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BOY AND GIRL OF YEAR—Marlene Jost and Henry Green (center) eye trophy presented to them as Y. M. C. A. "Boy and Girl of the Year" of the Culver-Palms area. The two were chosen

from among hundreds entered in the annual contest. Dick Thiel (left) and Gene Chamberland, both of whom were edged out in final voting, look on.—Star-News photo.

Hamilton Greet New Students

Attendance Statistics To Remain the Same

Some new faces are visible around Yankeeville today, and a few familiar ones are absent from these hallowed halls. The new ones belong to the 150 newcomers to the school, mainly from neighboring junior highs. Most of the absent ones are those of the 153 members of the Loanian Class of W'50, who received their sheepskins in Waidelich Hall, Thursday.

In view of these approximate figures, it can be seen that Hamilton's enrollment will not undergo much numerical change this semester, pointed out Ivoll Blaylock, counselor. This is true in spite of the fact that there is no longer a ninth grade at Hamilton. Because of the completion of Palms Junior High, no 'scrubs' have been admitted to Hamilton since the winter of 1949. Last semester's A9 class, sole remaining ninth graders, have graduated into the tenth grade. Definite figures on enrollment are not known at present.

Most of the newcomers to Hamilton, as usual, are from Louis Pasteur, with a limited number coming from John Burroughs, Emerson, Mount Vernon, and a few other schools outside the district.



WALKER BROWN

Principal's Message

Welcome to Hamilton! The students and faculty who are here think this is one of the finest schools in the country. From what we have heard of you, we expect you to make it even better.

There will be new freedoms here which are not possible in the junior high school and which are due to the fact that you are growing up and coming to Hamilton. We hope that they will not make you dizzy but that you will "catch on" fast and learn the secret of our success. It is in those three little letters, C. C. C., about which you will be told.

WALKER BROWN
Principal

Ninth, Tenth Grades Lead in Attendance

According to a recent survey, by H. E. Rosemont, coordinator of attendance, the percent of attendance from Sept. 12 to Dec. 30, 1949, showed that the ninth and tenth grades led the entire school, with averages of 95.15 and 94.94, respectively.

The school as a whole had a very high total of 99 percent average for the four months, with only one percent due to unaccepted absence. This analysis shows that only a few of the students with an absence of seven or more days, seem to be holding back a perfect record, coming mostly from the B-12 girls and the A-11 boys.

Most of the student body has commendable attendance, but with only 90 days in a semester, above 5 percent absence is not average, which means that no student should be out of school more than 4 1/4 days. Mr. Rosemont states, "Teachers should watch single day absences when repeated, especially on Friday and Monday."

Mr. Rosemont also believes that along with the 100 new students arriving from Louis Pasteur, and because the school will be approximately 58 pupils smaller, it should provide for interest in school, good attendance, and outstanding accomplishment.

Senior Awards Program Honors W'50 Loanians

Graduates Receive Final Recognition

The Senior Awards program last Wednesday morning in honor of the graduating Loanian class, officially marked the closing of an eventful Hamilton semester.

Climax of the program was the long-awaited presentation of the "secret" awards to 10 prominent Loanians. The coveted American Legion medals went to Hank Green and Joan Coolidge. Runners-up were Dick Thiel, Joe Savino, Mary Lou Slater and Arlene Burmaster. The awards, based on honor, service, leadership, courage, and scholarship, were made by Tom Mulhern.

The Rotary Awards for outstanding growth, development and progress, went to Lorelei Larsen and Don Yokaitus. Virgil Peckham, S'33, and Zelmo Herman, S'39, presented the awards.

The Lions Club presented Sportsmanship Awards to Kathleen Flannagan and Doug Woodburn, and a Public Speaking Award to Robert Gordon. Dr. Ben Corbin and Dr. F. N. Newton made the presentations.

Dick Thiel, Loanian president, presided. Coordinator C. V. Guercio gave a message of good will to the graduating class, followed by the awarding ceremonies. Special recognition was given to those with outstanding talents in the fields of photography, music, journalism, language, speech, home economics, industrial arts, business, and health.

Miss Cora Mabee announced Sealbearers as follows: Elaine Berk, Paul Cramer, Audrey Kopp, Dick Thiel, and Melvin Weissman.

Miss Nellie Wilson presented awards to the Loanian Ephebi-ans, as follows: Jack Bevan,

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Baccalaureate Services Enjoyed By Senior Class

The commencement week of the W'50 class had its beginning with the reverent Baccalaureate service at 3 p.m. in the library the Sunday before graduation. Ed Dillon, boys' vice-president of the Loanian class, presided.

The speakers are rotated each semester so that a representative of each faith has a chance to speaking to the graduating class. Father John Conlon from the Catholic Church, gave the main speech with the assistance from and reading of Biblical scriptures by Rabbi Max Kert, a representative of the Jewish religion. Reverend Walter Smith was also invited to speak, but was unable to attend.

Jeanne Chaffee, a former Hamilton student, gifted the audience with two solos, "Israel" and "Ave Maria." She was accompanied by Mrs. Pauline Bogart.

Carines Service Club Constitution Approved

A group of ambitious girls, known as the Corines, have enlisted their services for the welfare of Hamiville by securing the approval of their constitution by the House of Representatives.

Due to the limited membership of the present service clubs, these willing girls decided to form their own, under the sponsorship of Miss Catherine Herring and Mrs. Paul Jackson. Andrea Blaugh will lead the group as president, assisted by Reneen Shy, vice-president; Judy Klein, secretary; Ruth Ann Kravitz, treasurer, and Claudette Bell, sergeant-at-arms.

Orchids to You!

One of the hardest-working girls in the Senior Aye class rates this week's prized Federalist orchid.

Miss X is quite a versatile person, having a hand in numerous school activities. She served on the House of Representatives for three semesters, was a member of the Board of Promotions, and on the Camera Guild.

This prominent Castilian is a member of the Char-elles and has been on the Assembly Committee for two terms. Some of her time has been spent working on the Rally Committee.

Miss X is a valuable member of the Senior Service Society, and was Undersecretary of Service and Recognition and Assemblies last semester.

She is corresponding secretary of the First Ladies.

The name of this charming, conscientious senior can be found in the Sada ad elsewhere in the Federalist. Will Miss X please pick up a card entitling her to the orchid in room 114 this afternoon.

Green Key Club Elects Officers

Ronnie Peyton, prominent member of the Castilian class, was made president of the Green Key Club at elections held recently. The posts of vice-president, secretary-treasurer, and sergeant-at-arms went to Ed Neilan, Bob Ohnemus and John Lucas, respectively.





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Little Washington Accused Of Overworking Leaders

Hamilton is an outstanding school in many ways, but perhaps the most famous of her accomplishments is the realistic organization of the student body government. Few schools in the entire nation have so fine a system for training students to take an active part in democracy. This is demonstrated by the number of educators and student teachers who have come from all over the United States to observe our "Little Washington" in action. Letters have come from as far as New Zealand requesting our "secret of success."

Yes, all these branches—student body cabinet, court, House of Representatives, boys' league, girls' league, class officers, numberless committees—they all turn out quantities of work and responsibility every semester, but could it be that all this complicated machinery is getting a bit rusty at the gears?

At the end of every semester one can find a thimbleful of exhausted seniors who have worked their heads to the bone in half a dozen activities because they were too conscientious to say "NO" when asked to take charge of this committee, that project, etc., etc.

There is a wise proverb which states, "If you want something done, ask a busy person to do it." This has been taken too literally at Hamilton of late.

Our system of government and citizenship training is a marvelous thing, but we do not feel it is worth endangering the health of even a few. The sleep and tempers they have lost can never be made up.

The solution is quite simple. The first part, which embraces restriction of the number of activities one person can undertake, is already in process. The second and most important step is to shine up all that wonderful machinery so we can see the many new faces we hope to find there. Let's knock off the rust, and then listen to Hamilton hum!
 —J. C.

Alumni Album

CONGRATULATIONS GO TO

Gordon Hal Reader, W'46, who was married on Jan. 8, 1950, to Pauline La Dell Keller.

John Campbell, S'45, is the proud father of a baby girl, Katharine Ann.



Loye Peppie

ADD TO ALUMNI IN COLLEGE

Dick Krupp, W'48, is going to Santa Barbara State.

Jerry Harvey and Jack Palmer, both S'48, are attending S. M. C. C.

Richard Vertlieb, W'49, is on the frosh basketball team at U. S. C.

HARD AT WORK

Dick Cheaver, W'46, is operating the ski-tow at Mt. Waterman.

Chuck Bates, S'48, is now working for Cal-Re-Sin, Chemicals.

Beverly Luff, W'49, is acting at M-G-M Studio. She recently did a part in "Annie Get Your Gun."

Bob Dugger, W'48, is learning electricity at the Beverly Hills Telephone Co.

INSTALLED

Betty Jean Joy, S'49, was installed worthy advisor of Crescent Bay Assembly 45, Order of Rainbow for Girls, last Saturday night.

A NEW HOME

is being enjoyed in Encino, by Gordon Jugenheimer, S'46, his wife Mollie, and baby Linda.

ANCHORS AWAY

for Dale Ranney, W'49, who has been in the Navy and will be leaving for China soon.

Reviewing Stand

By PETER SPITZER

Warner Bros.' newest mystery thriller is titled "Backfire." Starred are Edmond O'Brien, Viveca Lindfors, Dane Clark, Virginia Mayo and Gordon MacRae. Although he is billed last, MacRae is the real star of the film. He portrays an ex-G. I., hospitalized with a bad spine. Miss Mayo is his nurse and faithful girl friend. O'Brien appears as his buddy, who goes astray and become a bodyguard for a racketeer.

After he is released from the hospital, MacRae begins his search to find O'Brien. The search leads him into dingy hotels and swank apartments. Mac-

Rae learns that his pal is being held prisoner with a broken spine in a gangster's home. Viveca Lindfors is cast as the gangster's true love. Dane Clark has the double role of a peaceful mortician and a ruthless killer.

Near the end MacRae manages to find out exactly where O'Brien is being held and goes to his rescue. The film comes to a thrilling climax with a fist fight. The real standout actor of the movie is MacRae, although the rest of the cast is capable. For mystery at its best, don't miss "Backfire."

ARCADE ARISTOCRAT

Working with people and participating in social activities are the two ambitions being fulfilled by Joan Long, newly elected S. B. Prexy, today's Arcade Aristocrat. These qualities will help Joan in her chosen career of teaching girls' physical education.

This tall, friendly blonde is very active in school service. Some of her most outstanding services are as a member of the First Ladies, student court, and Charells; as head of card stunts and as Secretary of Rallies on the S. B. cabinet. If you saw Joan at the football games, conducting the stunts, you realize the wonderful job she has done. Maybe her inheritance of intelligence from her father, who is a professor at S. C., partially accounts for her membership in the Nevanian society.

Although Joan was born in California 17 years ago, she has traveled extensively.

Joan's original ambition was to become a singer. She is a member of the A Capella choir, but has changed her goal, as she recognizes that her interest is in working with people.

Model Trains, Photography Join In Unusual Hobby

Ever have a train in your back yard? Blond, studious Mark Lees has a garage full of them. These trains aren't life-sized of course, but neither are they tin plates. They are authentic scale models which are H. O. gauge, or three and one-half millimeters to a foot.

Mark states, "I have been a model railroader for three years, but I am forever discovering new ways of making my pike more realistic."

Mark's "pike," or model railroad, has automatic couplers on each car. Your reporter asked him about how much money he has invested and he replied, "More than \$400."

Mark was born May 2, 1933, and is a B-12 now. Besides his railroad, photography is combined with his hobby to furnish some unusual shots of his miniature equipment that looks like the real thing. Mark has been building an "Economy Pacific" locomotive. H. O. gaugers are faced with a cruel reality which is that this hobby is expensive. It also requires patience, for Mark has been building this large locomotive for the past two years.

Resolutions For New Semester

A new semester comes into view—

Let's do the things we ought to do.

Let's study, and let's do it right, Let's do our homework every night,

Let's support our class and school,

Let's not try to act the fool. Let's come to every dance there is

And make a date with your favorite Liz.

Let's be all out for our sports so fine,

Let's break our records of forty-nine—

In other words, let's really rate; Let's make the new semester great!
 —J. F. S.

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Old Yankees Say 'Welcome!' To Newcomers on Campus

By DONNA CLAUSSEN

Your first day at Hamilton! To you the new students, we offer a warm and hearty welcome! The student body is indeed happy with its new members and grateful for them. We hope that in your subsequent semesters here you will find a pattern of activity and study most suited to you, for there is much to be had, here at Hamilton.

We hope, too, that as you advance within this school, you will grow to look upon your Alma Mater with a deepening sense of pride and respect. Try always to live up to the standards set before you, for it is through you that the reputation of this school will live.

The buildings of Hamilton are not the real school. They are but a brick and concrete shell, giving residence and protection to the true school, you, the students. You are the school. Through you will the name of Hamilton High School be judged.

So please accept our sincere welcome and with it, the boundless opportunities of this democratic high school. Work to make yourself a helpful part of the school of which you wish to be proud. Only then will you have made full use of the good wishes offered you now.

Welcome, new students!

Martha's Memos

By MARTHA MYERS

CLUB MINOR

attracted many Yankees last Friday night. Among the crowd were Marion Cardoza, Kathy Kirkland, Ed Martinez, Dick Sheldon, Judy Clark, Dick Sicard, Margaret Nelson, Jesse Hemines, Herb Moss, Jo Ann Langwell, Bob Chelew, Ray Colome, Nickie Agular and many, many more.



Martha Myers

DINING WITH THE ELITE

last Saturday night at the Beverly Hills Hotel were Joyce Hackett, Don Brown, Genie Buchan, Ron Wilson, Pat Dartt, Bill Calhoun,

Barbara Shaw, Bernie Weiss, Sue Schellstede, Wayne Bueche, Marvel Martin, Don Jarell, Carole Phelps, Jack Snyder, June Jones, Larry Higbey, Beverly Reisman, Don Short, Kathy Blake, Randy Paull, Anne Shingleton, John Kendra, Loye Peppie, Don Swan, Rosemary Litty, Jerry Wilfers, Pat Ponder and Larry Redman.

EATING AND DANCING

filled the evening at Sid Schiss's house last Saturday night. Those attending were Jean Dalquist, Lee Mondelo, Consuela Goriga, Keith Crowley, Ronnie Talsky, Lila Lo Meirrie, Marty Hunter, Ed Martinez, Bill Henry, Shirley Olson, Art Atencia and Judy Hampton.

FEASTING

in the Palm Room of the Beverly Hills Hotel Friday night were Claire Blix, Whitney Crawley, Pat Donovan, Bill McCormick, Joyce Rebol, Bobby Kelly, Dionne Pellechitti, Roger Baker, Judy Atkins, John Ryan, Eileen Garber, Marty Hyman, Lorrelle Crouse, Frank, Tammy Smythe, Don Dunn, Nita Gomez, Bob Bisco, Pat Lawrence, Eugene Bernard, Betty Lou Ampheutt, Ted Zelmer, Jo Anne Reeves, Don Neil, Shirley Dobson, Dick Rocha, Pat McNally, Wayne Wilford, Phyllis Brown, Don Shaw, Klara Steuben, Packy Harrold, Bernita Jennings and Mike Epstein.

Dedication to Joan

Upon this day of great memorium,
 I find my friends in rank delirium.
 Their plight, you see, is very evident,
 For now we have a woman president.
 Tomorrow we'll wake and come to school,
 To find it frilled by female rule.
 The aud will have its curtains new,
 But who wants pink and baby blue?
 The teachers' staff will all be changed,
 New personnel has been arranged.
 Yes, Joan has decided that some were unstable,
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 —Lee L. Stander.

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News Briefs

By LORNA KAMENS

First Ladies and Green Key Club members are busy at work, aiding faculty members with programming and assisting new Yankees in strange surroundings.

Miss Alma Hokanson's home nursing students have learned the art of bathing a baby. Fortunately for the diapered darlings, a doll was used in place of the real thing.

Copies of the Senior classbook entitled "Loania," were passed out to purchasers during third period last Friday. Reading and signing of books took the place of regular class work.

Bound volumes of the Federalist, ranging from S'39 to S'49, are on sale in room 114 for the nominal sum of three for one dollar. Issues of W'50 are being sold for 60 cents.

Maybe you have noticed how happy Robert Munsey, the auto shop teacher, is? The reason is that a shipment of tools and equipment have arrived.

Theatre Guild

Bob Gordon will lead the Theatre Guild as president next term, while Mickey Cook, will be vice-president; Barbara Goldberg, recording secretary; Millie Hopper, corresponding secretary; Shirley Robinson, treasurer; and Eileen Raskin, sergeant-at-arms.

Loanians Honored

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Audrey Kopp, Mary Lou Slater, and Dick Thiel.

The simple and traditional cane service, carried through by Dick Thiel, and the equally traditional singing of the Senior Aye class song, closed the memorable occasion.

Key Club, First Ladies Welcome New Students

Acting in their traditional capacity of Hamilton's official hosts and hostesses, the Green Key Club and the First Ladies will be seen today helping new students to find their way through these strange halls.

First Ladies, easily recognized by their black sweaters, can be found at information booths all over the campus as well as assisting counselors in programming.

The Key Club, in their gray sweaters, will assist the girls in these functions.

The two honor groups are composed of Senior Ayes and Bees who have been elected to membership because of their outstanding service and leadership.

Gay Chapman, president of the First Ladies and Ronnie Peyton, president of the Green Key club, remarked, "We shall try our best to make everyone feel at home here."

Chatelaines' New Officers Installed

The Chatelaines, girls' school service club, held their third semi-annual installation last Monday night at the home of Sally Eddy.

Betty Weiss, retiring president, installed the new officers for the coming semester. Bernita Jennings will serve as president; Judy Adkins, vice-president; Joyce Hackett, recording secretary; Pat Dartt, corresponding secretary; Nancy Anderson, treasurer; Pat Payson, historian; and Barbara Sterling, sergeant-at-arms.

Last term, under the sponsorship of Mrs. Marjorie Eddy, the girls assisted the publicity chairman, took charge of the teachers' room, contributed Swan soap wrappers for overseas, and assisted in the work for the East Side Settlement House.

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Adult Evening Series Has Prominent Speakers

Local citizens will soon have the opportunity to become acquainted with all phases of atomic energy, according to Charles H. Harris, adult school principal. He has scheduled a month-long series of weekly programs on "The Atom In Your Future" at Hamilton evening school.

Under immediate supervision of J. R. Smith, counselor in charge of classes at Hamilton, the sessions will meet each Tuesday evening from 7:30 to 9:30. Besides qualified speakers on each topic covered, films, filmstrips and discussion periods will be utilized.

Moderator for the entire series is Royal Purcell, world affairs expert. The programs have been prepared with the aid of the Council on Atomic Implications, a non-profit educational foundation located on the University of Southern California campus.

The first of a series of four lectures is scheduled for Tuesday, Feb. 7. The subject will be "Atomic Peace or Pieces—Need for Controlling Atomic Energy." Guest speaker will be Dr. Robert B. Pettengill, CAI faculty sponsor and director of the Teaching Institute of Economics at U.S.C.

Admission is free upon presentation of the evening school student identification card. Such a card at 25 cents admits one person to all evening school functions for the year throughout the entire Los Angeles evening school system. Further information may be obtained by calling Texas 0-2197.

Inter-Club Statute Initiated By Student Campus Groups

At Hamilton, 1949 saw the birth of a new plan for co-ordinating the services and activities of campus clubs. A product of the girls' league and student body cabinets, this inter-club council statute will be put into operation this semester.

"Under the new system of organization, there will be an unlimited number of recognized campus clubs, which will give service when called upon and receive points for exactly the amount of work they do," explains Marjorie Moyer, secretary of service and recognition on the student body cabinet.

There will be five honorary service clubs, the senior service society, First Ladies, Green Key club, Lettergirls and Lettermen, both Bee and Varsity.

The Senior Service Society is to co-ordinate services among the various campus clubs, and award service points. The Key club and First Ladies will act as the school's official hosts and hostesses, and will usher at major assemblies. The Lettermen and Lettergirls will usher at noon and athletic events.

The presidents of all the campus clubs will form an inter-club council, headed by Marjorie Moyer. This group is to discuss

and solve the common problems of its members.

These organizations will be able to wear their pins and sweaters on campus. They will have faculty sponsors, and if they wish to carry on off-campus activities, they may do so under the guidance of an off-campus sponsor.

In order to become a recognized club, the group must make application through the student body vice-president, Bill Steuwe, who can be reached in the student body office during fourth period.

Deep-Sea Diving Fad Makes Hit at Hamilton

Talked about on campus is a new and fascinating sport for boys, deep-sea diving, done on a smaller basis, of course. Two Hamilton Yankees, Paul Dallons and Harold Becker, are starting the club and are picking a select group for fellow divers.

Last Saturday and Sunday the divers made a shallow water dive, testing a new helmet, designed and built by a club member. The rigs the boys use are usually non-expensive and cost only \$5 or \$10 to make. The diving takes place off Santa Monica pier, early each Saturday and Sunday morning.

French Club Banquet Fetes New Officers

The French Club had its semi-annual banquet-installation recently at Toto's, a French cuisine whose proprietor was a French clown. This restaurant added just the right French air of atmosphere to the installation. This term's new officers are: president, Elinor Rintoul; vice-president, Lucianne Kahn; secretary, Marilyn Gordon; corresponding secretary, Shirley Christensen; and treasurer, Jackie Szego.

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SPORTS In BLOOM

By HOWARD BLOOM

GARDEN-NEWFIELD LEAD GYMNASTS

The gym team season gets under way next week and the local musclemen are hoping for a successful season as they have had in the past several years. Hamilton's gym teams have placed on top of the Western League for the last years and this year should not be an exception.

Bob Garden and Jack Newfield are co-captains of this aggregation. Garden's specialties are the high bar and the parallels, while Newfield limits himself to the side horse. Last year Garden took two firsts in the Western League and two thirds in the city meet. In the first home meet next Friday you will get the first glimpse of the defending Western League champs in action.

TENTH GRADERS, TAKE HEED!

For all tenth grader baseball prospects who don't think they can make the varsity team, our coaching staff last year organized a tenth grade team. This team is composed of all sophomore talent and a full schedule is planned. Some of the tenth graders make the grade on the junior varsity or even the varsity, but most of them do their cavorting on this sophomore team. This playing provides valuable experience for future years when you move into the eleventh and twelfth grades. Regular uniforms are given to players and all those deserving letters receive regular sized Bee monograms.

LEOPOLD NOW HOME

Len Leopold, who is co-sports editor, is now recuperating at home from his serious head injury and will soon return to school to start his duties as co-editor. He has received many cards from his friends at Hamilton and others have visited him in the hospital.

McELWAIN AND DILLON PART

Now that Don McElwaine and Ed Dillon have graduated, your new sports editors, Len Leopold and yours truly, want to congratulate these former editors on the excellent job they did in presenting this page each week during the past semester.

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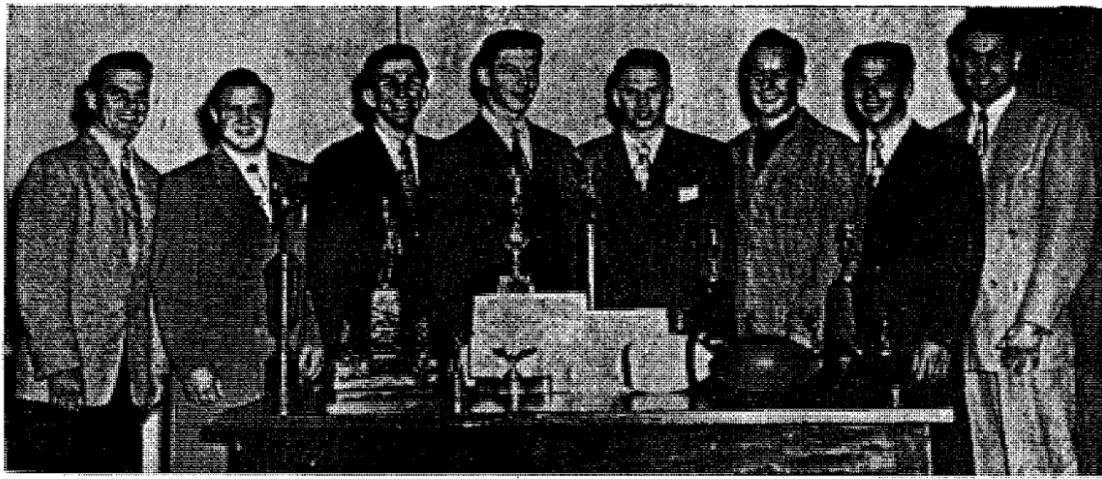
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TROPHY WINNERS—Yank athletes who captured awards and trophies at last Tuesday's Sports Banquet are shown above. They are, left to right: Ed Dillon, "Most Outstanding Cross-Country Runner"; Howard Garber, football coaches' award; Ronnie Peyton, "Most Val-

uable Basketball Player"; Jim Salsbury, "Outstanding Lineman"; Gary Shiffman, "Most Valuable Player" and "Most Popular"; Doug Woodburn, "Most Outstanding"; Ted Zellmer, "Most Improved," and Armand McManus, captain's award for football.

Basketball Season Ends; Varsity Finishes in Fifth

All four divisions of Hamilton's basketball teams finished up their seasons last week against Fairfax.

The Banker Varsity could only find one team that it could beat. This team was Venice, whom the locals defeated twice. Their final record was two wins against ten losses, placing them in fifth place in the Western League standings.

On the brighter side the Yank Bee team finished second with a 9-3 record. A highlight for the Bees is that Marv Zigman, ace forward, has broken a Western League scoring mark for averages.

Finishing the best for any Hamilton team was the Cee crew, who concluded the season tied for first place. Undisputed first place would have been theirs if they had not been upset in the final game by Fairfax.

Another successful Hamilton team was the Dees, who ended near the top in the league.

Racqueteaders Need Material

Now that Hamilton has its own tennis courts, the coaching staff feels that there should be no reason why the Yank racqueteaders cannot come up with a winner. All the squad needs is a few Hamiltonian boys to come out, so that their hidden talents may be uncovered.

Coach "Bus" Sutherland states "that no one position is cinched, and although many of the prospective netters are returning lettermen, anyone with ambition, an interest for stiff competition, and a will to win, can hold an initial spot on this year's tennis ladder." He also urges anyone interested who has not already signed up to do so before the semester gets well under way.

As the boys compete for the top honors, we find Jim Hughes leading the pack, followed by Bill Shaw, Ken Gaines, Marvin Zigman, Steve Benson, and with all probability . . . YOU!

Baseballers Start Drills

The Hamilton athletic field has been a scene of immense activity for the past two weeks, as many of next year's baseball hopefuls have been busy getting into shape for the spring sport.

Since Jan. 10, when trials were held to see what boys would be fortunate enough to receive sixth period gym, quite a few horsehide candidates can be seen every day tossing around baseballs.

With only two returning Varsity lettermen from the infield and outfield combined, the Yanks are not long on experience.

At present only the Fed battery looks as if it will be able to hold its own in Varsity competition, as far as experience is concerned. Ronnie Peyton behind the plate and lettermen Jack Slatkin and Tom Feldstein doing the hurling, could make a batter's nightmare.

Track Men Ready For Big Season

Before long, as always, another track season will again be upon us; this year Hamilton High will sorely miss its stellar stars of yesteryear. This season there will be no Mel Wolfs to trot the cinder paths, no Jerry Sullivans to pole themselves high over the cross-bar, nor will there be any dynamic Don Rimlingers to flash over the hurdles.

But who knows, even though the 1950 thinclads have only one monogrammer returning in Eddie Neilan, things could come to a reversal, in more ways than one.

The only thing that lies between a successful season and a you know what, is the potential material which is to come up from the Bee squads. IF a few of the boys like Bill Stuewe, pole vaulter deluxe; Mickey Wollen, ace digit dunker, and many more can only live up to reports, the Bankers outlook is hopeful.

Coach Dave Patterson believes that it all depends on the boys themselves; that they can do it if they want.

Gym Team To Defend League Title

A sneak preview of the 1950 model of the Hamilton Gym Team indicates that the Yankees are again the team to beat. Of course, no one can predicate what such teams as Fairfax, and L. A. will come up with, but it appears that this year's musclemen, otherwise known as Garden & Co., will successfully defend their league championship. A closer examination, however, reveals weakness that could tumble the local musclemen from their precarious perch. The most glaring weaknesses at this early writing are in the ropes, rings, and tumbling, with the long horse fair.

On the brighter side the horse, free ex, parallel, and high bar men will again be the scourge of the league.

Now for the individual highlights of the '50 model, which will again be mentored by Claude Turley, undoubtedly one of the most successful gym team coaches in history of the city. Bob Garden, the outstanding gymnast on last year's team, will again be expected to carry the brunt of Hamilton's scoring. Bob will be competing on the parallels, long horse, high bar, and rings.

On the side horse we find J. Rich, J. Newfield, J. Black, and J. Klein. This quartet looks very formidable, and the J-men should sweep to a 1-2-3-4 in most meets.

In the free ex we have Klein, Welch, and Ray, another big three of the muscle crew. On the parallels and high are more point getters; to be specific, Garden, Parker, Mabry, Bernard, and Lennis.

Keep Feb. 10 an open date, the first home appearance of the 1950 Hamilton gym team.