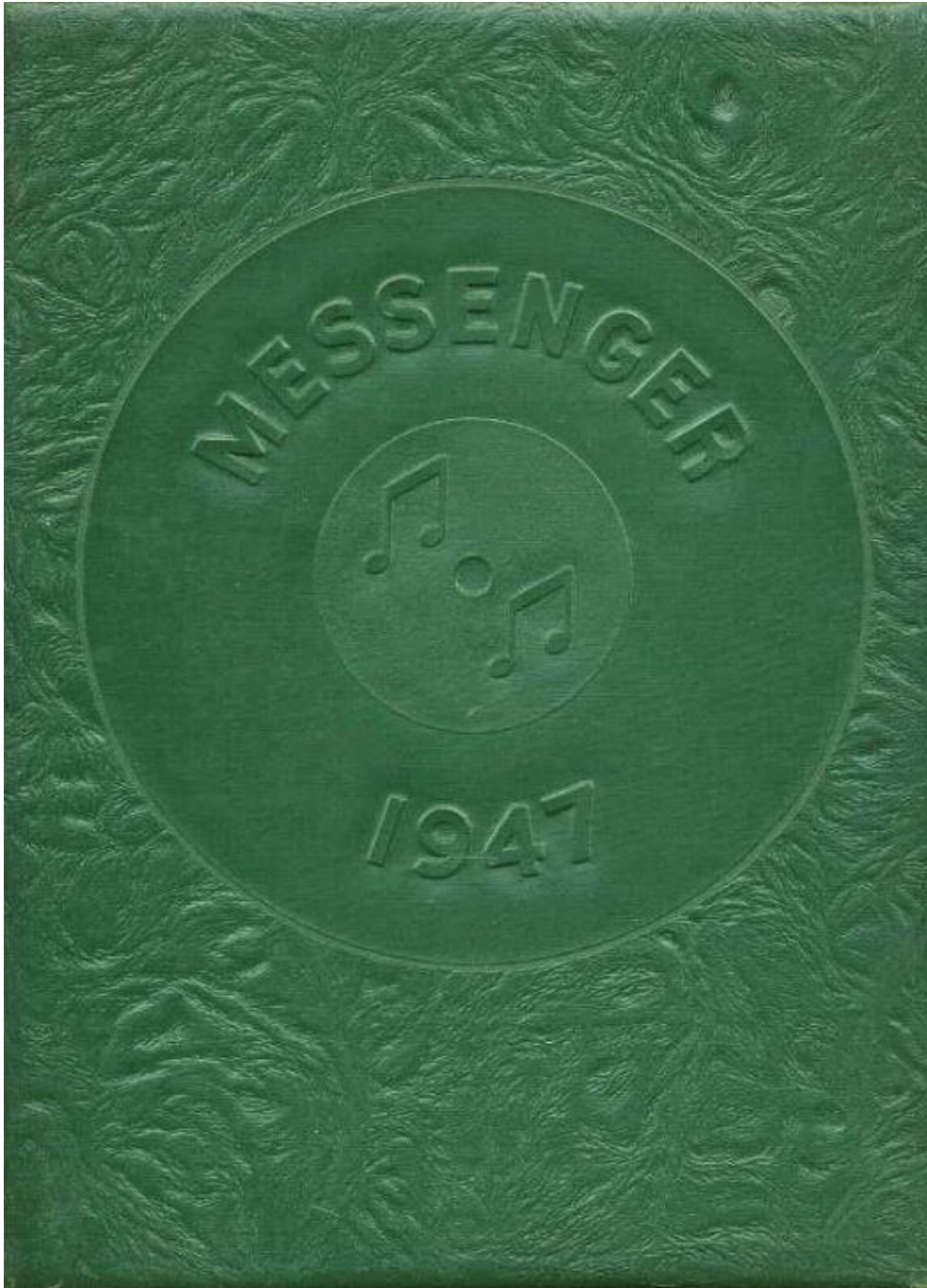


Union High, Class of 1947

(Seniors Only)

Benwood, West Virginia

Presented by Linda Cunningham Fluharty.



THE SENIOR CLASS OF UNION HIGH SCHOOL

presents

The
M E S S E N G E R



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Forward

In this annual we have endeavored to record the trials and tribulations of our class throughout the year. As this recording is played over and over, may it rekindle the old melody of school days and revive the numerous memories and happenings of the class of '47.

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Dedication



During the recording of the second stanza of our high school song, Mr. Harry Craig started to conduct our chorus of students. Throughout the three last stanzas of our song at Union, he has directed us to our finale. As we leave our concert hall, which you know as Union High School, the recording of our song completed, we wish to dedicate this issue of the MESSENGER, with our deepest appreciation to our faithful conductor, Mr. Craig, whose friendliness, good humor, and help we will always prize "Among our Souvenirs."

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Secretary

That friendly smile, that open heart and that helpful way of Mrs. Eula McBride, school secretary, makes us sorry to leave Union. All through the year she has brightened the office with her ever cheerful smile and words. We, the class of '47 wish to thank Mrs. McBride for all her understanding and helpfulness throughout the year, and feel that she truly expresses the words of that popular song "You Are My Sunshine."



Principal's Message



"The song is ended but the melody lingers on." These past four years of your youth have been spent among your friends in the halls of Union High. You have had some rough spots because none of us are perfect. That which will linger in your memory though will be the beautiful melody of the fine experiences and associations.

The life of a school administrator would be an unhappy one, to say the least, if it were not for the pleasure and satisfaction of seeing these young people grow and develop from gangling yearlings to sophisticated seniors. I know I shall treasure a host of these pleasant memories of your school days here and I sincerely trust you will, too. God speed to you all.

Faculty



1947



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Journalism, English 9,
Chorus

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Bookkeeping, Com.
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Economics

Mr. Eldron Suter
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Welding

Faculty



1947



Miss Margaret Ann Lane
Science, Biology

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Citizenship

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Algebra, physics,
chemistry, geometry

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English 12, Latin 1, 2

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Home Economics

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Problems of
Democracy

Mr. Walter Polley
Instrumental music

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English 9, English 11

Not pictured:

Miss Gertrude Peel
American History,
Economic Geog.

Mr. Irvin Barnett
World History, Bus.
Math.

Mr. Arthur Jones
Physical Ed.

Guess Who?



Prophecy of the Class of 1947

Having recently completed a world wide tour, we deemed it advisable to make a report concerning the Union High alumni graduating with the class of 47.

Following are the details of our journey which began in the inanimate city (?) of Boggs Run. Here we found "Hap" Storm and Jerry Fisher industriously running their partnership auto garage. Jennie Falova (fugitive from Riggs-Lamarr) has a steady job—she puts waves in Storm's hair! Upon reaching Benwood we discovered Angelo De Crease, with assistants Charles Beecher and Bill Gulden, busily producing competition for the Boggs Runners as they build the De Crease De Lux super service station.

In the newly constructed Benwood Telephone office we find chief operator, Maisie Metz, directing her squad of girls; among whom we were pleased to find Dorothy Supan and Willa Elschlager, operating Glendale lines only, while Marg Svrcek and Stella Grombka work side by side, comparing bits of conversation that they just happened to overhear. Also hard at work at the switchboard were Margaret Kramer, Gerry Lucas, Josephine Banaski, and Virginia Klug. The lone long distance operator was Lois Riedel.

Our journeys took us to Baltimore, Md., where at John Hopkins hospital we found those world famous doctors, Elmer Gardner and John McAninch, with their assistant nurses, Helen Danielson and Kathryn Webb. From Baltimore we traveled north to New York City where we were startled to find in one of the massive buildings the Exclusive Dress Shop of Rose Ann Cianfarani. All clothing offered for sale in this charming shop is designed by Deloris Moorehouse.

While in the east we read of the oncoming light-weight title bout, between two well known pugilists under skillful promotion of Mike Jacobs, boxing commissioner and decided to see the fight so went to New York. Upon entering Madison Square Garden we caught sight of Joe Kibert and Carl Rakoskie, trainers of match contenders Robert Bartsch and Nick Renzella.

While further doing the town we chanced to drop into the Cotton Club where furnishing the music of the evening, were Johnnie Canestraro's "Manhattan Maniacs." Trumpeter—Frank Mele, drummer—Gene Elliott, trombonists—Robert Coleman and Regina Burley, pianist—Alvin Tegarden and Vocalist—Pauline Judge, who incidentally, is still being pursued by "Tea". We hope this pursuit won't be a case of "Love's Labor Lost"!

Writing features for the New York Times were Daryl McGinnis and the former Mary Ann Gallagher, now Mrs. John Storm.

Prophecy of the Class of 1947

Before continuing toward the coast by a Deluxe Pullman, we deposited our baggage with Tom Welch, "Baggage Master" at Grand Central Station, New York.

Traveling west, we stopped at Roy Dale Hunt's "Dude Ranch." Out roping cattle were Roy Dale's able cowboys, Robert "Otto" Graham, Fred Marco, David Fike, and Hershhal Stanley.

Our last "State Side" stop was in Hollywood where playboys Mac Szymialis, Mike Latka and Mitchel Gresak were nonchalantly strolling across Hollywood on Vine St. pausing to look at Gloria Lowers, talented dancer and wife of Electrical Engineer, Glen Wells.

Also found in Hollywood were seven Union High graduates serving as secretaries for stars. Hilda Furlene, who does all the clerical work for Boris Karloff while Mary Jean Straghan capably assists Peter Lorre. Nellie Mae Burke serves in the capacity of private stenographer to Gary Cooper. Norma Jean Burgess and Sue Ann Peters are now "Big Time" typists for Metro Goldwyn Meyer; and told us about typing manuscripts submitted by Alice Niebergall and Mary Kleinedler.

As we went on to Europe by air, we were hostessed by Ella May Kuhens, airline hostess and our first European stop was London, England, where we visited with Mr. and Mrs. George Tribett (Dorothy Shuttlesworth) and Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Vavrock (Nancy Fullerton) and Mr. and Mrs. Petty Gandy (Blanche Sadaly). These couples are "honeymooning" in this great city.

Paris, France, our second stop, brought to light the activities of Stanley Chincheck and Bob Green. These one-time Unionites are participating as representatives of the U. S in the world wide sports carnival being held here.

Flying on to the Orient we discovered Lt. James Provenzano, Brig. Gen. Robert J. Wagonhoffer and Capt. Donald Stewart, who are living a life of comparative leisure and looking forward to retirement time.

We also discovered that Albert Martin, Anton Matesic, Milton Auth and Harry Bueke are enjoying civilian life in the Far East.

We then journeyed from China to Tokyo, Japan, where rebuilding Hira Shima were the American Army Engineers.

To our amazement we found Lt. Donald Haufe, Sgt. James Delliget, Cpl. George Byard, Pfc. Donald Buchannan, Pfc. Dale Hathorn and Pfc. Wm. Skvarka, all of Union High School's class of 47 among this hardworking group.

In the wilds of Japan we found working among the heathen, Norma Andreas and Larry Williams, both missionaries.

Classes ● ● ●



Seniors



OFFICERS

Anton Mestrovic—President

Lois Jean Reidel—Treasurer

Pauline Judge—Secretary

Bob Bartsch—Vice-President

of 1947

Betty Lou Anderson

Prep.
Cheer Leader, Spotlight Staff,
Senior Play, National Honor So-
ciety

Robert Bartsch

Voc.
Pres. of Hi-Y, Baseball, V. Pres.
of Senior Class

Charles Beecher

Gen.
Track, Football, Basketball

Norma Virginia Andreas

Com.
F. H. A.

Mary Eileen Armstrong

Com.
Y-Teens, F. H. A.

Donald Lee Buchanan

Voc.
Minstrel, Football, Chorus



Josephine Marie Banaski

Com.
Y-Teens, F. H. A.

George Albert Byard

Voc.
Minstrel

John Anthony Canestraro

Gen.
Band, Minstrel

Norma Jean Burgess

Com.
Library Assistant

Seniors



Stanley John Chincheck
Voc.
Baseball, Minstrel, Track

Nellie Mae Bruke
Com.
Library Assistant, Y-Teens



Regina Zadell Burley
Prep.
Band, Student Council, G. A. A.,
F. H. A., Messenger Staff, Spot-
light Staff, Chorus, Minstrel, Y-
Teens, National Honor Society

Robert Charles Coleman
Voc.
Band, Minstrel



Kenneth Lee Davis
Voc.
Hi-Y, Minstrel Chorus

Joan Lucille Cetkosky
Com.
Y-Teens, Messenger Staff,
Chorus, Minstrel

Angelo Samuel DeCrease
Voc.
Hi-Y, Minstrel, Basketball

Roseann Cianfarani
Com.
Y-Teens, G. A. A., Messenger,
Spotlight Staff, Senior Play,
F. H. A., Student Council, Na-
tional Honor Society

Gloria Fayne Coen
Com.
Band, Messenger Staff, Y-Teens,
National Honor Society

James Henry Dellget
Voc.
Hi-Y, Minstrel



of 1947

Helen Marie Danielson
Prep.
Y-Teens

Gene Luther Elliott
Voc.
Band, Basketball, Football, Min-
strel Chorus

David Arlo Fike
Voc.
Minstrel

Dolores Eloise Dawson
Com.
Y-Teens

Wilhelmina Elschlager
Gen.
G. A. A., Library Assistant

Jerry Henry Fisher
Voc.



Jeanette Mae Ellis
Com.
Band, Y-Teens

Elmer William Gardner
Prep.
Hi-Y, Junior Play, Chorus

William Frank Guldan
Voc.

Jennie Fallova
Prac. Arts
F. H. A., Y-Teens

Seniors



Robert Edward Graham
Com.

Nancy Jean Fullerton
Gen.
Band, Minstrel, Y-Teens, Mess.
Staff



Hilda Marie Furline
Com.
F. H. A., Y-Teens

Robert William Green
Voc.
Football, Hi-Y, Minstrel Chorus



Mitchell Henry Gresak
Prep.
Basketball, Football, Track

Dolores Frances Gach
Com.
Spotlight Staff, Mess. Staff,
Chorus, Y-Teens

Donald Ray Houfe
Prep.
Basketball, Hi-Y, Messenger
Staff, Spotlight Staff, Minstrel,
Chorus, National Honor Society

Mary Ann Gallagher
Com.
Editor of Mess., G. A. A., Junior
Play, Band, Spotlight Staff, Y-
Teens, National Honor Society

Mabel Marie Graham
Com.
Y-Teens

Dale Richard Haythorn
Prep.
Hi-Y, Minstrel, Messenger Staff,
Football, Chorus, Senior Play



of 1947

Stella Helen Grombka
Gen.
Y-Teens

Roy Dale Hunt
Voc.
Minstrel, Basketball Manager,
Baseball, Hi-Y

Joseph Kibert
Voc.
Hi-Y, Football, Minstrel, Baseball

Theresa Jane Hughes
Com.
G. A. A. Pres., Student Council,
Messenger Staff, Library Asst.
National Honor Society

Pauline Agnes Judge
Gen.
G. A. A., Y-Teens, Band, Drum
Major, F. H. A., Student Council,
Jr. Play, National Honor Society

Bernard John Krizanek
Voc.
Hi-Y



Mary Ann Kleinedler
Com.
F. H. A., Library Asst., Y-Teens

Willis Logston
Voc.
Student Council, Hi-Y, Football
Minstrel Chorus

John Fred Marco
Voc.
Minstrel, Football

Virginia Theresa Klug
Com.
Band, Majorette, F. H. A., Y-
Teens

Seniors



Frank Mele
Voc.
Minstrel, Band

Margaret Rose Kramer
Com.
F. H. A.



Ella Mae Kuhens
Gen.
Y-Teens, F. H. A.

Andy Mestrovic
Prep.
Minstrel, Junior and Senior Plays,
Hi-Y, Track, N. A. S. S., Class
Pres., Basketball, Student Council,
Messenger and Spotlight
Staffs, National Honor Society



James Provenzano
Voc.
Minstrel, Track

Joanne Lee Leeds
Y-Teens Messenger Staff

Nicholas Renzella
Voc.
Minstrel, Football Manager

Glorie Lou Lowers
Com.
Y-Teens, Lib. Asst., Junior and
Senior Play

Gerry Lucas
Prac. Arts, F. H. A.

Carl Rakoskie
Voc.



of 1947

Daryl Virginia McGinnis
 Prep.
 Cheer Leader, Pres. of Y-Teens,
 Spot. Staff, Chorus, Student
 Council, Junior and Senior Play,
 Library Asst.

Hershall Stanley
 Voc.
 Minstrel

Donald Lee Stewart
 Voc.
 Minstrel

Maisie Metz
 Com.
 G. A. A., Y-Teens, Chorus

Deloris Moorehouse
 Com.
 Y-Teens, Cheer Leader, Senior
 Play, Spot. and Messenger Staff,
 National Honor Society

Harry Storm
 Voc.
 Football, Minstrel



Esther Mae Morris
 Com.
 Y-Teens

William Skvarka
 Voc.
 Minstrel, Hi-Y.

Matthew Szymialis
 Prep.
 Basketball, N. A. S. S., Minstrel,
 Senior Play, Messenger Staff

Alice Louise Niebergall
 Prep.
 Spot. Staff, G. A. A., Y-Teens

Seniors



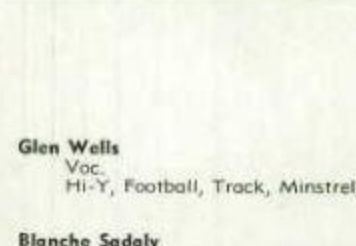
Richard Alvin Teagarden
Gen.
Band, Senior Play



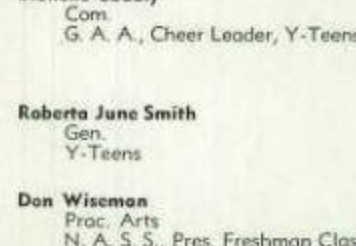
Sue Ann Peters
Com.
Y-Teens



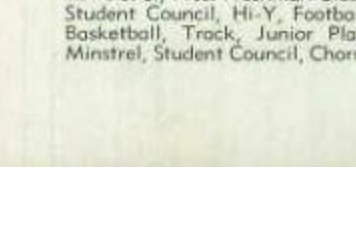
Terry Ralbusky
Com.
Y-Teens, Messenger Staff



Robert Joseph Wagenhoffer
Voc.
Hi-Y, Senior Play, Minstrel



Thomas Welch
Prep.
Track, Football, Minstrel, Jr.
Play, Chorus



Lois Jean Riedel
Com.
G. A. A., Y-Teens, Student Council,
Messenger Staff, Library Assistant,
Senior Treasurer.

Glen Wells
Voc.
Hi-Y, Football, Track, Minstrel,

Blanche Sadaly
Com.
G. A. A., Cheer Leader, Y-Teens

Roberta June Smith
Gen.
Y-Teens

Don Wiseman
Proc. Arts
N. A. S. S., Pres. Freshman Class,
Student Council, Hi-Y, Football,
Basketball, Track, Junior Play,
Minstrel, Student Council, Chorus



Seniors



Dorothy Shuttlesworth
Com.
G. A. A., Y-Teens, Cheer Leader,
Junior Play

Mary Jean Straghn
Com.

Dorothy Supan
Com.
Library Assistant

Margaret Ann Svrcek
Gen.
Y-Teens

Kathryn Ellen Webb
Prep.
Y-Teens, G. A. A., Band
Mess. Staff, Chorus, National
Honor Society

Nancy Ellen Wilson
Prep.
Y-Teens, G. A. A., Lib. Asst.,
Senior Play, National Honor Society

NOT PICTURED—

Howard Lee Lemons
General
Hi-Y

John Bill McAninch
General
Football, Minstrel, Spotlight
Staff, National Honorary Society,
Swimming Team, Hi-Y, United
States Navy

Charles Fred Oser
Vocational
Football, Basketball, Baseball,
Minstrel, United States Navy

George Tribett
General
United States Navy

Lawrence Williams
Vocational
Victory Corp., Minstrel, Basket-
ball, United States Navy

What Made Them Famous

Betty Lou Anderson.....	Her eyes
Norma Andreas.....	Carrots
Eileen Armstrong.....	Her temper
Josephine Banoski.....	Boxing
Bob Bartsch.....	Boxing
Charles Beecher.....	Warwood game
Donald Buchanan.....	Brilliant remarks
Jean Burgess.....	Dimples
Neillie Burke.....	V. F. W.
Regina Burley.....	Questions
Johnny Canestraro.....	His orchestra
Joan Cetkasky.....	Henry
Stanley Chincheck.....	Pitching
Roseann Cianforani.....	Senior Play
Fayne Coen.....	Giggles
Robert Coleman.....	Trombone
Helen Danielson.....	Her questions
Dolores Dawson.....	Dry Wit
Angelo DeCrease.....	His gracious manner
James Delliget.....	Singing
Gene Elliott.....	Drums
Jeanette Ellis.....	Would-be boyfriends
Willa Eischlager.....	Smile
Jerry Fisher.....	Red hair
Nancy Fullerton.....	Minstrels
Dolores Gach.....	Her hair
Mary Ann Gallagher.....	Johnny
Elmer Gardner.....	Shy manner
Emil Gongola.....	Sports
Mabel Graham.....	Wit
Robert Graham.....	Boyer manner
Bob Greens.....	Fighting
Mitchell Gresak.....	Speed
Stella Grombka.....	Marg
Don Haufe.....	Personality
Dale Haythorn.....	Heighth

What Made Them Famous

Page Henderson.....	Dark eyes
Theresa Hughes.....	Good nature
Roy Dale Hung.....	His Sweet Potato
Pauline Judge.....	Her face
Joe Kibert.....	His face
Mary Ann Kliendler.....	Giggles
Virginia Klug.....	Majorette
Bernard Krizanek.....	Silence
Joanne Leeds.....	Don
Willis Logston.....	His smile
Gloria Lowers.....	Glen
Fred Marco.....	His car
Daryl McGinnis.....	Sophistication
Frank Mele.....	Trumpet
Anton Mestrovic.....	Straight "A's"
Maisie Metz.....	Singing
Deloris Moorehouse.....	Aggressiveness
Esther Morris.....	Dry Wit
Alice Niebergall.....	Reserved manner
Sue Ann Peters.....	Being late
Nick Renzella.....	Minstrels
Lois Jean Reidel.....	Her waistline
Blanche Sadaly.....	Friendliness
Dorothy Shuttlesworth.....	George
Don Stewart.....	Singing
Dorothy Supan.....	Height
Margaret Svrcek.....	Stell
Moc Szymialis.....	His car
Alvin Tegarden.....	Pauline's shadow
Kathryn Webb.....	Latin
Thomas Welch.....	Gift of gab
Glen Wells.....	Gloria
Don Wiseman.....	Bashful grin