peterson	Mamma Do I Gotta

Sophomore Side Show

The Side Show of a circus is really as good as the Circus itself, but it is much smaller. The owners are always looking for unusual human freaks for their Side Shows. They bring them in from all over the world. Of course they are never as unusual or freakish as they would have you believe. There is always a sword swallower, fat woman, bearded lady, fire eater, and odd freakish animals.

To each show you only see one or two attractions. Then you come out, move on, buy another ticket and see another show. This continues for some time or until your money runs out. Some people go to the circus just to see only one or two attractions. Then you come out and move on, buy another ticket and see another show. This continues for some time or until your money is gone. Some people go to the circus just to see the Side Show and not the main event which is in the big Circus of two or three or more rings.

It really is fun. Each time you expect to see something really wonderful and are a little disappointed but you have plenty of fun and lots of laughs. In the meantime you have eaten bags of popcorn, peanuts, and cotton candy.

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SOPHOMORE BIOGRAPHIES

Name - **Douglas Madore**
Born - Los Angeles -Aug. 16
Talent - Talking
Ambition - To be an actor
Nickname - Dougie
Favorite Saying - She's Crazy

Name - **Brenda Henderson**
Born - New York - July 4
Talent - Having a good time.
Ambition - To ride a horse.
Nickname - Terry
Favorite Saying - Don't you believe it!

Name - **Ralph Freeto**
Born - Witchita, Kansas
Talent - Acting
Ambition - To be an actor
Nickname - Ralphie
Favorite Saying - Holy Cow

Name - **Maretta Light**
Born - Elizabeth, New Jersey
Talent - Acting
Ambition - To be an actress
Nickname - Ettie
Favorite Saying - Golly

Name - **Barbara Banks**
Born - Fresno, Cal. - June 12
Talent - Going to shows
Ambition - To go to China
Nickname - Bobbie
Favorite Saying - That kills me

Name - **Edith Krams**
Talent - Tennis
Ambition - Foreign Editorial Writer
Nickname - Edee
Favorite Saying - Sensational

Born - Connecticut -March 8
Name - **Joan Bush**
Born - Los Angeles-May 21
Talent - Drawing
Ambition - Commercial artist
Nickname - Bushy
Favorite Saying - Say now

Name - **Therese Haddad**
Born - Los Angeles - Jan. 21
Talent - Playing the piano
Ambition - To be a concert pianist
Nickname - Terry
Favorite Saying - Golly gee whiz

Name - **Gloria Vauges**
Born - New York - Feb. 22
Talent - Dancing
Ambition - To be a ballerina
Nickname - G.G.
Favorite Saying - Gosh

Name - **Barbara Smith**
Born - Hollywood - March 30
Talent - Skating
Ambition - Professional skater
Nickname - Barbie
Favorite Saying - Oh! Dana

Name - **Gloria Eaton**
Born - Hammond, La.-Nov. 29
Talent - Torch singing
Ambition - To be a personality
singer
Nickname - Glo
Favorite Saying - Uh-huh

The Circus in Town

Little Johnny was eight years old,
And it was said, he was very bold.
One day a circus came to town,
Johnny ran into the house with a bound.

He clamored and hollered 'cause he wanted to go,
and bravely shouted he wanted some dough.
But his plans went unanswered, they just smiled at him,
And his hopes and enthusiasm grew fainter, then dim.

Johnny's folks were planning a surprise;
Something he didn't even surmise.
They meant to take him, and his neighbor too,
But Johnny didn't know and he felt very blue.
One night he broke his piggy-bank,
Creeped from the house, but slipped on a plank.
He fell down the steps and stopped with a bang
Then he let out with some eight year old slang!

Poor Johnny's plans were all messed up;
Broken so easily like a china cup.
What should he do now?
Darn it, anyhow!
Surely his folks would be very mad,
but instead they acted very sad.
It was really their fault, so they explained to their son,
And they all went to the circus, and had oodles of fun.

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The side show

Circus is a Latin word meaning “circle,” that has come down to us without change. It was used by the Romans to indicate the place in each city where chariot races, gladiatorial contests and feats of skill were held. Among the circus games were athletic contests; Trojan games; contests on horseback and chariot races, which were a favorite sport of the Romans. The prizes given to the victors were often valuable and the honors great. In the decadence of Rome came a decline of the circus and it was frequently debased by revolting spectacles, in which Christians or other people temporarily hated by the government were given over to wild beasts. This source of entertainment was advocated by Julius Caesar, who, as a rule, never charged a fee to the people to see this type of entertainment for it served as a pacifier for the emperor.

When the circus was introduced in America for the first time, it was actually a reproduction of the great Maximus Circus of which renowned Rome attributed its name in ancient days, and which was brought back for the pleasure and enjoyment of America’s people by a Connecticut yankee named Phineas Taylor Barnum.

This first company toured from city to city, and with its ever-increasing popularity had to, by means of business, enlarge its group of artists. This led to the opening of the side shows, which were added attractions to the main event, which was the big top. These side shows became many of the top features in the entire circus, to the delight of the youngsters as well as the elders. Through this success, the company hired the greatest artists of that capacity from all over the world to join their troupe of performers.

So for your enjoyment of our show let us say to you:
Ladeees and Gentlemen!!!!!!
Come to the side shows!!
See the Sophomores go through their paces!!
Come in! Come in! See the unknown scivvlings that has
baffled scientists!! (some people call it algebra but
our performers don’t speak about it)
See the map of the world as of today!! (yesterday’s map
is hereby cancelled) See a performer in a near coma after
trying to understand current events!!
See all!! Hear all!! Read all!! Come in!! Come in!!
And laugh it off!!

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They're off! The horses raced down the bridal path with the experienced riders atop their backs. Suddenly a clear voice rang out in the crisp afternoon air, "That's enough, slow down." This was Kent's voice and it was directed toward the expert riders of the Sophomore and Junior classes, who pulled their horses to an abrupt stop. (After pleading with their mounts to stop for several hundred yards.)

Yes, it was a wonderful day and everyone was having a fine time. The weather was grand for horseback riding and plans for a good time were turning out just right.

This was the Sophomore activity and the Junior class had been invited along to share the fun.

Everyone had come to school that morning all set for a good time. After school there was a slight delay before starting while Kent was fixing the movie projector, for movies the following day. This was alright though, for we were able to see a couple of good pictures. Finally when we did get started, our appetites were very sharp.

After arriving at Griffith Park everyone rushed from the car and waited patiently, tearing their hair out while Kent and Douglas proceeded to serve the food. Piping hot spaghetti along with a delicious salad, cakes and cokes aroused contented sighs from each of us.

We then hurried on to the stables and mounted our horses. From the start it was obvious that Rue Ann Cory was going to be our rear guard, for her horse insited on a couple of yards behind us. Meanwhile Eric kept us laughing as usual with tricks on his horse. Ralph soon discovered that if he pulled back on this reigns his horse would rear up beautifully. While climbing up a narrow trail a distress signal came to Kent. Edith who was near the rear had dropped her coat and needed help.

Two hours after leaving the stables we were back again and left for home with everyone I am sure, completely satisfied with the afternoon.

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JUNIOR MIDWAY

The theme of the Junior section is the Midway. This part of the circus is one of the most amusing and interesting to both young and old. The Midway has rides, fun houses, shooting galleries, penny arcades and all kinds of booths which contain games and food.

The rides offer entertainment for everyone. The Roller Coaster can only be ridden by the most daring, but the Merry-Go-Round is enjoyed by the young children and those who prefer a milder type of ride.

The Fun House provides all types of entertainment and the shooting galleries are for those who wish to test their shooting skill.

Penny Arcades are a good way of spending some money on testing games and moving pictures. The booths for other games offer prizes for skill. The food is always good, usually consisting of such things as hot dogs, popcorn, drinks candy, and ice cream.

The whole atmosphere is gay with the lights, people, and the fun and amusements that the Midway provides.....



JUNIOR BIOGRAPHIES

Name - **Barbara Ripatti,**
President
Born - Washington, Aug. 23
Saying - Kiddo!!
Ambition - Author
Pastime - Bowling
Talent - Loafing

Name - **Courtna McMann,**
Secretary
Born - Nebraska, Oct. 29
Saying - Too bad
Ambition - Actress
Pastime - Dancing
Talent - Dancing

Name - **Carter de Haven,**
Vice President
Born - California, Feb. 16
Saying - What do you mean?
Ambition - Director
Pastime - Eating
Talent - Working

Name - **Zoe Ann Willy,**
Treasurer
Born - California, Sept. 20
Saying - For Pete's Sake
Ambition - Musician
Pastime - Ice Skating
Talent - Trumpet

JUNIOR BIOGRAPHIES *continued*

Name - **Rue Ann Corey**
Born - Ill. Aug. 27
Saying - Real Terrific !!
Ambition - Public Relations
Pastime - Dancing, Swimming
Talent - Knitting

Name - **Diane Larson**
Born - California, April 6
Saying - I mean !
Ambition - Author
Pastime - Swimming
Talent - Being Quiet

Name - **Janet Tischler**
Born - New Jersey, Oct. 20
Saying - You Know !
Ambition - Artist
Pastime - Daydreaming
Talent - Drawing

Name - **Barbara Sheridan**
Born - California, Oct. 2
Saying - Asi es la vida.
Ambition - Everything
Pastime - Housewife
Talent - Driving a car.

Name - **Charmion Slaughter**
Born - California, May 26
Saying - Heavens to Betsy
Ambition - Pianist
Pastime - Bicycle riding
Talent - Getting good grades in Spanish.

Name - **John Edgar**
Born - Ohio, May 28
Saying - You Know It !
Ambition - Musician
Pastime - Pianist
Talent - Thinking

Name - **Donna Abrams**
Born - South Dakota, June 24
Saying - I Don't Know!!!
Ambition - Actress
Pastime - Everything
Talent - Pianist

Name - **Cosmo Bolger**
Born - Mass. Feb. 15
Saying - (Never says the same thing twice.)
Ambition - Coach
Pastime - Football, Swimming
Talent - Sports

Name - **Bill Nunley**
Born - Ill. July 3
Saying - Retire
Ambition - Dido
Pastime - Eating
Talent - Weightlifting

Name - **Eric Roberts**
Born - Canada, Dec. 11
Saying - Do You Love Me???
Ambition - Actor
Pastime - Acting
Talent - Acting

Name - **Bud Lyons**
Born - California, April 2
Saying - Terrific
Ambition - Artist
Pastime - Piano
Talent - Drawing and Piano

Name - **Terry Girard**
Born - California, Feb. 19
Saying - Terrific
Ambition - Dancer
Pastime - Dancing
Talent - Dancing

Junior Activity

The morning dawned bright and clear the day of the Junior activity. We were going horseback riding, so as soon as school let out, everyone changed into their riding clothes which in most cases consisted of levis and shirts. There were ten of us all together, Kent who chaperoned us, Carter, Eric, Rue Ann, Zoe Ann, Donna, Courtna, Janet, Elizabeth, and Diane.

As it was the first activity of the year for the Juniors, Mrs. Bessire furnished the hot dish for us. We drove to Griffith Park where we stopped and had spaghetti, cokes, salad, and cake, before going on to the stables. The horses were all ready for us, so soon we were on our way. Eric's horse had asthma very badly, and coughed continually going up hills, which was somewhat discouraging to Eric. This however didn't bother anyone else, and the Juniors soon were at the top of the hill. This was a beautiful sight, as the valley lay stretched before them.

At the foot of the hill, was a long level bridal trail, where we could gallop the horses, and everyone did, until Kent told us to hold them back. Further down the trail we stopped for water and to stretch a little, as several of us were beginning to feel stiff. As we started on once more, Rue Ann's horse started without her, but was stopped by Carter.

As their horse were coming along the home stretch, we kept them to a walking pace (as well as we could) so they wouldn't be too hot when we arrived at the stables.

We had ridden for two hours, when we all climbed back into the car, and scrambled for the softest place to sit. Everyone had a wonderful time and were anxious for the next activity. It was getting late by the time we returned to school, and it was not long before everyone left for home with cheery "Goodby's". A very enjoyable day came to a perfect end.

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CAN YOU IMAGINE?

Janet Tischler Not giggling
Eric Roberts Not cooking food for the Junior Class
Barbara Ripatti Not wise cracking
Courtina McMann With short hair
Barbara Allen Not getting good grades
Donna Abrams Not going to the Drug Store after school
Barbara Sheridan Not being neatly dressed
Zoe Ann Willy Not playing trumpet
Charmion Slaughter .. Not studying
John Edger Being noisy
Coz Bolger Not asking questions
Bill Nunley Not being sleepy
Rue Ann Corey Not knitting
Ida Mae Curley Making noise
Diane Larson Keeping up with the conversation
Carter De Haven Not eating
Bud Lyons Not being able to draw
Terry Gerard Without her hair in an upsweep
Bob Robb Not being late

JUNIOR NICK NAMES

Carter Soup-Boy
Diane Dianie
Eric Butch
Courtina Nicky
Barbara A. Barba
Donna Dee
Rue Ann .. Ruey
Janet Janie
Barbara S. Sherry
Zoe Ann .. Willy
Charmion . Chop Suey
John Jack
Cosmo Coz
Bill Willie
Ida Mae ... Curley
Barbara R. Babs
Bud Bud
Terry Shorty

Junior Mid-Way

It was a lazy day in mid-March. Seventeen of my fellow students were grouped about a classroom of the Mar-Ken School listening with keen interest to Mrs. Bessire deliver an exciting lecture upon genuine jewels. Jewels are alive you know. Often a thrilling story is connected with a rare jewel.

This particular day, Rue Anne had brought an old and lovely opal ring to school which had been in the possession of her family for many years. As Mrs. Bessire spoke, she held the opal up that all of us might see its beauty. Suddenly the bright sunlight reflected squarely upon the stone, causing it to send out a magnificent array of colored lights. I was fascinated, completely unable to tear my gaze from this treasure. It was as if a powerful light had been turned into my eyes. I blinked, felt a little dizzy, then strangely as if coming out of a daze, realized I was standing in the center of the mid-way of a circus staring at the bright lights of a huge ferriswheel. The laughter and gaiety of my friends came floating back to me as they went spinning about in glee.

I felt alone and apart from my friends at this moment. It seemed I came here to accomplish a mission, but what? The colored lights flickering all about me aroused a vague uneasy feeling. Somewhere in the back of my mind the green, yellow, and red lights made me think of rubies, emeralds, and opals, then suddenly I remembered, my friends and I had come here to seek a treasure. At this moment Janet and Diane came rushing up with Carter and Bud. With a gay laugh they pushed me up to the ferriswheel. I muttered something about not going up on high places because I am one of these people who suffer from hydrophobia and was informed that the word acrophobia. Anyway we were saved from the ferriswheel rides by the fact our sensitive ears picked up the sound of machine gun fire somewhere behind one of the tents. Dashing around the tent we came to an abrupt halt. There stood Bill, Jack, Coz, and also Zoe Ann, Courtna, and Donna popping peanuts into their mouths with such rapidity hence our mis-interpretation of machine gun fire. "Keep quiet." They hissed. Their eyes were focused upon a suspicious looking character who was loitering in the vicinity of the fortune teller's tent. Ida Mae spoke up and stated flatly if the gang were going to play Sherlock she'd go Holmes. Charmion thought it would be a good idea to tie up the strange man until we searched the fortune tellers booth in search of Eric, who had been missing since we first entered the mid-way. Terry, Barbara Allen, and Barbara Sheridan carefully removed their nylons. After tying them into a rope the boys cautiously made their way around the opposite side of the tent. With one big rush their victim who insisted his name was Oliver was over powered, gagged, and tied. Janet who is always alert filled her mouth with popcorn then said, "Looks like he is tied securely, but can Oliver Twist?"

Diane motioned us to move close to the tent from which the low murmur of the fortune teller's voice was barely understandable. What we heard was, "yes madam, you are the flower of your family The bloomin idiot and never worry about your family tree for you are the sap!"

Senior Biographies continued

Name - **Betty Jorgenson**
Born - April 18 - Los Angeles
Ambition - To make a perfect pair of sox.
Talent - Swimming
Saying - Don't let it throw you
Nickname - Betz

Name - **Anita Lhoest**
Born - Jan. 31 - Hollywood
Ambition - To become a fine cellist
Talent - Swimming
Saying - May I ask a question?
Nickname - Nita

Name - **Ann Massey**
Born - Evanston, Ill. - Dec. 20
Ambition - To be a singer
Talent - Acting
Saying - Honestly
Nickname - Ann

Name - **Ernest Myers**
Born - Nov. 25 - Glendale
Ambition - Radio actor
Talent - Chart scholar
Saying - Drop dead
Nickname - Scott

Name - **Alberta Parker**
Born - Feb. 17 - White Plains, N.Y.
Ambition - To graduate from college
Talent - Getting into tight spots
Saying - Glory
Nickname - Bert

Name - **Nancy Angela**
Born - Oct. 3 - Spokane, Wash.
Ambition - To sing at the Met
Talent - Singing
Saying - Holy Cow
Nickname - Angie

Name - **Richard Pollack**
Born - March 9 - San Diego
Ambition - To be a Russian general
Talent - Being a genius
Saying - I say old boy
Nickname - Dick

Name - **Robert Rebbeck**
Born - Aug. 9 - Hollywood
Ambition - Flying
Talent - Sports
Saying - What's doing
Nickname - Frenchie

Name - **William Smith**
Born - April 17 - Los Angeles
Ambition - To make money
Talent - Flying
Saying - How do I know
Nickname - Smitty

Name - **Don Washburn**
Born - Feb. 2 - Fort Lewis, Wash.
Ambition - Surgeon
Talent - Driving
Saying - Ten or twelve times
Nickname - Shorty

Name - **Suzanne Abrams**
Born - Aug. 9 - Long Island, N.J.
Ambition - Concert pianist
Talent - Pianist
Saying - Don't be silly
Nickname - Suzie

Name - **Patricia Boshell**
Born - Jan. 26 - Berkeley, Cal.
Ambition - Dancing with the Ballet Russe.
Talent - Dancing
Saying - It's a good day for the beach.
Nickname - Patrish

Senior Biographies *continued*

Name - **Irving Bush**
Born - April 7 - Los Angeles
Ambition - To teach Dodie to drive
Talent - Music
Saying - You lowly mortal!
Nickname - Gregory

Name - **Richard Flock**
Born - May 19 - Los Angeles
Ambition - Forest Ranger
Talent - Sports
Saying - No kiddin'
Nickname - Dick

Name - **Elizabeth Haddaway**
Born - March 5
Ambition - Housewife
Talent - Singing
Saying - Curses
Nickname - Liz



Circus Poem

The buzzing of a circus,
The shouting, fighting, loving, dying,
The unaffected joy of each hard-working man,
Has always filled my soul with wonder.

They appear one summer morn,
Give happiness to a lonely town,
Then disappear again that night.
The barkers with their all too subtle humor,
The helpless freedom of the caged animals,
The pathetic eyes of all the "freaks",
The gay abandonment of the death-defying performers,
Are not merely part of the act.
They are the heart and the pulse.
They are the circus.

SENIOR PREDICTIONS

Ray Werts – Will be composing the "Patchen Suite for Piano and Auto-horn.

Dolores Pierce – Will never change her wonderful personality.

Val Shepard – Will still be taking care of her baby sister.

Tru Worth – Will be a successful dancing instructor.

Irving Bush – Will prove that silence is the best substitute for wisdom.

Nancy Angela – Singing at the Met.

Lynn Hosking – Will be living in Idlewild writing to keep up her status in the literary field.

Betty Jorgensen – Will have sore feet from walking from Redlands up to her cabin in Fallsdale.

Don Washburn – Will prove that the appendix may be on either side.

Alberta Parker – Will be getting top grades in college.

Susan Abrams – Will be waltzing in Vienna.

Richard Pollack – Will be employed by the government as an ambassador to Russia.

Anita Lhoest – Will be playing the cello in the Philharmonic.

Lorallei Horton – Will win the Ice Skating championships.

Ann Massey – Will be driving her new Chrysler to San Clementie.

Pat Boshell – Will be at the beach on a stormy day.

Ernie Myers – Will be a starving artist.

Richard Flock – Will still be learning to drive.

Bob Rebbeck – Will be pitching for the Dodgers.

Bill Smith – Will still be trying to put the hood on his car.

Elizabeth Haddaway – Will be doing some terrific art work.

SENIOR DITCH DAY

Well, this is it, the long awaited day! You can tell by the look on the senior's faces that this is Ditch Day.

We were all anxious to get started on that horseback ride and then for a nice cool swim. Believe me we needed it after a ride like we had. By the time we finished ducking everyone in sight it was time to come back to school and make ourselves respectable for lunch.

At Bill Smiths we had a delicious salad that just hit the spot. Continuing on our way we stopped at the Ray Werts' and had a luscious main course. Poor Ray, we completely took the house over. After eating more than was good for us we found ourselves going in the direction of Anita Lhoest's adobe, where we finished off a wonderful meal with coffee and dessert.

When we were able to walk again we waddled off to a swell show. The picture was very interesting but for some reason we just couldn't settle down. It seemed that when we remained too long in one place we couldn't move at all. Those horses should have been more gentle.

By the time the show was over we were really raring to go again. Mrs. Bessire had prepared a wonderful dinner of fried chicken and hot biscuits. I don't think any of us have ever eaten so much in our lives. After dinner we played volley ball and danced. She threw us out at 11 o'clock and we went home tired by glad we had had the chance for such a wonderful adventure as Senior Ditch Day.

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“The Moving Snow Ball Having His - - - - - Melts”

Ho! Ho! Ho! And a bottle of Sloans,
We're back from the snow packed full of groans.
The Senior snow trip was a splashing success,
From fun and excitement there was no recess.
Bundled warmly in four clunkers, we took off early and bright,
And headed for the mountains and a wood named Wright.
Everything was rosy, everything sublime,
Until we hit the ice and the cars just could not climb.
Fate dealt us a bum hand to our dismay,
This would happen with our destination a mile away.
But what of the cars??? We can't leave them here!!!
Have no fear!!! This will be a cinch.
Mar-Ken ingenuity will see us through the pinch.
Two hours we slaved, no end in sight,
Don't stop now give the old fight.
Victory was ours! The cabin viewed through the trees,
Vittles was cooking hot in the pot,
And we sat down to eat with a knocking our knees.
With lunch settled well at the bottom of our tummies,
We decided to play a game of snowball gin rummy.
The air was rent with flying missiles,
Yet the elemental structure was just frozen drizzle.
The altitude was high, our wind came belated,
The fire soon died, in the warriors eyes,
And the air from their bellows deflated.
A sled was in order, so toward town we went,
A said vehicle for us to rent.
After much hunting and bargaining, the elusive contraptions we acquired,
And homeward we trudged our feet cold and tired.
The dinner committee was working full speed ahead,
We washed, ate, then made a beeline for bed.
The moon smiled bright on the cold wintry night,
And the silence slowly crept through the halls.
Morning came soon as the sun chased the moon,
And the smell of the coffee was present in the air,
Breakfast was completed, and we were seated,
As the dishes were washed and put away with care.
Hiking clothes were donned in a hurry,
And out into the snow we flew in a flurry.
Eagerly we ran to the bottom of the mountain,
Energy flowing like the Griffith Park Fountain.
After hiking and sledding and general fun,
We headed back but we did not run.
We packed into the cars with a moan and sigh,
All good things must end so we bid you goodbye..

What an Activity

It wasn't sunny, not a bit. It wasn't even warm, in fact it was cold and drizzly. But did that stop we Seniors? NOOOOOOO, not us. And we weren't sorry either because we had a wonderful time.

We left school about twelve noon, everyone was full of pep and rarin' to go. We were driving along peacefully when we noticed a car was missing, as you might suspect it was Kent's car. At first we thought perhaps he might have dropped behind but on second thought knowing Kent's driving we realized it was out of the question. We stopped thinking we might have turned off wrong and he might come back looking for us. After about ten minutes wait and no Kent we decided to go on, especially since we had the food, that's all we needed. After driving through the mountains in the fog, which by the way was quite exciting, we reached our destination only to find Kent and all his little ones sitting there waiting, looking half starved to death. After we decided where we had lost each other we hiked about a mile and a half to our place of action. We discovered a small stream near by which by the end of our activity at least half of us fell into. (Don't misunderstand us we're really intelligent.) AH!! next came the long awaited lunch. Mrs. Bessire made us some tamale pie that was really wonderful. After lunch a small hike was suggested. That small hike turned into quite an exciting affair. We climbed rocks, rocks, and more rocks. We finally decided to return to the car and by a miracle we all got there in one piece, most of us mentally as most of us were dragged back physically. Nothing can stop we Seniors...

Senior Song Titles

Dolores Pierce	<i>You Made Me Love You</i>
Val Shepard	<i>These Foolish Things</i>
Irving Bush	<i>Man With a Horn</i>
Ray Werts	<i>Apple ---- Blossom Time</i>
Robert Rebbeck	<i>I Never Knew</i>
Anita Lhoest	<i>Holiday for Strings</i>
Richard Pollack	<i>That's My Desire</i>
Tru Worth	<i>In My Merry Oldsmobile</i>
Ernie Myers	<i>Horses Don't Bet on People</i>
Suzanne Abrams	<i>Lady Be Good</i>
Don Washburn	<i>His Feets Too Big for the Bed</i>
Elizabeth Haddaway	<i>Liza</i>
Richard Flock	<i>Lazybones</i>
Ann Massey	<i>Sophisticated Lady</i>
Betty Jorgensen	<i>Hoodle Addle</i>
Lynn Hoskin	<i>Dancing in the Dark</i>
Bill Smith	<i>Santa Catalina</i>
Nancy Angela	<i>Mam'selle</i>
Lorallei Horton	<i>Skater's Waltz</i>
Pat Boshell	<i>Dance with the Dolly</i>
Alberta Parker	<i>School Days</i>

Last Will and Testament of the Senior Class

We, the Senior Class of 1947, do hereby bequeath the following items to the Junior Class. This official proclamation makes all other agreements null and void and each section must be fulfilled according to law. We are of sound (?) mind and body and enter into this agreement full aware of its power.

- Section I Ramon Werts leaves his musical talent to Carter de Haven.**
- Section II Dolores Pierce leaves her many jobs to Zoe Ann Wiley.**
- Section III Val Shepard leaves her collection of pictures to Diane Larson.**
- Section IV Tru Worth leaves her dancing routines to Ida Mae Kerley.**
- Section V Don Washburn leaves his puns to Erik Roberts.**
- Section VI Anita Lhoest leaves her many hairdos to Courtna McMann.**
- Section VII Lynn Hosking leaves her knitting to Rue Ann Corey.**
- Section VIII Alberta Parker leaves her good grades to Charmion Slaughter.**
- Section IX Ernie Myers leaves his timely quips to Carter de Haven.**
- Section X Suzanne Abrams leaves her Humanities questions to Janet Tischler hoping she can find the answers.**
- Section XI Ann Massey leaves her big brown eyes to Terry Gerard.**
- Section XII Dick Pollack leaves his bright sayings to Coz Bolger.**
- Section XIII Pat Boshell leaves her arabesques to Donna Abrams.**
- Section XIV Nancy Angela leaves her place in the front row of Humanities Class to Barbara Allen.**
- Section XV Bill Smith leaves his height to Bill Nunnaly.**
- Section XVI Lorallie Horton leaves her ice skates to Barbara Ripatti.**
- Section XVII Betty Jorgensen leaves her giggling to any Junior who wants it.**
- Section XVIII Bob Rebbeck leaves his chemistry formulas to Jack Edgar.**
- Section XIX Dick Flock leaves his joke collection to Bob Robb.**
- Section XX Elizabeth Haddaway leaves her quite nature to Barbara Sheridan.**
- Section XXI Irving Bush leaves his full-race car to Bud Lyons.**

LE CIRCLE FRANÇAIS

PRESIDENT: Pat Boshell
VICE PRESIDENT: Owena Peterson
SECRETARY: Irving Bush
TREASURER: Ernest Myers
MEMBERS:
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Nancy Angela
Edith Krams
Pat Cowen
Robin Levinson
Douglas Madore
Brenda Henderson
Joel Davis
Ida Mae Kerley



Los Buenos Vecinos

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Barbara Banks
Barbara Smith
Charmion Slaughter
Janet Tischler
Diane Larson
Barbara Ripatti
Tru Worth
Ernest Myers
Richard Pollack
Betty Jergenson
Rue Ann Cory
Betty Clark
Therese Haddad
Lorelle Horton
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Ted Donaldson
Barbara Sheridan
Marreta Light

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SECRETARY-TREASURER: Nancy Angela
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Lorelai Horton
Terry Girard
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Also:

National Honor Society – Mar-Ken Chapter

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Calendar of '47

Sept. 16	School Opens	April 18	Science Club Party
Oct. 9	S.G.L. Initiation	April 23	Senior Sale
Oct. 25	Ranch Welcome Party	April 25	Sr. and Soph. Activity
Oct. 30	Senior Sale	May 1	Jr. and Soph. Activity
Nov. 6	Sophomore Sale	May 2	Sophomore Party
Nov. 13	Junior Sale	May 5	Spanish Club Dinner
Nov. 21	French Sale	May 6	S.G.L. Initiation
Nov. 22	Senior Activity	May 8	Faculty and Officer Luncheon
Nov. 27	Senior Sale		
Dec. 4	Sophomore Sale	May 9	Sophomore Party
Dec. 11	Junior Sale	May 13	Science Club Sale
Dec. 13	Christmas Vacation	May 14	Junior Sale
Jan. 2	Back to School	May 15	French Club Sale
Jan. 15	Junior Sale	May 16	Junior Party
Jan. 27	Finals	May 20	French Club Dinner Sophomore Movie
Feb. 3	New Semester		
Feb. 5	Sophomore Sale	May 21	Spanish Club Sale
Feb. 11	Junior Sale	May 22	Fresh. and Sr. Activity
Feb. 14	Junior Activity	May 27	Senior Ditch Day
Feb. 20	Sophomore Activity	May 29	Carnival
Feb. 21	Junior Movie	May 30	Holiday
March 7	Junior Party	June 4	Sophomore Sale
March 12	Sophomore Movie	June 6	Annual Breakfast
March 28	Easter Vacation	June 11	Junior Sale
April 7	Back to School	June 14	Baccalaureate
April 9	Junior Sale	June 16-18	Final Exams
April 15	Sophomore movie	June 18	GRADUATION

**The managers wish to express
special thanks to those who gave
of their time to assist us in
printing this annual.**

**Lorallei Horton
Janet Tishler
Douglas Madore
Carter de Haven**

**We also wish to thank Kent Bessire
for his helpful ideas and suggestions.**

*Val Shepard
Ramon Werts
Dolores Pierce*