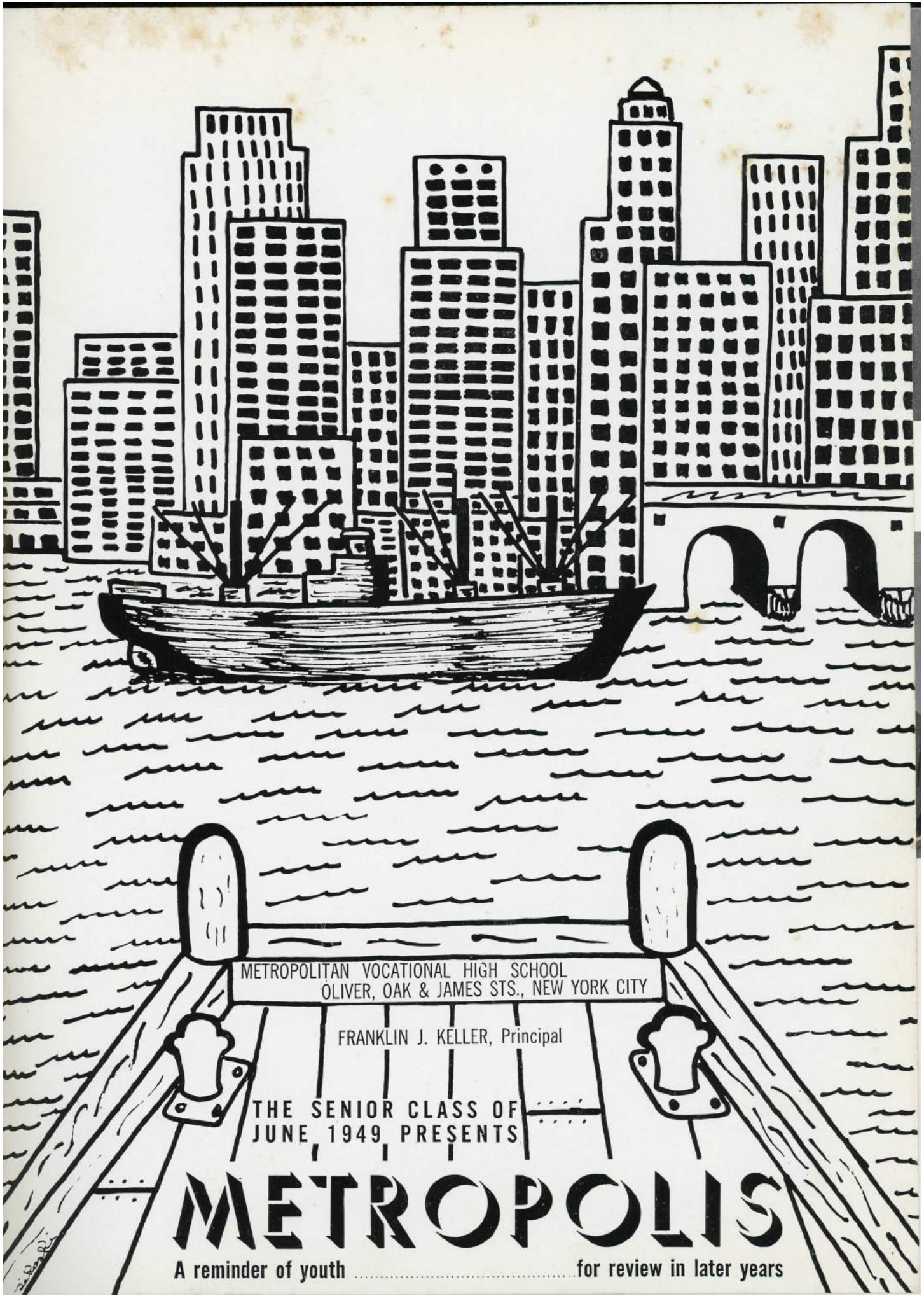




# METROPOLIS

JUNE  
1949

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METROPOLITAN VOCATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL  
OLIVER, OAK & JAMES STS., NEW YORK CITY

FRANKLIN J. KELLER, Principal

THE SENIOR CLASS OF  
JUNE, 1949, PRESENTS

# METROPOLIS

A reminder of youth ..... for review in later years

**PRINCIPAL'S  
MESSAGE**

As you leave this school I should like to emphasize for you the importance of your personality — personality that results from an intensive and far-reaching program of guidance. For all this is a major factor in the teaching of morals. In fact, some maintain that development of personality is ethics, that good morals are good personality, and that good personalities are collectively the good society. For, all guidance procedures are concerned with making the individual person “good” — both “good for something” and “good per se.” It is the process of getting him to choose the “right” action. It is effective only if the situations are real, the stimulus great, and the teacher himself an effective personality.

We hope that these situations have actually been real, that the stimulus to your activity has been great, that the teachers have been effective personalities in your development. Summing up, we hope that yours will be “the good life.”

Franklin J. Keller

**DR.  
FRANKLIN  
JEFFERSON  
KELLER**  
principal



During the past few years Metropolitan has been making great strides. You are leaving a school which offers unparalleled facilities for education at the high school level in the fields of maritime occupations, commercial photography, and the performing arts. No high school in the country can equal our instruction in these fields. But this preeminence is not only a matter of improved shops, new buildings or schoolships — important as these are. Our most important resources are human beings — students like yourselves who have called forth the devotion of an outstanding group of teachers.

My congratulations and best wishes to you and your parents.

David G. Salten



**DR. DAVID G. SALTEN**  
administrative assistant



**F. ALEXANDER DRAKE**  
teacher-in-charge  
**TECHNICAL ACADEMIC COURSES**

You're leaving school. It is proper. You're ready to make your own way in life. But don't lose the idea of school,—learning, training, progress, growth. No matter how dull or routine your first job may seem, search for ways of making it more important, and yourself more valuable. Carry that thought over to your community. Take an intelligent and active interest in its affairs. Take your place in it. Grow with it.

F. A. Drake



*We hope you will be at work at the bank*

**DR. FRANK H. PAINE**  
teacher-in-charge  
**PERFORMING ARTS ANNEX**

Individually, with courage, stamina and ability, you have contributed to the achievements of this splendid graduating class. With this step in your progress toward divergent goals completed, you will be privileged to develop your specialized talents in competition with others. Your diploma from MVHS should inspire you to move with confidence to make community conditions better. We have faith that you will succeed.

Frank H. Paine



**JOS. W. SCHELLINGS**  
teacher-in-charge  
**S.S. JOHN W. BROWN ANNEX**

If you will apply Miss Regina M. Fitzpatrick's words on "The Pursuit of Happiness" to your daily living, I am sure that you will be both happy and successful.

"Give of yourself. It is the opposite of what seems to be the prevailing sentiment of the day. The glib orators of the day may warn you of giving too much to the job. 'Don't take responsibility' — they say. How wrong they are! Remember that there is nothing that will pay you greater dividends than conquering a difficult job."

Joseph W. Schellings



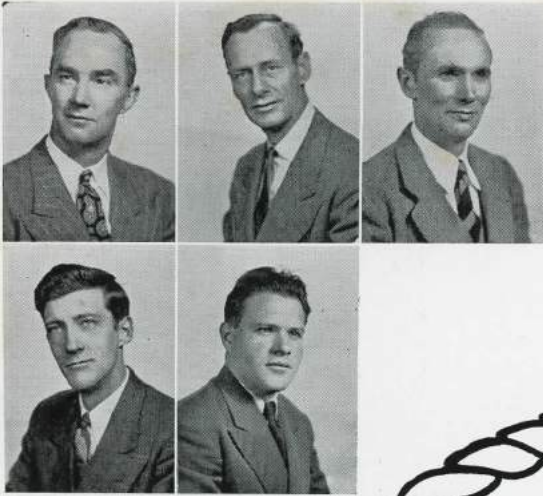
**HARRY WINSTON**  
teacher-in-charge  
**VOCATIONAL ACADEMIC COURSES**

During the past four years I have been particularly impressed with the splendid spirit and co-operation that you have evidenced in so many ways in support of your school organization and in extra-curricular activities.

You have displayed the highest qualities and attributes of fine American youth. It makes me happy indeed to know that you stand on a firm foundation for achieving success in your future pursuits.

I wish you good luck and Godspeed.

Harry Winston



Left to Right: Joseph W. Schellings, Norman Adie, Alexander Donegan, Warren McConnell, Martin Reed.

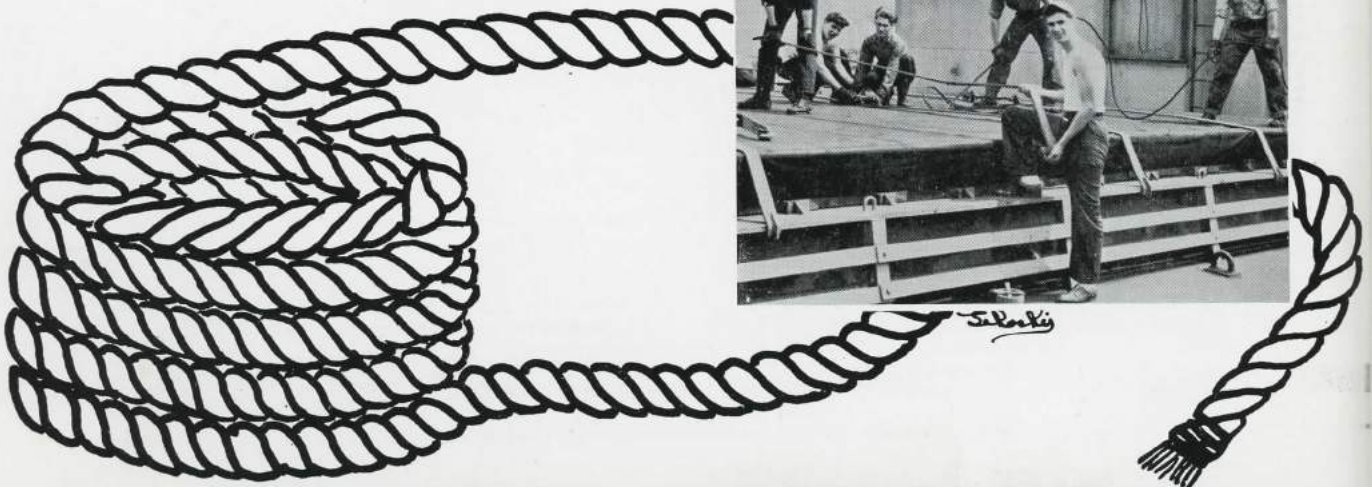
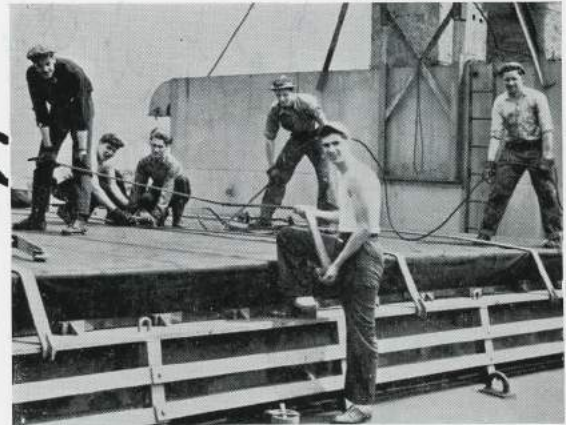


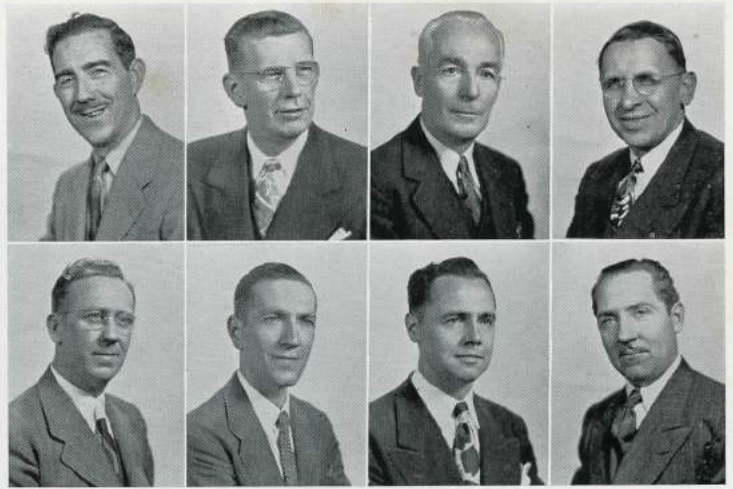
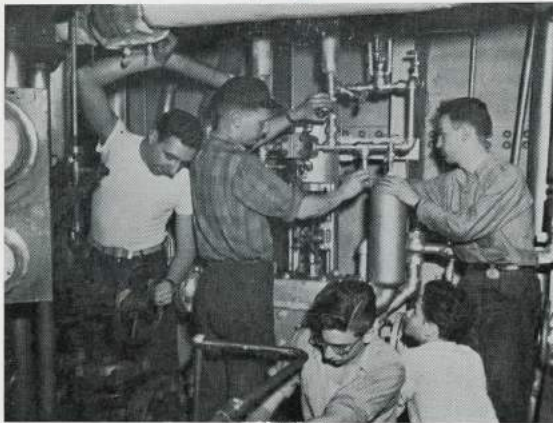
In order to properly train a student for the Deck work aboard ship a widespread course in seamanship is given. This course covers Marline spike seamanship, which includes the construction of fiber and wire ropes, the tying of knots, and the splicing of rope. A good part of this course covers ship organization, ship construction, classification of ships and ship navigation. All of these subjects are an essential part of good seamanship.

This course gives the students a good deal of practice in the care and handling of cargo booms. The course also gives intense training in the care, handling and use of the lifeboat, the lifeboat equipment and in lifeboat construction. This course has sent many well trained men to sea, in the past years, and will continue to do so in the future.

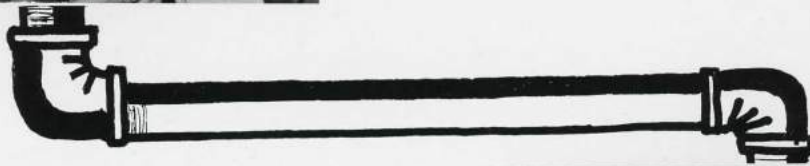


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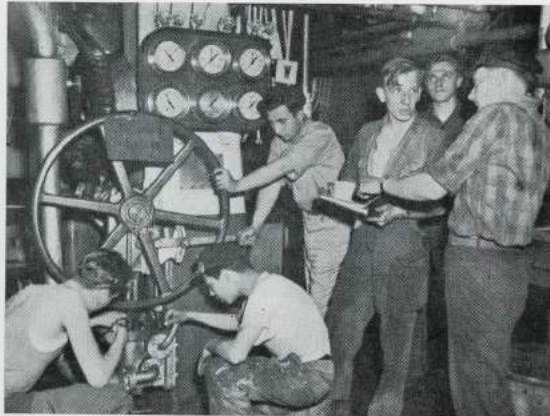
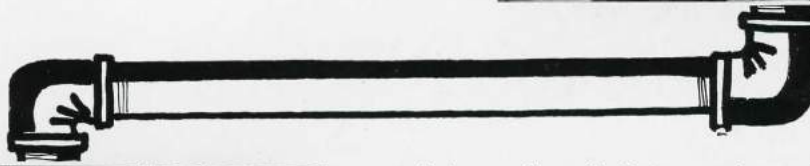




Left to Right: William B. Patterson, Carl A. Arrhenius, Emil Backman, Henry P. Bollenbach, Mortimer J. Gleeson, Frank Krustangel, William E. Mooney, John Semenko.

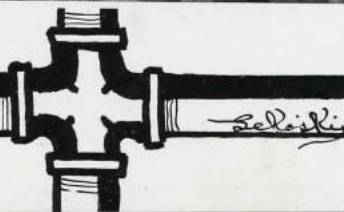


## MARITIME TRADES: ENGINES.



It is usually said that a marine engineer is a "Jack of all trades." This appears to be the truth when we look at the engine department's course of study. It includes marine pipe-fitting, bench work, sheet metal work, boiler maintenance, gas engines, steam engines, etc. We do not endeavor to make engineers of our students but we do train and educate them in the basic fundamentals of engineering. This will enable them to take a firm foothold in their first job aboard ship and be able to carry out the orders of their superiors. Special phases of the work are given in stationary (power) engineering for those students who wish to stay landlubbers.

Discipline, organization and teamwork, and one's willingness to carry out orders are also stressed in addition to the regular ship's maintenance work. We can probably sum all this up by saying — an interest in human relations and a day's work for a day's pay should lead one on the road to success.





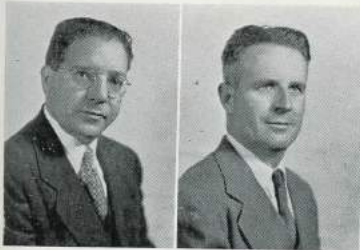
Left to Right: Carleton W. Bacon, Henry J. Burfeind, Morris K. Kunins, Elias Maier, Louis W. Tesar.

Camera Dodger: Harold D. Dresdner.

## MARITIME TRADES: RADIO-ELECTRICAL.



The objective of the ELECTRICAL-RADIO-TELEVISION department is to furnish experience opportunities to our students in the many phases of electricity and radio communications. The ability of our graduates to obtain and hold positions such as marine electrician, building electrician, motor maintenanceman, radio technician, marine radio officer, broadcast station engineer, sound-recording technician, salesman, television installationman, or to go on to higher education is ample proof of the course's soundness.



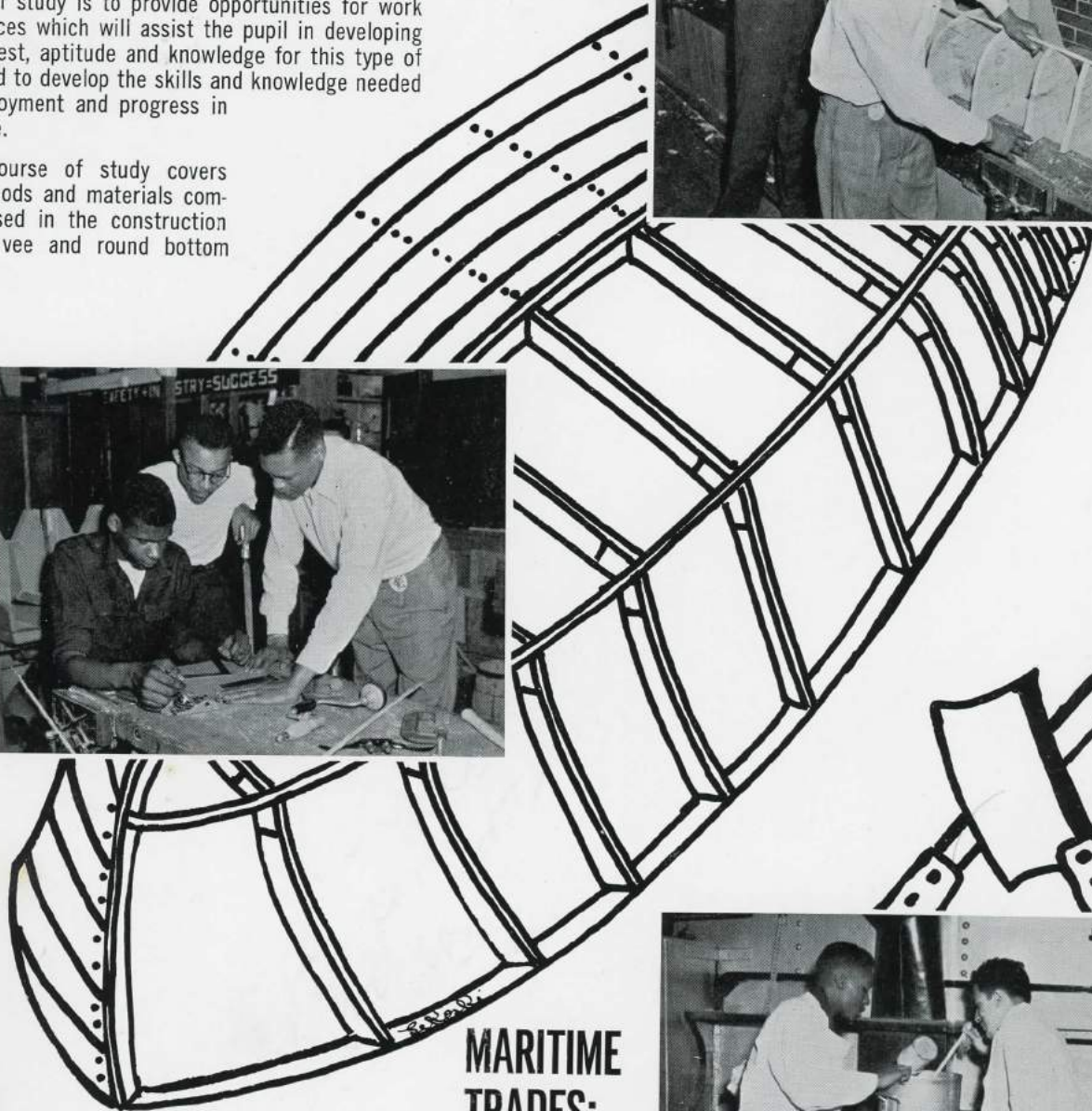
Left to Right: Massimo Darius, Ezra Wood.

Camera Dodger: Abraham Levy.

# MARITIME TRADES: BOATBUILDING

The general aim and objective of the Boatbuilding course of study is to provide opportunities for work experiences which will assist the pupil in developing his interest, aptitude and knowledge for this type of work, and to develop the skills and knowledge needed for employment and progress in the trade.

The course of study covers the methods and materials commonly used in the construction of flat, vee and round bottom hulls.



# MARITIME TRADES: STEWARD.

The function of the Steward Department is to maintain the seaman's home life aboard ship. The members of this department have received the proper training in the preparation and the serving of meals, the proper care of crew's quarters and of the ship in general. If the Steward Department works efficiently, a clean, well-fed and a happy crew results.



Walter V. Fitzpatrick.

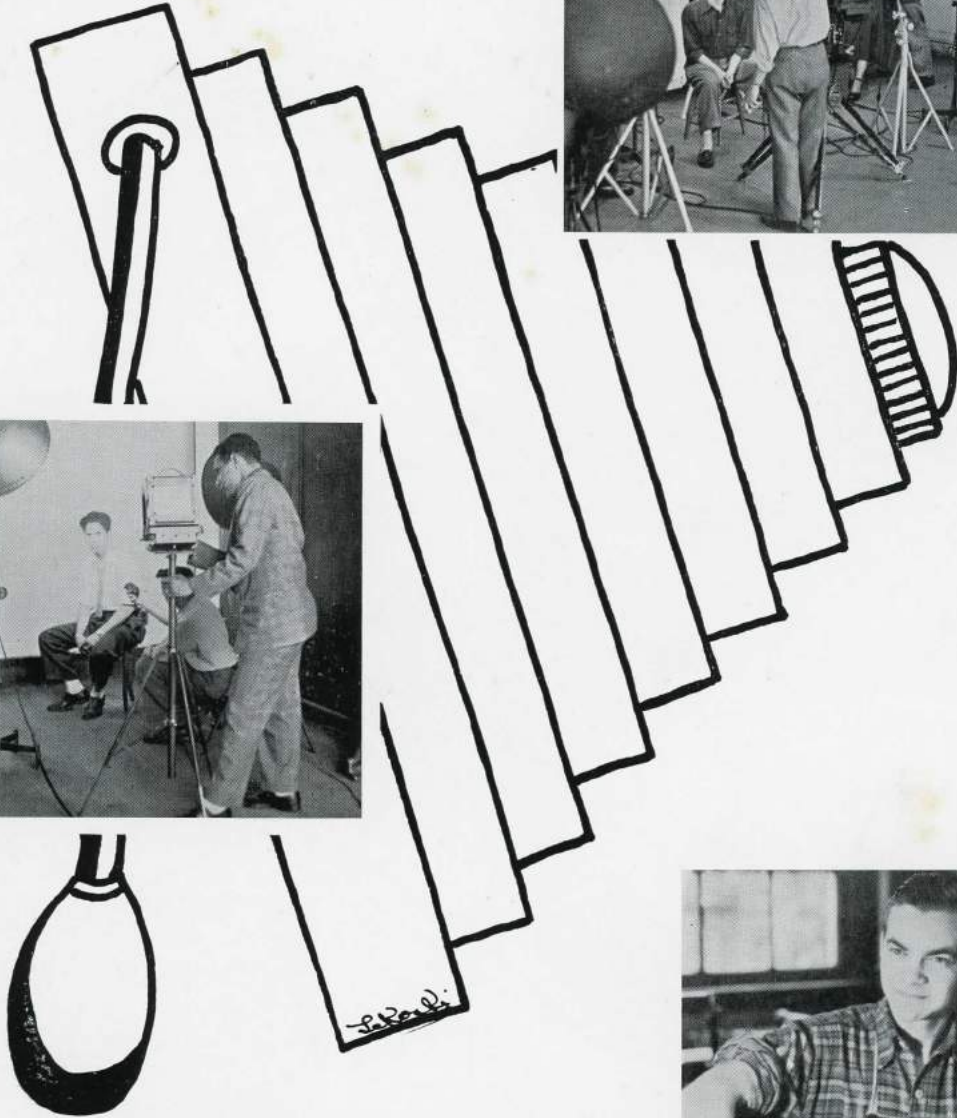






## COMMERCIAL PHOTOGRAPHY

Left to Right: Lester Feinstein, Bernard Hertzig, Henry Hirschberg, Harry Weisenberg.  
Camera Dodgers: David Rosenfeld, Melvin J. Saltzman, Herman Jacobs.



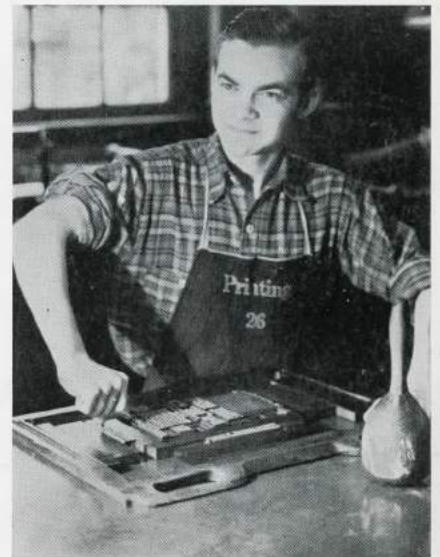
## PRINTING

Irving J. Sanders



We are going to let Mr. Norris Harkness, Photography Editor of the New York Sun describe our course. The following appeared in his column:

"One of the more amazing exhibits at the recent National Photography Show was that by the students of the Commercial Photography Department of the Metropolitan Vocational High School. Somehow we have become accustomed to associate high school photography with good ideas comparatively poorly carried out, but these young photographers have both the ideas and the skill to make excellent photographs and pictures as well."





*Best friend to Carolyn Kay*  
 Left to Right: Dr. Marjorie L. Dycke, Carol Munsey, Ruthel Provet.  
 Camera Dodger: Sidney Lumet.

## DRAMATICS



The Drama Department offers a four-year course of study for talented students who are interested in becoming actors. Students are chosen through auditions and enter on trial. Those who do not show sufficient development are advised to prepare for a different field in which they may have some chance for success.

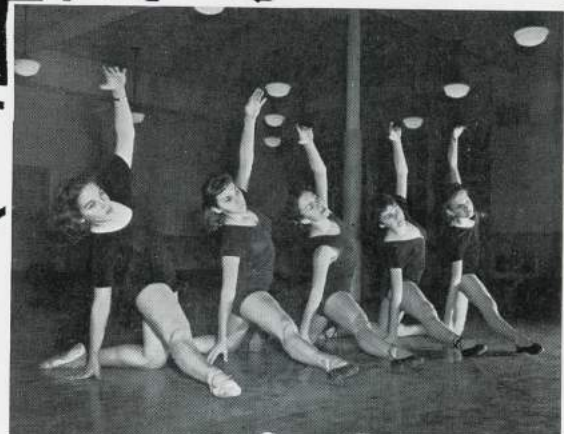
The course of training includes pantomime and improvisation, chorus, dance, oral interpretation, voice and diction, elementary and advanced acting techniques, make-up, stage-craft, survey of the field, directing, stage management, production management, play production and radio.

Since the Drama Department is not simply an enlarged curricular dramatic society, it is more concerned with developing acting techniques in its students than in producing a considerable number of plays. Such productions as will be given are expected to show the results of this training.



## DANCE

Left to Right: Elizabeth Rockwell, Ann Hutchinson, Doris Rudko.  
 Camera Dodgers: Elizabeth Forbes, Eve Gentry.





Left to Right: Julius G. Grossman, Arthur Aaron, Irving J. Kupfer, Irving Lash, Harold Sachs.



## VOCATIONAL MUSIC



*Success and happiness  
forward to  
you & yours.*



The Music Department presented its spring concert Friday evening, June 3, in the auditorium of the Washington Irving High School. The feature of the concert was a presentation by the Orchestra and Dance Department of a choreography of Thomson's, "The Plow That Broke the Plains".

Another phase of the music department's innovations is the weekly concerts by the students of the music history classes. The purpose of the concerts is to give every student an opportunity to perform before an audience so that fear and nervousness are overcome.

Our assembly programs have gained added prominence. Among those who appeared were Sidney Foster, concert pianist and Leonard Sharron, solo bassoonist of the N.B.C. Symphony Orchestra.

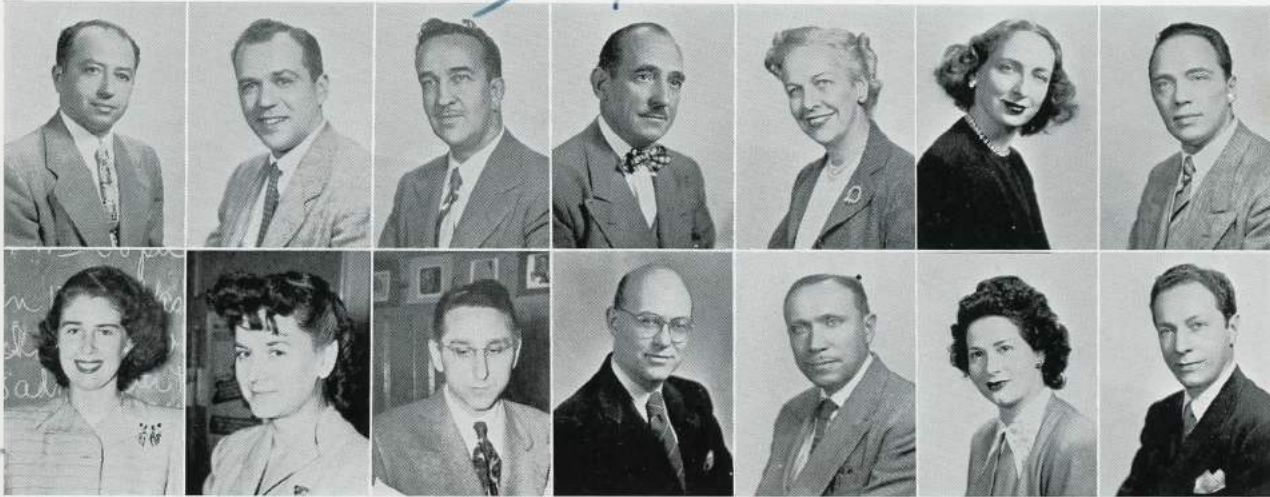
# BARBERING and BEAUTY CULTURE:



Left to Right: Samuel Turchin, Homer Berard.

# ENGLISH and SOCIAL STUDIES:

*Good Luck!  
E.E. Reich*



Left to Right: Henry L. Marcus, Harold R. Blau, Emanuel E. Bleich, William U. Bruch, Helen U. Carew, Margaret C. Davidson, Emanuel Ehrlich, Florence Greenstein, Edward Gruber, Arnold L. Olvin, William F. Rainer, Sylvia Schneebaum, Louis Viggiano.

Camera Dodgers: Lillian K. Brice, Agnes M. Conklin, Dorothy Comiskey, Rose Frisch, Leon Meade, Leo Miller, Abraham Morris, Emil Rothman, Cecile M. Shoket, Florence L. Warner, Ruth S. Weiss.

# PURE SCIENCE and MATHEMATICS:

*To Connie  
one of my  
junior high grad's  
the best of good luck  
M. Pore*



Left to Right: Jacob Rosenkrantz, Bernard Arrow, Lillian Bodner, Leon S. Dorfman, F. Alexander Drake, Natalie Gershon, Mary Mallon, Edward McCort.  
Camera Dodgers: William Ehrman, Sarah Goldberg, Dorothy Knutson.

## RELATED TECHNICAL:



Left to Right: Murray M. Cohn, Morris Cohen, Bernard Landau, Daniel P. Marshall, Adolf E. Schultze, Paul J. Strobach, Raymond W. Turner, John L. Vian.

Camera Dodgers: Thomas F. Chartres, Solomon Feldman, Abraham Morris.

## LANGUAGES:



Left to Right: Josephine Agnello, Elizabeth Field, Harold Nadler, Ursula Pollack.

## HEALTH EDUCATION:



Left to Right: Harold H. Barr, Max Birnbaum, William E. Carter, William F. Kenney.

## COMMERCIAL:



Left to Right: A. Alvin Weingarten, Muriel Strauss.

## GUIDANCE:

Camera Dodgers: Nathan Luloff, Anthony J. Gervasi, May E. Watson.

## LIBRARY:

Camera Dodger: Lillian Reinisch.

## CLERICAL STAFF:



Left to Right: Natalie Greenberg, Jessie D. Lindsley, Marylin Minters, Ruth Sturm.

Camera Dodgers: Sylvia Wohl, Mary S. Wolfe.

## WESTERN UNION:



Left to Right: Ralph C. Benefield, Robert E. Lyons.

*Bonne chance à tous  
bons élèves  
changement de  
filles  
U.P. Club*

*Handwritten notes in blue ink, partially illegible.*

**GUESS**  
WHO?  
SEC. 49



**SENIOR CLASS  
ADVISOR'S  
MESSAGE**

You have completed a very interesting period of your lives. Your teachers realize perhaps better than yourselves the changes you have undergone since you entered Metropolitan. Since then you have steadied your lives, you are more serious, and carry the weight of knowledge and experience gained during these years.

That which you have gained here cannot be applied all at once. Here and there you will find a chance to apply it, perhaps unconsciously. It will help you form your judgments of life. The knowledge, ideals, and experience gained at Metropolitan will color your philosophy of life.

Future learning and experience may revise this philosophy. However, I sincerely hope and pray that your philosophy may always be one of optimism and hope, not pessimism and cynicism.

You are out to win your spurs. You will succeed. When you have won them, bring them back to Metropolitan, and we shall be as proud of them as you are. Your success is Metropolitan's.

Lester Feinstein





## CLASS PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I am writing this message to you with deep regret, for we are parting for the first time and going our separate ways. We may meet as individuals now and then, but we may never again meet as a group. This book will become more precious as time goes on and many of our friendships and associations become only pleasant memories.

In the years to come we may meet in our professions, or hear of each other's achievements in his particular field. We may read of advancements in the merchant marine and find we recognize the names of some of the boys with whom we went to school. P.A. students will read of the stardom of former classmates in the theatrical field. Then we will think back and say to ourselves, "We owe it to all the teachers and faculty of Metropolitan."

So with the ending of our Senior year at Metropolitan, I wish to extend my deepest gratitude to the other class officers — Secretary, Connie Slater and Treasurer, Orazio Troiano for their assistance. On behalf of the Senior Class I thank the faculty for making our stay in Metropolitan a pleasant one, something we shall never forget.

Vincent A. Lekoski



## SENIOR CLASS COMMITTEES

### PROM COMMITTEE:

Orazio Troiano  
Constance Slater  
Vincent LaBarbera

### RING COMMITTEE:

Anthony Gallo

### PUBLICITY COMMITTEE

Gilbert Penny

### SENIOR DAY COMMITTEE

Gilbert Penny  
Ian Mears  
Anthony Fradella  
Robert Talboys

### BOAT RIDE COMMITTEE

Allan Pearson  
Everett Wachtel  
Michael Persico  
Denise Benard

**ACKERMAN, DONALD D.**

108-14 St. Marks Avenue,  
Rockaway, Queens

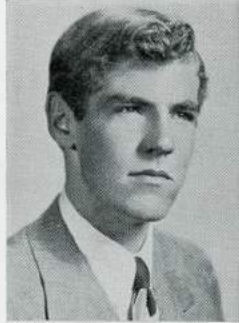
"Buddy"

**MARITIME TRADES: ENGINES**

G.O. member, 8 terms; 100% Attendance Certificate, 3 terms; Basketball Team, 2 years; Captain, Basketball Team, 2 terms; Honor Society, 2 terms; Usher, Graduation Exercises.

In sports and service,  
he hasn't a peer

His life's ambition is to be  
an engineer.

**BECKER, INGE D.**

21 W. 90 Street, Manhattan

"Inch"

**DRAMATICS**

G.O. member, 6 terms; All-City Radio Workshop; G.O. Council; Honor Society; Section President; Senior Prom Committee; Dance Club; Chorus; Varsity Shows; Class Night Show; Newman Club.

Skilled in writing, gifted in her art  
She's ever ready to do her part.

**AMENDOLARE, DOMINIC**

186 McKibbin Street, Brooklyn

"Lefty"

**PHOTOGRAPHY**

G.O. member, 6 terms.

His hobbies in life he thus unfurls  
Are a game of ball and plenty of girls.

**BELULOVICH, JOHN**

119 Java Street, Brooklyn

"Belul"

**PHOTOGRAPHY**

G.O. Member; Newman Club.

Here's a boy who is not quite an elf  
He's sure to make money, if he has  
to print it himself.

**ANCONA, JAMES**

31-48 32 Street, Queens

"Andy"

**MARITIME TRADES: ELECTRICAL**

Section Vice-President, 1 term; G.O. member, 6 terms.

Andy is smart, we really can't squawk  
But, oh, my heavens, how he can talk!

**BENARD, DENISE S.**

51-21 47 Street, Woodside, L. I.

"Dennie"

**MUSIC**

G.O. member, 6 terms; Music Instrument Room Guardian, 4 terms; Chorus, 3 terms; Senior Symphonic Band, 3 terms; Section Vice-President; G.O. representative; Associate Music Editor, CROW'S NEST; Board of Governors, 2 terms; Managing Editor, CROW'S NEST; Secretary, Board of Governors; Honor Society; Secretary, G.O.; Senior Orchestra; Script Committee, Senior Show; Senior Entertainment Committee.

Denise is polite and very attractive  
And in our school's affairs,  
she's very active.

**ANDERSON, HARRY**

668 46 Street, Brooklyn

**MARITIME TRADES: DECK**

G.O. member, 5 terms; Section Vice-President; Deck Patrol, 2 terms.

A real good looker is that young gent,  
The girls all think him Heaven sent.

**BENDETT, ALFRED**

35-16 76 Street, Queens

"Al"

**MUSIC**

Orchestra; Senior Band; Senior Dance Band; All City Band; G.O. Member.

Just one thing I want to say,  
A gifted boy in every way.

**BALLATORE, JERRY P.**

265 Hooper Street, Brooklyn

"Professor"

**MUSIC**

A winning way, a pleasant smile  
His music certainly makes  
listening worth while.

**BLACK, DONALD J.**

4121 Bronxwood Avenue, Bronx

"Blackie"

**MARITIME TRADES: DECK**

G.O. member, 8 terms; Sea Scouts, 6 terms; Class President, 5 terms; Honor Society, 2 terms; G.O. representative, 2 terms; 100% Attendance Certificate.

He's fond of sports, has hobbies  
galore  
He's liked by his classmates more  
and more.

*a girl who's  
everybody's girl  
generally  
Donald J. Black*



**BRUHSE, WILLIAM**

2048 Nostrand Avenue, Brooklyn  
"Bill"

**MARITIME TRADES: ENGINES**

G.O. member, 6 terms; Bowling Club.  
Bill's desire is to achieve success,  
That he will do so is my guess.

**COHEN, DOROTHY**

573 Saratoga Avenue, Brooklyn  
"Blondie"

**PHOTOGRAPHY**

G.O. member, 6 terms; Photograph  
Manager, G.O. store; Library Squad.  
Blondie is a regular girl, we say  
What better tribute could we pay?

**CARBALLO, MANUEL**

765 Grand Street, Brooklyn  
"Manny"

**MARITIME TRADES: ENGINES**

G.O. member, 6 terms.  
A few words about Manny will suffice  
Some boys are naturally nice.

**DEMATTIA, DANIEL**

1627 - 68 Street, Brooklyn  
"Danny"

**MARITIME TRADES: ENGINES**

G.O. member, 4 terms; G.O. repre-  
sentative, 2 terms; Class President,  
2 terms.

Popular always, good-looking as ever  
He's up-to-date and exceedingly  
clever.

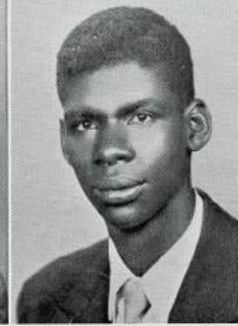
**CATAPANO, JOSEPH V.**

205 Norwood Avenue, Brooklyn  
"Flash"

**MARITIME TRADES: BUSINESS**

G.O. member, 6 terms; Lunch Squad,  
2 terms; Honor Society, 1 term; Sec-  
tion Secretary, 1 term; Deck Patrol,  
2 terms; 100% Attendance Certifi-  
cate, 1 term; Newman Club, 3 terms.

Flash is neat and very trim,  
he likes the girls  
And the girls like him.

**FELIX, RAYMOND**

1547 Southern Blvd., Bronx  
"Ray"

**MARITIME TRADES: BOATBUILDING**

Basketball Team, 3 Years; G.O. Mem-  
ber, 6 Terms; Deck Patrol; P.S.A.L.  
All-City Basketball Team.

Felix may be a little tall,  
He's also the biggest in Basketball.

**CHORY, WILLIAM J.**

582 E. 140 Street, Bronx  
"Flash"

**MARITIME TRADES: ELECTRICAL**

G.O. member; Honor Society.  
Intelligence plus personality as well  
Equals this fellow—who's really swell.

**FIORILLO, KENNETH A.**

608 VanBuren Street, Brooklyn  
"Fj"

**MARITIME TRADES: ENGINES**

G.O. member, 8 terms; 100% Attend-  
ance Certificate, 4 terms; G.O. rep-  
resentative; Section President; Sec-  
tion Vice-President; Bowling Club.

He's mechanically minded,  
that is clear  
There's hardly a thing he can't  
engineer.

**CIPOLLONE, RICHARD**

177 West 102 Street, Manhattan  
"Dick"

**MARITIME TRADES: ELECTRICAL**

G.O. Member, 6 Terms.  
Eyes of brown, hair of black  
His ambition is plenty of jack.

**FISCHEL, MILTON**

87-01 Commonwealth Blvd., Queens  
"Flash"

**PHOTOGRAPHY**

G.O. President; Senior Class Enter-  
tainment Committee; Manager, Cheer-  
ing Squad; Manager, Basketball Team;  
Track Team; City Council representa-  
tive; Steering Committee; Board of  
Governors; Chairman, Sports Commit-  
tee; G.O. member, 8 terms; 100%  
Attendance Certificate, 8 terms; Re-  
porter and Photographer, CROW'S  
NEST; Rotary Club; Newman Club  
(guest); Canned Food Committee; G.O.  
representative, 8 terms; Honor Society.

He's given his aid to Metro's  
swell shows  
And Milton is a boy who  
everyone knows.

**FRADELLA, ANTHONY**

1525 - 79 Street, Brooklyn

**"Tony"****MARITIME TRADES: RADIO**

G.O. member, 8 terms; 100% Attendance Certificate, 3 terms; Sound Crew, 3 terms; G.O. representative; Section President, 2 terms; Honor Society; Section Secretary.

This fellow is loaded with ambition  
His aim is to be a radio technician.**GOLDSTEIN, DIANE**

1749 Grand Concourse, Bronx

**"Dani"****DRAMATICS**

G.O. member, 5 terms; CROW'S NEST staff; Dance Club; Cheering Squad, 2 terms; Section President, 1 term; G.O. alternate, 1 term; Honor Society, 1 term; Varsity Show, 2 terms; 100% Attendance Certificate, 1 term; Entertainment and Publicity Committee; Editorial staff, METROPOLIS: Advertising staff, METROPOLIS: City Council Delegate.

Cheerful and steady and loyal to Al  
We think Diane is a very sensible gal.**GOULD, STANLEY**

1900 Quentin Road, Brooklyn

**"Shoulders"****MUSIC**

Section President, 2 Terms; Section Vice-President; G.O. Representative; G.O. Member; Senior Dance Band; Senior Band; Orchestra; Clarinet Ensemble; Chorus.

In the field of music,  
it is hard to begin  
But with his sense of humor,  
he can't help but win.**GALLO, ANTHONY M.**

440 McDonald Avenue, Brooklyn

**"Tony"****PHOTOGRAPHY**

G.O. member, 8 terms; Captain, Projection Squad, 6 terms; CROW'S NEST staff, 3 terms; METROPOLIS staff, 2 terms; Honor Society; Section Officer; Chairman, Senior Ring Committee.

His sense of humor is hale and hearty  
He's a lot of fun at any party.**GANNUSCIO, ANTHONY**

63 Orient Avenue, Brooklyn

**"Tony"****MARITIME TRADES: ENGINES**

G.O. member, 6 terms; Deck Patrol, 2 terms; G.O. representative; Section President.

He thinks the girls are at his feet,  
Because he's sharp and dresses neat.**GREAVES, ANNE**

25-25 44 Street, Queens

**"Irish"****BEAUTY CULTURE**

G.O. member, 7 terms; Section President and Vice-President; Section Secretary; CROW'S NEST staff; METROPOLIS staff; Reception Service; Secretary and Treasurer of Honor Society; Dance Club.

To wish her success and a happy life  
Here's one gal who'll make a swell  
wife.**GANSEL, FRANK**

8422 - 13 Avenue, Brooklyn

**"Slim"****MARITIME TRADES: RADIO**

G.O. member, 8 terms; 100% Attendance Certificate, 7 terms; Class Officer, 2 terms; G.O. representative.

Quiet and shy and so polite  
Slim always does what's right.**HANDELSMAN, ALLEN**

4276 Bedford Avenue, Brooklyn

**"Al"****PHOTOGRAPHY**

G.O. member, 8 terms; G.O. representative, 2 terms; Section Vice-President, 1 term; Section Secretary, 1 term.

His smile is winning, that is sure  
And with that smile, he'll never  
be poor.**GIOVINGO, ALFONSE**

329 - 48th Street, Brooklyn

**"Al"****MARITIME TRADES: RADIO**

Class Vice-President; Class Secretary; G.O. Representative; G.O. Alternate; Deck Patrol.

He went to school as time went by  
He leaves it now without a sigh.**HANLEY, ROBERT**

3064 - 44 Street, Queens

**"Bob"****PHOTOGRAPHY**

G.O. Member, 6 Terms; Newman Club, 3 Terms.

A little shy but awfully nice,  
Here's a boy that cuts some ice.*All my best wishes,  
Diane*

**HENRICKSON, RONALD J.**

961 - 81 Street, Brooklyn  
"Ronnie"

**MARITIME TRADES: DECK**

G.O. member, 8 terms; G.O. representative; Section President; Baseball Team; Deck Patrol; Honor Society; CROW'S NEST staff; Senior Bos'n. on SS John W. Brown; Editor-in-chief, METROPOLIS; Sea Scouts.

Lots of fun — a real go-getter  
A darn nice guy — they don't come any better.



**KOWEN, RALPH**

654 Water Street, Manhattan  
"Lucky"

**MARITIME TRADES: ENGINES**

G.O. member, 6 terms.

He thinks that life cannot be sunny  
Unless he makes a great deal of money.

**IANNIELLO, SALVATORE**

1552 - 80 Street, Brooklyn

**MARITIME TRADES: BOATBUILDING**

G.O. member, 8 terms; Baseball Team, 3 terms; Deck Patrol, 2 terms; G.O. representative.

Here's a boy who's worth our praise  
When on the baseball team, he plays.



**LA BARBERA, VINCENT**

896 Liberty Street, Brooklyn

"Vince"

**PHOTOGRAPHY**

President, Newman Club; Newman Club Member, 3 Terms; Class Secretary; G.O. Member; Co-Chairman, Prom Committee; 100% Attendance 1 Term.

Smiling, cheerful, always dependable  
Nothing about him that isn't commendable.

**IRIZARRY, PAUL**

135 E. 117 Street, Manhattan  
"Count"

**MARITIME TRADES: ENGINES**

G.O. member, 7 terms.

Sometimes cheerful, always gay  
But whatever he is, we like him that way.



**LAPERCH, DIANE M.**

2788 Grand Concourse, Bronx

"Rusty"

**DRAMATICS**

CROW'S NEST staff; Section Secretary.

Full of spark and full of spice  
That's our Rusty — always nice.

*To a wonderful actress  
Good Luck  
Rusty*

**JACOBS, BRUCE R.**

3224 Grand Concourse, Bronx  
"Jake"

**MARITIME TRADES: DECK**

G.O. member, 7 terms; Section President and Secretary; Deck Patrol.

Now here's a real industrious male  
With the women, he'll never fail.

*To the best  
guy in the school  
Bruce Jacobs*



**LATORRE, MICHAEL**

232 Johnson Avenue, Brooklyn

"Bush"

**MARITIME TRADES: BOATBUILDING**

G.O. member, 6 terms; G.O. representative, 2 terms; Madison Lunch Squad.

Bright and gracious, always smiling  
We call him "Bush", most beguiling.

**KENNEDY, JOHN**

1979 E. 29 Street, Brooklyn  
"Uncle John"

**MARITIME TRADES: ELECTRICAL**

Section President; G.O. member, 8 terms; Section Reporter; Section Treasurer; Section Secretary; G.O. Delegate; Library Squad.

A good Joe — Kennedy, and very smart  
He's bound to win the right gal's heart.



**LEIS, PETER G.**

206 DeKalb Avenue, Brooklyn  
"Pete"

**MARITIME TRADES: ELECTRICAL**

G.O. member, 9 terms; Section Treasurer, 9 terms; Section President, 5 terms.

Full of life, so happy and gay  
He lives life to the hilt in every way.

To Conclude:  
 You have a very hard road to travel.  
 Run it with frankness and success.  
 I get our friendships in as  
 binding as our lives are long.  
 Good luck to a well gal.  
 Love  
 Evie

**LEISNER, EVELYN**

9 Avenue B, Manhattan  
 "Evie"

**DRAMATICS**

G.O. member, 5 terms; Section President, 1 term; G.O. representative, 4 terms; CROW'S NEST staff; Chorus, 5 terms; METROPOLIS staff; G.O. Treasurer; Board of Governors, 1 term.

Evelyn is a good friend indeed  
 Always helpful when one's in need.



**LIBRETTI, JOSEPH**

441 Maple Street, Brooklyn  
 "Joe"

**MARITIME TRADES: BOATBUILDING**  
 G.O. Member; G.O. Representative.

The girls at Metro would like to know where  
 Our pal, Joe, gets that very nice hair.

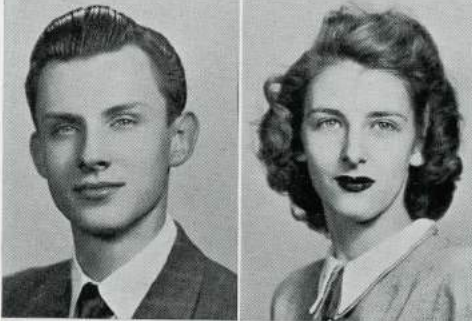
**LEKOSKI, VINCENT A.**

78 S. 6 Street, Brooklyn  
 "Vinnie"

**MARITIME TRADES: DECK**

Bos'n. of Senior Deck Department. 3 terms; G.O. member, 6 terms; President, Senior Class; Deck Patrol, 2 terms; Art Editor, METROPOLIS.

As nice a fellow as you'd want to meet,  
 His personality just can't be beat.



**LYNCH, PHYLLIS B.**

509 W. 174 Street, Manhattan  
 "Irish"

**BEAUTY CULTURE**

Perfect Attendance Certificate; G.O. member, 7 terms; Section Secretary; Editorial Staff, METROPOLIS; Color Guard; Dance Club; Chief Usherette, Concerts; Section President; G.O. representative; Manhattan Council; G.O. Entertainment Committee; Honor Society; Chorus; Secretary of Honor Society.

Phyllis is a girl who highly rates  
 Surely she has many dates.

**LEOTTA, ROSARIO**

329 Clinton Street, Brooklyn  
 "Roy"

**MUSIC**

G.O. member, 6 terms; Perfect Attendance Certificate, 6 terms; Senior Band, 3 terms; Section Salesman.

Music is in his heart  
 May he and fame never part.



**MARTINEZ, CARMEN**

231 E. 110 Street, N. Y. C.  
**ACADEMIC**

Charm, poise, personality plus,  
 We're glad you're one of us.

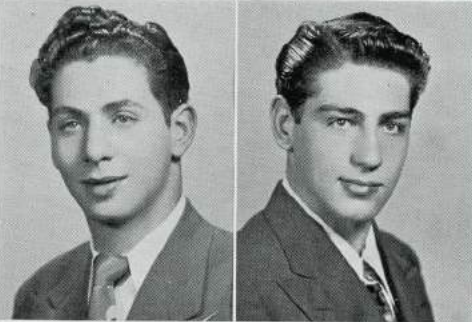
**LESSER, HARRY**

273 Christopher Avenue, Brooklyn  
 "Les"

**PHOTOGRAPHY**

G.O. member, 6 terms; G.O. representative, 2 terms; Deck Patrol, 2 terms.

Every morning he comes late  
 He'll probably make his bride-to-be wait.



**MARZANO, JAMES**

1148 Tiffany Street, Bronx  
 "Jimmy"

**MARITIME TRADES: ENGINES**

G.O. Member, 8 Terms; Class President.

Very quiet and apparently shy,  
 But oh, that knowing gleam in his eye.

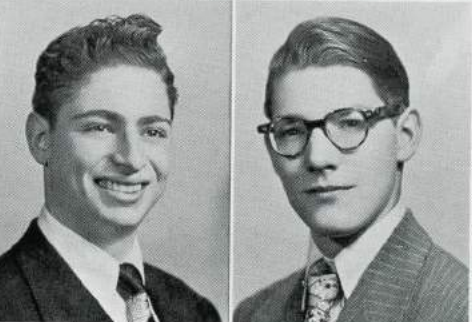
**LEVINE, MARVIN**

210 E. 51 Street, Brooklyn  
 "Mary"

**PHOTOGRAPHY**

G.O. member, 8 terms; G.O. representative, 4 terms; Book Squad; Chairman, G.O. Sports Committee; Section Treasurer; Chairman, "Blue & Gold" Party; Usher, Concerts; G.O. Entertainment Committee; Cheering Squad; G.O. Alternate; Senior Entertainment Committee; Advertising Editor, METROPOLIS.

Here's to a future big business man  
 He's going to make money — if he can.



**MCDONALD, THOMAS A.**

352 E. 51 Street, Manhattan  
 "Mac"

**MARITIME TRADES: ELECTRICAL**

Honor Society; G.O. member, 8 terms; Library Squad; 100% Attendance, 1 Term; Manager, Baseball Team.

A bit quiet and apparently shy (?)  
 But, oh, that knowing gleam in his eye!

**McLOUGHLIN, HUGH J.**

569 - 40th Street, Brooklyn  
"Sparks"

**MARITIME TRADES: ENGINES**

G.O. member, 8 terms; G.O. representative, 2 terms; Secretary of Section.  
Silent Hugh hardly talks at all  
But in the gym, he's on the ball.



**MILLER, NOLIE**

1507 Metropolitan Avenue, Bronx  
**DANCE**

Performing Arts Paper; G.O. Member.  
This sweet girl can really dance,  
The beauty of a stage she'll enhance.

*To Connie,  
Keep your voice &  
direction so wonderful  
as it is now & you'll  
really be a hit! Nolie*

**McNAIR, ROGER**

163-48 Phroane Avenue, Queens

**MARITIME TRADES: ELECTRICAL**  
Baseball Team, 2 years; Basketball Team, 1 year; G.O. representative, 2 terms; Class President, 1 term; Deck Patrol, 4 terms; G.O. Sports Committee Chairman; G.O. member, 8 terms; Editorial Staff, METROPOLIS.

Athletics interests him very much  
But an electrician is what he plans  
to clutch.



**MODICA, MELCHIER**

6903 - 14 Avenue, Brooklyn  
"Mel"

**PHOTOGRAPHY**

G.O. member, 6 terms.  
Mel is a happy young man  
Who loves to help whenever he can.

**MEARS, IAN V.**

501 E. 80 Street, Manhattan

**MARITIME TRADES: RADIO**

G.O. President, 1 term; Board of Governors, 1 term; G.O. member, 8 terms; G.O. representative, 3 terms; Sound Crew, member and chief; Section President, 1 term; Section Secretary, 1 term; Honor Society, 2 terms.

He reads good books and is a real sports fan  
He serves school and community  
whenever he can.



**MORRO, ANTHONY**

257 North 9 Street, Brooklyn  
"Tony"

**MARITIME TRADES: ELECTRICAL**

Honor Society, 2 terms; 100% Attendance Certificate, 1 term; Section Officer, 1 term; G.O. member, 8 terms; Swimming Team, 2 terms; Deck Patrol, 4 terms.

He says he likes the girls a lot  
Do we believe him or not?

**MENSCHKE, JAMES WILLIAM**

770 Henry Street, Brooklyn

**MARITIME TRADES: ENGINES**

G.O. member, 7 terms; G.O. representative, 2 terms; Section President, 2 terms.

He'll work with all his heart and soul  
To ably fill an Engineer's role.



**O'HARRA, ROBERT J.**

349 Ocean Parkway, Brooklyn  
"Bob"

**MARITIME TRADES: ENGINES**

G.O. member, 8 terms; G.O. representative.

Always smiling, always gay  
He will chase your blues away.

**MERZ, WILLIAM**

75 W. 92nd Street, Manhattan

"Bullet"

**MARITIME TRADES: BOATBUILDING**

G.O. member, 6 terms; Section Secretary.

He says that his head is in a whirl  
Whenever he meets a pretty girl.



**PALMERI, NUNZIO**

584 Knickerbocker Avenue, Brooklyn

**MARITIME TRADES: DECK**

G.O. member, 6 terms; Deck Patrol, 1 term; Section Vice-President; G.O. representative, 2 terms.

Short, dark and clever is he  
A swell guy between you and me.

**PARTINGTON, ALBERT**

432 East 105 Street, Manhattan  
"Al"

**MARITIME TRADES: ENGINES**

Basketball Team; G.O. member.

Basketball is a game he plays very well  
And in the business world he hopes  
to excel.



**RAMOS, ANIBAL**

825 E. 161 Street, Bronx

**PRINTING**

G.O. member, 4 terms; 100% Attendance Certificate, 2 terms; Section President.

He'll rise to the top with one big sweep  
And soon we'll see him owning a heap.

**PEARSON, ALLAN**

7907 Fifth Avenue, Brooklyn  
"Al"

**MARITIME TRADES: ENGINE**

Deck Patrol; G.O. representative; 100% Attendance; G.O. member, 8 terms.

Ten magic fingers, ready to play  
A gifted boy in every way.



**ROSARIO, ROBERT**

128 East 111 Street, Manhattan  
"Sabu"

**MARITIME TRADES: ENGINES**

G.O. member, 4 terms; 100% Attendance, 4 terms; G.O. representative.

If all the girls lived across the sea  
What a good sailor Bob would be.

**PENNY, GILBERT**

320 East 49 Street, Manhattan  
MARITIME TRADES: RADIO

G.O. member, 6 terms; Honor Society, 4 terms; 100% Attendance Certificate, 3 terms; Secretary, G.O. Council; Section President, 6 terms; G.O. representative, 6 terms; Manager, Baseball Team; Board of Governors, 2 terms; Sound Crew.

Gil is actively inclined  
Besides having an able mind.



**SACKEY, RITA**

1469 Fifth Avenue, Manhattan  
"Spitfire"

**BEAUTY CULTURE**

Honor Society; 100% Attendance, 5 terms; Class Secretary; Dance Club; G.O. member, 5 terms.

Spitfire is so cute and sweet  
A gal like her is hard to beat.

**PERSICO, MICHAEL A.**

287 Third Avenue, Brooklyn  
"Tony"

**MARITIME TRADES: ENGINES**

G.O. member, 6 terms.

To this boy, we'll all give a cheer  
We know that he'll make a good  
engineer.



**SALTI, LOUIS**

2320 West 19 Street, Brooklyn  
"Omah, Turk"

**MARITIME TRADES: ENGINES**

G.O. member; Section Vice-President; Honor Society; Ship Deck Patrol.

A wonderful fellow for girls to know  
At least his girl-friend tells us so.

**PETRUCHA, GEORGE**

76 Madison Street, Manhattan  
MARITIME TRADES: ENGINES

G.O. member, 8 terms.

About him, we can sincerely say  
That he has always been O.K.



**SANTOS, VICTOR**

132 E. 112 Street, N. Y. C.  
"Vic"

**MARITIME TRADES: ENGINES**

G.O. member, 6 terms.

Clean in work, clean in play;  
"Vic's" contributed to our pleasant  
stay.

**SCARPONI, RICHARD T.**

1929 - 54 Street, Brooklyn  
"Scarp"  
MARITIME TRADES: ELECTRICAL  
G.O. member, 4 terms.  
Much happiness to the class he brings  
His speciality is saying nice things.



**SOMMA, SALVATORE**

60 Fleet Walk, Brooklyn  
MARITIME TRADES: BOATBUILDING  
G.O. member, 8 terms; Honor Society,  
1 term; Swimming Team.  
Very quiet and apparently shy  
But, oh, that knowing gleam in his eye!

**TALBOYS, ROBERT J.**

20-28 - 43 Street, Queens  
"Bob"  
MARITIME TRADES: RADIO  
Class Secretary; Class President; Sound  
Crew; G.O. member.  
Oh, how lucky we would be  
If all our friends were as swell as he.



**TEJADA, STEVEN**

332A Monroe Street, Brooklyn  
"Steve"  
PHOTOGRAPHY  
G.O. member, 8 terms; Deck Patrol,  
Captain and Lieutenant; Section Treas-  
urer; 100% Attendance Certificate,  
6 terms; Honor Society, 1 term.  
Always busy with something to do  
Chances are he'll get some place too.

**SCHENKMAN, EUNICE**

1751 Anthony Avenue, Bronx  
"Sherrie"  
DRAMATICS  
G.O. member; Class Night Committee;  
Cheering Squad; G.O. representative, 2  
terms; Varsity Show, 2 terms; Crow's  
Nest; The Spotlight; METROPOLIS Staff;  
Corresponding Secretary, Senior Class.  
Sherrie is the type that her friends  
admire  
To be a fine actress is her main desire.

**SCIALABBA, PETER S.**

652 Southern Boulevard, Bronx  
"Cha-ba-ba"  
BARBERING  
Band.  
Fascinatin' rhythm by this trumpet boy  
With his music, he desires to  
spread joy.



**TROIANO, ORAZIO**

1411 East 4 Street, Brooklyn  
"Troy"  
PHOTOGRAPHY  
Senior Class Treasurer; Prom Chair-  
man; Section President; Section Treas-  
urer; G.O. member, 8 terms; Honor  
Society; Late Monitor, 2 terms.  
As Class Treasurer, he's a honey  
His constant cry is: money, money,  
money.

**SLATER, CONSTANCE**

2053 - 61 Street, Brooklyn  
"Connie"  
DRAMATICS  
G.O. member, 5 terms; Section Secre-  
tary; Section Vice-President; Section  
President; Honor Society, 2 terms;  
CROW'S NEST staff; Chorus, 5 terms;  
Secretary, Senior Class; G.O. Entert-  
ainment Committee; President, Perf.  
Arts Annex Senior Class; All City Radio  
workshop, 2 years; Varsity Shows, 2  
years; G.O. representative, 1 year;  
Senior Prom Committee; Senior Show  
Script Committee.  
A good secretary is hard to find  
But here is one we did not mind  
She did her work and did it well  
And as a classmate, she was swell.



**ULLMAN, RUTH F.**

975 Walton Avenue, Bronx  
"Ruthie" "Uffie"  
DRAMATICS  
G.O. member, 3 terms; Varsity Show;  
Chorus; All-City Radio Workshop; Chair-  
man, Entertainment Committee; ME-  
TROPOLIS Staff.  
Here is a student hard to surpass  
For she's one of the highest in the  
class.

**SKONBERG, KENNETH**

216 East 4 Street, Manhattan  
"Kenny"  
MARITIME TRADES: DECK  
G.O. member, 6 terms; Deck Patrol,  
2 terms.  
Tall and friendly and very grand  
He's always lending a helping hand.



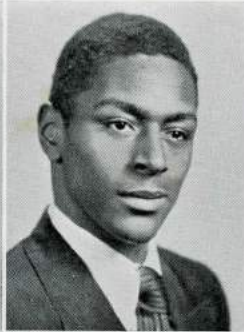
*wonderful time  
at Wisconsin  
May everything  
that you wish  
for come true.  
Love  
Ruthie*

*My Best to you in  
College & later,  
Sherrie*

**VARANI, EUGENE S.**

79 Carlton Street, Brooklyn  
**MARITIME TRADES: BUSINESS**  
G.O. member, 9 terms; G.O. representative; Honor Society, 2 terms; Section Vice-President; Literary Editor, Jan. 1949 METROPOLIS.

Modest, shy and exceedingly clever  
We wish him the best of luck forever.



**WHIPPER, RICHARD**

226 West 150 Street, Manhattan  
"Rich"

**DRAMA**  
Track; G.O. member; Dance Club.

Here's a boy who really works,  
There's no duty that he'll shirk.

*Here's hoping you continue  
your fine work!  
"Rich"*

**VRIESEN, WILLIAM**

2711 Voorhies Avenue, Brooklyn  
"Breasy"

**MARITIME TRADES: ENGINES**  
G.O. member, 8 terms; Swimming Team, 2 terms.

Tall and fair, hair combed sleek  
Look out, girls, for that dimple in his cheek.



**WEIBER, WALTER T.**

183 Mauter Street, Brooklyn  
"Wally"

**PHOTOGRAPHY**  
G.O. member, 6 terms; Section Treasurer, 4 terms; Section President, 1 term; G.O. Representative.

Walt's a boy who's full of fun  
He's really liked by everyone.

**WACHTEL, EVERETT J.**

89-38 - 184 Street, Jamaica, Queens  
"Ey"

**MARITIME TRADES: ENGINES**  
G.O. member, 8 terms; G.O. representative, 2 terms; 100% Attendance Certificate, 4 terms; Honor Society, 2 terms; Deck Patrol, 2 terms; Section Vice-President.

Behind this serious clean-cut face  
A lot of wisdom finds it place.



**WILLIAMS, ARCHIE J.**

32-57 - 107 Street, Queens  
"Snake"

**MARITIME TRADES: ELECTRICAL**  
G.O. member; 6 terms; Basketball Team, 2 terms; Deck Patrol, 5 terms; Section President, 1 term.

This boy is famous for vigor and vim  
It's basketball, girls and hard work for him.

**WEBER, RICHARD G.**

32-31 - 106 Street, Queens  
"The Kid"

**MARITIME TRADES: ELECTRICAL**  
G.O. member, 8 terms; Section President, 1 term; G.O. representative; 100% Attendance Certificate, 4 terms.

Here's to a swell guy who's not at all bold  
We wonder—what will his future hold?



**ZWEIBACK, ABRAHAM M.**

422 Saratoga Avenue, Brooklyn  
"Abe"

**PHOTOGRAPHY**  
G.O. member, 6 terms; CROW'S NEST, 2 terms.

We all like Abe, because he's friendly and kind  
That's a combination that is hard to find.

**WHATLEY, MORRIS**

139 West 143 Street, Manhattan  
"Reno"

**MARITIME TRADES: BOATBUILDING**  
G.O. member, 6 terms; G.O. representative, 2 terms; Deck Patrol.

Nice to look at, charming to know,  
That's why we all like him so.



**JENNINGS, WILLIAM**

108-26 - 160 Street, Queens  
"Fats"

**MARITIME TRADES: ENGINES**  
G.O. member, 8 terms; Deck Patrol, 5 terms; Basketball Team, 3 terms; Baseball Team, 2 terms; Chorus, 2 terms; G.O. representative, 2 terms; Cross-country Team, 1 term; Section President, 1 term.

Baseball, Track, Basketball too  
He'll be a fine athlete before he's through.



**CLASS  
CELEBRITIES**

Prettiest Girl	<b>INGE BECKER</b>
Handsomest Boy	<b>HARRY ANDERSEN</b>
Class Wit	<b>STANLEY GOULD</b>
Best Dressed Girl	<b>RUTH ULLMAN</b>
Best Dressed Boy	<b>VINCENT LABARBERA</b>
"Did Most"	<b>RONALD HENRICKSON</b>
Class Late Comer	<b>HARVEY LESSER</b>
Class Early Bird	<b>WILLIAM CHORY</b>



Class Gentleman	<b>EVERETT WACHTEL</b>
Class Morale Booster	<b>KENNETH FIORILLO</b>
Class Leader	<b>VINCENT LEKOSKI</b>
Class Baby	<b>NAOMI BERGERE</b>
Class Giant	<b>RAYMOND FELIX</b>
Class "Go Get It"	<b>RONALD HENRICKSON</b>
Class Sailor	<b>EVERETT WACHTEL</b>
Class Musician	<b>STANLEY GOULD</b>
Class Photographer	<b>ANTHONY GALLO</b>
Class Actress	<b>INGE BECKER</b>
Class Actor	<b>RICHARD WHIPPER</b>
Class Politician	<b>MILTON FISCHEL</b>
Quietest	<b>EUGENE VARANI</b>
Mr. Metro	<b>ORAZIO TROIANO</b>
Miss Metro	<b>DENISE BENARD</b>
Most Popular Girl	<b>DIANE LAPERCH</b>
Most Popular Boy	<b>MILTON FISCHEL</b>
Most Likely To Succeed	<b>IAN MEARS</b>
Most Industrious	<b>ORAZIO TROIANO</b>
Class Clown	<b>RICHARD SCARPONI</b>
Class Poet	<b>WILLIAM VRIESENKA</b>
Class "Know It All"	<b>MICHAEL LATORRE</b>
Class Athlete	<b>WILLIAM JENNINGS</b>
Class Character	<b>SALVATORE AZZOLINA</b>
Class Grind	<b>DIANE GOLDSTEIN</b>
Most Versatile	<b>ARTHUR POULOS</b>

## LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT

After a lengthy and secret consultation (between periods), the senior class of June 1949, have decided upon the following generous contributions to various departments and teachers in Metro:

**Mr. Weingarten:** An Arthur Murray dance book for those who try to dance during store hours.

**Mr. Feinstein:** Seniors who complete their requirements on time and a box of sedative tablets to relieve his harassed mind.

**Mr. Kunins:** A partner to help him to get the yearbook out on time without worrying too much about it.

**Mr. Marcus:** An enormous bottle of ink to keep his pen filled so he can continue to give out zeros for the lesson.

**Mr. Winston:** A cure for the old disease "Schoolitis" which occurs exclusively between the hours of 8:20 and 3:00. — "I don't feel good, Sir."

**Mr. McCort:** A large adding machine for the students to use, so they can keep up with him as he whizzes through a lesson.

**Miss Pollak:** A French Poodle.

**To All History Teachers:** A simplified version of Hamms'—"American People", for the students' use.

**Mrs. Weiss:** A large cubby-hole desk, to keep all of her loose papers in order.

**Miss Frisch:** A hope that she stays as sweet as she is.

**Dr. Conklin:** A pair of Roller Skates so she can scoot around the building faster.

**Mr. Carter:** A bakers' dozen of Ray Felix's counterparts, to be spread out over coming terms to insure success.

**Mr. Berard:** Dryers that dry, sinks that work, hot water for shampoos and above all Beauticians.

**Mr. Drake:** An Indian Headdress, complete with feathers, to match the Mohawk hair-cut of his.

**Miss Comiskey:** A pair of blinders for all students in her class, so they will watch the board instead of her.

**Dr. Keller:** We hope that he'll be around for a long, long time to come.

**All Teachers:** A senior who doesn't come around the day before graduation begging for 5 more points.

**Mr. Olvin:** A bottle of glue to make the auditorium class stay in its seats until dismissed "even if the bell did ring".

**Dr. Dycke:** A new club for the 50% ers.

**Mrs. Gore:** A Senator who isn't affiliated with the Republican, Democratic or other political party.

**Mr. Reed:** One dozen rubber chipping hammers and some hairless paint brushes in order that the Deck Seniors can finish their projects.

**Mr. Mooney:** A bucket of steam and a left handed monkey wrench. These are to prove to the freshmen that there are such things aboard the Brown.

**Mr. Adie:** A whip to really make believe that he is "Wolf Larsen".

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# METRO'S BASKETBALL TEAM

By ROGER McNAIR

Teachers, coaches, students and opposing basketball players are all asking the same question, "What makes Metro a better team this year than last year?" People are justified in thinking that we shouldn't be as good. After all, we did lose such greats as Joe Foster, Fred Frohmann, Nils Hunold and Job Tudy.

I am going to attempt to answer this widely-circulating question. To start with, it takes good players on the bench, as well as the starting line on the court, to win games. Each of these players must have several important characteristics, such as being able to play with his teammates and last, but not least, to play as a unit for Metropolitan and not as an individualist for his individual glory. A player also must be contented with his coach and be willing to play under him. These are some of the reasons Metropolitan's basketball team of last year can not be compared with the fighting, hustling, contented players of this year. Assuming I have answered the 64 dollar question, let us see what keeps our team in first place.

Surely, 6'9" Ray Felix is one of the main causes. Junior, as the big boy is called by his teammates, has improved a great deal since coming to Metro. He has learned how to turn and shoot with either hand; he dominates both back boards; he has gained confidence in himself and his coach, Bill Carter. Ray has scored 326 points in 12 games. This is hard to do in any league. Buddy Ackerman is another reason why Metro remains in the win column. This unorthodox, unpredictable lad is always playing his best for the Blue and Gold. Although he shoots very accurately, he doesn't shoot often, but his aid in feeding big Ray is tremendous. If you were to go around to all the players on the team and ask them what they think about the other players, they would find something wrong with most of them. Ask them about Buddy, and they all will agree he's swell.

In my book, William Jennings comes next. Bill is always hustling. I think what makes him play well is the fact that he talks about what he can do, then he does it. Without his hustle, Metro would be at a great loss.

When a ball player excels in shooting, shoots at a basket and doesn't make the two points, there isn't too much said by the fans. If the ball player is a ballhandler, excelling in setting up plays and throws a poor pass, the fans think he isn't any good. This is the case of Joe Bartasi. Joe made three poor passes in the Seward Park game, and the fans were "down" on him. However they don't recall that he also threw three passes in the Stuyvesant game which ended in the hands of big Ray, who turned three times for six points and the game. I think Joe is a darned good player, who might have meant the difference had he been well enough to play in the Garden for us.

It isn't so easy to get the ball up to big Ray, but Arthur Poulos makes it look that way. This quiet young man gets more fun of feeding Ray than scoring points himself. Like Buddy, he has good eyes for shooting, but doesn't shoot often. Sometimes people don't notice that Arthur is in the game. It's when he comes out that they notice it.

When James Meirisch stands next to Felix you wouldn't think he is 6'3". You just can't put two men on Felix and leave a 6'3" man standing under the basket. Especially when this man happens to be Meirisch. Seward Park's coach Henry Cohen was the first to find this out. Mr. Cohen put two men on Felix and Meirisch went to work and scored 14 points.

Archie Williams also has shown himself to be outstanding. Alfred Stumpf seems to be a good play-maker for next year's team. Other members of the team are Frank DeConte, Gerald Dillon, Julius Adorno, Jerome Greenfield, George Beazer, Martin Rivera and Albert Partington.

It was February 28 that Metro was crowned Manhattan Division I Champions. Our record for the season was 9 wins and 1 lost. On March 8th, our team went into Madison Square Garden. There we came up against Andrew Jackson, the mighty green wave from Queens. Jackson played a great game, but there wasn't any system to stop Mr. Felix that day. With great feeding by Buddy Ackerman, Arthur Poulos and James Meirisch, Ray broke the individual high school scoring record in the Garden with 36 points. He also tied the all-time school boy record made by a college player. We won the game 54-48. I think the most outstanding player in this game on our side was Arthur Poulos.

The next game was a quarter-final game. This game was also played in the Garden. Our opponents were the great peg-legs of Stuyvesant. Although we won two games from Stuyvesant in league play, we were the underdogs for this game. The game was all that it was supposed to be. It was hard fought from horn to horn. With Felix scoring 31 points we still weren't able to stop Mr. Molinus and Company. We lost this game 53-48. With this lost game we closed a superb season for Metropolitan.

I don't think I should put down my pen until I say something about Mr. Bill Carter, Metro's big coach. There isn't a better coach to be found. More important, there isn't a nicer person than our coach. Mr. Carter's human qualities are characteristic of the entire Metropolitan faculty.





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Mr. M. Birnbaum, Coach

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Look at that guy Fiorillo bowl! He's great! Fiorillo is about our best bowler and he's leaving us this term. We need someone with a strong arm and a weak mind, oops! I mean a good eye, to fill his shoes. Robertson, Metro's Sonja Henie does a figure 8 and goes down the alley with the ball. Under the guidance of Miss Bodner, our Faculty advisor, the team has been "shaping up" but we'll have to wait till next term to enter the league. By next term the team will have had enough practice to make a good showing and take the league championship, perhaps.

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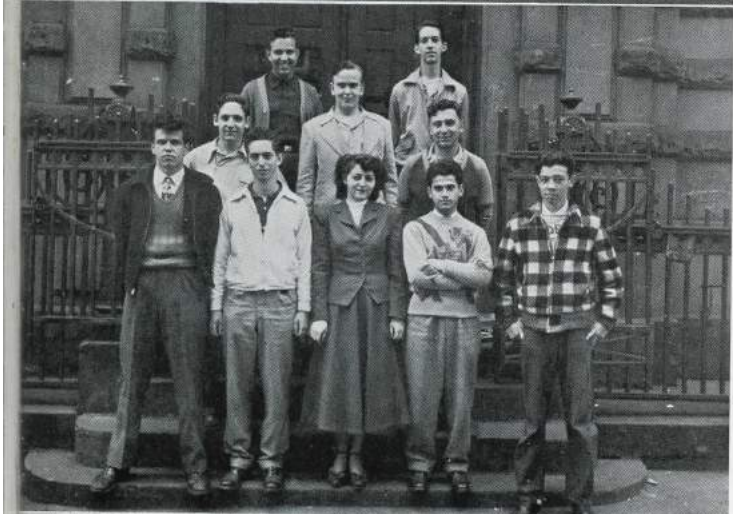
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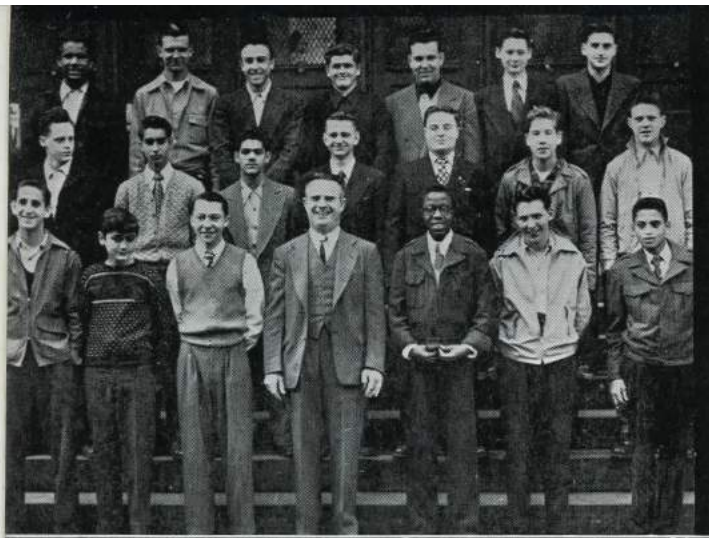
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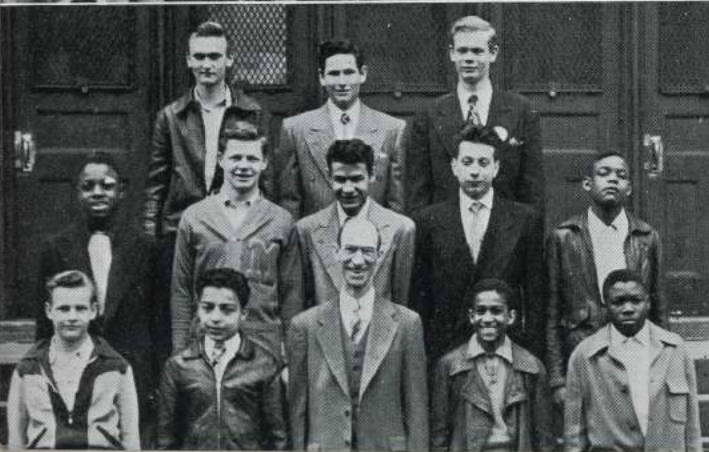
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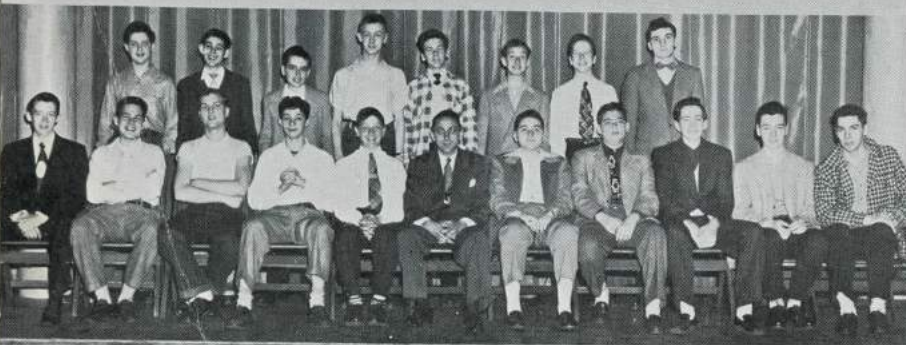
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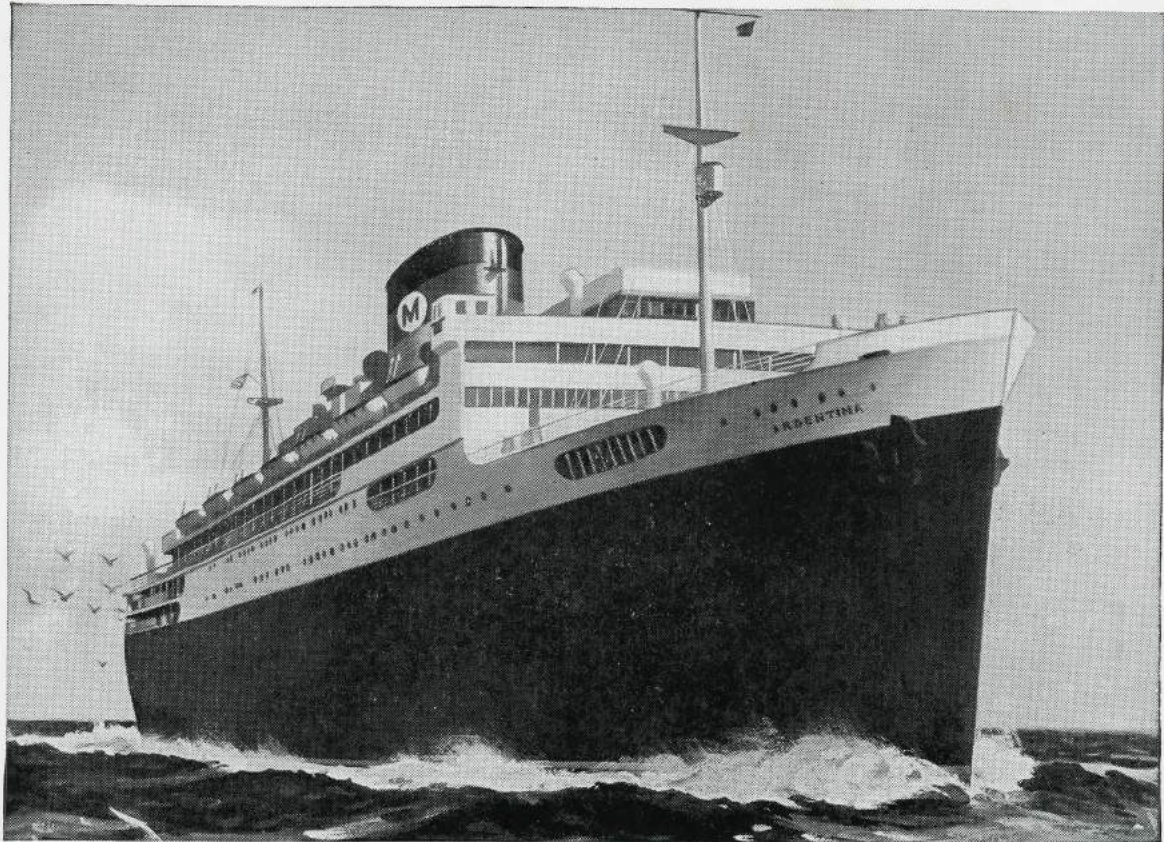
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EDITH MEARSON BANKS

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In our lifetimes there are always many unsung heroes, but in mine specifically, the one who has always been in my minds eye is Edith Mearson Banks.

I have always admired her for her direction (which affected my life) and her willingness to stand apart from others to fight a battle for something she believed so completely in.

None of us would be here today, were it not for Dr. Franklin Keller, and for her, and her tenacity.

I know you all have wonderful imaginations, for we were trained to develop them. So I want you to close your eyes for a moment and when you open them you will be seeing a 14 year old version of me standing in my place. That's when I became a student at Metropolitan H.S.

My dream from the time I was a very young child was to be in the theatre, and fortunately for me I had already had much experience. When I was accepted for the new program (which was the creation of the H.S. of Performing Arts) it was an extension of my dream. I was thrilled to be a part of this experiment.

What Edith Banks provided for us was (first of all) a friend. She taught us to see with very sharp eyes and never to ignore any detail. She taught us makeup and body movement. (as you know, we didn't have a dance department then). She was everything to us. and...She taught us with the discipline we required, and with the encouragement we needed. She was our teacher, our surrogate mother, and our friend. She made the dream come true.

Then, in our final year, when we moved uptown to our "new building", this building, ...she was gone! It was never explained to us. I thought in my young mind, that she was banished when the new regime came in. I have only just learned all of the facts within the last few days from Dr. Dycke, and from Edith Banks herself that she chose that time to take a sabbatical leave for 18 months to be with her infant son. I never knew until this time that despite the fact that she had a new child at home, she dedicated her energies with those of many others to see Performing Arts become a reality. Thank you Edith!

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