


We, the seniors of 1940 , wish to dedicate this annual to our parents, teachers, and friends who have guided our footsteps through dear old Severance High School. We hope to repay you for your efforts and sacrifices by this mark of appreciation and rememberance--------------you have made each day of our school life happy, profitable, and filled with pleasant memories.

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Loren Hall- Basket ball- Baseball- Senior Play.
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Vivien Burden- Glee Club-Mixed Chorus- Orchestra-Senior PlayTyping award-Sec-Treasurer of class.
Pauline James- Glee Club- Mixed Chorus- Editor-in-Chief of Declarion- Editor of Annual- Vice-Pres. of class. Class Play

## CLASS HISTORY

September-1936-This senior class enrolled as freshman with 16 members.

September-1937- Enrolled as sophomores with 13 members.

September-1938- Enrolled as juniors with 10 members.

September-1939-A senior class of 9 members enrolled at Severance High School.

We selected Principal Burden as our sponsor. The senior class issued the school paper, "The Declarion".

On April 10, 1940, we presented our class play"Have Patience, Doctor". The proceeds amounted to \$28.30- but after the expenses were deducted we had

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a clear profit of $\$ 19.38$. Thanks to Miss Ebner for her fine direction of the play.

The class pictures were taken on April 5- by Marquise Studios, Enid, Oklahoma.

On April 25, we were guests of the Highland Jr. College. We enjoyed an afternoon and evening of pleasant entertainment.

May 3, our sponsor, Mr. Burden, took us on a picnic. We ate in Krug Park in St. Joseph then went to a show at the Missouri theatre.

May 10 was Senior skip day. We left Severance at an early hour and journeyed to Kansas City, Mo. An exciting day was spent and a grand time was had by everyone.

A junior-senior banquet was given in our honor by the junior class on May 2. We certainly appreciate the efforts of the juniors, and the banquet will always be one of the most pleasant of our memories.

May 11 we experienced our first alumni banquet. What a thrill!!

May 12 the Baccaulaurate service was held.
May 14 we presented the annual senior class night.
Thursday night, May 16, was Commencement. We received our diplomas. We were proud and happy to be thus honored; but when we stopped and considered that our days at $S$. H. S. were over we were rather sad.

Even so we all have pleasant memories which recall to us the ups and downs of high school life; the patient helpfulness of the teachers and the pleasant associattions of our fellow class mates.

So as seniors of 1939140 we extend our wishes to the remaining senior classes. May your final year be as happy as that of the class of 140 .

## SENIOR ROLL CALL

| Vivien Burden | Loren Hall |
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| Willis Cairo | Paul Huss |
| LeRoy Drake | Pauline James |
| Maurice Gray | Merritta Osborn |
|  | Vernon |
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OFFICERS
President------------------Vernon Schriner Vice-President------------Pauline James Secretary-Treasurer------Vivien Burden Class Sponsor------------Mr. Burden

Class Flower-------------American Beauty Rose Class Colors--------------0ld Rose and Silver
 when do we anchor?"

## CLASS POEM

> In sailing on the sea of life
> We know that there shall be,
> A lot of hardships and of strife, Before we cross the sea.
> But we feel sure that we shall find, Enough happiness in store,
> That we can leave all glooms behind, On our past and distant shore.
> So when we launch upon this sea,
> We must seek the proper place,
> To Anchor, so that there will be
> A smile on each and every face.
> One memory of our long journey,
> Which Will never, never, die.
> Will be the happy, care.-free days
> We spent at Severance High.

## SENIOR CLASS WILL

We, the Senior Class of 1940, do here-by bequeath our peculiarities and our irregularities to the Junior Class of 1940 , provided they do not get married before May 1941. To the Sophomore Class of 1940 we leave our ability to study, our midnight oil (what we have left), our second hand books, and our happy disposition. To the Freshran Class we leave all short pencils, our extra note book paper and note books as guides to study by. To the following students we leave certain personal property:

Vernon Schriner: His ability to smile and study to Frances Heeney.

Pauline James: Her title as Editor-in-Chief of the Declarion to Warren Neal. Her personality to Eloise Bird.

Vivien Burden: Her ability to sing to Ida Rice and her salesmanship to Charles Albers.

Loren Hall: His mathematical ability to Eldon Kimmi and his ability to play basketball to Harold Halling.

Maurice Gray: His track and basketball playing ability to Tom Gailagher. His seat in back of Wilma Frakes to Bobbie Atkerson.

Merritta Osborn: Her typing to Mildred Rice and her interest in the boys to Clara Rose Dittemore.

LeRoy Drake: His good looks and popularity with the girls to Franklin Courtin. His pleasant disposition to Ruth Anne Sechler.

Paul Huss: His singing ability to Paul Bird and his height to Kenneth Roland.

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## CLASS PROPHECY

In my leisure time one Sunday afternoon I decided to look in the future occupation of my classmates. I have often looked into the future and wondered what $I$ and my classmates would be doing in thirty years from now.

In my mind I have often singled each one out and pictured them. Now I shall write down on this paper and tell you my different views of each one.

Willis Orren Cairo-- As I see him he has a beard. He is a prosperous Kansas farmer. He has a well established home with grand-children playing in his front yard.

Vivien Lucille Burden-- She has retired from her successful career as an opera singer. Her husband sells new stratosphere rocket ships.

Le Roy Drake-- As I see Le Roy he has fooled us all. He is a chemist and has discovered a formula for making fuel that will revolutionize motor industry.

Pauline James-- She has retired from secretarial work under her husband after twenty years of hard work. Her husband is a southern gentleman who has treated his wife with up-most respect. They have a push button home and Pauline has reached her time in life when she can look down the ladder of time at what happened in old S. H. S.

Vernon Schriner-- He has a goat-te. He has been a successful accountant for the Lucky Strike Cigarette Co. He has a wife who has devoted her married life's attention to him.

Merritta Osborn-- I see Merritta sitting in the class room teaching book-keeping. She has been a successful teacher and has a new stream lined home.

Paul Huss-- As I see Paul, Huss he is standing in the class or rather before an altar preaching to a large congregation. He is one of the country's foremost preachers.

Maurice Gray-- He has attended many years of college, equipping himself for teaching athletics and is a very successful athletic coach at Notre Dame. He is married and has a boy playing college basketball. He has been a successful player because of his father's coaching.

Loren Hall-- As I see myself I am head of the American bum association. I am single. I have roamed the world over and have found no place like dear old U. S. A.




JUNIOR CLASS


SOPHOMORE CLASS


FRESHMAN CLASS

## JUNIOR ROLL CALL

Charles Albers Eloise Bird Betty Lou Cairo Leamon Coy Ernest Dittemore Jeanne Dittemore

Thomas Gallagher Mary Frances Heeney Georgia Huss Warren Neal Ida Mae Nelson Mildred Rice

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Class Flower---------------------Daisy
Class Colors----------------------Iellow and White
Class Motto----------------------Excelsior

## JUNIOR CLASS HISTORY

The junior class has an enrollment of twelve students, one less than the class had last year. Harold Johnson moved to Lincoln, Nebraska, at the end of the school term. Pauline Courtin and Ruth Heastan quit school and are now enjoying married life. At the begjinning of the second semester, Leamon Coy enrolled as a member of our class. Thomas Gallagher joined us from Bendena. Eloise Bird, Frances Heeney and Ernest Dittemore are together in their eleventh year of education. They hope to graduate together in 1941.

This year the junior class was represented on the basketball squad by Eloise Bird, Georgia Huss, Betty Lou Cairo, Jeanne Dittemore, Frances Heeney, Ernest Dittemore, Charles Albers, and Warren Neal. All of the junior girls were regulars on the first team. It was almost a team made of junior girls. Two juniors played in the school orchestra. They were Warren Neal and Frances Heeney. In the glee Clubs we were represented by Jeanne Dittemore, Eluise Bird, Betty Lou Cairo, Mary Frances Heeney, Ida Mae Nelson, Mildred Rice, Warren Neal, Georgia Huss, Ernest Dittemore, Charles Albers, and Thomas Gallagher.

In the Mardi Gras, our class presented a one-act play "He Wins or---Does She?"

In December we presented the annual junior play. Its title was "Aunt Susie Shoots the Works". It was a great success. We had a very large crowd. Our gross receipts were $\$ 29.50$

Our junior class instituted the junior-senior banquet in S. H. S. This gala occasion was on Wednesday, May 1, 1940 , in our school auditorium.
Ida Mae Nelson was the art editor for our school paper. was her second year.
Miss Ebner was our sponsor and we were pleased with our choice. We thank Miss Ebner for doing so well in coaching our play and assisting us with our junior-senior banquet.

## SOPHOMORE ROLL CALL

Willard Caton<br>Franklin Courtin<br>Alvin Drake<br>Harold Halling<br>Junior Huss

Ida Rice
Ruth Anne Sechler George Sinclair Phyllis Ware Lola Wilcox

## OFFICERS

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## SOPHOMORE CLASS HISTORY

The sophomore class began the year with practioally Willcox came in from Troy High School. There are ten members in the sophomore class.

On the Mardi Gras program we presented a pantomime play, entitled "A Successful Operation". We also exhibited an electric chair, which thrilled many of our townspeople. During the evening, votes were solicited for a Queen of the Mardi Gras. Phyllis Ware, a popular young lady and a member of the sophomore class, was elected and was duly crowned Queen. The sophomore class thought the Mardi Gras was a success because we made $\$ 4.69$ which may mean a picnic.

The girls who went out for basketball were Ruth Anne Sechler, Ida Rice, and Lola Willcox. The boys were Frandlin Courtin, Alvin Drake, Harold Halling, Junior Huss and George Sinclair.

Those taking orchestra were Harold Halling, Ruth Anne Sechler, Phyllis Ware, and George Sinclair. All were in the orchestra last year except Gerorge Sinclair, who started this year.

All the boys went out for track, which was given instead of baseball.

The sophomore class girls were well represented in being candidates for queens. Ruth Anne Sechler was elected by the student body as a candidate for queen in the Doniphan County Apple Blossom Festival. Phyllis Ware was also elected by the student body as a candidate for queen in the St. Joseph Apple Blossom Festival.

Our Class also displayed its dramatic ability--in a small way. We presented a playlet, "Cappy Explains", on May l3th. This completed our yearis work in English'II.

We wish to express our appreciation to Mr. Bonebrake for his fine support to our class. As a sponsor, he is "tops".

## FRESHMAN ROLL CALL

Wilma Frakes
Martha Drake
Margaret Reinert
Clara Rose Dittemore
Harold Neal

Kenneth Roland Paul Bird
Eldon Kimmi
Bobby Atkeson
Clarence Boos

OFFICERS


Class Flower--------------------------Violet
Class Colors------------------------Orange and Black
Class Motto-------------------------It is better to keep up than to catch up.

## FRESHMAN CLASS HISTORY

In September, 1931, a group of little boys and girls started their education in Severance Grade School. Only one of this group remained to enter S.H.S. This was Paul Bird.

In the grade school the class gained Clarence Boos from Bendena, Kenneth Roland from Moray, Bobby Atkeson from Herkimer, Clara Rose Dittemore from Horton, and Margaret Rienert from Troy.

On entering S.H.S. in September, 1939, we were joined by Harold Neal from Hooper's Ford; Martha Drake, Wilma Frakes, and Eldon Kimmi from Laverentz. Thịs makes an enrollment of ten in the freshman class.

In October the seniors initiated the freshman as well as the two new members of the faculty, Mr. Bonebrake and Mr. Kimmi. We were all voted as good sports, as we performed the tasks set before us to the best of our ability.

The freshman class was well represented in Mardi Gras by giving a play entitled, "Treasure Island". We took the play from our English book.

The freshman class is now completing a very good year in S. H. S. May the remaining three years be the same. Mr. Kimrni is our sponsor.

"MARDI GRAS"

The Mardi Gras was given November 10, 1939, in the high school auditorium.

The purpose of the Mardi Gras was to raise funds for each class in high school and each grade room.

The freshmen sold hot dogs and coffee; they also had an electric chair. Every one seemed to be good sports and took turns getting shocked. The sophomores sold pop corn and candy. Everyone enjoyed the sophomores refreshments immensely. The juniors sold ice cream and soda pop. Those who needed refreshments supported the juniors stand. The seniors sold doughnuts and cider;

Each class in high school and each of the grade rooms gave a fifteen-minute program. The seniors represented "Move Stars in Hollywood". The juniors gave "He Wins -or Does She?" (All the junior girls won!) The sophomores gave "A Successful Operation". Alvin Drake made a good patient. The freshman gave a short play from "Treasure Island". They had read this story in English I. Miss Ruth Barnes' students had a comedy sketch "Old Ford". It seemed as if the tires were not very good ones. Miss Barbara Lawhon's pupils presented a musical play, "Jam Session".

The classes all worked together in their stands and the proceeds were divided equally among the classes.

Miss Phyllis Ware was chosen Queen of the Festival. She was elected by popular vote.

## TYPING AWARDS

In recognition of definite speeds achieved by the members of the typing I and II classes, Miss Ebner awarded the following students:

## September

Frances Heeney
George Albers
Merritta Osborn
Willis Cairo
Ida Mae Nelson
November
Merritta Osborn

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Ida Mae Nelson
Pauline James
George Albers
Jeanne Iittemore
Betty Lou Cairo
Paul Huss
Frances Heeney Mildred Rice

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April
Georgia Huss
Betty Lou Cairo
Eloise Bird

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D R A M A T I C S
"AUNT SUSIE SHOOTS THE WORKS"
Cast
-December 6. Mary Frances Heeney

 Mrs. Edward Dunning---------------------------Mildred Rice


 Johnny Rogers-----------------------------------Narren Neal


## "HAVE PATIENCE DOCTOR"




Pierce Dutton------------------------------------Loren Hall
Nelson B. Watterman-----------------------Maurice Gray




Marịon Turner-.....................................................................................


Between-Act Numbers:
Vocal Duet- - - - Vivien Burden Pauline James
Boys' Quartet- - -Warren Neal, Willis Cairo LeRoy Drake \& Paul Huss Selections by the School Orchestra Director of Dramatics Miss Ebner

## JUNIOR - SENIOR BANQUET

The First Annual Junior-Senior Banquet was held in the auditorium and gymnasium of the school, on Thursday, May 2, 1940. As this was the first banquet of its kind to be presented the juniors of 1940 set the pace for all junior classes to follow.

The theme of the banquet was obtained from the motto of the senior class, "Tonight we launch; where do we anchor?" The nautical theme was carried out to the nth degree in the way of invitations, programs, decorations, and favors. The class colors of old rose and silver were also used to advantage. The table was set upon the stage and the table decoration was a miniature of Columbus' ship the "Santa Maria". The motto was placed on the back wall with old-rose letters on a silver background. Life-savers of the senior-class colors adorned the side walls. The place cards were unique little wooden ships of the colors stated, and the programs, too, were of the life-saver design in the same colors.

The meal was prepared and served by the Christian Ladies and was enjoyed by all.

## The Menu

Fruit Cocktail
Chicken-fried steak Creamed peas Mashed potatoes and gravy pineapple salad Parker house rolls

## butter

Ice cream-cake
To complete the evenings entertainment was the program of which Jeanne Dittemore was Madam Toastmaster. Toasts were given by Pauline James, Vernon Schriner and Mr. Burden. Miss Heeney topped the evening with an astounding class prophecy of the seniors 10 years hence. The banquet was opened and closed by group singing and special musical numbers were given by Miss Dittemore, soloist, and Misses Cairo and Huss (duet). A'pleasant evening was had by all and the juniors sincerely hope the tradition set down by them will be followed throughout the years.

## MUS I C

## GIRLS' GLEE CLUB

The following girls participated in the girls' glee club: Eloise Bird, Jeanne Dittemore, Martha Drake, Vivien Burden, Wilma Frakes, Pauline James, Georgia Huss, Ida Mae Nelson, Merritta Osborn, Margaret Rineart, Ida Rice, Ruth Anne Sechler, Phyllis Ware, and Lola Wilcox.

These girls sang in the Troy Music Festival April 19. The Severance High School presented an Annual Spring Music Festival May 8.

## BOYS' GLEE CLUB

The following boys participated in the boys' glee club: Charles Albers, Alvin Drake, Paul Huss, Eldon Kimmi, George Sinclair, and Tom Gallagher. These boys aiso sang in the Music Festival at Troy.

## ORCHESTRA

The school orchestra is composed of the following people: George Albers--Violin, Paul Bird--Trombone, Vivien Burden--Violin, Martha Drake--Violin, Frances Heeney--Snare Drum, Harold Halling--Violin, Eldon Kimri--Trumpet, Warren Neal--Clarinet, Ruth Anne Sechler--Piano, George Sinclair--Trombone, Phyllis Ware--Violin, Clarence Boos--Drum, Wilma Frakes--Violin, Willis Cairo--Trumpet, Aklyn Turley--French Horn, liary Beth Boos-Violin, Uel Donald Burden-Trumpet, Billy Miller--Clarinet, Leon Erdley--Clarinet, and Eugene Boos--Trumpet.


BOYS' BASKETBALL SQUAD


ORCHESTRA

## BOYS' BASKETBALL

The record of our basketball team during 1939-1940 is impressive. The boys won ten out of nineteen games. Severance lost their final game in the County Tournament by one point which gave us second place! "Oh my". The Severance boys took third place in the District Elimination Tournament. This record put us in the Regional Tournament held at Atchison, Kansas. We were defeated the first game because of Powhattan's height advantage. The four-year members of our successful team are Maurice Gray, Willis Cairo, Paul Huss and Loren Hall.

The squad was composed of Maurice Gray, Loren Hall, Willis Cairo, Paul Huss, Ernest Dittemore, Franklin Courtin, Alvin Drake, George Sinclair, Junior Huss, Eldon Kimin, Charles Albers, Clarence Boos, Paul Bird, Bobby Atkerson, and Warren Neal.

## BASEBALL AND TRACK

Baseball has been a major fall sport in school for several seasons, Nearly every boy in school participates in this sport. During last fall's baseball season, Severance won six games and lost three.

Track is becoming a very popular sport in both large and small schools in the spring of the year. This sport gives each and every individual a chance to develop his initiative and win individual.honors. There were several boys who entered the County Track Meet at Troy, Kansas. There were two boys who came out ahead in this track meet. Willis Cairo, placed third in the 440 yd . dash, and Maurice Gray placed first in the 880 yd . or $1 / 2$ mile.

## GIRLS' BASKETBALL

Our girls' basketball team corisisted of five of our former players. This year's team was composed of juniors, sophomores, and freshmen. They won three games and lost five. The squad was very small in number but nevertheless, the girls seemed to do their best when some of the players were eliminated from the game on fouls.

The girls' basketball squad, which should form the bulwark of next year's team are Betty Lou Cairo, Georgia Huss, Eloise Bird, Ruth Anne Sechler, Jeanne Dittemore, Frances Heeney, Wilma Frakes, Lola Wilcox, and Ida Rice.


One night when Vernon Schriner was out with one of our dignified senior girls; he was so interested in the conversation that he could not see a herd of cows that was standing in the road so naturally he hit two before he woke up.

Can you imagine George Albers riding a bicycle to Atchison to see a couple of Myers girls.

It is impossible for LeRoy Drake to make lower than a "C" in Physics.

Paulịne James, Frances Heeney and Jeanne Ditternore, the three musketeeris still laugh at their own jokes--No one else will.

Eldon still believes that "Buffalo Bill" got up every Sunday morning before breadfast and salted the Baffalo: Mr. Burden claims that the salt cured many of them.

Think of the Seniors' slogon, "To Night We Launch, When Shall We Anchor": The Junior and Senior Banquet Anchored most of them.

Can you think of a reason for a "Drake" landing in a "Rice Field".

Tom Gallagher and Eldon Kimmi are capable of out talking the whole agriculture class, and that's saying something.

Frances Heeney can speak more French in one minute than a Frenchran could speak in an hour, but a Frenchman would think it was English.

The heaviest dates known in Severance High School took place in Liaurice Gray's Ford.

Merritta Osborn is known as May West 11.
Vivien Burden is so popular that two senior boys took her home from the Highland Senior Day.

Loren Hall was very angry. He murderously shot coach Bonebrake in the back of his head with a paper wad. This happened one noon hour. His trial was held after four $o^{\prime}$ clock that evening.



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