

Corunna High School

Class of 1940

Updated 7-12-2021

Vivian Fay Bachaus Deceased

1940

Frank C. Bebiak
2-20-1922
Deceased

John Bebiak
Deceased

1940

**Harold Beckwith
Lives in Weirsdale, FL**

Lilah Morton

1940

Norabelle Bouck
7-10-1922
Deceased 3-23-2011



Clare W. Washburn
7-10-1943

1940

Age 88, of Phoenix, Ariz., formerly of Corunna, passed away in Chandler, Ariz., on March 23, 2011.

A memorial will be held in her honor in Phoenix on April 3 followed by the interment of her remains in Corunna's Pine Tree Cemetery later this summer.

The former Norabelle Bouck was born July 10, 1922, in Corunna, to Lowell H. Bouck and Leeta (Whitesell) Bouck. She graduated from Corunna High School in 1940 and attended nurse's training at Hurley Hospital in Flint and Children's Hospital in Detroit.

She married Clare Washburn Jr. on July 10, 1943, her 21st birthday. They traveled extensively during her husband's tour of duty in the U.S. Air Force and thereafter. They lived for a time in Taunton, Mass., New Orleans, La. and Ft. Lauderdale, Fla. Norabelle was a faithful and lifelong servant of her Lord and an outstanding mother and wife. She remained happily married for nearly 68 years. She is survived by her husband Clare Washburn Jr. of Phoenix; son Jeffery of Phoenix; brother Gerald Bouck of Yuma, Ariz.; granddaughters, Lindsey Hundley of Mesa, Ariz., Lacey Stepenenko of Mesa and Kayla Redmond of Essex, U.K.; five great-grandchildren and many nieces, nephews, grandnieces and grandnephews.

She was predeceased by her brother Richard and eldest son William L. in 2007.

Memorial gifts are suggested to Hospice of the Valley, 1510 E. Flower St., Phoenix, AZ 85014-5656.

Jack Brookhouse Deceased 3-22-2009



Loretta Clark

JACK BROOKHOUSE

FREEVILLE - Jack Brookhouse, 87, formerly of Freeville, NY, passed away Sunday, March 22, 2009. He is survived by his wife of 64 years, Loretta Clark Brookhouse; his daughters, Sandra and George Ketola of Locke, NY, Sharon and George Suess of Halcottsville, NY, Donna and Stephen Carpenter of Dryden, NY and Peggy and Richard Case, Jr. of Groton, NY; 12 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren. Jack is also survived by his brothers, Everett and Martha Brookhouse, LeRoy and Geneva Brookhouse; and his sister, Doris and Tom Weller, all of Michigan. He was a US Navy veteran of WWII and was retired from the George Junior Republic as an upholstering instructor. Jack was a loving family man and good friend. He lived his life with integrity, good humor and hard work. He was an honorable man who stood up for what was right, and everyone who knew him, admired him. What more needs to be said?

A Memorial Service will be held at the Freeville United Methodist Church, Main St., Freeville, NY on Saturday, April 4, 2009, at 2:00 p.m. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Freeville UMC, P.O. Box 229, Freeville, NY 13068 or W.B. Strong Fire Dept., Freeville, NY 13068. Perkins Funeral Home, Dryden, NY assisted the family.

William Brown
1-21-1922
Deceased 12-26-1994



Margaret Collins (39)

1940

**Lester Carlin
Deceased**

**Ruth Mumby
6-1950**

1940

Evelyn Chase

1940

Clara Clark

... Gregor

1940

Virginia Coakes
2-10-1923
Deceased 3-21-2015



Charles Sack
8-16-1941

1940

Virginia M. Sack

Age 92, of Corunna, passed away peacefully Saturday, March 21, 2015, at her home.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Tuesday, March 24, at First United Methodist Church of Owosso, with Pastor Calvin Long officiating. Burial will follow in Hillcrest Memorial Gardens. The family will receive friends from 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. Monday at Watkins Brothers Funeral Home, Jennings-Lyons Chapel in Owosso.

Virginia was born on Feb. 10, 1923, in Owosso, the daughter of John and Beulah (Horton) Coakes. She was a graduate of Corunna High School and beauty school. On Aug. 16, 1941, she married Charles Sack in Owosso. Virginia was a beautician for more than 40 years, retiring in 1986. She was a member of First United Methodist Church and Owosso Travel Club.

Virginia is survived by her husband of 74 years, Charles; sons Richard (Sandra) Sack of Corunna and Jeffrey Sack of Wolverine; son-in-law Thomas Harper of Milan; five grandchildren, Jasen and Ryen Sack, Jason Heath, and Jennifer and Jeffery Harper; six great-grandchildren; and sister-in-law Rosemary Coakes. She was predeceased by her daughter Penny Harper and brothers Dr. Jack Coakes and Phillip (Jackie) Coakes.

**Boye Cooley
Deceased**

1940

**Frances Drennan
Deceased**

Ralph Wolfin

1940

**Alice Elkins
Deceased**

Eugene Langdon

1940

Max Elkins
4-19-1921
Deceased 6-16-1976

Vivian Fitzgerald (40)
10-21-1950

1940

Max Elkins, Strawsine Controller, Dies at 55

Max A. Elkins, 55, controller and assistant treasurer of Strawsine Manufacturing Co., Corunna, and a man active in church and Masonic activities, died last night in his home at 109 W. North St., Owosso, of an apparent heart attack.

Services for Mr. Elkins will be held Saturday at 1 p.m. at Jennings-Lyons Chapel with the Rev. Clifford J. Furness officiating. Burial will follow at Oak Hill Cemetery. The body will rest at the funeral home. Masonic services will be held at Jennings-Lyons at 7 p.m. Friday. The family suggests memorials to the Juddville United Methodist Church.

Mr. Elkins was born in Corunna April 19, 1921, the son of John M. and Mildred P. (Kinney) Elkins. He attended schools in Corunna and was a 1940 graduate of Corunna High School. He also attended Owosso Business Institute. With the exception of service in the U.S. Army during World War II, he resided all his life in the Owosso-Corunna area.

He and Vivian Fitzgerald were married in Juddville, Oct. 21, 1950.

Mr. Elkins worked for The Redmond Company in Owosso for many years before joining Strawsine in 1967. He was a member of the Saginaw Valley Chapter of the National Association of Accountants.

He was a member and treasurer of the Juddville United Methodist Church.

Mr. Elkins was active in many Masonic organizations and was past commander of Owosso Commandery No. 49, Knights Templar. He also belonged to Corunna Lodge No. 115, F. & A. M.; Owosso Chapter No. 89, R. A. M.; Durand Council No. 38, R. & S. M.; Bay City Consistory A. A. S. R.; Elf Khurafeh Shrine, Saginaw, and the Red Cross of Constantine.

He is survived by: His wife; two brothers, Asa and John, both of Corunna; and six sisters, Mrs. Erma Harris, Mrs. Leo (Neomi) Kingsbury and Mrs. Don (Gladys) Vibbert, all of Corunna; Mrs. Earl (Mildred) Langdon of Detroit, and Mrs. Olive (Amber) Weber and Mrs. Eugene (Alice) Langdon, both of Owosso.



MAX A. ELKINS

Terbush Appointed To State Board

Governor William G. Milliken 1 week announced the appointment Owosso attorney Jay M. Terbush, Jr. the Corporation Franchise Fee App Board.

Terbush, of 610 Clark Ave., succe Maurice M. Moule of Lansing who signed.

He will serve as chairman of the bo for a term expiring at the pleasure of Governor. A member of the State Ho of Representatives from 1959 to 11 Terbush also served as Shiawas County Prosecuting Attorney from 1 to 1958. He is a past president of Shiawassee County Bar Association.

George Ellis

1940

Vivian Elaine Fitzgerald

Max Elkins (40)

10-21-1950

1940

L. Robert Hickey
Deceased

1940

Bette J. Johnson

1940

Robert Kincaid

Nancy Drake

1940

Mary Kisonosky
Deceased 5-25-2015



Lewis Woodworth
Charles Schnepf 7-25-1969
1940

Mary Woodworth Schnepf

Age 92, of Owosso, passed away Sunday, May 24, 2015, at her home in the company of Charles Schnepf her husband of 46 years.

A funeral Mass will be celebrated Wednesday, May 27, 2015, at 11 a.m. at St. Paul Catholic Church in Owosso with the Rev. Fr. Michael O'Brien officiating. Family will receive friends today from 5 to 8 p.m. at Watkins Brothers Funeral Home, Corunna Chapel. A rosary will be prayed at 7 p.m.

Mary died as she lived, on her own terms, surrounded by those she loved and those who loved her.

In addition to her husband, Mary is survived by her brother John Kisonosky; and her children and their spouses Barbara and Charles Norton, Lewis "Jim" and Susan Woodworth and Michael, and Gina Woodworth. Also fortunate enough to have countless unforgettable memories of Mary are her 12 grandchildren and 21 great-grandchildren.

She was predeceased by her first husband Lewis "Buck" Woodworth, and brothers Michael, Joseph and Julius Kisonosky.

Mary was an avid card player and Detroit Tigers baseball fan.

Her nieces and nephews, close friends, euchre companions and "adopted" children are too numerous to mention. They know who they are and they know Mary truly enjoyed every moment spent with them.

Doris Leneschmidt

William Lietzau

1940

Louise Lovasik
Deceased

1940

Lloyd G. Matthews

Verna ...

1940

Gloria McIntyre

William Kerr

1940

Maurice Mercier
Deceased

1940

Orrie "Bud" Middleton
12-14-1921
Deceased 7-22-2003

Orrie "Bud" Middleton

Age 81, passed away Tuesday, July 22, 2003, in Cassville, Missouri.

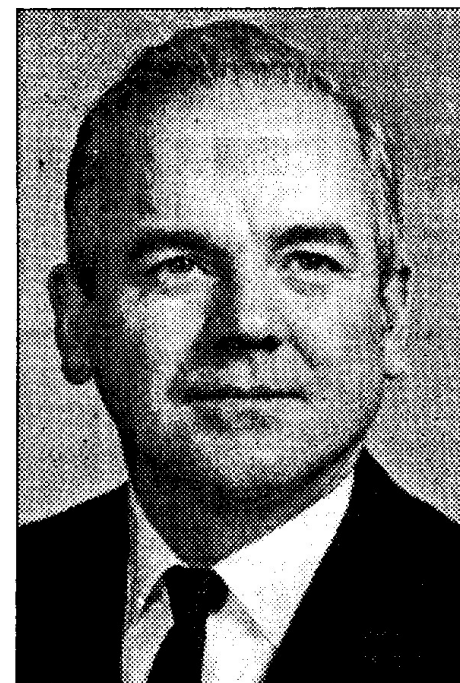
For 20 years, Mr. Middleton operated his own business, Middleton & Son Diesel Service in Corunna, and later moved to Nevada and worked for NASA.

Services will be held at a later date in Corunna.

Mr. Middleton was born December 14, 1921, in Corunna, the son of Orrie and Lena (Kirby) Middleton, and graduated from Corunna High School in 1940. On January 11, 1942, he was united in marriage to Dorothy Flagg in Corunna. She survives him.

He served in the United States Air Force in the 342 Aircraft Engineeing Squadron Asiatic Pacific Theater, World War II. He was a member of the VFW Post 4005, Corunna.

Survivors include; one daughter, Patricia Dixon; two grandchildren, Sara and Ryan Detwiler, all of Missouri; one brother, William Middleton of Climax, Michigan; several nieces and nephews in



Michigan, including Lee Vanderkarr of Corunna.

He was predeceased by his parents; one sister, Mina Vanderkarr; one brother, Fred Middleton of Monroe.

Local arrangements under direction of Fohn Funeral Home, Cassville, Missouri.

Dorothy Flagg
1-11-1942

1940

Colin Morris
Deceased

1940

Doreen Otto

1940

Ialene Price

1940

Wallace Reid Jr.
Deceased

Betty ...

1940

Fred Serr
3-15-1921
Deceased 9-23-2008

Maxine Brown
1-12-1946

1940

Frederick W. 'Bud' Serr

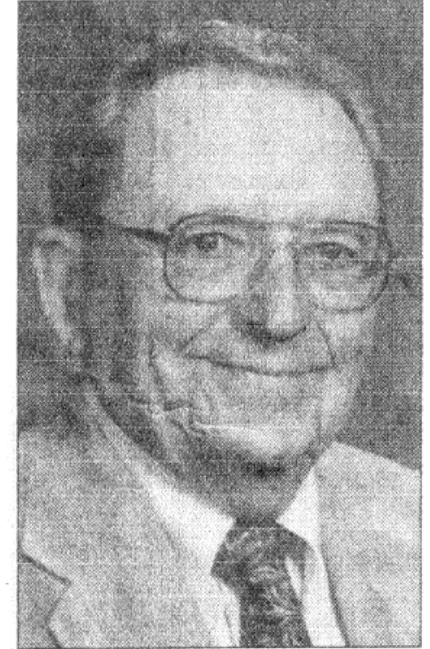
Age 87, of Corunna, passed away Tuesday, Sept. 23, 2008, at Memorial Healthcare.

Frederick worked in the foundry business for 25 years in Flint and 15 years in Ludington.

Funeral Services will be held at 1 p.m. Friday, Sept. 26, at Nelson-House Funeral Home, with Pastor David R. Strobe officiating. Burial of cremains will follow at a later date at Pine Tree Cemetery. The family will receive friends at the funeral home from 5 to 9 p.m. today and on Friday from 11 a.m. until the time of the service.

Frederick was born March 15, 1921, in Owosso, the son of Fred and Margaret (Steinbower) Serr. He graduated from Corunna High School, General Motors Institute and had a degree from LaSalle Extension University. He served as a staff sergeant in the United States Army and Calvary during World War II in the European Theater.

On Jan. 12, 1946, he married Maxine Brown in Owosso. He was a member of the Corunna United Methodist Church and the Owosso Masonic Lodge 81 F&AM.



Survivors include his wife Maxine; children Joann (William) Westenbarger of Flushing, Janet Sue (Hartwell) Pelton of Flushing and Frederick Peter (Denise) Serr of Flint; sister Naomi Jacobs of Corunna; four grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions are suggested to the Corunna United Methodist Church.

Mary Eileen Shipman

Oliver Herzler

1940

**Royal Snyder
Deceased**

1940

Mary Helen Tejkl

1940

Cecil J. Valentine
12-18-1941
Deceased 10-24-2004

LeWana Jane Howell
4-26-1943

1940

Cecil James Valentine

Age 82, of Owosso, passed away Sunday, October 24, 2004, at home.

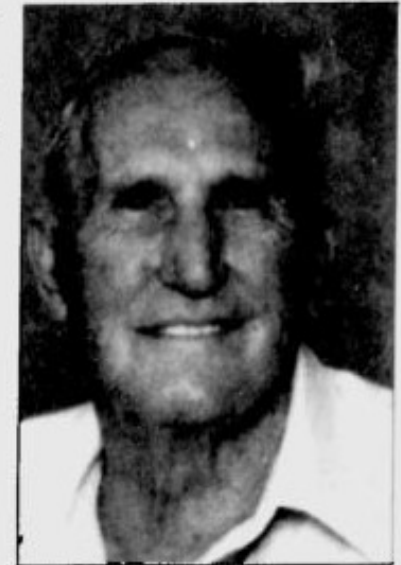
Mr. Valentine owned and operated his own construction company.

Services will be held at Jennings-Lyons Funeral Chapel, Friday, October 29, 2004, at 11 a.m. with the Rev. Edward Schweikert and the Rev. John Miller officiating. Burial will be at Oak Hill Cemetery. Visitation at the funeral chapel will be this evening 6 to 8 p.m. and Thursday from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m., with the family present from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m.

Mr. Valentine was born in South Branch, Michigan, December 18, 1921, the son of Gordon W. and Beulah (Wheeler) Valentine, and was a life-long resident of the Corunna-Owosso areas. On April 26, 1943, he married LeWana Jane Howell in Owosso.

He was a member of the First Church of God and served his country during World War II in the U.S. Navy.

Survivors include: wife, LeWana Valentine of Owosso; daughters, Connie (Robert) Houchen of Garden City, Michigan, Nancy Gillman of Clearwater, Florida; grandson, Joseph (Kristi) Schmitt; granddaughters, Julie Schmitt and Susan (Sean) Morris; grandson, Eric Gillman; great-grandchildren,



Kayla, Amber, Courtney, Lane, Katie and Sierra; sister, Donna Heinz; sister-in-law, Sue Cimbalik; several nieces and nephews.

He was predeceased by his parents; brother, Robert; brother-in-law, Jerry.

Memorials are suggested to the Avalon Hospice in Flint.

Jennings-Lyons Chapel

Owosso • 725-7171



Sherwin R. Woock
8-17-1921
Deceased 12-2-1992

**Born in Shiawasee on 17 Aug
1921 to Wook and Sherwin S.
Mom. Sherwin Roe
Woock had 3 children. He
passed away on 2 Dec
1992 in Muskegon, Michigan,
USA.**

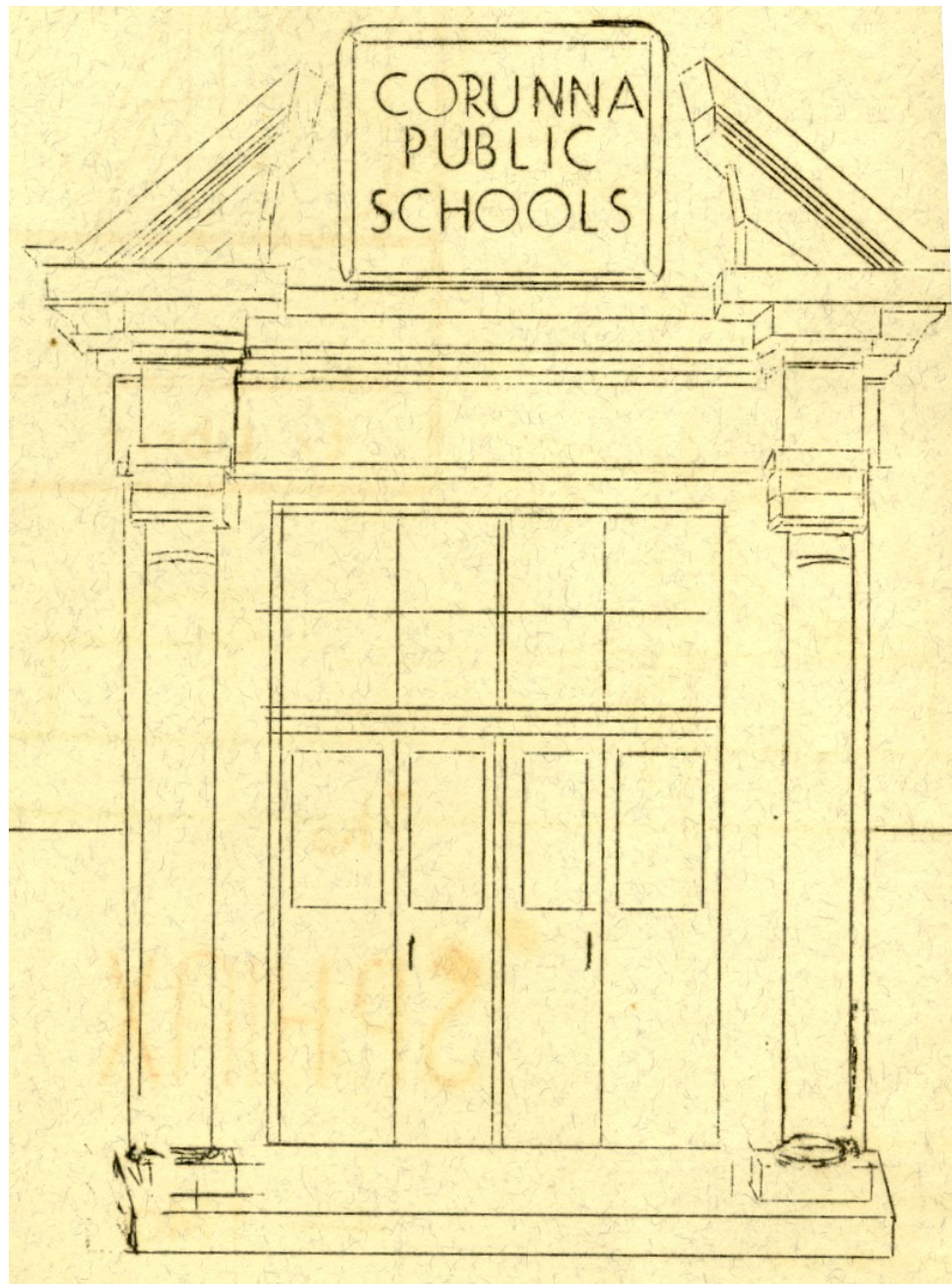
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11-22-1947

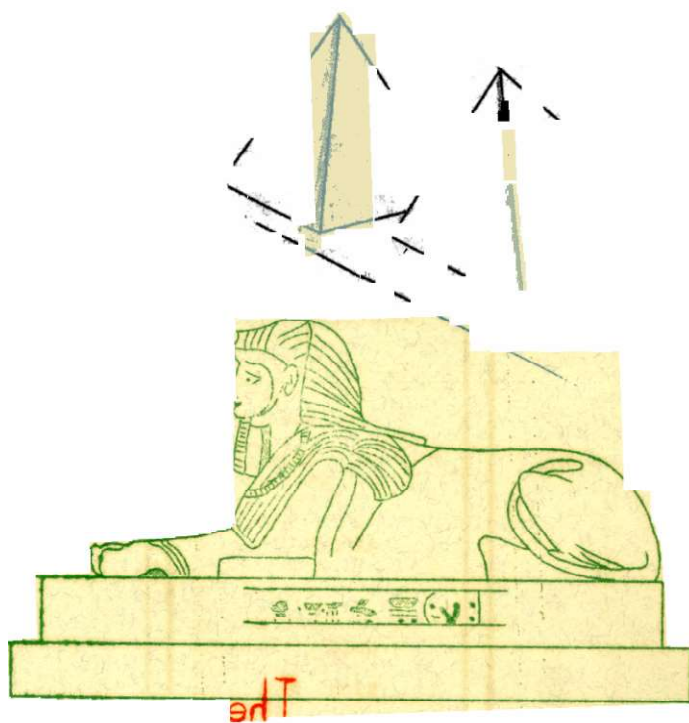
Audrey Yerrick

1940

Wayne G. Zambiasi

The End





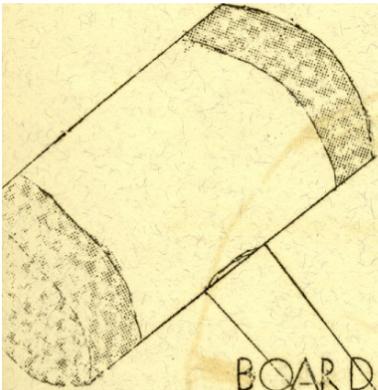
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FORWORD.....

From a papyrus scroll to modern books is a long step. As the monks in the twelfth century first bound their hand written manuscripts in leather covers, so are we, the Sphinx of 1940 bringing to you a mimeographed annual to bring back the memories of this eventful year.



BOARD of EDUCATION

E. R. Lancaster

Fred Serr

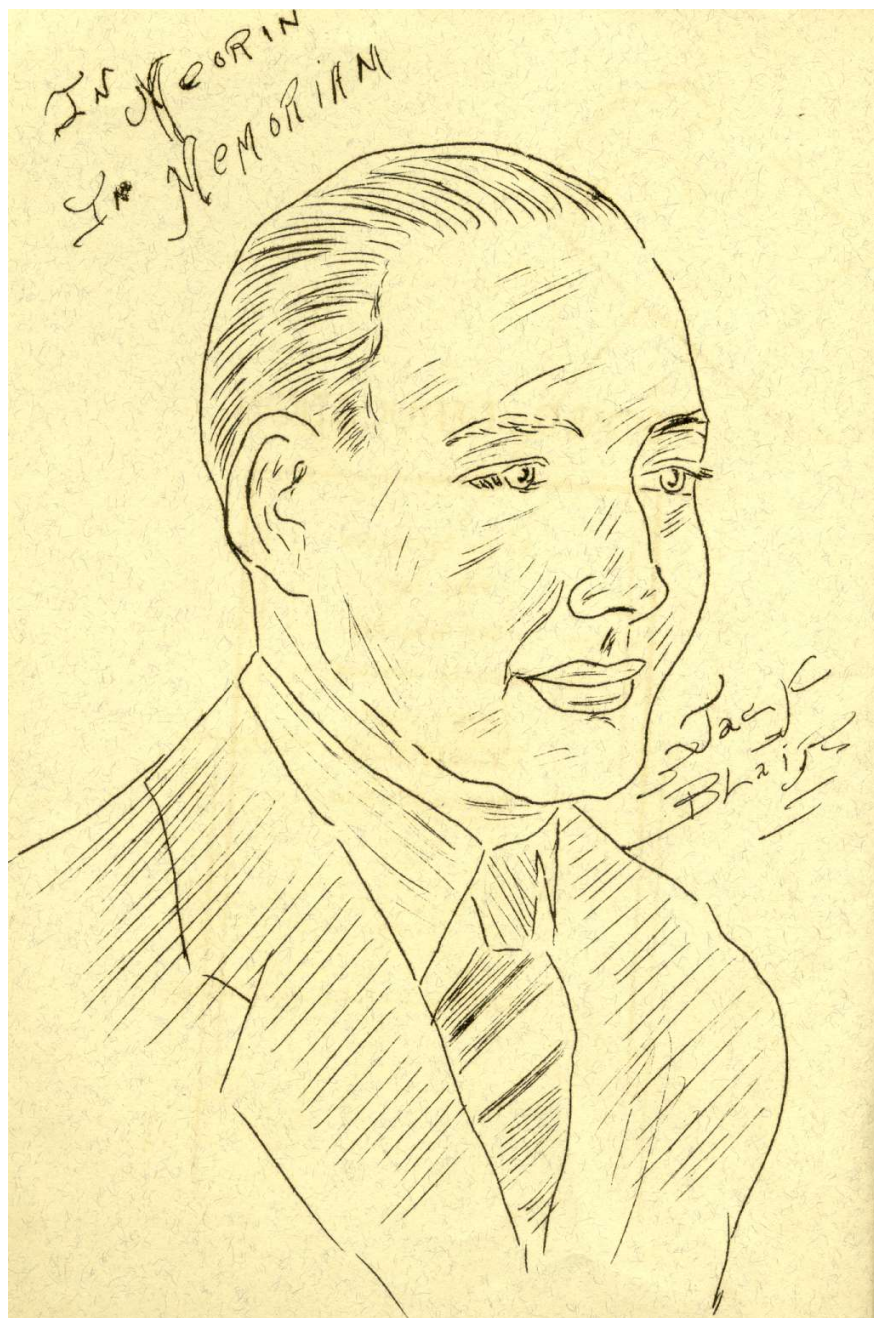
Ray Gellatly

Russell Olmsted

James Quayle

Lowell Bouck

Nelson Kincaid



DEDICATION.....

"Tough, but oh, so gentle!" Though we would cast dire derelictions at his caustic comments, we know that we could not get along without him. To Ralph Stull, Principal of Corunna High School, we dedicate this 1940 edition of the Sphinx.

12th Grade

Bachhaus, Vivian
Bebiak, Frank
Bebiak, John
Beckwith, Harold
Bousck, Norabelle
Brookhouse, Jack
Carlin, Lester
Carland, James
Chase, Evelyn
Clark, Clara
Coakes, Virginia
Cooley, Boye
Drennan, Frances
Elkins, Alice
Elkins, Max
Ellis, George
Fell, Melvin
Fitzgerald, Vivian
Fuoss, Harry
Hickey, Robert
Johnson, Betty
Kincaid, Robert
Kisnonsky, Mary

LeneSchmidt, Doris
Lovasik, Louise
Matthews, Lloyd
McIntyre, Gloria
Mercier, Maurice
Middleton, Orrie
Morris, Colon
Otto, Doreen
Price, Talene
Reid, Wallace
Serr, Fred
Shepard, Vera
Shipman, Mary
Snyder, Royal
Tejkl, Mary
Valentine, Cecil
Woock, Sherwin
Yerrick, Audrey
Zambiasi, Wayne
Brown, William

Senior Class Officers

President - - - Bob Kincaid
Vice President- Lloyd Matthews
Secretary- - - Clara Clark
Treasurer - - - Fred Serr

Class Motto

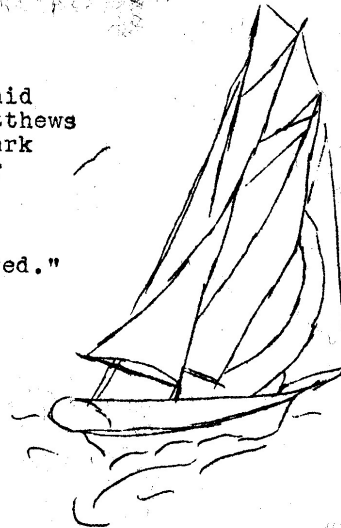
"Launched, but not anchored."

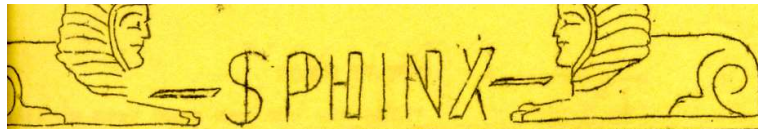
Class Colors

Blue and Rose

Flower

Rose





NORABELLE BOUCK



"A maiden of our century."
Girl Reserves 1
Band 1, 2, 3
Glee Club 1, 2, 4
Library Club 1, 2, 3, 4
Etiquette Club 1
Reporter's Club 3
Hobby Club 2
Junior and Senior Plays
Trio 4 A'Capella Choir 4

JACK BROOKHOUSE

"A lion among ladies is a most dreadful thing."
Glee Club 1, 4
Boys' Quartet 4
A'Capella Choir 4
Operetta 4
Band 1, 2, 3, 4
Hobby Club 2
Safe Driving Club 3



WILLIAM BROWN

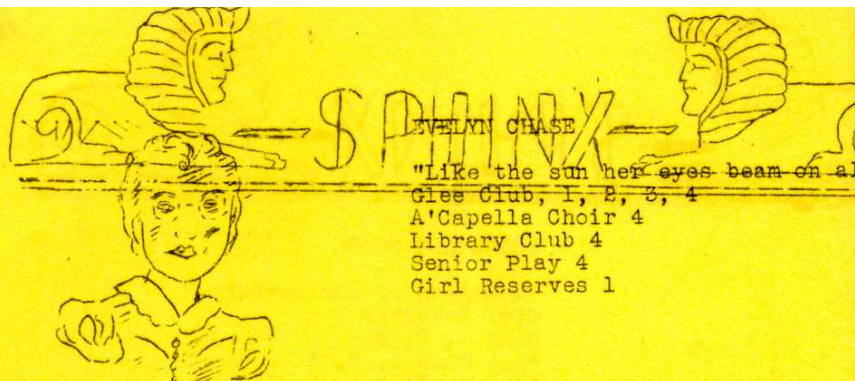
"He'll find a way."
Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4
Baseball 2, 3, 4 Track 2, 3, 4
Football 3, Glee Club 1, 2, 3
Varsity Club 2, 3, 4 Discussion Club 3
Senior Play 4, Student Council 1, 4
Pres. Student Council 4
Pres. Freshman Class
Vice Pres. Sophomore and Junior Class
Etiquette Club 1



LESTER CARLIN

"A tall and handsome Romeo."
Glee Club 2, 3, 4
Etiquette Club 1
Safe Driving Club 3





"Like the sun her eyes beam on all"
 Glee Club, 1, 2, 3, 4
 A'Capella Choir 4
 Library Club 4
 Senior Play 4
 Girl Reserves 1

CLARA CLARK

"A friend of everyone."
 Glee Club, 1, 2, 4
 Student Council 2, 3
 A'Capella Choir 4
 Junior Play
 Etiquette Club 1
 Operetta 4
 Sec. Senior Class
 Discussion Club 3
 Trio 4



VIRGINIA COAKES

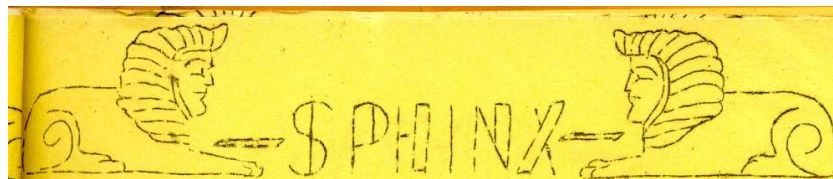
"Blonds--what a way they have wit
 Owosso High 1, 2
 Girls Athletic Association 1, 2
 Treasurer Camera Club 1
 Glee Club 3, 4
 A'Capella Choir 3, 4
 Student Council 4
 Trio 4
 Student Council Treasurer 4
 Safe Driving Club 2



BOYE COOLEY

"Beware! I may yet do something sensational."
 Owosso High 1
 Band 2, 3, 4
 Reporter's Club 2, 3, 4
 Dramatic Club 2, 3
 Operetta 3, 4
 Glee Club 3, 4
 Safe Driving Club 3, 4 Debate 3
 Junior & Senior Plays Editor "Newsette" 4
 Editor 1940 "Sphinx" A'Capelle Choir 4





FRANCES DRENNAN

"What's the use of worrying?"

Etiquette Club 1
Reporter's Club 1, 4
Library Club 3, 4
Safe Driving Club 3



ALICE ELKINS

"Everything in her vicinity flashes into smiles."

Glee Club 1, 2, 3, 4
Band 1, 2, 3, 4



MAX ELKINS

"A quiet chap liked by all."

Football 1, 2, 3, 4
Basketball 2, 3, 4
Baseball 2, 3, 4
Varsity Club 2, 3, 4
Secretary Varsity Club 4
Glee Club 3, 4
A'Capella Choir 3, 4
Operetta 3, 4
Boys' Quartet 3

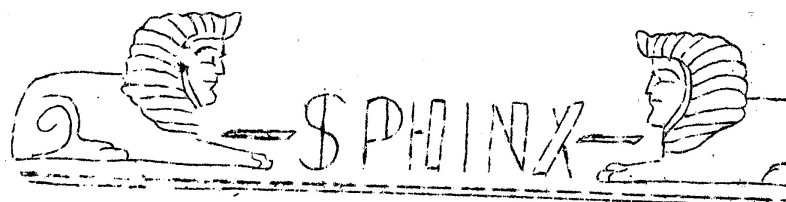


GEORGE ELLIS

"The man that blushes is not a brute."

Glee Club 1, 2, 3, 4
Band 1, 2, 3, 4
Football 2, 3, 4
Basketball 3, 4
Varsity Club 3, 4
Baseball 3
Operetta 4
A'Capella Choir 4
Boys' Quartet 3





VIVIAN FITZGERALD



"An equal mixture of good humor & good sense.
Glee Club 1, 2
Band 1, 2, 3, 4
Girl Reserves 1, 4
Vice Pres. Girl Reserves 4
Student Council 3, 4
Junior and Senior Plays
Salutatorian

HARRY FUOSS

"A simple honest man."
Hobby Club 2, 3
Safe Driving Club 4
Glee Club 3



ROBERT HICKEY

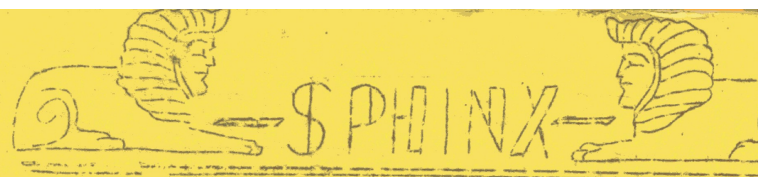
"None but himself can be his parallel."
Art Club 1
Library Club 2
Safe Driving 3
Debate Club 4
Glee Club 4
Junior Play



BETTE JOHNSON

"She is one who does her own thinking."
Lansing High School 1, 2, 3
Euphronia Society 2, 3
Sub-Deb Club 2, 3
Glee Club 4





LLOYD MATTHEWS

"Every man is good but not for everythi
Glee Club 1, 3, 4
Operetta 3, 4
Boys Quartet 4
Library Club 2
Pres. Junior Class
Vice Pres. Senior Class
Student Council 2

GLORIA MCINTYRE

"Life would be dull without her."
Glee Club 1, 2, 3
Reporter's Club 4



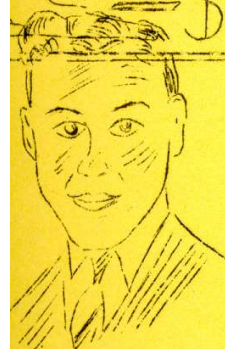
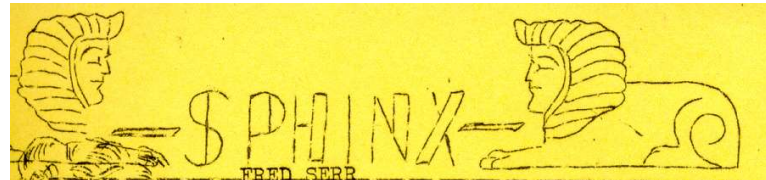
MAURICE MERCIER

"Slow to take offense or give it."
Hobby Club 2, 3
Glee Club 4
Art Club 1
Etiquette Club 1

ORRIE MIDDLETON

"Ambition has not rest."
Baseball 1, 2, 3, 4
Football 1, 2, 3, 4
Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4
Varsity Club 2, 3, 4
Track 2
Hobby Club 1
Sec. Sophomore Class





"Whistle and she'll come to you."
 Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4
 Treasurer of Class 1, 2, 3, 4
 Band 1, 2, 3, 4
 Glee Club 2, 3, 4
 Operetta 2
 A'Capella Choir 4
 Etiquette Club 1
 Junior and Senior Plays

VERA SHEPARD

"I have learned by my experiences."
 Hobby Club 1, 4
 Etiquette Club 1
 Reporter's Club 4



MARY SHIPMAN

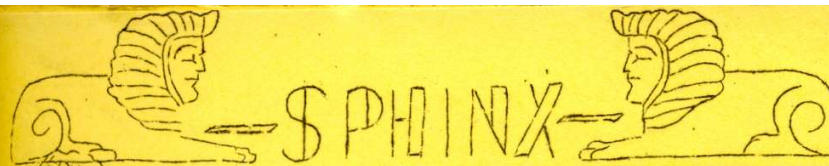
"We are proud of her."
 Glee Club 1, 2, 3, 4
 Band 1, 2, 3, 4
 A'Capella Choir 2, 3, 4
 Junior and Senior Plays
 Girl Reserves 1, 4
 Pres. Girl Reserves 4
 Pres. Freshman Class
 Student Council 3, 4
 Valedictorian



ROYAL SNYDER

"Nothing hinders or daunts him."
 Glee Club 1, 2, 3, 4
 Varsity Club 2, 3, 4
 Vice Pres. Varsity Club 3
 Band 1, 2
 A'Capella Choir 3, 4
 Football 2, 3, 4
 Baseball 1, 2, 3
 Basketball 3
 Track 1, 2, 3, 4





COLON MORRIS

"Silence maketh a wise man."
Glee Club 1, 2
Safe Driving Club 4
Archery 4

DOREEN OTTO

"She does her part with a cheerful heart."
Girl Reserves 1
Etiquette Club 1
Hobby Club 2
Safe Driving Club 3
Reporter's Club 3



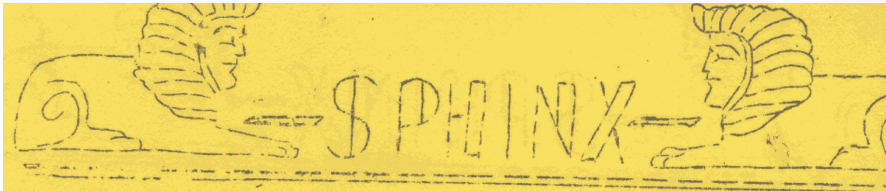
IALENE PRICE

"She rules her own mind."
Etiquette Club 2
Hobby Club 3
Reporter's Club 4

WALLACE REID

"Better to be small and shine than large and
cast a shadow."
Varsity 1, 2, 3, 4
Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4
Baseball 1, 2, 4
Track 1, 2, 4
Hobby Club 3





WAYNE ZAMBIASI

"Be silent & safe; silence never betrays you"
Track 3, 4
Football 3
Reporter's Club 2
Hobby Club 3
Etiquette Club 1
Senior Play
Varsity Club 1
Safe Driving Club 3