

"The First Millvalean" Millvale, PA High School's First Yearbook (continued) 1929

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EXTRACTS FROM "WHO'S WHO"—EDITION OF 1949

N. B.—With this edition of "Who's Who", the editors are falling in line with the tendency of modern women to use their maiden names after marriage. Hence only maiden names are used in this book in classifying the important women of America.

- Braun, Mildred Regina;** born December 27, 1911; grocery queen; took first prize for her food display in the Pure Food Show at Madison Square Garden; has extended her father's business until it covers a whole square, and is a successful rival of McCann's; author of "How to Choose Among Many Suitors"; married very happily.
- Carson, Sylvester Ebenezer;** born June 11, 1911, in Millvale; financier and manager of the world-famous Pirates who have just achieved their tenth consecutive World Series victory; famous for his contribution to the invention of the home-runless bat and the strikeless bat; married.
- Cooper, William Sylvanus;** born April 15, 1911; famous stage actor and society man; graduate of New York School of Future Actors; went on stage at age of nineteen where, aided by his ever-ready smile revealing his snow white teeth, he at once became a success; a wealthy man, owning homes in New York, Newport, Palm Beach, and Hollywood. Although he is one of the most charming men on or off the stage, he is still unmarried and considered a very handsome prize for any debutante.
- Eckert, Nicholas Johann;** born October 21, 1911, in Millvale; congressman and leader of the growing Socialist party. The results of his long experience in politics are contained in the books "An Anti-Bunk Party for Bunkless Partisans" and "Socialism, the Thought of the Sinless." Unmarried.
- Eidenmiller, Charles Gustave;** born August 25, 1911; forester; graduate of M. H. S. and Evergreen College; Foreman of Eidenmiller & Co., Lumber Grove; deals mainly in Yule-tide trees; author of "Why Everyone Loves the Christmas Tree."
- Freiburg, Charles Archibald;** born January 16, 1912; second bass singer; studied under Caruso and Al Jolson; made debut as Romeo in "Romeo and Juliet" and collected enough vegetables to last him a week; he has since won prominence by his poise as the hunter who shot the duck in "The Dying Swan"; married.
- Ge'ssinger, Edna Mehitable;** born February 17, 1912; most famous vampire on the stage; graduate of Dramatic School of Carnegie Tech and Hollywood School for Actresses; ranks with such famous actresses as Sarah Bernhardt, Eleanora Duse, Ethel Barrymore, and Greta Garbo; married.
- Goodwin, Helen Rachel;** born August 3, 1912; graduate of Correspondence School for Making Candy; a successful candy magnate; specializes in 5c bars because of the pleasant memories they bring. It is an open secret that her silvery hair (quite unusual in one so young) is the result of the financial worries caused by carefree persons who failed to pay the 5c which they owed for a "Chicken Dinner". The doctors have lost all hope of restoring her voice, which they declare was over used when she begged and pleaded and coaxed for some kind Samaritan to please take a box of candy to try to sell; married, and has a house full of children.
- Hansen, Edna Mae Vivian;** born January 31, 1912; world famous dancer; organizer of one of the most famous bands of dancers in all history; remembered and adored for her remarkable interpretation of Pan; married, has one daughter.
- Herlinger, Dorothy Clementine;** born April 27, 1910; organist; graduate of Pittsburgh Musical Institute; has studied and taught for the past fifteen years and is now ranked with such organists as Heinroth and Koch; married to James McGuire, son of the millionaire organ builder, James J. McGuire; has three children.
- Jorden, Ellen Eliza Eloise;** born September 26, 1911; teacher in Millvale High School; successor to her well-known cousin, Miss Alma Swavel; unmarried, but secretly engaged to a millionaire; ranked as best commercial teacher and most accurate commercial expert in state of Pennsylvania.
- Knauer, Alvin Algernon;** born October 22, 1911; graduate of Thiel and Duff's Business College; manager of Moon Run basketball team which is the all-American team this year. This team has risen from the lowly position it once held to this glorious one chiefly because of efforts of Manager Knauer, who also serves as coach; married; has five sons who comprise the "5 Knauer Brothers" basketball team.

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Koerberlein, Margaret Bridget; born April 1, 1911; graduate of E. M. D. S. (Edna Mae's dancing school); now dancing in the chorus at the Loew's Penn Theatre; her daughter appears with her.

Langhorst, Ethel Araminta; born September 10, 1911; secretary and chief adviser of Joseph Patz, president of Patz Corporation; recent winner of typist championship of America; married; has daughter Frieda in grand opera, and son Harry on the stage.

McBrien, James Patrick Michael; born March 21, 1911; radio broadcaster; experience gained in his never ending chatter during school hours; picked from the thousands of applicants for the position because of his long-windedness; conducts (from his bed) the setting-up exercises over the radio at 7:00 A. M. to those who wish to gain that "boyish figure"; married, has a houseful of children.

McCauley, Loretta Patricia; born January 5, 1911; graduate of Voice Training Department of Pitt; opera singer; personal friend of Marion Talley. Recently Miss McCauley was head librarian at Schenley, but such talent as hers was not to be hidden. She was discovered by Madame Schumann Heink; another case of a poor working girl becoming a great prima donna over night.

McGinley, James Sylvester; born May 29, 1911; graduate of Notre Dame; assistant to Knute Rockne; married and happy with his large family of little "Stuffys."

Meng, Frederick Levi; born June 20, 1912; Civil engineer; graduate of Carnegie Tech, and University of Bridgework; constructor of the bridge spanning the Grand Canyon; also the incline running up Pike's Peak; married.

Meyer, Thelma; stenographer and author, graduate of Millvale High School. She has gained world fame as the only stenographer who has ever become a successful author. She has written many books on the futility of being on time—"Why Tardiness Adds Zest to One's Life", "Promptness Does not Pay", etc.; married, and has a charming family of a dozen or so.

Miltner, Ruth Rebecca; born November 19, 1910; married, has three beautiful children (triplets) Ruthie, Junior, and Tillie; author of the charming books "Gentle Measures in the Training of Little Jewels" and "Why Mothers Die Young."

Muich, Nicholas Hans; born September 25, 1909; master of ceremonies at Castle

Gardens; graduate of Millvale High School and Jazz Institute for Jazzy Jazzers; experience acquired from watching the many performances of Ted Joyce; married, has two children.

Nissler, Leonora Suzanna; born April 16, 1912; actress and playwright; graduate of "The National School of Elocution and Oratory" and the "International Correspondence Course in Writing Successful Plays"; understudy for Julia Marlowe in Shakespearian plays; married, has one son.

Ott, Laura Belinda; born January 8, 1911; graduate of Woodbury's College for Facial Surgery. Specialist in developing the "Skin You Love to Touch"; inventor of new methods of increasing and decreasing height, removing freckles and blueing the eyes; married happily.

Patz, Joseph Florenz; world famous editor and financier, born December 29, 1909; chief editor of Pittsburgh Press; sole owner of the Patz Corporation, an organization controlling all the important papers in America; married shortly after his high school graduation.

Peters, Dorothy Evangeline; nurse; born Aug. 1, 1911; received training at West Penn Hospital; superintendent of nurses in Allegheny Hospital; author of "The Care of the Hair on the Bald Head" and "Quieting the Noisy Child". The second book is the result of her experiences with Dorothy, Junior.

Rabold, John Gottlieb; football coach and eminent authority on the game; born February 7, 1910; graduate of Harvard College; one of the cleverest and brainiest coaches ever known; the only millionaire of his profession; head coach at Stanford.

Riddle, Margaret Arabella; pianist; born Nov. 30, 1912; 16 years of private instruction under Professor Schiefelbein; assistant instructor of music at Carnegie Tech under Heinroth; married.

Schmader, Florence Olivia; graduate of "School of Oratory" commonly called Gabber's College; born May 25, 1912; recently elected senator to replace Vare; her success is due to her fiery speech and Mus-solinian manner; married, has five children.

Searfoss, Jean Katrinka; child educator; born April 11, 1911, in Millvale; graduate of Slippery Rock Normal and Child Care College; made her start in life by teaching the Freshies at Millvale High School, where she learned most of the principles of the

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care of children; later accepted the position of Supervisor of the Kindergarten Teachers' Association of Pittsburgh; now working on book "A Modern Substitute for Mother Goose."

Smalstig, Ruth Alicia; a former guard on championship team of Millvale High School; born July 5, 1911; author of the book "What It Means to be Popular"; married, has two children.

Torrence, Robert Jeremiah; professor of Latin at University of Pittsburgh; born February 14, 1912; graduate of Oxford University; president of A. M. L. P. A. (Absent Minded Latin Professors' Association); married, has a large family.

Voegtly, John Algernon; minister; born Dec. 8, 1911; graduate of Thiel and Lutheran Seminary at Gettysburg; degrees B.A., Ph. D., D.D.; recently elected pastor of First Lutheran Church of Pittsburgh; delivers an address over K.D.K.A. every Sunday morning; happily married.

Watt, Howard Stuyvesant; born March 5, 1912; graduate of Millvale High School and Park Institute; president of "National Wholesale Grocery Association"; has worked himself up to this position by his own brains and brawn; married and has two little "Watt-nots".

Wehrle, Margaret Jacqueline; famous woman athletic coach; born October 15, 1911; writer of many articles on girls' sports for

leading newspapers and magazines; considered one of the world's greatest experts on reducing-by-exercises; married.

Wetzel, Anna Margaret Anastasia; historian; born April 7, 1912 at Bauertown; graduate of University of Hard Knocks; degrees B.A., M.A., (the only holder of a 2 R.S.); author of "The History of Baseball"; experience in research work acquired while hunting up names for the alumni list in the Annual; her sons are famous on the sport page as the "Wetzel Whirlers".

Wetzel, Raymond Rudolph; treasurer of General Motors; born May 27, 1912, at Millvale; business experience acquired in many ways, the two most important being the class treasurer of M. H. S. class of '29 and constant companionship with Andrew Mellon; married.

Wolf, Eleanor Eliza Anne; born January 9, 1912; married and has six children; her oldest child nicknamed "Moon" spends his vacations helping his Grandfather Wolf in the butcher shop; Eleanor has recently published her book, the "Care of the Babies" under the non-de-plume, "Gabby Gerty".

Wolf, George Jacob Silas; world famous butcher and produce man; born May 8, 1910; graduate of Millvale High School and his father's butcher shop; got start by buying Fried and Reineman's after five years of successful butchering in Bauertown; organizer of a line of provision companies extending from sea to sea; married recently.



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SENIOR CLASS

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History of the Senior Class

The Class of '29 entered Millvale High School as freshmen when the high school was still situated on the second floor of the Third Ward School on Evergreen Avenue.

The class, which numbered ninety-eight, was so large that it had to be divided into three groups, one commercial and two academic. One group reported under Miss Brennan, one under Miss White, and one under Miss Garland. Mr. Joseph Moffatt was the principal of the high school at that time.

In the middle of the freshman year the high school was moved to the new building on North Avenue. Here we had all the advantages of a first class high school.

The sophomore year saw a great reduction in our numbers, but we who remained had better opportunities, for there were now three courses, academic, commercial, and vocational. The academic and vocational groups reported under Mrs. Grier, and the commercial group under Miss Brennan. During our sophomore year Mr. E. L. Pegg was principal of the high school.

In our Junior year we numbered forty-four. The academics and vocations reported under Miss Jane Johnston, and the commercials under Miss Thomas. In this year we first organized our class. Our officers were: Robert Torrence, president; William Cooper, vice-president; Jean Searfoss, secretary; Nicholas Muich, treasurer. During the year we bought our class rings which, however, we later changed for the standard ring. At the end of the year we held a "kid" party in honor of the outgoing Senior Class of '28. How "kiddish" the Seniors looked with their rompers, hair ribbons, and Buster Brown ties!

When school opened again to start our last year, there were but thirty-eight remaining from the original ninety-eight. We reported in Room 5 under the guardianship of Miss Brennan, and started the year enthusiastically. All the seniors owe a great debt of gratitude to Miss Brennan, who helped in our class affairs, encouraged us at all times, and without whose sensible counsel we would have been lost many times.

Early in the year the Seniors managed the presentation of "The Patsy", a popular play put on by Mrs. Joyce's stock company. With some of this money we later purchased furniture for the Dramatic Club to use on the stage.

The class of '29 also claims the honor of sponsoring the first annual in the history of the high school.

Now that the great class of '29, the largest graduating class the high school has ever had, is leaving, we wonder whether the underclassmen, whom we have watched over so carefully, will be able to conduct themselves creditably once we are gone. We hope they will follow the straight and narrow path, and follow in the footsteps of the glorious class of 1929.

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OFFICERS OF SENIOR CLASS

Robert Torrence	President
Joseph Patz	Vice President
Jean Searfoss	Secretary
Bud Wetzal	Treasurer

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Last Will and Testament of the Class of 1929

We, the class of one thousand nine hundred and twenty-nine, of Millvale High School, of the town of Millvale, of the County of Allegheny, in the state of Pennsylvania, in the United States of America—being sound of mind, memory, and understanding, and realizing we are about to yield our exalted position as Seniors to incompetent inferiors, do hereby make, publish, and declare this to be our last will and testament.

ARTICLE I.

1. To the Juniors we leave our noble example; our excess knowledge of Latin, Solid Geometry, and Chemistry; and our ability to look, act, and be important.
2. To the teachers we leave the honor of having taught thirty-eight future members of "Who's Who in America."
3. To the school we leave the memory of that glorious year, one thousand nine hundred and twenty-nine; also the obligation to keep the Millvale Hi spirit alive.
4. To Miss Brennan, faculty advisor of the Class of 1929, we give deepest gratitude for her many kindnesses.
5. To Mr. Holsinger we give gratitude for his kindly advice, and for his interest in us.

ARTICLE II. (Personal Bequests).

1. Ruth and Leonora leave their bonds of friendship to the other Miltner-Nissler combination.
2. Margaret Riddle leaves her title, "The baby of the Senior Class" to John Torrence.
3. Joseph Patz leaves his extra inches of height to Joseph Normand.
4. Eleanor and George Wolf leave their distinction of being "Senior Sister and Brother" to Dorothy and George Rosegrant.
5. Ethel Langhorst and Margaret Riddle leave their positions as Pianist—vacant.
6. Howard Watt leaves his grocery store job to an industrious upperclassman.
7. Florence Schmader leaves her million dollar walk to any one who can copy it.
8. Mildred Braun and Dorothy Peters leave their ability to reach school at the last possible minute to Bill Garland and Floyd McCall.
9. Edna Geissinger leaves her role of Cleopatra to future dramatics classes.
10. Helen Goodwin leaves her candy selling difficulties to any Junior who is foolish enough to accept the noble position.
11. Margaret Wehrle leaves her gift of gab to Harold Qualman.

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12. Jean Searfoss and Ruth Smalstig leave their popularity, especially with the stronger sex, to Carolyn Koeberlein and May Servatius.
13. Ellen Jordan leaves her sudden "grownupness" to Dorothy Munn.
14. Bill Cooper leaves his usefulness as a toothpaste and Arrow collar ad to any handsome Junior.
15. Torrence, Meng, and Voegtly leave the tie that binds to Walter Klussman and Richard Riefenstein.
16. Nicholas Eckert leaves his eloquence on national issues to Park Warner and Reed Johnston.
17. John Rabold leaves his record for tardiness to a Junior, who doesn't object to staying as long after school as Mr. Holsinger does.
18. Laura Ott leaves her record of the only touchdown in basketball (Laura, do you remember when as a Freshie in a practice game, you caught the ball under the opponent's basket, and with the ball tucked under your arm, dashed fifty feet up the floor for a touchdown?)
19. The two quarrelsome Irish Jims (McGinley and McBrien) leave their places which cannot be filled by anyone.
20. Margaret Koeberlein leaves her make-up box to a shiny nosed Freshie.
21. Sylvester Carson leaves Mr. Swain without a right hand man.
22. Alvin Knauer leaves his ability to get hurt in football to an unlucky Soph.
23. Raymond Wetzel leaves his sweethearts broken-hearted.
24. Dorothy Herlinger leaves her tallness to Grace McCall, who needs it at basketball games.
25. Charles Freiberg leaves his ability to play by "air" to anyone who can play by "ear".
26. John Rabold, "Nooky" Eidenmiller, Fred Meng, and "Stuffy" McGinley leave four vacant places on the football team to be filled by Earl Leuzinger, Joseph Normand, Clyde Claus, and Edward Imgrund.
27. Loretta McCauley leaves her ambition for work to some Sophomore Vocational, Prosper Oswald preferred.
28. Florence Schmader leaves her stage talent to Marie Interthal.
29. Nick Muich leaves his position as promoter of romance to Bill Garland.
30. Anna Margaret Wetzel leaves her literary, scholastic, and athletic ability to Edith Riethmuller.
31. Alvin Knauer leaves his title of German Duke for Mr. Swain to bestow upon a deserving Junior.
32. John Voegtly leaves his angelic disposition to John Palmer.
33. Thelma Meyer leaves her effort to get to school on time to an effortless Freshie.
34. Loretta leaves her golden voice to Carolyn Koeberlein.

To the above, in witness thereof, we do set our hand and seal, the fifteenth day of April, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and twenty-nine.

CLASS OF 1929
ROBERT TORRENCE, President

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