

Juniors and Seniors
of
Our Lady of the Elms
Akron, Ohio

Present

THE 1950 ELM

to commemorate
the first year in the new high school



Dedication

TO ALL those who have enabled us to begin the last half of the century in the new school, we gratefully dedicate this book.



Campus Scenes



Few schools can boast of a lovelier campus than that of Our Lady of the Elms.



AN ELMS girl is extremely fortunate in having the guidance and wisdom of the faculty during these, her formative years.

Through their knowledge, kindness, and good example she progresses scholastically, culturally, and spiritually.

Faculty

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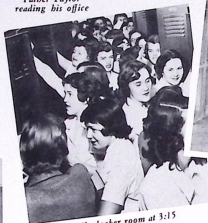
We Often See These Familiar Scenes Around the School . . . Lost and Found



Diana Benchea
collecting lunch slips



Father Taylor
reading his office



The locker room at 3:15



Sister Rosalia closing the
building at 4:30



Sally and Toni
working on construction



Peter John
Baldacci
sipping coke
after school



Mr. Miller
polishing the floor



Girls' cars in the parking lot



The First Class to Graduate from the New High School



MOTTO
In ourselves our future lies

COLORS

Blue and white

FLOWERS

Carnation and baby breath





Margaret Georgann Cullen

NICKNAME: "Georgie"

PREFERENCES: Water; coffee; LGT; opera; sleep

AVERSIONS: Candid Comments; OTHER drivers

PASTIME: Looking for Candid Comments

CHERISHED MEMORIES: NSPA Convention, November, 1949; Feb. 15, 1950

AMBITION: To write a book and live as close as possible to the ocean

ACTIVITIES: Class President 4; Iota Delta Alpha Sorority 3, 4; Vice President 3; The Elm; Elm Leaf 4; Players Guild 3, 4; Choral Ensemble 3; National Honor Society 4; French Club 3, 4; Swimming 4; Golf 4; Gym Letter 3.



Sally Zelmira Kobuz

NICKNAMES: Sally; Sal

PREFERENCES: Tennis; carrots; LGT; music; food in general; rest; sports

AVERSIONS: Work; my height; cooked cabbage; two-faced people

PASTIMES: Getting in trouble; eating; constructing props; loafing

CHERISHED MEMORIES: Mexico, June, 1949; NSPA Convention at Chicago, Feb. 15, 1950

AMBITIONS: College; travel; get enough rest

ACTIVITIES: Class Vice President 4; Players Guild 2, 3, 4; Choral Ensemble 2, 3, 4; Iota Delta Alpha Sorority 3, 4; Elm Leaf Sports Editor 4; The Elm 4; Field Hockey Varsity 1, 2, 3, 4; Basketball Varsity 2, 3, 4; Volleyball Varsity 2, 3; Swimming 4; Soccer Varsity 1, 2, 3; Baseball Varsity 1, 2, 3; Golf 4; Badminton 4; Gym Letters 2, 3.

*Patricia Anne Cotton*

NICKNAME: Pat

PREFERENCES: Music; dramatics; adventure; fascinating people; Washington, D. C.

AVERSIONS: Being rushed; people who call me "Patricia"

PASTIMES: Dreaming; enjoying English class; rushing around; going to Garner's with the gang

CHERISHED MEMORY: Summer of '49 at Catholic University

AMBITION: Heaven

ACTIVITIES: Class President 1; Class Treasurer 4; National Honor Society 3, 4, Vice President 3; Players Guild 2, 3, 4, Secretary 4; Choral Ensemble 3, 4; French Club 4; Iota Delta Alpha Sorority 3, 4; Elm Leaf third page Editor 4; The Elm 4; Basketball Varsity 1, 2, 3; Baseball Varsity 1, 2, 3; Soccer Varsity 1, 2, 3; Field Hockey Varsity 1, 2, 3, 4; Golf 4; Gym Letters 2, 3; Badminton 4; Volleyball Varsity 1, 2, 3.

*Nan Marie Harris*

NICKNAME: "Hey you"

PREFERENCES: My parents and brothers; the gang and A.F.A.; the cottage; everyone I know

AVERSIONS: People who don't argue correctly; communists and Roosevelt lovers

PASTIMES: Loafing; going to Swenson's and Burrell's

CHERISHED MEMORIES: Summers '47, '48 and '49 at Turkeyfoot; Christmas Formal of '47; graduation

AMBITION: To marry a millionaire and lead the life of leisure

ACTIVITIES: Class Treasurer 4; French Club 3; Players Guild 2, 3, 4; Iota Delta Alpha Sorority 3, 4; Choral Ensemble 2, 3, 4; Art Editor of the Elm Leaf 4; The Elm 4; Field Hockey Varsity 2, 3, 4; Baseball Varsity 2, 3; Soccer Varsity 2, 3; Basketball Varsity 3, 4; Volleyball Varsity 2, 3, 4; Archery 2, 3, 4; Gym Letter 3; Golf 4; Badminton 4.





Diana Elizabeth Benchea

NICKNAME: Di

PREFERENCES: Chocolate cake; dancing; hamburgers; potato salad; "Carmen"; Choral Ensemble; watching Rosie R. jitterbug

AVERSIONS: People who act older than they are; onions

PASTIMES: Talking on the 'phone; reading good novels; going to Garner's with the gang; barreling around with Toni in "Jasper."

CHERISHED MEMORIES: Summer spent as J.C. at Camp Wyandot; December, 1949

AMBITION: To go to college

ACTIVITIES: Choral Ensemble 4; French Club 4; Iota Delta Alpha Sorority 4; Elm Leaf fourth page Editor 4; Basketball Varsity 4; Golf 4; Badminton 4; The Elm 4.



Marie Antoinette Eisele

NICKNAME: Toni

PREFERENCES: My car, "Jasper"; potato chips; going to Garner's with the gang; having a good time

AVERSIONS: People who say they know how to drive; people who spell my name "Tony"

PASTIMES: Driving; horseback riding; dancing; sports; speedboat races

CHERISHED MEMORIES: July 15, 1949; January, 1950

AMBITION: To complete nurse's training

ACTIVITIES: Choral Ensemble 3, 4; Vice President 4; Iota Delta Alpha Sorority 3, 4; Business Manager of the Elm Leaf 4; The Elm 4; Players Guild 2, 3, 4; Volleyball Varsity 1, 2, 3; Soccer Varsity 1, 2, 3; Field Hockey 1, 2, 3, 4; Horseback riding 4; Swimming 4; Basketball Varsity 1, 2, 3, 4; Golf 4; Badminton 4; Gym Letters 1, 2, 3; Baseball 1, 2, 3.



Judith Ann Gardner

NICKNAME: Judy

PREFERENCES: Animals; "Wuthering Heights"; "La Boheme"; the gang and A.F.A.; stylish clothes

AVERSIONS: My red coat; Sally's spelling; chickens; prejudiced or sanctimonious people; gym

PASTIMES: Day dreaming; reading; eating; working on the Elm Leaf; spending Friday nights with Sally

CHERISHED MEMORY: That's a secret

AMBITION: Travel; Tobe-Coburn

ACTIVITIES: Class Treasurer 1, 2, 3; Players Guild 1, 2, 3, 4; French Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Iota Delta Alpha Sorority 3, 4; Elm Leaf Editor 4; The Elm 4; Golf 4.



Joyce Cordellia Holman

NICKNAME: Jo

PREFERENCES: My dog, Baron; my friends

AVERSIONS: Cats; waiting for late people

PASTIMES: Swimming; reading; sleeping

CHERISHED MEMORIES: Dec. 30; March 4

AMBITION: Doctor

ACTIVITIES: Iota Delta Alpha Sorority 3, 4; French Club 3; Circulation Manager of the Elm Leaf 4





Agnes Joan Houk

NICKNAME: Aggie; Ag

PREFERENCES: My family; baseball; Cleveland Indians; A.J.; Mrs. Baldacci; television; Garner's; the gang

AVERSIONS: People who say I look like 14; a good line

PASTIMES: Barreling around with Pat in "Minerva"; with Toni in "Jasper"; fooling around at Rauh's "hotel"

CHERISHED MEMORIES: Nov. 18, 1949; summer vacation 1948; Dec. 16, 1948

AMBITION: To become a good nurse and marry a doctor

ACTIVITIES: Iota Delta Alpha Sorority Treasurer 3, President 4; French Club 1, 2; Choral Ensemble 1, 2, 3, 4; Players Guild 1; Soccer Varsity 1, 2, 3; Basketball Varsity 1, 2, 3, 4; Volleyball Varsity 1, 2, 3; Baseball Varsity 1, 2, 3; Gym letters 1, 2, 3; Field Hockey Varsity 1, 2, 3, 4; Golf 4; Badminton 4.



Ann Elizabeth Jahant

NICKNAME: J.; A.J.

PREFERENCES: Food; "Windswept"; "Jackson"; Jahant tribe; Garner's

AVERSIONS: Hanging around school after 3:15; getting up early; Helen asking if she can drive; staying home on Sunday nights

PASTIMES: Jack; batting around in 3CJ, C3J

CHERISHED MEMORIES: Hessel, Mich. '48, '49

AMBITION: To be able to float

ACTIVITIES: Players Guild 4; French Club 4; Iota Delta Alpha Sorority 3, 4; Volleyball Varsity 1, 2, 3; Basketball Varsity 1, 2, 3, 4; Field Hockey Varsity 1, 2, 3, 4; Bowling League 4; Baseball Varsity 1, 2, 3; Soccer Varsity 1, 2, 3; Golf 4; Gym Letters 1, 2, 3.



Rosemarie Katherine Milano

NICKNAME: Rosie; Ro; Tagalong

PREFERENCES: Good music; swimming; fried chicken; horseback riding

AVERSIONS: My hair; people who are crude

PASTIMES: Riding around in the car; looking at television; going to Garner's with the gang

CHERISHED MEMORY: Summer of 1949 at Conneaut, Ohio

AMBITION: Good grades in college

ACTIVITIES: Choral Ensemble 1, 2, 3, 4; Iota Delta Alpha Sorority 3, 4, Secretary 4; French Club 1, 2; Elm Leaf Advertising Manager 4; Field Hockey Varsity 4; Players Guild 1; Golf 4; Badminton 4.



Rosemary Ann Raub

NICKNAME: Rosie

PREFERENCES: People; writing letters; Mrs. B.; dancing; the Elms girls whom I'll never forget; going to Garner's; the gang

AVERSIONS: People who call me by my last name

PASTIMES: Jitterbugging; cooking; eating; goodies; sleeping; talking on the telephone; D.T.; riding around with Toni in "Jasper"

CHERISHED MEMORIES: Portage Lakes summer of 1949; D.T.

AMBITION: To make up mind what to do and do it

ACTIVITIES: Players Guild 1, 2, Recorder 3, President 4; Iota Delta Alpha Sorority 3, 4; Elm Leaf 4; Basketball Varsity 1, 2, 3; Soccer Varsity 1, 2, 3; Field Hockey Varsity 1, 2, 3, 4; Golf 4; Horseback Riding 4; Baseball Varsity 1, 2, 3; Gym Letter 1, 2, 3; Badminton 4; Elm 4.





Patricia Ann Richardson

NICKNAME: Pat

PREFERENCES: Bill; my family; music; the "Chevy"; the gang and A.F.A.; food; sleep

AVERSIONS: My height; people who think I'm younger than I am; short skirts; being alone; spiders; gym

PASTIMES: Bill; eating; planning for after graduation

CHERISHED MEMORY: Sept. 7, 1949

AMBITIONS: To be a nurse, a good wife and mother; someday go to Hawaii

ACTIVITIES: Choral Ensemble Treasurer 4; Players Guild 4; Elm Leaf first page editor 4; Iota Delta Alpha Sorority 4; The Elm 4; Golf 4; Swimming 4; Horseback Riding 4.



Mary Magdalene Sears

NICKNAME: Mary

PREFERENCES: Nice clothes; music; all sports; a good time in general

AVERSIONS: Hypocrites; ham salad sandwiches; spiders

PASTIMES: Swimming; listening to good music; traveling

CHERISHED MEMORY: Summer of '49

AMBITION: To be a good nurse and to live up to all that is expected of her

ACTIVITIES: Class President 2; Players Guild 1, 2, 3, 4, Recorder 4; French Club 3, 4; Iota Delta Alpha Sorority 3, 4; Elm Leaf second page Editor 4; The Elm 4; Bowling League 4; Field Hockey Varsity 4; Basketball Varsity 2; Badminton 4; Golf 4; Gym Letter 2.



Sally Jo Sinclair

NICKNAME: Jo

PREFERENCES: Dick; swimming; "Winnie the Pooh"; the gang and A.F.A.; the Buick; J.A.G. on Fridays; Pat's Chevy; P.M.; stylish clothes; Sr. Paul

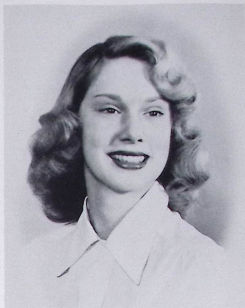
AVERSIONS: Adolescents; regimentation; the boys' parties; school; my green coat; sanctimonious people

PASTIMES: Dick; watching Kukla, Fran, and Ollie; planning for graduation; reading

CHERISHED MEMORY: Oct. 22, 1949

AMBITION: A trip to the Caribbean this summer

ACTIVITIES: Class President 3; Choral Ensemble 2, 3, 4, President 4; Players Guild 3, 4; Iota Delta Alpha Sorority 3, 4; Elm Leaf 4; The Elm; Basketball Varsity 4.



Ruth Ann Strebler

NICKNAME: Ruthie

PREFERENCES: The family; sports, especially swimming and baseball; a good time

AVERSIONS: Waiting for late Greyhound busses; cats; insincere people

PASTIMES: Reading; swimming; picking strawberries

CHERISHED MEMORY: Summer of '49; graduation

AMBITIONS: To become a good nurse; to travel

ACTIVITIES: Class Secretary 2; National Honor Society 3, 4, President 4; Assistant Editor of Elm Leaf 4; The Elm 4; Players Guild 1; French Club 3, 4; Iota Delta Alpha Sorority 3, 4; Basketball Varsity 4; Soccer Varsity 1, 2, 3; Volleyball Varsity 2, 3; Field Hockey Varsity 3, 4; Bowling League 4; Swimming 4; Golf 4; Badminton 4; Baseball 2, 3.





Last Will and Testament

"Listen ye juniors and ye shall hear
Of the senior will in the mid-century year."

Diana Benchea deigns to leave,
To Mary Ellen Tarn
Her noontime habits. "We believe
This will enhance her charm."

To Shirley Wade Pat Cottom gives
Her speech facilities.
"And Shirley dear we hope this lives
In poised abilities."

Georgann Cullen proudly wills
Her operatic voice.
Marlene Davis gaily shrills
Her blessings on this choice.

To anyone who really needs
Protection for the feet,
Toni Eisele now concedes
Her sox to make you neat.

"Be calm, be subtle, and don't fret,"
Miss Judy Gardner states.
"Pat Theiss and Nancy Long will get
My suave, unruffled traits."

To be republican, through and through
Is left to Barbara White.
Nan Harris gives this gift to you,
This party; strong and right.

Agnes Houk's great acting power
Ann Amer is bequeathed.
And Gilmore letters by the hour
Miss Clark will soon unshearth.

To Dolores Shanabrook, three big cheers
For Miss Jahant will give,
School spirit gained these many years.
"With this we're sure you'll live."

Joyce Holman leaves her stamps to lick
When sending out the paper.
"Miss M. L. Stiglic now we pick.
Use stamp and lick and stapler."

The art of carpentry is gained
By Beverly Frank so bright.
M. L. Giacomini is also deigned
Sally Kohnz's appetite.

Janet Drexler is now the heir
To Rosie Milano's style.
She'll wear her habit with a flair
And folks she will beguile.

To be on time in rain or shine
Is the gift of Rosie Rauh
"To Marilyn Amstutz, a friend of mine
In hopes you use it now."

To Carol Lipps, Pat Richardson leaves
Her deftness when she drives.
Joyce Sourbeck gains a height to please
"What luck!" she now replies.

Mary Sears now wills her nylon hose
To Mona Etienne.
Mary Tucker gains Sears' self-compose.
Thanks be, thanks be, thanks be!

The oddest gift we will agree
Is left by Sally Sinclair.
For Sally leaves the school you see
And leaves without despair.

To Mary C. Jakubiak
Miss Ruth Ann Strebler gives
The fun of riding forth and back
To school from where she lives.

"This will ye juniors should preserve
And its kindness please observe."



Prophecy

"Good afternoon, dear ladies. Step right this way, please. How kind of you to come to view the last remains." With these cheery words Agnes "Moredead" Houk, mortician, ushered us into the hushed room where the "body" was being shown. Most of us had just stumbled out of one of Ruth Strebler's battered buses. Ruth is the president of the Beagle Bus Lines which attempt to run monthly between Akron and Poedunk.

We had just seated ourselves in the somber atmosphere of the "salle de la mort" when Ann "Flash" Jahant, chief reporter for the Nightly Tornado, whizzed in. "Flash" ripped around hungrily seeking news on the funeral.

On our way over we had stopped at a small hovel housing Georgann Cullen's school for inexperienced drivers. Surrounding the hut were cars in various degrees of injury. "Jittery Georgie" appeared to be quite prosperous in spite of the damaged property, telephone poles, trees, and fire hydrants we viewed within a radius of three blocks.

To entertain us while we awaited the rest of the mourners Sally Kohnz brought with her several boxes of tooth picks. With these she demonstrated how she single-handedly built her original tooth pick across the Sahara Desert. We all admired her lovely suntan.

Blustering in with her bag of weights came Judy "Jujitsu" Gardner who recently received wide acclaim for her dramatic feats of outmatching the toughest chicks on television wrestling.

Training these top flight muscle bound chicks Rosemarie Milano is universally known for her charming chicken haven for the advancement of indigent fowl.

Judy had no sooner groaned into her seat when Pat Cottom dragged in sobbing. As we tried to comfort her she blubbered that it was not the sad reunion which upset her but the failure of her lobbying attempts in Congress to have an amendment to the Constitution passed to aid underprivileged actresses.

Clunk! Bump! We all craned our necks to discover the source of trouble, but it was only Pat Richardson, president of the Skyscraper Club, meeting another doorway—head to wood.

Before attending this funereal affair we had been served a delightful lunch at the Sniffy Snack Shoppe in downtown Poedunk. Mary Sears, proprietor, personally whipped up her patented batch of the original ham salad sandwich.

As the time for the last rites neared, Toni Eisele burst in giggling. Better known as the loudest, longest-laughing lady in the circus she felt out of place in this morbid environment. Nan "Blow-blow" Harris next provided many moments of delight as she passed out beautiful, brightly colored balloons to the spectators as a fond remembrance of the tearful occasion. Blow-blow has wowed the United States by the professional touch she has added to balloon blowing.

Tittering Sally Sinclair was our next arrival. Sally, unanimously elected by teenagers of all lands as "Miss Adolescence of Forever," was toting her latest writing creation on the *Adolescent School of Experiences*.

Squeek! Grind! Meow! These unusual sounds alerted our ears as puffing down the aisle juggled Joyce "Grindye" Holman, dragging behind her her cat, the Baroness of Boggledwarf. Immediately she began cranking her newly painted organ for the solemn service. Entwined in the Baroness's tail was a cup which she gleefully passed among the onlookers.

We began to stir restlessly when in exploded Diana Benchea, the eminent woman scientist. She wildly gasped that she had just invented a sensational new type of fire. (To this day no one knows what it is.)

Peering at the casket in which the body rested Diana stumbled up and lighted *the mortgage* of the Elms High School. May it rest in peace!

Just as we were filing out, in meanders Rosie Rauh. Rosie couldn't understand why she was late as she had recently completed work on her new silent alarm clock.



Juniors

What gives an Elms girl her many-sided personality? Education is of vital importance. The wonders of the new school afford a grand incentive for the Junior Class to strive for higher learning.

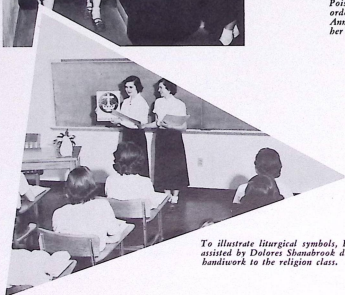


There's no place like the library when assignments are heavy. Marlene Davis makes use of the newspaper rack, as Mary Lou Stiglic and Barbara White search for other reference material.

Happily discussing a humorous occurrence in their last class Mary Lou Giacomini, Mary Catherine Jakubiak encounter Carol Lipps and Nancy Long picking up books for the next period.



Poised to take Pat Theiss's order from a French menu, Ann Amer waits patiently for her choice.



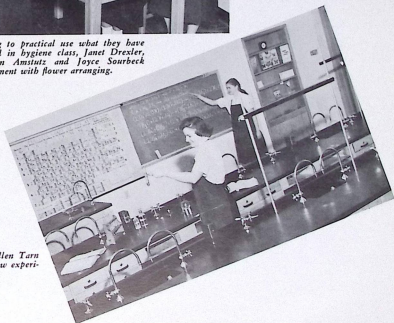
To illustrate liturgical symbols, Rita Clark, assisted by Dolores Shanabrook displays her handiwork to the religion class.



Mary Jo Tucker and Mona Etienne are listening intently to Shirley Wade's explanation of American History.



Putting to practical use what they have learned in hygiene class, Janet Drexler, Marilyn Amstutz and Joyce Sourbeck experiment with flower arranging.



Beverly Frank and Mary Ellen Tarn are deeply engrossed in a new experiment in the chemistry lab.



Sophomores

Because refinement is an essential characteristic, the Sophomores are endeavoring to acquire an appreciation of beauty through the cultural advantages offered at the Elms.



Pearl Bender, aided by Lois Berg and Martha Bisson, attempts to unravel the mystery of the wire recorder.



Julie Bierce sketches as Diane Arndt watches carefully.



"Yes, that's the one," points out Suzi Oliver as she and Pat Sigler choose records from the music library.

Nina Burrell, Esther Randers and Mary Lou Krill examine Sister Matilda's murals in the convent.





Amid the quiet beauty of the chapel, Pat Lipps and Kathryn Sealise beg assistance in their school work.



Seated at the piano, Aurelia Ban accompanies Thalia Kaltreider and Helen Jabant as they rehearse "In the Still of the Night."



Martha Fitzgerald intently examines the statue of the Baby Jesus, a replica of the one in Bethlehem.



Freshmen

To develop a diversified character, practical experience is of great value. Freshmen engage in a few of the varied occupations the new school has made possible.

Joan Nicholson and Joan Jerome, ushers, escort at one of the Players Guild productions; show a few members of the audience to their seats.



Eagerly Kathleen Kurzy and Marilyn Riley gaze at Rosemary Orton who is serving their lunch.



Jo Ann Smith, a prospective typist, perfects her technique as Mary Beth Stenger awaits her turn.



To develop their artistic abilities, Jackie Hager, Janet Rupp and Marcella Smith participate in decorating a bulletin board.

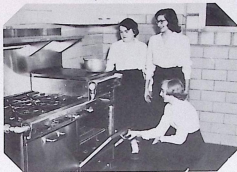


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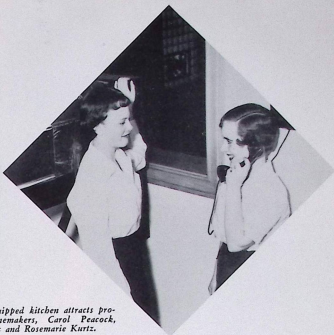
Wilma Sturgeon looks up information for a report, as Eileen Strebler with an eye to the future, studies college bulletins.



The fully equipped kitchen attracts prospective homemakers, Carol Peacock, Shirley Kollas and Rosemarie Kurtz.



Susan Finley watches Barbara Hummel as she calls backstage from the spotlight room.



Frances Cook, Clara Weakland and Shirley Dusch are interested in the planting of the new rhododendron around the school.



For that important "well-groomed" look, Janet Kecney and Jo Ann Joseph utilize the long mirrors, one of the best loved features of the new building.



Waiting patiently for the answer, Carole Turchan watches Toni Augustyn dial.

Sports

A healthy body is conducive to an alert mind. With the extension of the physical education program this year, the Elms girl is able to further her athletic abilities.



Players fight for possession of the ball during the hockey tournament.



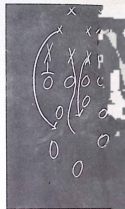
Riding on the campus proved to be an exciting experience.



Thwarted by the sudden thaw, these disappointed skaters look dejectedly at the rippling lake.



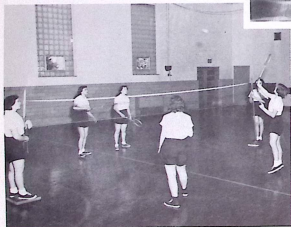
Looks as though there are professional archers among the Elms girls.



Explaining a strategic play in field hockey, Mrs. Baldacci, gym instructor, apparently is sidetracked by an amusing incident.



Swimming at the YWCA was a popular sports activity.



"Watch the birdie, girls!" is the cry during this badminton match.



A tense moment in a thrilling basketball game.



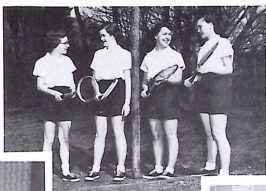
"Fore!" shouts Judy Gardner as Sally Sinclair tees off.



Excitement mounts as Mary Sears tries for a strike.



Juniors and sophomores struggle fiercely for the ball during the basketball tournament.



Sally Kohnz illustrates the proper tennis grip.



During this freshie gym class, calisthenics was the order of the day.





The Year

September

- 8—At long last school starts in the new building. Quite a change from the old one. It even dulled the usual pain of leaving the summer for a winter of studies.

Comment: Sister, just where is the senior room? I'm lost.

- 27—Today we know the freshies! At least we should, after the terrific party the seniors gave introducing them.

Comment: Now let's see, the one with the dark hair over there is—

October

- 3—Bingo, bango, bongo! No, it's not a savage tribe that's invaded the Elms, but our own little freshies dressed for their initiation. The halls of O.L.E. have suddenly become a jungle of brown skinned natives chanting weird rituals and dancing rhythmic steps.

Comment: We trust all blood thirsty desires were put away with the bone headresses and grass skirts.

- 6—Celebrities at the Elms? Yes indeed!! Today Georgann Cullen, Ann Amer and Carol Lipps are, because they met and interviewed Father Keller, Father

McGlynn and Maureen Daly.

Comment: Oh girls! May we have your autograph?

- 12—What a wonderful way to start out the social season! For the first dance of the year, not one Elms girl had to worry a minute about finding a date—thanks to all the charming Gilmour boys who helped make the evening a big success.

Comment: Girls, beware of tall, dark, handsome men!

- 22—Soft lights, sweet music, gals and guys, and autumn decorations. Tonight students had stars in their eyes, dancing to Tony Granada's orchestra as senior class gave the "Fall Frolic."

Comment: Oops! Excuse me! The floor is so crowded.

- 27—If you saw Little Boy Blue, Jack and Jill, the Queen of Hearts or any other nursery rhyme characters around school today, don't run to the nearest psychiatrist. No, they were just juniors dressed for the sorority initiation. The crowning glory of the day was the yummy spaghetti dinner the seniors gave afterwards.

Comment: Mary Lou, just when did you meet King Cole?

November

- 2—Gone until May is the age-old problem, "What shall I wear?" That's right, we donned our blue skirts and gray blazers today. *Comment:* New or old, they're still uniforms.

- 3—Lights! Curtain! Cast! Oh, the thrill of opening night! The play—"Nine Girls." The atmosphere—suspense, murder, chills and drama.

Comment: Hey! Any more dead bodies around?

- 11—"Swing your partner and docey-doe," chanted the caller tonight at the juniors' Harvest Hoedown, held among cornstalks and pumpkins in the gym.

Comment: Hey Pa, here comes the revenue!

- 11—All Elms girls will soon be playing at least a passable game of golf. That is, if Nick Lazor, pro from Breathnach Country Club, who began a golf clinic today, has anything to say about it. *Comment:* Now, my feet are apart, my head's down, my arms are back—where's the ball?

- 16—Have you ever dreamed of being backstage with a big star? Don't give up hope. It's very possible, as Pat Cottom and Pat Richardson can testify following their interview with Susan Peters tonight after the final curtain of "The Barrett's of Wimpole Street."

Comment: Ah! To be an actress!



- 23-27—Chicago, train tickets, hotels, theatres and journalism meetings made for many exciting incidents during these few days when several of the journalism students attended the N.S.P.A. Convention in Chicago.

Comment: Gee, I haven't had a chance to catch my breath,

December

- 16—Once again the blue robes were donned and gay Christmas songs rang through the school. The Carol Concert was presented on our beautiful new stage this year, and as a result the singing sounded better than ever.



Comment: Sr. Marianne and Sr. William, we didn't forget the wonderful surprise party you gave us this afternoon!

- 20-23—Nothing could put one more in the Christmas spirit than Christmas carols, as the Choral Ensemble sang every morning for four days at Polsky's.

Comment: Looks as though we're really show people now!

- 27—Tonight was It! After much anxious waiting the Snowflake Swirl arrived in a flurry of fluffy skirts. Amid the floating strains of Ross Halamay's orchestra Elms belles and their favorite beaux frolicked at the last school dance of 1949.

Comment: I think that I shall never see
Such a lovely Christmas tree
As this one around which we twirl,
So happy and gay at the Snowflake Swirl.

January

- 6—On this beautiful feast, the Epiphany, the juniors received their long desired class rings. A surprise breakfast was held for them after Mass. The picture of bright-eyed, glowing-checked girls will be a memory not to be forgotten soon.

Comment: Just think, girls, the next ring will go on the third finger—left hand.

- 11—Today Georgann Cullen, Judy Gardner and Pat Richardson lived the life of newspaper people when they went to the Beacon Journal and helped in the editing of the paper.

Comment: So interesting but oh, my aching feet!

- 17-19—Cram! Cram! Cram is the pervading fad these days. It's time for mid-term exams and everyone is in a dither.

Comment: Oh dear! I just know I'm going to flunk this one.

- 19—Cotton candy, rubber baby dolls, popcorn balls and all kinds of concessions filled the gym to overflowing today as the journalism class presented its 1950 version of the familiar carnival.

Comment: Instead of a jack-in-the-box we now have a Pat-in-the-box.

- 21—Hear ye! Hear ye! Dolores Shanabrook and Ann Amer represent Elms on Junior Town Meeting. The girls argued that public utilities should not be owned by the government, whereas two boys from Hower took the affirmative.

Comment: Dolores and Ann, you may count on every Elms girl's vote when you run for Congress.



In Review

February

- 10—Cupid was certainly present at the Heart Hop given by the Choral Ensemble tonight because there were hearts of all sizes decorating the gym to set the theme for the evening.

Comment: Will YOU be my Valentine?



- 15—At the open house for the eighth graders this year, we really had something to be proud of—our new school. It wouldn't take much persuading to "sell" after displaying the modern gymnasium, stage, classrooms and library.

Comment: Be seeing you next year, kids.

- 19—Career girls, movie stars, millionaires, colored maids and wild-Westerners were brought to life on the Elms stage when the Players Guild gave their second play, "Tilly from Texas," this year.

Comment: Wal, if it ain't the funniest thing ah ever seen!

- 21—Our last glorious splurge before Lent. And how we gorged at the Mardi Gras the freshies sponsored today.

Comment: Who has to go to New Orleans when we have all this right here?

March

- 17—Sure'n today all the Irish Colleens sported the grand and glorious green. To add to the celebration, the seniors presented a memory book rally featuring a one-act farce, "The Lamp Went Out."

Comment: Today actions spoke louder than words.



- 19—"The flowers that bloom in the spring tra la," might adequately describe the decorations for the hygiene tea. Who would have ever thought our gymnasium could be transformed into a setting of such exquisite beauty.

Comment: Thank you, Mrs. Baldacci and hygiene students, for a lovely afternoon.

- 25—Meet the Champs! That's right; the Choral Ensemble today won a superior rating at the Kent Auditions allowing them the privilege of going to Springfield to compete in the State finals.

Comment: Sister Paul, we did it!

- 29-31—Sandwiched in between January and June exams were the State Scholarship Tests. Weeks of diligent study seemed of little avail when these brain twisters were put before us.

Comment: Thank goodness, that's over!

April

- 8—Becoming a socialist for one-half hour today, Ann Amer said "yes" to the question, "Should the Federal Government Provide a System of Free Medical Care for Everyone at the Expense of the Taxpayer," in the second round of the Junior Town Meeting held at Springfield Township school.

Comment: And you a republican, Ann!



- 14—Dancing to the sparkling rhythms of Charlie Barnett's orchestra, the Gilmour boys gave us a dance never to be forgotten.

Comment: The girls really didn't need a bus to take them home; most of them could have floated.

- 22—Elms reporters were running helter skelter at the Kent Journalism Convention trying to get a scoop for their articles. A day of lectures and demonstrations helped broaden students' scope of journalistic knowledge.

Comment: Why not try using bloodhounds next time?

- 26—Cottons, organdies and piques were seen breezing down the ramp at East Market Gardens tonight as the Elms mothers gave the annual style show and card party.

Comment: John Powers has nothing on us.

- 28—WAKR broadcasted this afternoon from the Elms stage as Ann Amer entered the Junior Town Meeting semi-finals.

Comment: Good luck, Ann, here's hoping you come out on top.

- 29—Bright and early this morning the Choral Ensemble left for Springfield to take part in the state finals.

Comment: Fred Waring, here we come!

May

- 11—A real Southern atmosphere prevailed tonight at the Sorority box social. Besides luscious food auctioned in brilliantly decorated boxes, the Choral Ensemble's Spring Festival featuring songs of the deep South added to the general gaiety.

Comment: Ah bid ten dollahs, you-all.



- 21—May days are here again, and what could be more proper than crowning the flowerlike Mary, Queen of this beautiful month?

Comment: The Blessed Mother should reign in our hearts every day of every month.

- 26—Romance was queen tonight as the juniors and seniors drifted to the swaying strains of Al Day's orchestra.

Comment: Ahhhhhhhhhhhhhhhhh

June

- 8—The crowning glory of the year. Graduation, it's wonderful and we've all looked forward to it. But it's still sad to think of leaving.

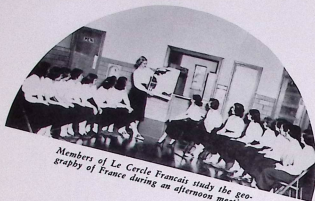
Comment: Onward, dear Elms.





Clubs

Instilling qualities of leadership and cooperation, O.L.E. organizations contribute to the rounding-out of the complete Elms girl.



Members of Le Cercle Francais study the geography of France during an afternoon meeting.



By reading exchange papers, these journalists get new ideas concerning school publications.



Varied expressions greet editor, Judy Gardner, as she distributes Elm Leaf to her staff members.



Despite the student director's attempts to point out mistakes in technique, Players Guild members seem to be enjoying the proceedings.



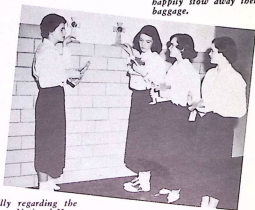
Those happy smiles seem to denote confidence in the abilities of Players Guild make-up artists.



Before leaving for the NSPA convention in Chicago, these journalists happily stow away their baggage.



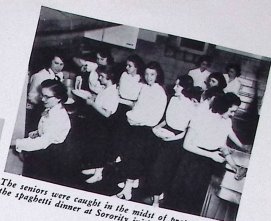
Committee members experiment with props during a Players Guild rehearsal.



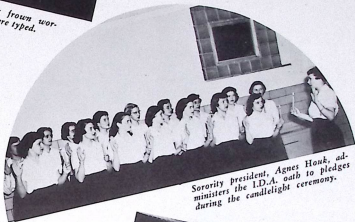
Thoughtfully regarding the new stations, National Honor Society members place them for Friday's Way of the Cross.



Memory book staff members frown worriedly as layouts for *The Elm* are typed.



The seniors were caught in the midst of preparations for the spaghetti dinner at Sorority initiation.



Sorority president, Agnes Houk, administers the I.D.A. oath to pledges during the candlelight ceremony.



After Lenten Services, members of the National Honor Society collect station books.



Choral Ensemble under the direction of Sister Paul practices before their prize-winning trip to State Finals at Springfield.

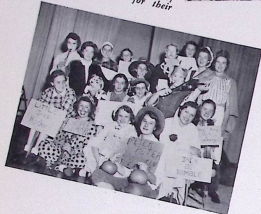


Activities

An Elms student guides a group of eighth graders through the modern Elms classrooms.



Sorority pledges donned the guise of Mother Goose characters for their I.D.A. initiation.



It's a tense moment in "Tilly from Texas" as Dolores Shanabrook attempts a daring hold-up.



These Elms girls and their partners enjoy themselves during intermission at the first exchange dance with Gilmour Academy.



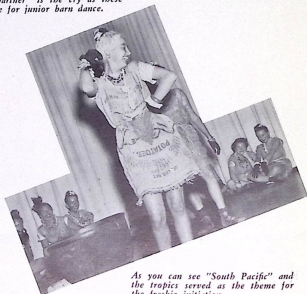
Does Pat Cottom realize the murderous intentions of Ann Amer in this thrilling scene from the Players Guild's first production, "Nine Girls."



"Swing your partner" is the cry as these couples practice for junior barn dance.



Waiting gaily, mothers and daughters embark for the May Breakfast.



As you can see "South Pacific" and the tropics served as the theme for the fresbie initiation.



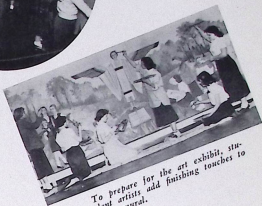
These winners illustrate the variety of costumes seen at the fresbie-sponsored Mardi gras.



Soft lights and sweet music provided the proper atmosphere for the Choral Ensemble "Heart Hop."



East Market Gardens was the scene of the annual Style Show and Card Party.



To prepare for the art exhibit, student artists add finishing touches to their mural.



Leaving the convent after the Ring Ceremony in the chapel, several juniors proudly display their new possessions.



Seniors practice industriously to prepare for the annual Carol Concert.



In the gymnasium, upperclassmen and their guests were entertained at a St. Patrick's Day tea.

Choral Ensemble Chattanooga Sboe Shine Boys shuffle on stage for their dance number during the I.D.A. Box Social.



Tired but happy, these Elmites display their Elm Leaf Carnival purchases.



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