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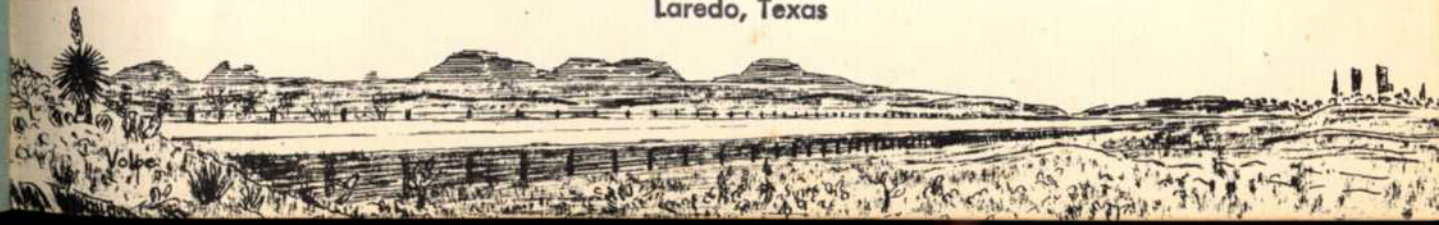
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Foreword

The background of the 1940 edition of *La Pitahaya* is the local color of our picturesque border city, its surrounding plains, green with onion and tomato farms, its chaparral-covered hills where graze herds of white-faced Herefords, and its western horizon where loom the blue mountains of Mexico.

Laredo is a combination of ancient and modern, of Latin and Anglo-Saxon culture. A romantic atmosphere lingers from the era of the conquistadores, suggested perhaps by the musical language of Spain, serenades on moonlight nights, and the sound of church bells on Sunday.

The modern aspect is everywhere in the streamlined buildings, such as our own Martin High School, and on paved streets, where one sees tourists, bound for Mexico, in long, shining automobiles.

Some of you who go out in the Class of 1940 will travel to far places, and, perhaps, looking over this book will partially assuage a homesickness for a land and time you once loved.



DEDICATION

Because

HE HAS WON A PLACE IN THE HEARTS OF
THOUSANDS OF STUDENTS THROUGH HIS
NEVER~FAILING PATIENCE AND KINDNESS
TOWARD THEM.

We Dedicate

TO MR. W.J. LEMOINE, PRINCIPAL OF
MARTIN HIGH SCHOOL, THIS 1940
EDITION OF "LA PITAHAYA." MAY
HE SERVE MARTIN HIGH SCHOOL
FOR MANY YEARS TO COME.



WILLIAM JOSEPH LEMOINE



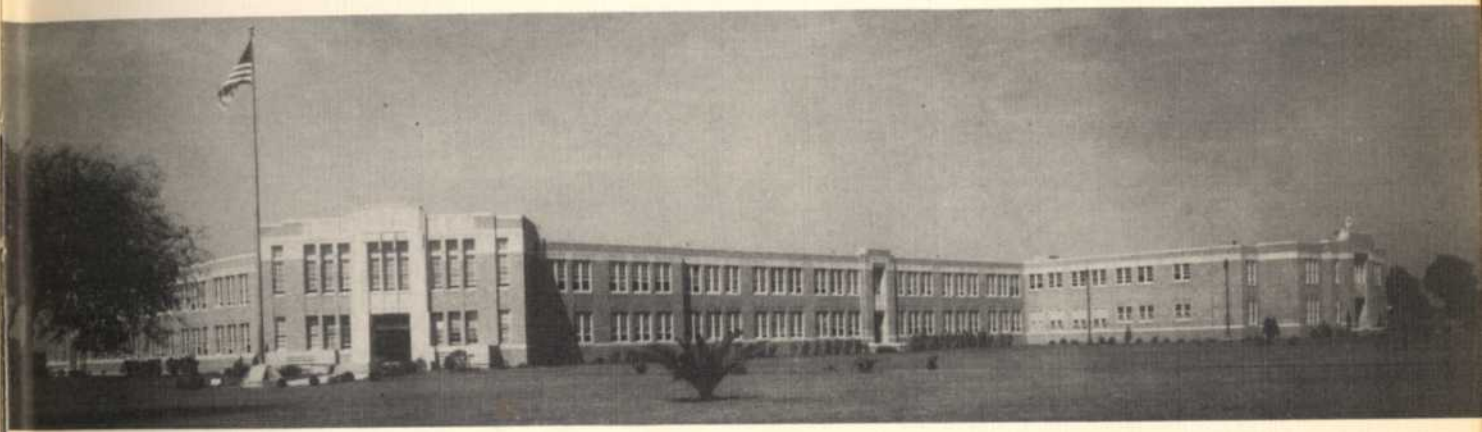


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THE SCHOOL



MARTIN HIGH SCHOOL

Raymond and Tirza Martin High School, named in memory of the mother and father of Mr. Joe C. Martin, President of the School Board, was first occupied in September, 1937. It was built at an approximate cost of \$353,000.00, part of which was a government grant.

On the whole, the student body has shown appreciation of its cream-colored walls and its shining desks by refraining from the destructive practices so often evidenced by school buildings and school furniture.

NOON AT
MARTIN HIGH SCHOOL



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THE FACADE GLEAMS
IN SUMMER SUNSHINE

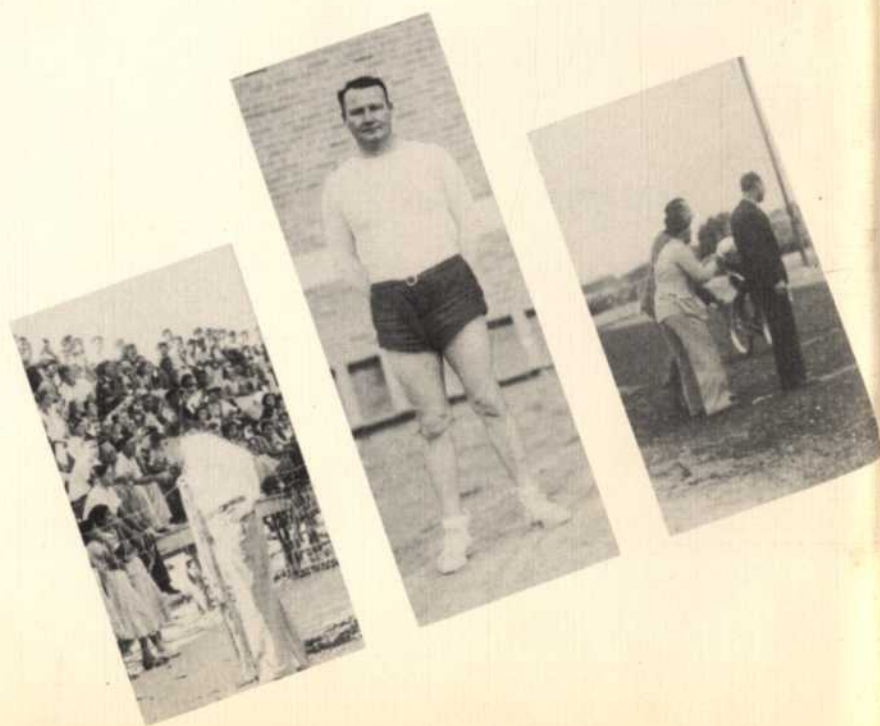
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IN MEMORIAM

SHIRLEY DACAMARA was one of the finest characters I have ever known. His life was an inspiration to the hundreds of boys and young men who came under his supervision during the years he served as Athletic Director and Coach in the Laredo High School. His splendid influence upon their lives is indeed his monument. He was also an exceptionally fine classroom teacher in mathematics where he demonstrated well his splendid ability as an educator. As Assistant Principal of the High School, his judgment was sound and consistent. His talents as an organizer and administrator were in constant demand as a civic worker in every movement for the up-building and betterment of the City of Laredo. He was a devoted son, a loving husband and father, and withal a true gentleman. His loss is keenly felt by his legion of friends both in the civic and educational field.

WILLIAM P. GALLIGAN.



HARRY SHIRLEY DACAMARA

DEAR OLD HIGH

Words by the late
Jack King - Class '24

Music by Mrs. Travis Bruce Bunn

Moderato ^{mf} rit. --

I love you, Dear Laredo High, Tho' o'er my books I often (Books I often) sigh
In scholarship you always lead, Your alumni meet your country's need (Mr. yr. chys. need)

a tempo

And fuss and cuss and give you blame, But still I love you just the same
I sports, first alway is your name. You're always there in any game.

cres. rit. --

I love you, Dear Laredo High, and soon for you, and soon for you I breathe a
sigh

a tempo

I'll love you now still more than ever, For I must leave you, For I must leave you, High,

Forever, for I must leave you, leave you, High, forev... er.

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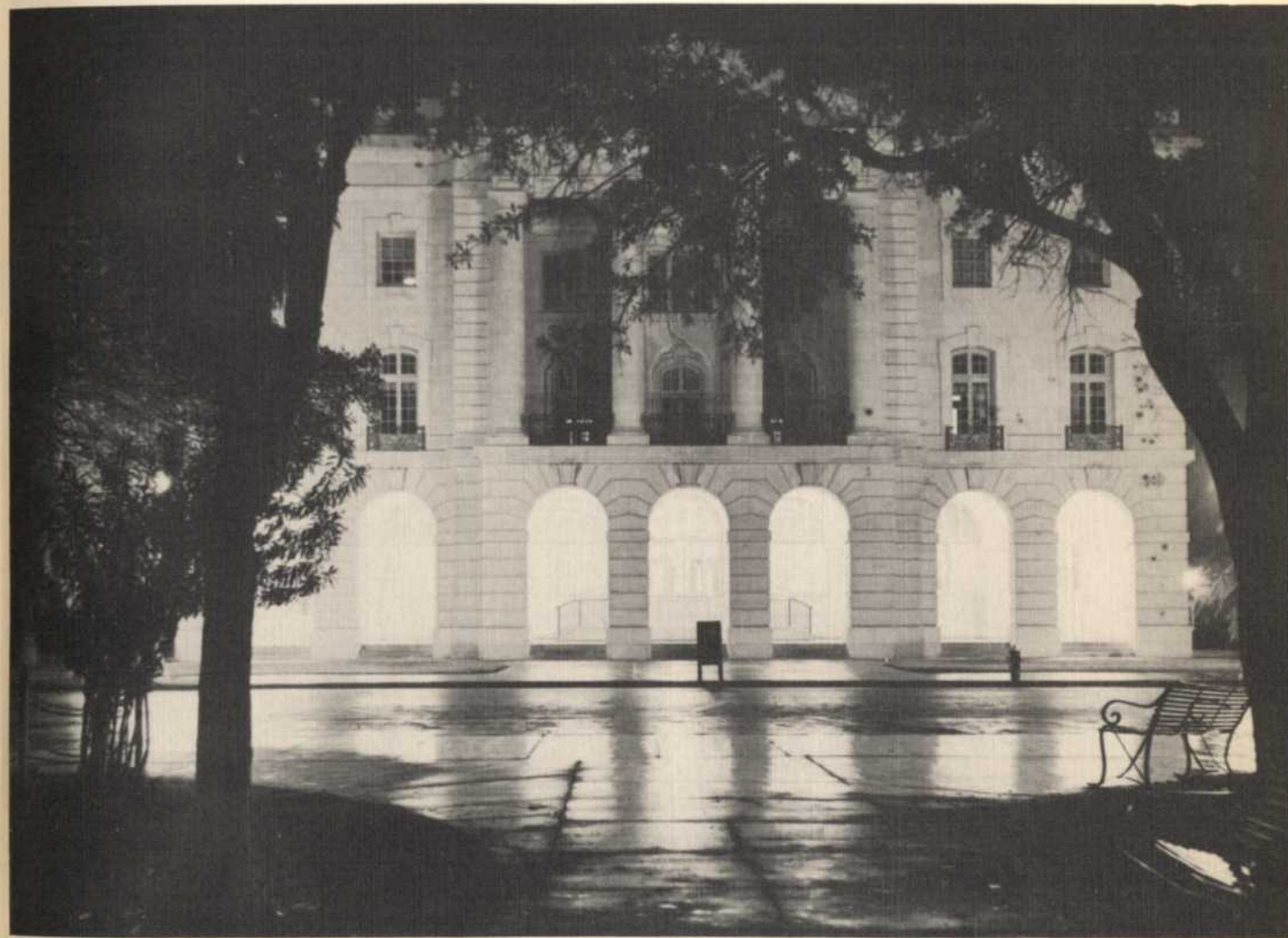


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Gleaming lights of the federal
building from Jarvis Plaza



MR. JOE C. MARTIN
President of the Laredo School Board

The Laredo School Board, composed of civic-minded and leading business men of Laredo, is headed by Mr. Joe C. Martin, who is ably assisted by Messrs. Aaron Moser, Hugh Cluck, B. G. Salinas, C. L. Milton, Leon Daiches, Antonio Valls, and M. S. Ryan.

MR. WILLIAM P. GALLIGAN
Superintendent of the Laredo Public Schools



The Board has done much for the Laredo schools and education in Webb County and should be praised for its work. The most outstanding achievement was the erection of the new Martin High School three years ago and a stadium with a seating capacity of two thousand.

Mr. William P. Galligan has served ably as superintendent of the Laredo schools for the past ten years.

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Graduation is, to us, a peak from
which we scan the far horizon.



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As the Rio Grande flows towards
the sea, so the juniors progress
towards graduation.



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HILDA VASQUEZ



ALICE WALKER



Interscholastic League Contestants for 1939

Reading from left to right: Alfonso Valls, James Hatch, Carlos Gust, Grace Mutz, and Daniel Farias. This group left for Austin on May 5, 1939 to represent our school at the Interscholastic League contests.

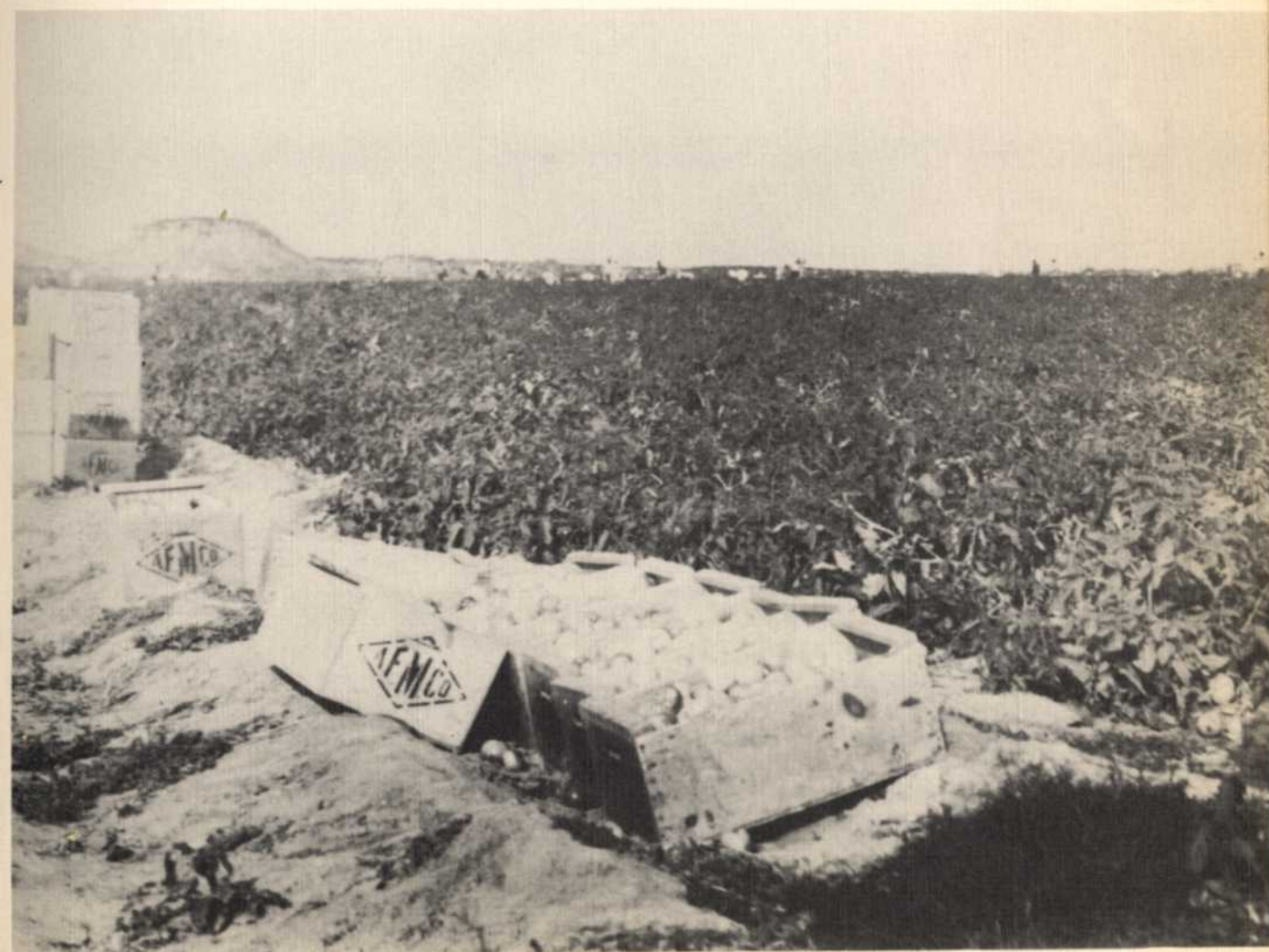
Alfonso Valls entered the high jump, James Hatch contended for the shot put championship, Carlos Gust and Daniel Farias represented the Journal at the Journalistic contests, and Grace Mutz entered the extemporaneous speaking contest.

Below, reading from left to right: George Mayes, awarded First Division (trombone) at the Regional meet at Kingsville and Second Division at the National Band Contest in Alpine, Texas; David Beaman, First Division (clarinet) at Regional meet and Second Division at National Meet; Fausto Villela, First Division (alto saxophone) at Regional meet and Third Division at National Meet; Elpidio Uribe, First Division (base clarinet) at Regional meet and Second Division at National meet; Mario Pena, First Division (base clarinet) at Regional meet and Second Division at National meet; Raymond Grund, First Division (sousaphone) at Regional meet and First Division at National meet.



UNDER CLASSMEN FRESHMEN AND SOPHOMORES

Stretching to the rocky mesa, called Sombretillo, this tomato field is one of many that brings wealth to Laredo



SOPHOMORES



LILIA ALDAPE



MORGAN BONDY



HELEN LOLA BUNN



ARLETTA CASSLE



MARIA JULIA CHAVARRIA



BETTY ANN CROCKETT



OLGA CORTEZ



CARL DE VERE



GLORIA DINN



EVA DOVALINA



DELIA DU FRESNE



RALPH DUKE



ALFONSO GARCIA



ANA MARIA GARCIA



MARIA ELISA GARCIA



MATIAS ANTONIO GARCIA

SOPHOMORES



MATIAS GARCIA



MELQUIADES GARCIA



FELIPE GARCIA MORENO



OLGA GARZA



ELVIRA GONZALEZ



ESTELA MARIA GONZALEZ



GLORIA GONZALEZ



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JOSE GONZALEZ



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AMANDA GUTIERREZ



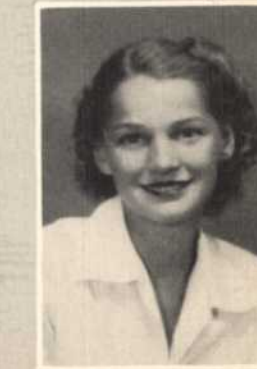
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ROBERT HEIN



ANA MARIA HERNANDEZ



NONA GAY HUNT

SOPHOMORES



ELEANOR IRVIN



BILL JOHNSON



LEE JONES



DORIS KARABANOFF



VIRGINIA OCHOA



DOROTHY ODEN



TIM ODEN



ALBERTA OFFER



MARIA KIDMAS



JAKE KUNTZ



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TOM LEARY



OLGA PEPI



FRANCES CELIA PERALES



MANUEL PRADO



CARMEN RAMIREZ



AMEDEÉ LIGARDE, JR.



ELENA LOPEZ



BILL LOWRY



AURORA MARROQUIN



DORA RAMIREZ



BETTY JEAN
REUTHINGER



EDGARDO RIVIERA



MARIA JOSEPHINA
RODRIGUEZ



MARTA MEDINA



EDGAR MIMS



RAMIRO MONTALVO



XOCHITL MORAN



MARIA RODRIGUEZ



CUAHTEMOC SAENZ



ELENA SALINAS



FERNANDO SALINAS

SOPHOMORES

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ADELA SANCHEZ



CONCEPCIÓN SANCHEZ



BERTHA SAN MIGUEL



EVA SCOTT



MARJORIE SPEAR



BILL SWISHER



KATHRYN ALTA STOCKWELL



SAMUEL TIJERINA



FRANCES JOY TORCHIN



RODOLFO VASQUEZ



MYRTLE ROSE WHARTON



WILLIE WILLIAMSON



ARNULFO ZAMORA



SERGIO ZUÑIGA

FRESHMEN



BRUNO ABREGO



OLGA ABREGO



CONCHA AGUILAR



CONCHA ALVARADO



DOLORES ALVARADO



MANUEL ARECHIGA



JOYCE BARNES



CARLOS BAZAN



ELVIRA BENAVIDES



CARLOS BENAVIDES



GLORIA BENAVIDES



GERALDINE BERGMAN



JOHN BERRY



WANDA MAE BESSAN



PATRICIA BRENNAN



MANUEL CARDENAS

FRESHMEN



MATILDE CARDENAS



OFELIA CARDENAS



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JESUSA CASTAÑO



BAT CORRIGAN



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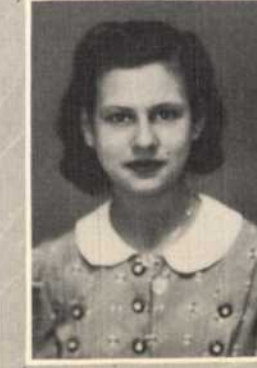
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JOSE GARZA



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FRESHMEN



VIRGINIA GONZALEZ



EDUARDO GUAJARDO



LUIS GUERRA



ARTHUR GURWITZ



ANGELA GUTIERREZ



IRMA GUTIERREZ



MARIA LUISA
GUTIERREZ



RAMONA GUTIERREZ



RUDY GUTIERREZ



ROBERT HALE



CARMEN HARRINGTON



BEVERLY HARRIS



RUTH HATCH



GEORGE HAYNES



MABEL HAYNES



MARGARETTE HILL

FRESHMEN



MARIA LUISA IGARRA



LYDIA JACKSON



RUTH KERN



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ANDREA MARTINEZ



MARIA ANTOINETA
MARTINEZ



MARIA GUADALUPE
MARTINEZ

FRESHMEN



MOSES MARTINEZ



CLIFFORD MAST



SOFIA MATA



HERMENIA MEDINA



INEZ MEDINA



PABLO MEDINA



FIDEL MORADO



MARY NEWMAN



CONSUELO PEÑA



EMMA PEREZ



PAULA PEREZ



SAN JUANA PRUEDA



MARIA LUISIA ORUIJAS



SANTOS QUIROZ



JOSE RAMIREZ



EDUARDO RAMON

FRESHMEN



GUADALUPE REGINO



VALERIE REINKE



PEARL RENDON



GLORIA RENDON



REYMUENDO RENDON



CRUZ REYES



HUGO RICHER



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SAM RIVES



EMILY ROLLMAN



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OLIVIA URDIALES



FERNANDO VELA



OLGA VELA



HELEN WATSON



VIOLET WERNER



STELLA WEST



ELEANOR WOLF



MARIA LUISA GARCIA



*Philip Windrow,
annual photographer for
two years, smiles his genial
smile*

CAMPUS GLIMPSES

"The pleashah is all mine," says Bobby



Beatrice waits

Paul seems to be in difficulties



Carlos, Q.A., Pat, Bobby, Lee, Armando, Eddie, and J.R.

Think hard, George



Registration

women and children last while the boys compare schedules!



waiting for textbooks

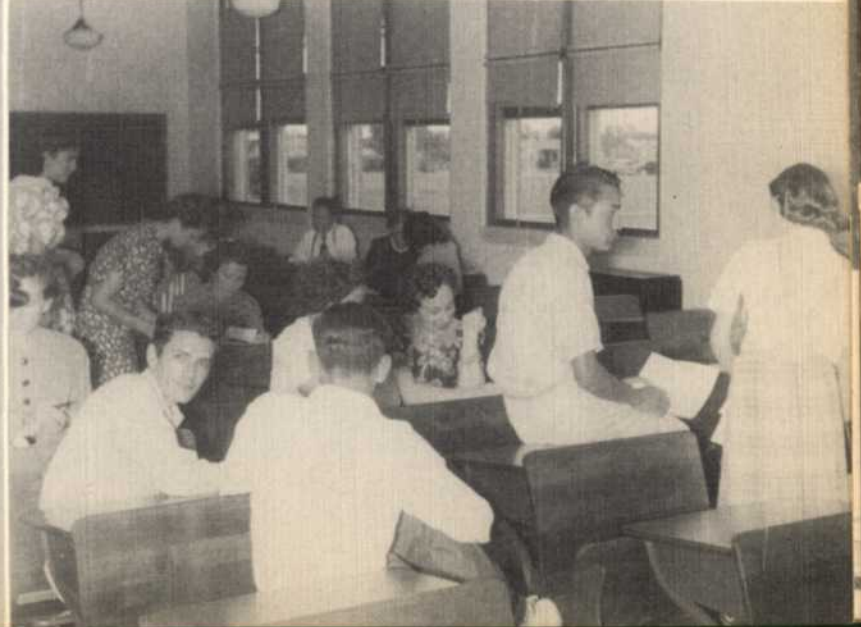


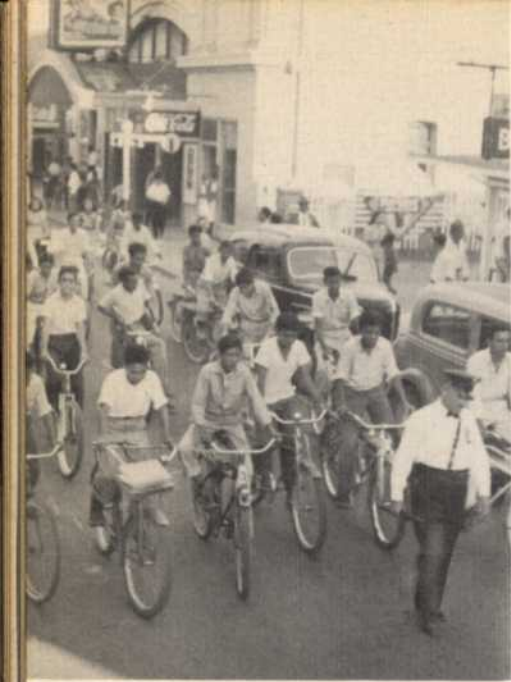
Low, Pierce, and Lemaine advising

September 1939

The Dictionizing Room

Mrs. Lindheim exhibits her bracelet





Pep Squad on Parade
Bike Brigade



Yea



Laredo!

The C. S. C. marches on

Carlos, Chacho, +
Meme lend their
support



Jimmy carries
on with
ardent support
from Lydia,
Wanda Mae,
and Jerry

Pep

Parades Our last
tributes
to San Diego



San Diego
Pep Parade

Melita + Bette
join the
Lonely Rangers

Mr. Lemoine
leads the
parade

The Senior
Parade

Joe Gonzalez, a
real shirttail
parader

Lemoine + Galligan
strut their stuff





Raup's on!
Flavio and Joe
filling up



Francisco Guerra
attempts a
"jack-Raife"

just one big happy
family and Thelma



May 1939

Annual - Journal Picnic

Grab it now, Gust,
while you can



yum yum
Dorrell
and
Lemoine

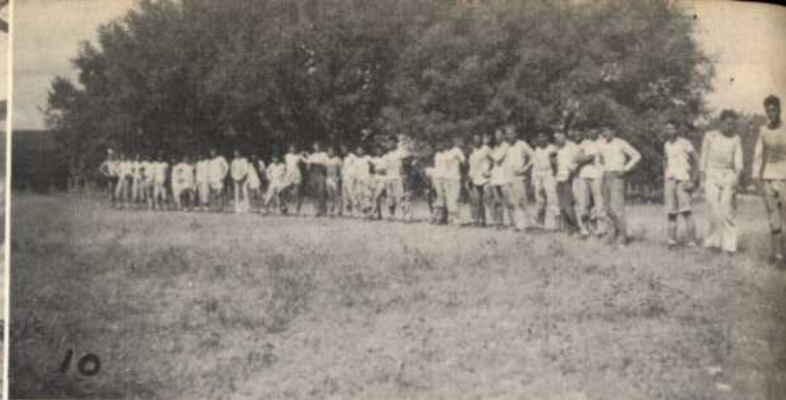
Seven Loafers
Rives,
Volpe, Nava,
Guerra, Gust,
Guerra, and
Vidaurri

just a bunch of
"mermaids"





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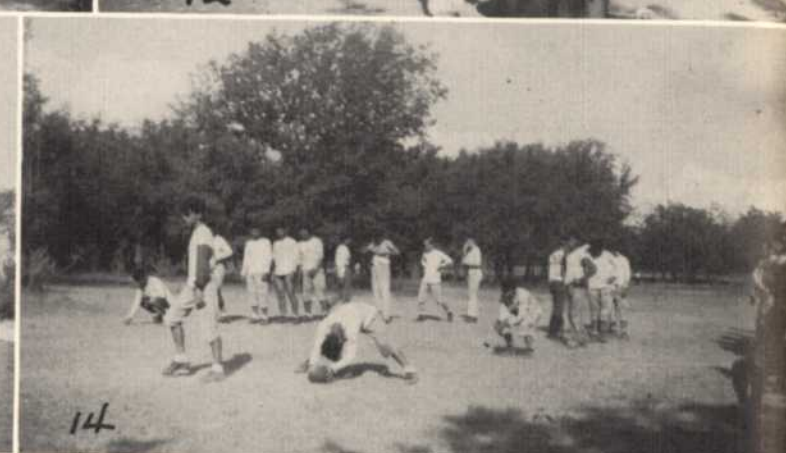
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1. "Slingshot" Jackson
2. Wash 'em up 10 P.M.
3. Tiding dinner
4. Asst Cook Durdin
5. "Curley"
6. just a couple of good tackles
7. Having fun?
8. Come on in, the water's fine
9. Home Sweet Home
10. Our beauties line up
11. Hungry, boys?
12. Santos stirs the beans
13. Guadalupe River
14. Ready for the snap
15. Prepare for the charge
16. Green, tell 'em how it's done
17. Tiger Scrimmage
18. "Doctor" Canavati



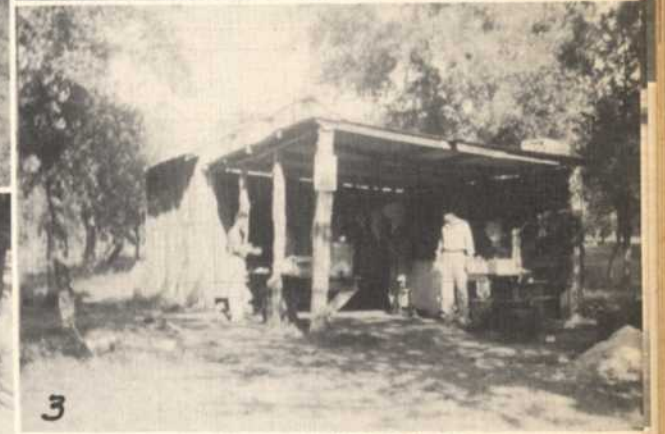
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Depot Row - wow

Dick
Randall
Bobby
Seasie
Pat
Margaret
Sammy
and
his
new
pipe



Hot coffee in San Antonio
for us

Martin
High
Bachelors
waiting
for the
take off



Miss Huck feeds
the hungry



The hand relaxes



Pop and a bottle of
pop

Jamie and
the conductor "Big
with the Messers
Photo" Cardenas, Sulburn,
Galligan and
Meadames



Phil and
Pat, our
washful
photo men

You tell
'em, Mr.
Lemaine



One of the "taughies" and
"the thinker"



Lemaine
and Jim

You Bet!



Rozzy
snazzies
and Allen
answers
present





Mr. Lemaire
pleads
at a Pep
Rally



Yea, Muriel!



Elena offers a
toast!

Faculty



Miss Guerra
stands (?) guard



Nancy and Eleanor
do their stuff



Thelma goes
into
her dance

Having trouble,
Miss Wildenthal?



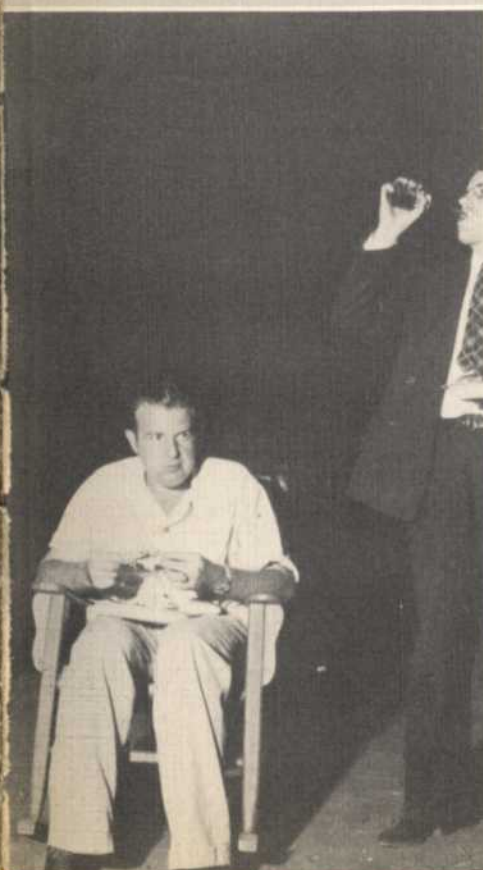
For whom is the
wicked gleam,
Rolando?

Nice going, Maurice

Ben
recommends
Repsodent



Continued,
Grace



Ranch Party

It must have been
something the low
"it"



Queen Ignacia of the
House of Magas
and
King Armando of the
House of Gutierrez



Fish after the Dance

Fish must
sing!

George "Aitaire"
and
Lois "Rogers"



Gabriela at
the P. A. D. S.
Dance

Gloria on
tip toes



Omaha swings it



King Burr
and Steagies

Fish Lost
Shoe Dept



Junior Senior Prom
1939

The Court of
Bougainvilleae





Mrs. Clyde
Brennan

Mrs. Mary
Andrews
and
Mrs. Norman Darrell



New Thespians
Jane
Betty &
Eleanor
wear white
cotton stockings



"Papa Joe" looks
elsewhere



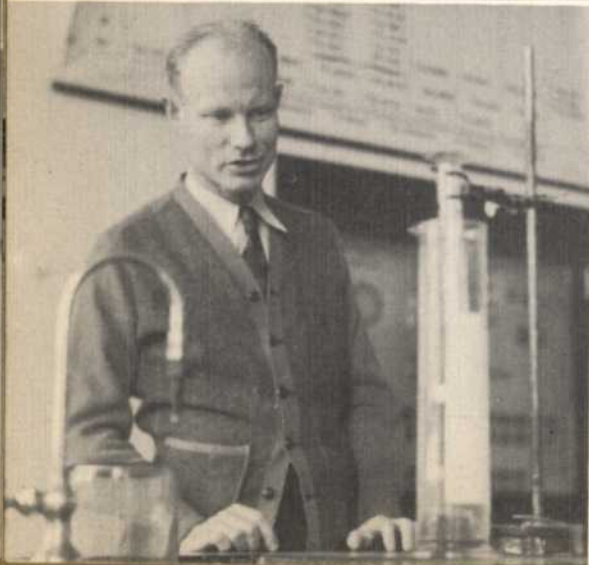
Mrs. C. J.
Minton



Dr. Castañeda



La Kaus
Phillips
Linessa
Kawaleki
Lrike
- not inmates
of a state insane
asylum but
victims of an
initiation



Mr. & Mrs. William Vela
Nov. 25
San Agustin Cathedral

Mr. Gilbert
Johnson
Miss Carmen
Kagan



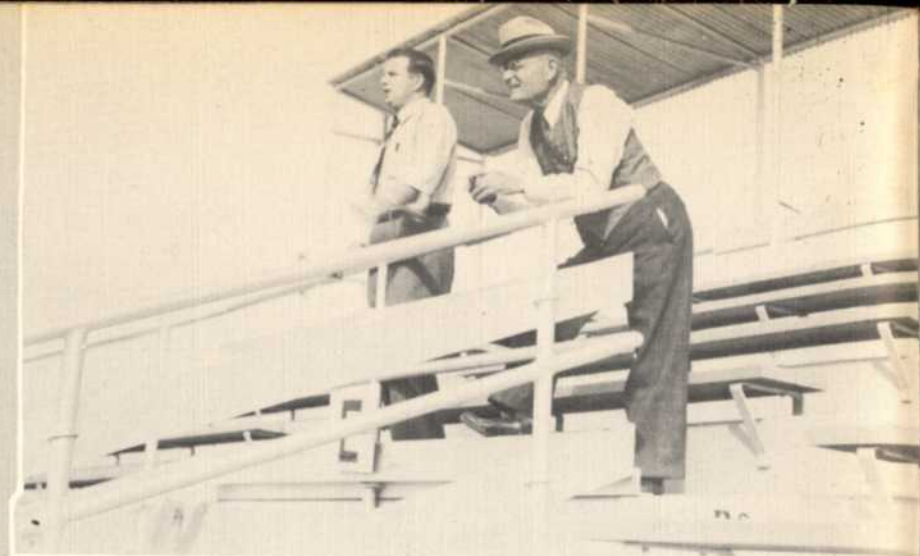
More initiates
Ruth
Carol
Dma Lee
Edgar
Mary Louise
Billy
Pat

Billy thinks it's
funny anyway





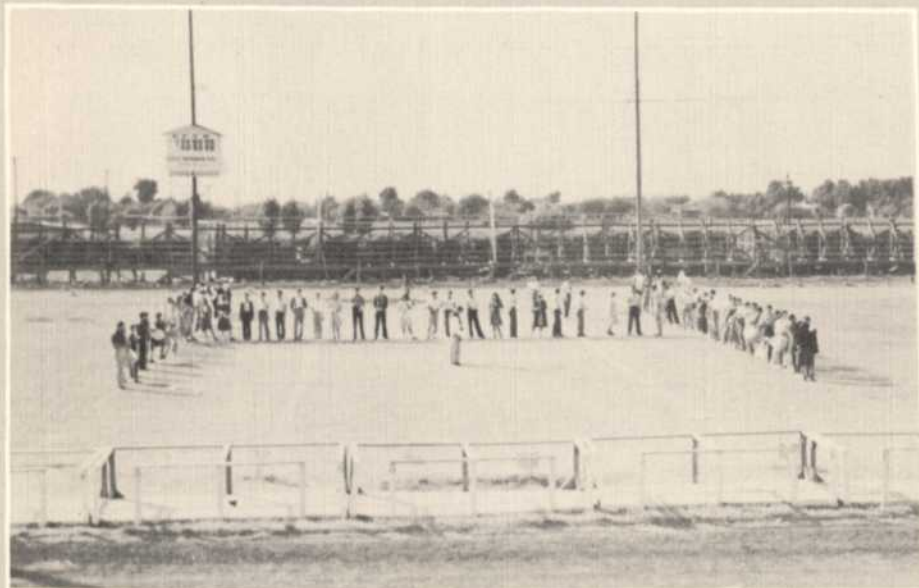
Our Band in Shirtsleeves



You tell 'em, Mr. Low



Our first snow in eight years
January 20, 1940



Practice makes perfect or does it?



Parade of the trombones

The Elks
present the band with
a flag





Preparing tamales for the merienda



Some work and some play



Atanacia sews a fine seam



Homemakers till the soil



Guests for Halloween Dance

Homemakers Entertain



the School Board



Miss Sisco waits for tea

The Maids' day out



Shall it be facts or fiction?



INTER-CLUB BANQUET

Every spring Martin High club members held a banquet, and last year's Inter-Club Banquet was held in the patio of the Hamilton Hotel on May 9. Mrs. E. A. Leonard served as general chairman. A circus theme was carried out in the decorations and program.



"Jackie" dances while Betty, Jean (unseen), "Cappy" and Alice sing the umbrella song.

"Doodle, dumma, dumma..."

At the table with Catis Pappas, master of ceremonies sits Mrs. Green, Mr. Lemoine, Mrs. Lemoine, and Mr. Green



Scene from Evangeline
1939 Commencement Exercises

Pan American Day Pageant



by Pan American Student
Forum

CLUBS

Like this stream, meandering through our
ranch land, essential to our well-being
are the clubs of our school





MRS. E. A. LEONARD,
Sponsor



AMELIA LUNA,
President



ERNESTINA VILLARREAL,
Secretary

ALLEGRO CLUB

To create a feeling of intimacy among its members and to better acquaint them with the literary world are some of the reasons why this club was created.

The name Allegro is derived from a Latin word meaning "happy."

In most assemblies, pep parades, and social gatherings there are to be found several members of this literary club.

Front Row: Florisa Nieto, Dominga Herrera, Rebecca Galindo, Ernestina Villarreal, Amelia Luna, Maria Aguilar, Concha Valls, Ana Maria Ortiz. *Second Row:* Estela Ceja, Josefina Villarreal, Emma Arechiga, Tomasita Garcia, Maria Rodriguez, Mabel Hein, Eva Dovalina, Lilia Perales, Lilia Aldape, Consuelo Soto, Eva Scott. *Third Row:* Mrs. Leonard, Josefina Arreguin, Berta Gonzalez, Maria Garcia, Consuelo Collins, Hortensia Valdez, Rosalba Escareño, Esther Dovalina, Macaria Sanchez.



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BARRY, Sponsor



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SEIDENGLANZ, Sponsor



BEATRIZ SALAZAR,
President



MARY CARDILLI,
Secretary

FUTURE HOMEMAKERS CLUB

The purposes of the Future Homemakers Club are: to develop organized interest in homemaking as a vocation; to foster higher ideals of an appreciation for home life; to promote mentally and physically healthy girls.

The activities of the club are: attend and participate in District, Area, and State meetings; to give a Hallowe'en Dance, a merienda for mothers, a Mother-Daughter Banquet.

The Homemaking classes are organized into Homemaking club units.

Front Row: Emma Perez, Matilde Cardenas, Maria Luisa Garcia, Lydia de Lachica, Virginia Gonzalez, Diana Coussulis. *Second Row:* Mozelle Grund, Nora Uribe, Marta Guerrero, Feliz Garcia, Rosa Maria Lozano, Beatriz Salazar, Marietta Buittron, Mary Cardilli, Maria Aguilar, Marina Laurel. *Third Row:* Mrs. Barry, Julia Jacaman, Dominga Herrera, Ofelia Cardenas, Josefina Garcia, San Juana Pruneda, Irene Chapa, Emma Arechiga, Alicia Martinez, Carmen Ramirez, Alicia Cantu, Miss Seidenglanz. *Fourth Row:* Betty Sames, Valerie Reinke, Adela Sanchez, Olivia Urdiales, Afedina Moore, Anita Sauvignet, Alice Leary, Billy Margaret Davis, Myrlee Wright, Eleonor Conly.





Mrs. HARRY ANDREWS,
Sponsor



MARGARITA FARIAS,
President



BEULAH MASTERSON,
Secretary

THE NIKE CLUB

Nike is the Latin name for "Victory."

The purpose of the Nike Club is to widen their views on the cultural and intellectual aspects of life.

The members plan and give programs and parties and participate in all school activities.

Front Row: Grace Mutz, Alice Leary, Peggy McDaniels, Thelma Freidin, Beulah Masterson, Kathleen Tarver, Maria Luisa Gutierrez. *Second Row:* Maria Leija, Gabriela Zuñiga, Elena Llanos, Joy Camp, Margarita Farias, Lola Bunn, Evelyn Delfraise, Valerie Reinke, Alberta Offer. *Third Row:* Margaret Hatch, Antonieta Martinez, Tomasita Villarreal, Nancy Sterling, Elvira Arechiga, Lillian Galbraith, Minerva Novoa, Mrs. Andrews. *Fourth Row:* Maurice Buford, Betty Ann Crockett, Mary June Hemenway.



Mrs. CLYDE BRENNAN
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President



CLARICE FRANKLIN
Vice-President

NULLI SECUNDUS CLUB

The Nulli Secundus Literary Club is an organization of a membership of thirty Martin High School girls who have banded together in order to secure the benefits which may be derived from an association which will provide opportunity for training in parliamentary law and speaking before a group; development of culture by reviewing good books and discussing art and music; increasing interest in hobbies; and developing leadership.

The name, Nulli Secundus, means Second to None. The club motto is "Do It Now." The colors are royal blue and silver, and the flower is the gardenia.

The club has two parties a year, the fall initiation party usually taking place on Hallowe'en. Besides this the club takes part in the Christmas dance and the Inter-Club banquet in the spring.

Front Row: Maria Josefina Rodriguez, Frances Torchin, Amanda Gutierrez, Lydia de Lachica, Zulema Kahn, Doris Karabanoff, Thelma Olivares. *Second Row:* Consuelo Haynes, Carmen Power, Betty Torchin, Frances Scherr, Clarice Franklin, Gloria Groesbeck, Pauline Gurwitz, Laurentina Martinez. *Third Row:* Irene Chapa, Ruth Schmudlack, Alice Kahn, Amparo Guerra, Edna West, Dorothy Haley, Betty Enloe, Laska O'Keefe, Kathleen Brett, Rhoda Mae Fenner. *Fourth Row:* Otilia Casillas, Katherine Stockwell, Margaret Beaubien, Joyce Gray, Betty Almand, Carol Power, Mabel Rone, Mrs. Brennan.





ALMA PIERCE
Sponsor



PAT STANFORD
President



WILLIAM MASTERSON
Secretary

PATRICK HENRY CLUB

The Patrick Henry Club was created to teach its members public speaking, pronunciation, discipline, and parliamentary procedure.

This club annually sends its members to the District meeting in declamation and extemporaneous speaking. The club also boasts of several good debaters.

The Patrick Henry Club takes its name from the famous statesman, Patrick Henry.

Front Row: Henry Jackson, Phil Windrow, George Mayes, Pat Stanford, Bill Masterson, Bob Milton, Hal Muckelroy. *Second Row:* Miss Pierce, Foster Phillips, William Thomey, Servando Hinojosa, George Mapus, Rafael Mendez, Ramiro Uribe, Sidney Freiden, Lawrence Burr, Jimmy La Kous. *Third Row:* Arnulfo Zamora, Louis Kowalski, Daniel Hale, David Beaman.



MISS AMINTA GONZALEZ
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President



GRACIELA GARCIA
Corresponding Secretary

PAN AMERICAN STUDENT FORUM

The purpose of the club is to promote, through educational projects, a better understanding of, and a sincere respect for, our Latin-American neighbors.

The club carries on closed meetings in which the history, music, art, and literature of the South American countries are studied. The club also holds an open meeting to which members of the School Board, and the parents and friends of the students are invited.

Delegates to the State and National Conventions are sent by the club.

Front Row: Fernando Salinas, Beulah Masterson, Sergio Zuñiga. *Second Row:* Helen Llanos, Antonio Mata, Graciela Garcia, Alice Leary, Caroline Scott, Randall Nye, Agnes Bondy, Thelma Freidin. *Third Row:* Julio Naranjo, Joe Rodriguez, Miss Gonzalez, Gabriela Zuñiga, Jack Martin, Jose Maria Lozano, Dorothy Oden, Josephine Lafon, Catalina Muñoz, Lilia Perales.





MRS. F. S. JESSIC
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Vice-President



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President



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Secretary



BETTY TORCHIN
Treasurer



JOAQUIN BENAVIDES
Sgt-at-Arms

THE NATIONAL THESPIAN HONOR DRAMATIC SOCIETY TROUPE 138

As its name indicates, the National Thespian Dramatic Honor Society (often shortened to the National Thespians) is a national dramatic honor society, founded for the purpose of creating a more active and intelligent interest in dramatics among the boys and girls of our secondary schools.

The National Thespians hold regular meetings semi-monthly and undertake the production of plays and other dramatic projects under its own name. Initiations are held at least once each semester, and troupe officers are elected annually. It is the aim of the Thespian Troupe to try to entertain at least one professional group each year in the spring.

Front Row: Lola Bunn, Oma Lee Faulkner, Jean Muller, Jerry Gilliland, Frances Torchin, Mary Louise Crawford. *Second Row:* Joaquin Benavides, Maurice Buford, Pat Stanford, Myrlee Wright, Donald Dayharsh, Nancy Sterling, George Mayes. *Third Row:* Betty Jean Reuthinger, Betty Jo Neel, Morgan Bondy, Margie Guernsey, Margaret Hatch, Carol Power. *Fourth Row:* Betty Ann Crockett, Eleanor Irwin, Nona Gay Hunt, Pauline Gurwitz, Ivy Jean Dabny. *Fifth Row:* Edgar Mims, Mrs. Jessic, Craig Marshall, Lee Jones.



THE NATIONAL THESPIAN HONOR DRAMATIC SOCIETY

The immediate objectives of the club are: to give adequate recognition to students who attain excellence in high school dramatics; to encourage and assist teachers and students with the study, production, and direction of educationally worthwhile plays.

Front Row: Olive Marie Candlin, Betty Torchin, Mary Loren, Lois Jackson, Gloria Groesbeck, Mary Craven, Arletta Cassle. *Second Row:* Florence Smith, Marjorie Spear, Alberta Offer, Eddie Pate, Iona Beckelhymer, Ruth Kern, Billy Mims. *Third Row:* Bat Corrigan, Melvyn Correu, Arnulfo Zamora.





MR. WILLIAM VELA
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HECTOR MARIO PEÑA
President



FLAVIO GUERRA
Treasurer

THOMAS JEFFERSON CLUB

The Thomas Jefferson Club was created for two purposes—that of creating a feeling of friendship among its members, and that of training its members in the art of public speaking.

The great public speaking ability of Thomas Jefferson inspired the boys to name their club for him and set as their goal the heights reached by Jefferson.

Declamations, extemporaneous speaking, debating, spelling, composition, and parliamentary procedure are some of the activities taken up by the club.

The Thomas Jefferson Club has been progressing since it was founded in 1923. Every year some Jeffersonians are found among those competing in the various fields covered by the district meets. The club has been giving a traditional picnic every year.

Front Row: Jose Gonzalez, Fernando Salinas, Sergio Zuñiga, Alejandro Garcia, Gilberto Treviño. *Middle Row:* Rodolfo Gonzalez, Randall Nye, Joe Guerra, Hector Mario Peña, Flavio Guerra, Luis Garcia, Antonio Mata, Leopoldo Gonzalez. *Back Row:* Francisco Casso, Juan Jose Mata, Ciro Martinez, Rodolfo Ayala, Daniel Salinas, Guadalupe Montantes, Mr. Vela, Reymundo Cruz, Justo Cardenas, Jose Maria Villareal, Jose Maria Lozano, David Leal, Ildefonso Bautista.



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President



CARMEN SALAZAR
Program Chairman

THOMAS EDISON SCIENCE CLUB

The name of the club, Thomas A. Edison, represents the progress of science and humanity in general due to T. A. Edison. The club honors its name and the man it was named for.

The purpose of the club is to promote and arouse interest in science. A member must have taken a year of science to be eligible to join the club.

The activities of the club cover its semi-monthly meetings, parties, and other activities such as putting on an assembly program. There is usually a scientific experiment at every meeting. Many times there are individual experiments.

The club has led its members to realize the value of scientific experiments.

Front Row: Mr. Johnson, Joaquin Gonzalez, Pedro Richer, Lydia Bernal, Amando Villareal, Mabel Haynes, Jose Maria Villareal, Ralph Duke. *Second Row:* Howard Darnell, Carmen Salazar, Nick Sanchez, George Laurel, Richard Branton, Hortencia Bernal, Ciro Martinez.





Mr. RODOLFO DE LA GARZA
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MARGARITA FARIAS
President



MARY CARDILLI
Secretary

DANIEL WEBSTER DEBATING SOCIETY

Under the sponsorship of Mr. de la Garza, the Daniel Webster Debating Society was organized in the fall of '39. Margarita Farias was elected president; Mary Cardilli, secretary; Randall Nye, treasurer; and Julio Naranjo, sergeant-at-arms.

The purpose of the society is to promote an interest in debate in the Martin High School.

Highlights on the social side of the organization are the dramatic initiation in October, the Christmas party in December, the "friendship" party in February, and an outing in May.

Front Row: Betty Sames, Alba Guerra, Randall Nye, Thelma Freidin, Margarita Farias, Mary Cardilli, Sidney Freidin, Carolyn Scott, Joyce Barnes. *Second Row:* Arthur Gurwitz, Alejandro Garcia, Leonides Gonzalez, Patricia Brennan, Helen Watson, Wanda Mae Bessan, Philip Freed, Antonio Duarte, Morgan Bondy. *Third Row:* Mr. de la Garza, Betty Mullen, Bat Corrigan, Lee Jones.



The band in heart formation, performing between the halves of the Jefferson-Martin High game in Laredo

ACTIVITIES



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The orchestra members are:

Violins:

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Herlinda Gonzalez
Emma Ramirez
Betty Torchin
Olga Abrego
Berta Ramon
Josephina Espinosa
Olga Gutierrez
Agnes Bondy

Piano:

Mary Algee

Drums:

Desiderio Cruz
Oscar Lozano

Cello:

Letha Fay Durst

Clarinets:

Fausto Villela
Arturo Martinez

Trumpets:

Arturo Alarcon
Adolfo Peña

Trombones:

Alfonso Garcia

Bass:

Manuel Alaniz

Flutes:

Arthur Putman
Joyce Gray
Eillen Gray
William Young

Horns:

Francisca Padilla
Martin Abrego
Gloria Varela
Humberto Peña

Saxophone:

Mario Tijerina

Violas:

Amelia Luna
Agustin Mena



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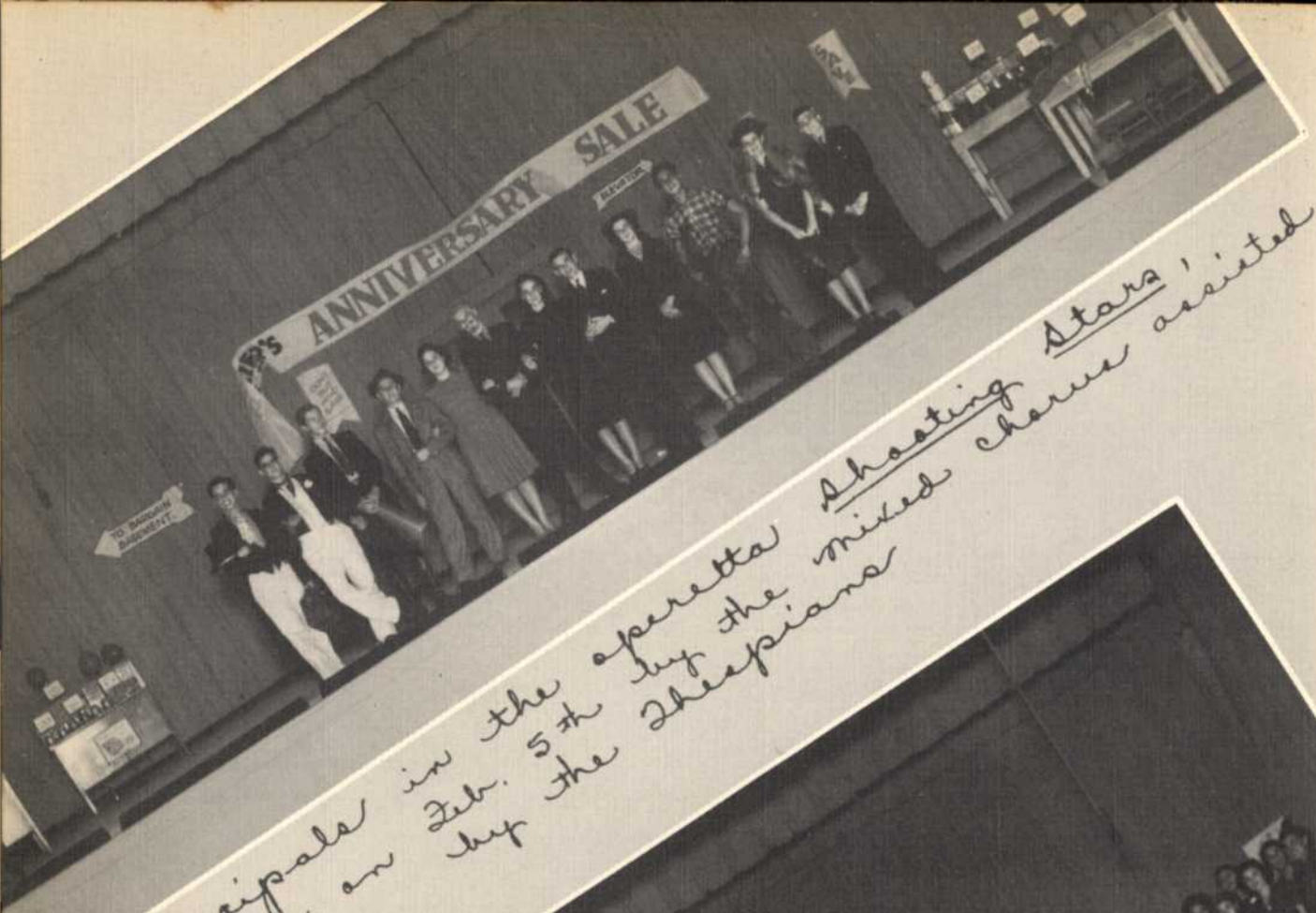
The Martin High School Choir now consists of forty-three members. During the year the choir provides music under the direction of Margaret House Hinton, for assemblies, outside entertainment, and occasional radio programs. During the latter part of the school term an operetta was presented. In March the choir went to Corpus Christi for the music meet.

Their repertoire consists of songs of Bach, Palestrina, Arkangelys, Beethoven, Brahms, and many others.

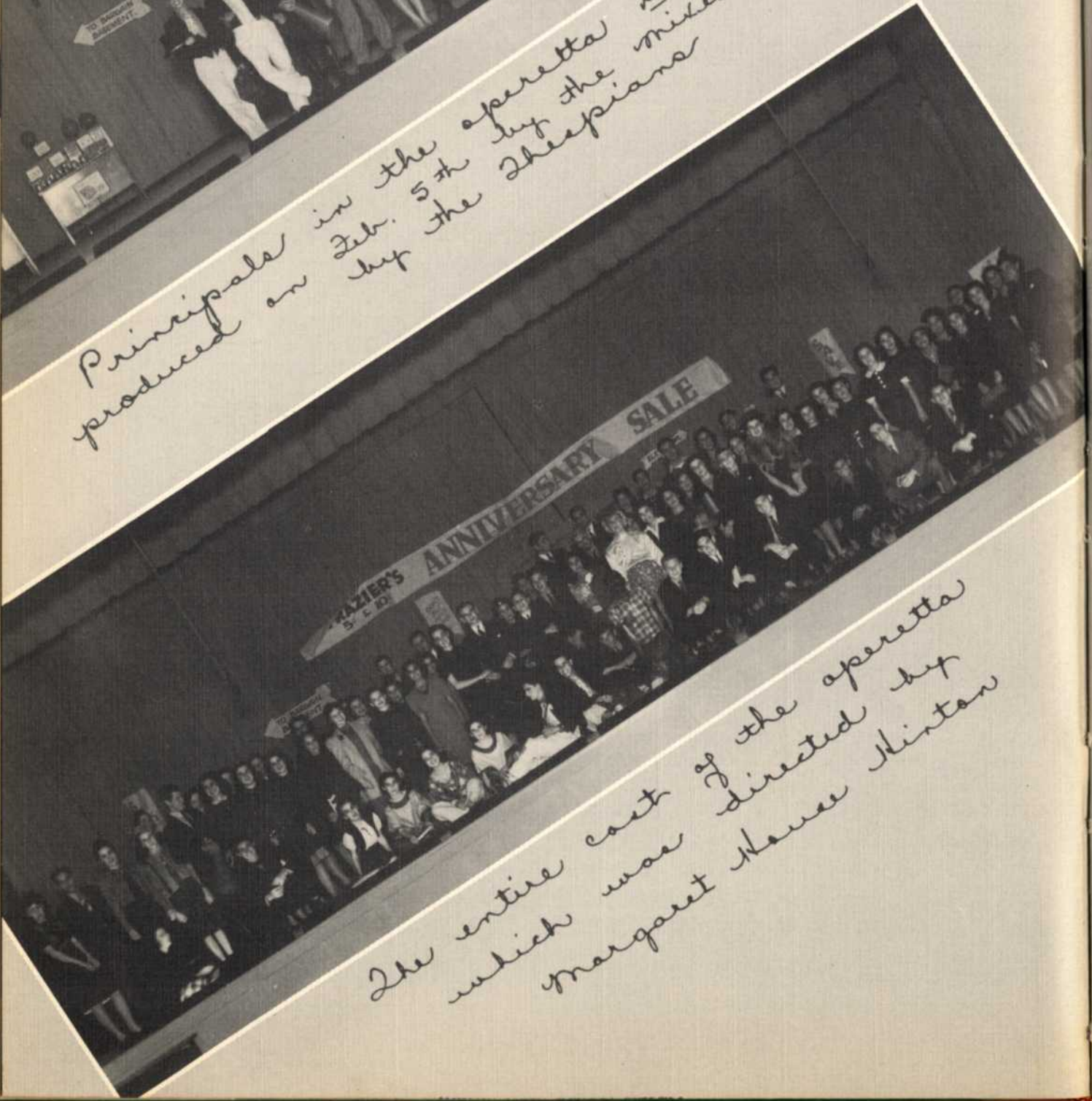
An outstanding formal concert during "music week" is presented by the choir. This has been the custom for several years.

Top Row: Oscar Laurel, Bobby Quick, Alfonso Garcia, Edgar Mims, Tom Gallagher, Ray Bedwell.
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Principals in the operetta Shooting Stars,
produced on Feb. 5th by the mixed chorus assisted
by the sheepians



The entire cast of the operetta
which was directed by
Margaret House Hinton

TIGERS



SPORTS

THESE MENTORS GUIDE THE DESTINIES OF THE TIGERS
IN THE SPORTS WORLD



COACH JOHN C. GREEN
Football and basketball head coach
and Director of Athletics



JULIUS I. JAMES
Assistant football and
basketball coach

JOHN FINGER
Track and "B" squad
football coach

G. C. MORLAN
"B" squad basketball
coach

CLAUDE NOTZON
Assistant basketball
coach

WILLIAM VELA
Tennis coach



THE GRID SEASON ON PARADE

Finding themselves in a new district, the Martin High Tigers entrained to their annual football camp on September 1, 1939, and began to sharpen their claws in order to be in good shape for their debut in District 15AA.

When the season began the Tigers were not rated as powerful contenders for the district crown by the sports writers. The Cats' poor and slow beginning in their district battles gave more support to the sports critics' predictions.

By the middle of the football campaign, Coaches Green and James developed such a good aggregation of football boys that after winning the opening game, and losing three conference games in a row, the Tigers managed to conquer the rest of their strong foes left on their strenuous schedule. In fact, the whole team improved so much that the Tigers managed, even though they were playing their first year in a new district, to finish in a tie for third place with Brackenridge.

At the annual Football Banquet held on December 18, 1939, Coach Green named twenty-six football lettermen, making it the largest number of athletes given letters in the history of the school. On this gala occasion, the Wilson-Norris trophy for the most valuable player of the year was awarded to David Nichols, captain of the team.

On December 15, Laredo was well represented on the District 15AA mythical eleven, as David Nichols was named All-District tackle, and later given All-State Honorable Mention in the Associated Press tabulations. Jesus Sanchez, stocky tackle, and Edward Jackson, stellar guard, who were mostly responsible for the Cats' great defensive showing during the season, were shy of only one vote to be awarded All-District berths.

FINAL DISTRICT STANDING

Team	Won	Lost	Pct.
Austin	6	0	1.000
Jefferson	4	2	.666
Kerrville	4	2	.666
LAREDO	3	3	.500
Brackenridge	3	3	.500
S. A. Tech	1	5	.166
Harlandale	0	6	.000

1939 FOOTBALL LETTERMEN

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|----------------------|-------------------|--------------------|----------------|
| Joe Alexander | Roberto Garza | Tom Leary | Raul Rodriguez |
| Sam Carpenter | Earl Essing | Albert Leyendecker | Fred Reinke |
| Bill Caddell | Robert Hein | Fernando Llaguno | Jesus Sanchez |
| Bobby Clark | Rogelio Hernandez | Dave Nichols | Bill Swisher |
| Silas Correau | Ed Jackson | Fred Payle | A. Vaughn |
| Ambrosio de la Garza | Bill Johnson | Mendell Pogell | Van Vaughn |
| Dan Galindo | | | Joe Worley |

**BENGALS SMOTHER
STEERS
32-0**

Smartly clad in their new uniforms, the Martin High Cats coasted to an easy victory over the Hebronville Longhorns at the grid season curtain raiser played on Friday, September 22. The scoreboard told the following tale at the end of the encounter: Tigers 32, Hebronville 0.

The Tigers, who were shifted to District 15AA this year, were by far superior in every respect to the visiting team. The locals found themselves several times at the shadow of the opponent's goal marker, and by the half they had crossed the double stripe. The Longhorns were never in a scoring position, as the Cats displayed an air-tight defense.



AMBROSIO DE LA GARZA
Center

**ANTLERS DEFEAT
TIGERS
21-0**

Traveling to the heart of the hill country, the Martin High Tigers engaged in the first conference tussle of the season and were recipients of a 21-0 defeat at the hands of a powerful Kerrville team on September 19. The Tivy Antlers were the 15AA district champions last year.

Coach David Coleman's Mountaineers displayed an impregnable forward wall as they held the Tigers in check throughout the game. By the half, the Antlers rolled like an armored tank down field for the first tally of the game. The locals threatened to score several times, only to be repulsed by the heavy Kerrville team.



MENDELL POGELL, Back



SAM CARPENTER, Guard



JOE ALEXANDER, Back

VOKS BOW TO FELINES 30-0

Engaging in their second non-conference tilt, the Martin High Cats proved to be too tough an outfit for the Sidney Lanier Voks of San Antonio, as they completely routed them on our local gridiron. The battle was fought on October 27.

The Voks played mostly a defensive game against the Tigers. For the entire sixty minutes of the game, Van Vaughn, Garza, and Galindo, behind good interference by the heavy Tiger line, managed to break loose for extensive gains as they rang the score bell at least once in every canto.

ROBERT HEIN, End

ROBERT CLARK, End

ALBERT LEYENDECKER, Back

VAN VAUGHN, Back

ROGELIO HERNANDEZ, End



DAN GALINDO, Back



CATS ROUT JERSEYS 40-0

The Martin High Tiger "B" team made their first appearance of the grid season on October 13 at the local football stadium, as they steamrolled mercilessly over the helpless Falfurrias Jerseys by routing them 42-0.

The visiting Jerseys were kept on the defensive side for most of the game, and not even once did they get inside the Tiger 20-yard line. On the other hand, the Bengal machine, once it began to get moving, swept aside their opponents without giving up the ball until they scored. Spectacular and thrilling long runs that kept the frenzied fans on their feet were produced by Pogell and Aubrey Vaughn, who managed to register most of the Cat's touchdowns. The Tiger line completely stopped the Jersey's scoring threats.



The Grid Greats of the 1939 Campaign

Top Row: Assistant Coach J. I. James, Trainer Tony Magnon, Ed. Jackson, Bobby Clark, Jesus Sanchez, Bill Caddell, Robert Hein, Dave Nichols, Fernando Laguno, Roberto Garza, Mendell Pogell, Bill Johnson, Coach Green.

Middle Row: Sam Carpenter, Charles Rives, Paul Beaubien, Roy Shelper, Raul Rodriguez, Van Vaughn, Rogelio Hernandez, Fred Reinke, Jake Kunz, Joe Worley, Manager Henry Webber.

Lower Row: Joe Alexander, Aubrey Vaughn, Bill Swisher, Tom Leary, Dan Galindo, Ambrosio de la Garza, Albert Leyendecker, Silas Correau, Earl Essing, Fred Payle, Manager Nick Canavati.

TIGERS WHIP TECH 21-0

In chalking up their first conference victory of the season, the Martin High School Tigers gave vent to their pent-up fighting energy when they gave San Antonio Tech a thorough drubbing, on Friday, November 10, at Eagle Field in San Antonio. The score at the end of the game was Laredo 20—Tech 0.

The game was played on a drenched field but this failed to clog the effectiveness of the Tiger grid machinery. The Bengals had a field day as they manufactured two points on a safety in the second canto, six in the third, and thirteen in the last. Tech's running game was completely stalled as Laredo's forward wall valiantly repulsed every attack of the invader. While Pogell, Galindo and Garza were brilliant in the backfield, Captain Nichols and Sanchez stood out in the line by playing a bang-up defensive game.

HONORS CROWN THEIR PERFORMANCES



CAPTAIN DAVE NICHOLS
All-District Tackle
All-State Honorable Mention

ED JACKSON
All-District Honorable Mention

JESUS SANCHEZ
All-District Honorable Mention

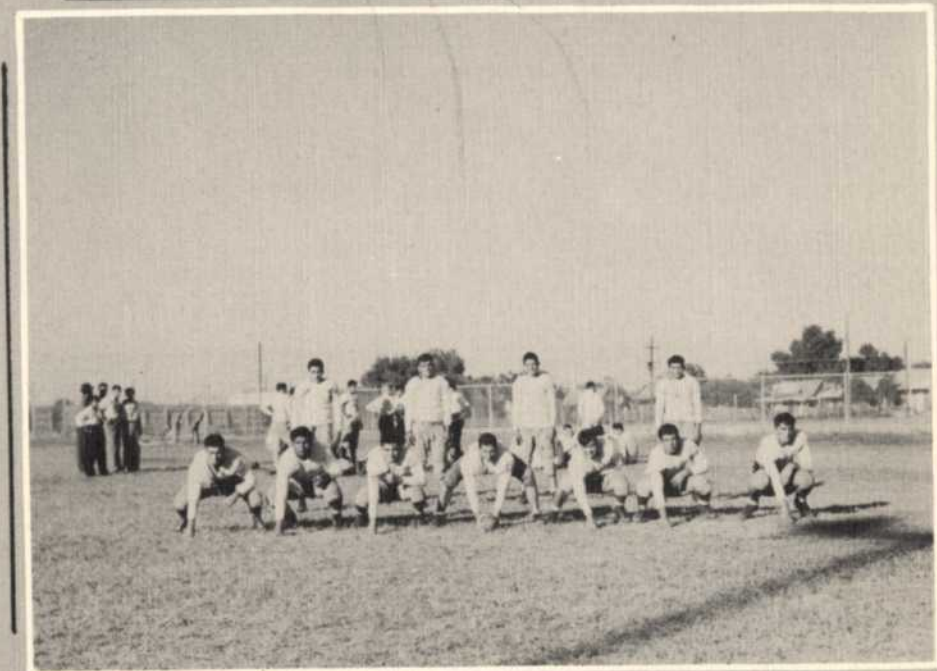


BENGALS EDGE OUT EAGLES 3-0

In making their second appearance in the "Alamo City," the Martin High School Tigers, for the second time in a row, arrived, played, and conquered the highly heralded and powerful Brackenridge Eagles 3-0. The game was played under the flood-lights of Eagle Field, on Friday, November 17.

Duplicating his brilliant feat of last year, when his perfect field goal accounted for Laredo's victory over Robstown, Jesus Sanchez made it possible for history to repeat itself by doing the same thing against the Eagles. After gaining only 7 yards in three thrusts through the heavy Eagle line, the Bengals decided to put Sanchez's educated toe into motion, for the setting was perfect. So with a slim three-point margin the Cats staved off the Eagles' powerful drives which three times almost carried them across the double stripe.

THE 1939 EDITION OF THE TIGERS



Backfield: Joe Worley, Tom Leary, Joe Alexander, Dan Galindo.
Linemen: Fred Reinke, Jesus Sanchez, Raul Rodriguez, Bill Caddell, Sam Carpenter, Dave Nichols, Robert Hein.



BILL JOHNSON, Back



AUBREY VAUGHN, Back



SONNY MERRIWEATHER
Assistant Trainer



TONY MAGNON
Trainer

JEFFERSON EDGES OUT TIGERS 6-0

Playing in their usual spectacular manner, the Martin High Tigers were defeated 6-0 by an inspired and victory-mad Jefferson Mustang eleven.

The frenzied fans were kept on their feet throughout the course of the thrill-packed game, as both aggregations exerted themselves to end on top. When the game was at its half-way mark, both teams were still battling for a scoring chance.

BENGALS TROUNCE SAN DIEGO 40-0

The Martin High Tigers ended their non-conference tilts in a blaze of glory on November 3, when they humbled the San Diego Vaqueros by a score of 40-0.

The invaders bravely repulsed the strong attack of the locals in the first canto, but after that their defense toppled completely, and the Bengals had a field day during the late minutes of the tussle. Scoring honors for the day were divided between "Mazo" Garza, who crossed the goal line twice, and Correu, Swisher, and Johnson who scored one each.

CATS SCALP REDSKINS 14-0

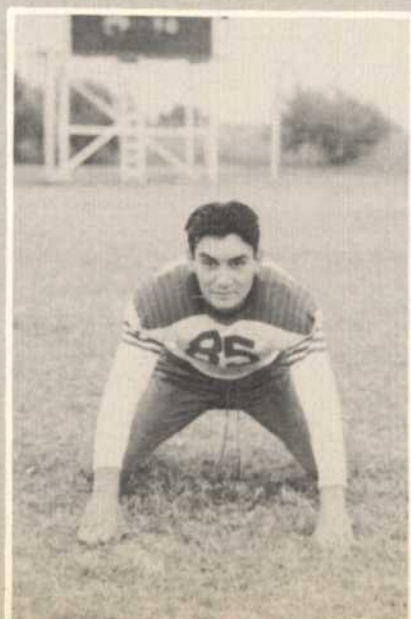
The Martin High Bengals closed their 1939 grid campaign in a blaze of glory as they scalped the Harlandale Indians from San Antonio to the tune of 14-0. The last game of the season was played under the flood lights of the local football stadium on November 29, 1939.

This conference victory gave the Cats a clean .500 percentage in the District 15AA standings, thereby vieing for second berth honors with the Brackenridge Eagles of the "Alamo City."

JOE WORLEY, Back



RAUL RODRIGUEZ, Guard



BILL CADDELL, End



FRED REINKE
End





TIGERS IN ACTION

Upper Right: Roberto Garza getting away from a duo of adversaries in the Sidney Lanier game.

Upper Left: Van Vaughn bucking the defensive wall behind good interference in the Hebbbronville tilt.

Middle Left: Bengal ball carrier is stopped cold by Mustang tackler in the colorful Jefferson tussle.

Lower Left: "Mazo" Garza and Robert Hein make a furious attack on Lanier back.



Muriel



Emery

Jerry Gilliland



Cheer Leaders



Doris Karabaneff

Nector



Pena

Zona Buckelhymer



TIGERS COP DISTRICT CROWN BY DEFEATING MIRANDO 36-20

The Martin High Tigers closed the basketball season by riding at the top of a victory wave, as they annexed the District 27 cage crown by rolling in easy fashion over the Mirando City Panthers 36-20.

The championship game culminated a 12 consecutive game winning streak for the Bengals, and also being undefeated for the entire campaign. This set an unprecedented record never before accomplished by a Tiger quintet.

Individual scoring honors went to Gilberto Gamez, first year sensation of the Cats, who paced the Felines on the floor with a total of 11 points. On the other hand, Eloy Barrera, the year's leading scorer, Alfonso Valls, Van Vaughn, Roberto Garza, Mendell Pogell and Amedee Ligarde figured prominently on the defensive.

At this writing, the Tigers are scheduled in Kingsville to play in the Regional play-offs.

DISTRICT 27 RULERS



Top Row: Manager Ed La Chica, Assistant Coach G. C. Morlan, Mendell Pogell, Van Vaughn, Alfonso Valls, Julio Naranjo, Rogelio Hernandez, Coach John Green.

Lower Row: Aubrey Vaughn, Carlos Salinas, Eloy Barrera, Amedee Ligarde, Gilberto Gamez, Roberto Garza, Dan Peña.



GILBERTO GAMEZ
Forward

BENGALS EDGE OUT HOLDING 17-15

ROGELIO HERNANDEZ
Guard



BENGALS SLAUGHTER EAGLES 39-15

Continuing on their undefeated basketball trail, the Laredo Tigers brushed aside in easy fashion the Benavides Eagles on February 2, by defeating them 39-15.

The locals' running and scoring attack clicked with great precision, as they completely ran amuck by piling up a big score in a short time. Also their defense was so impregnable that the invaders made only 15 points.



ELOY BARRERA
Forward

BUCKAROOS BOW TO BENGALS 37-14

The Freer Buckaroos were completely overwhelmed by the Laredo Tigers by a score of 37-14 on February 7.

The rapidity of the Tigers' attack can be accounted for by stating that at the half they had 20 points to their opponents' 8. In the other half the same atmosphere prevailed.



CARLOS SALINAS
Forward

TIGERS TRIUMPH OVER VAQUEROS 25-16

ALFONSO VALLS
Forward





**TIGERS HUMBLE MIRANDO
PANTHERS 29-15**

The Tigers under the directorship of Coach John Green ran over the helpless Mirando City Panthers when they tangled at the latter's home grounds on January 26, by a score of 29-15.

Sixteen members of the Tiger squad participated in the game, and they were never in dangerous waters. Gilberto Gamez, flashy forward, was high point man by virtue of piling up eight points.



MENDELL POGELL
Center



Top Row: Manager Hector Peña, Aubrey Vaughn, Adan Volpe, Ray Bedwell, Dan Peña, Jesus Sanchez, Jose Maria Lozano, Oscar Zuñiga, Jake Kunz, Coach John Finger.
Lower Row: Bill Swisher, Julio Naranjo, Van Vaughn, Alfonso Valls, Roberto Garza, Gilberto Gamez, Carlos Salinas.

Due to the fact that we went to press early in the track and tennis season, we were not able to give these sports more space in this yearbook, therefore we want to give our most sincere apologies.



GILBERTO GAMEZ

JULIO NARANJO
Center



VAN VAUGHN
Guard

**FREER GETS 40-18 DEFEAT
FROM THE TIGERS**



VAN VAUGHN

**BENGALS HAND 34-14
DEFEAT TO LONGHORNS**

DAN PEÑA
Guard



AMEDEE LIGARDE
Forward



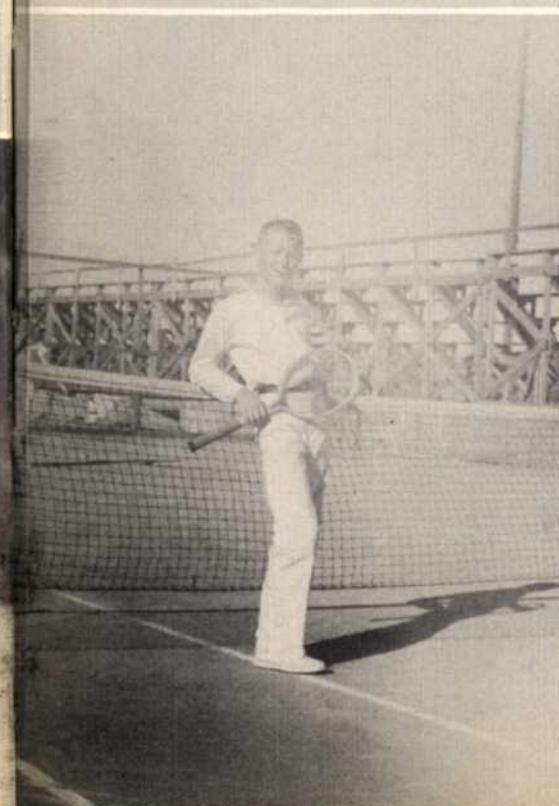
**TIGERS OVERWHELM
LONGHORNS 43-21**

The Hebbbronville Longhorns were soundly beaten by the fast stepping Cats when they engaged in a battle on January 30.

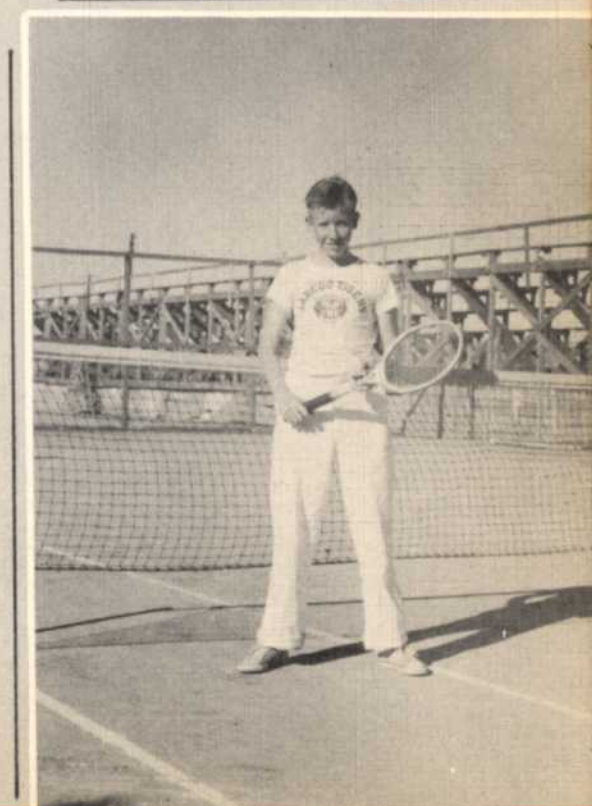
The locals' defensive stand was so good that the Longhorns were puzzled for the most part of the game.

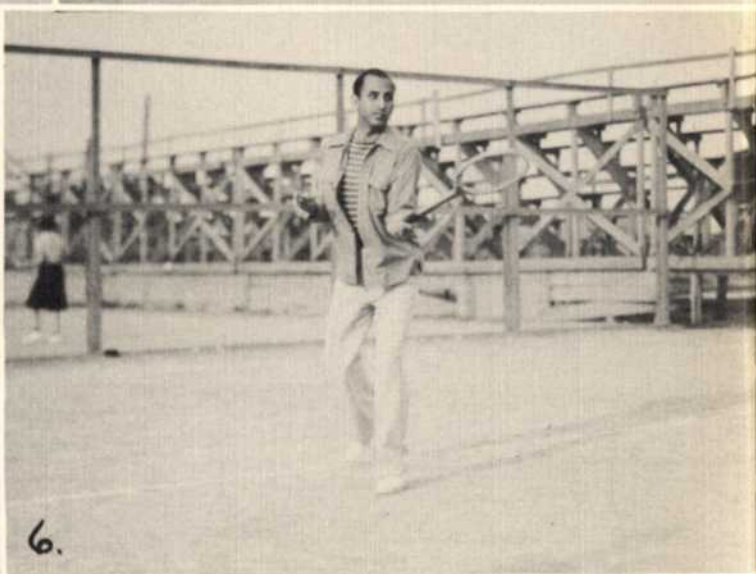
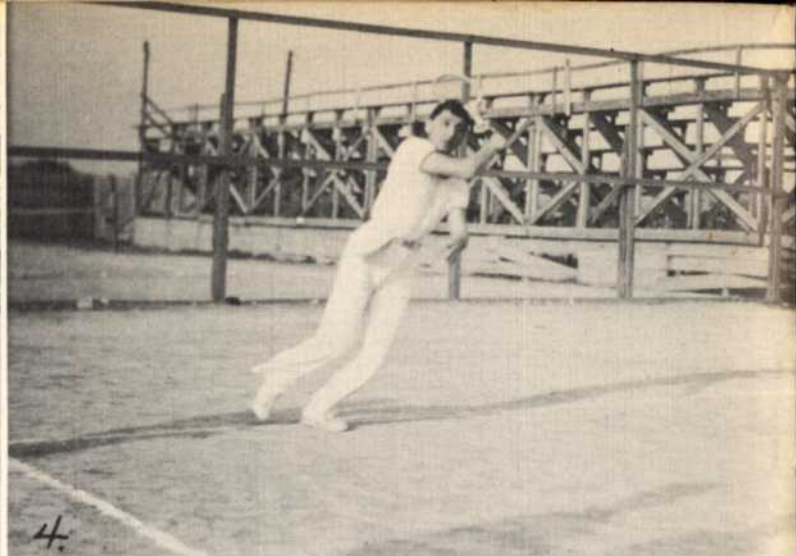
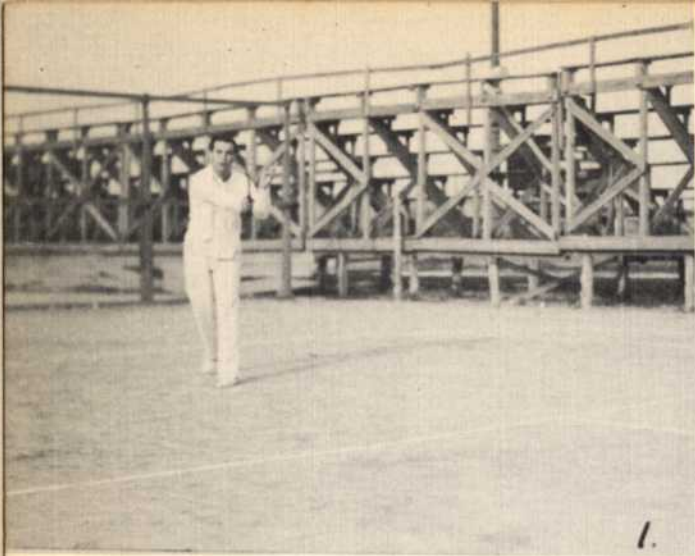
Individual scoring honors went to Eloy Barrera with 18 points.

WADDELL HUNTER
(Left)



PAT STANDFORD
(Right)





1. "Watch!" says Polo
 2. Betty and Cynthia
 3. Pat smells some pin
 Jennie 1939

4. George
 5. Valerie and Eleanor
 6. Coach



FAVORITES



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BEST ALL AROUND BOY

ALICE LEARY
BEST ALL AROUND GIRL



RANDALL NYE
MOST POPULAR BOY



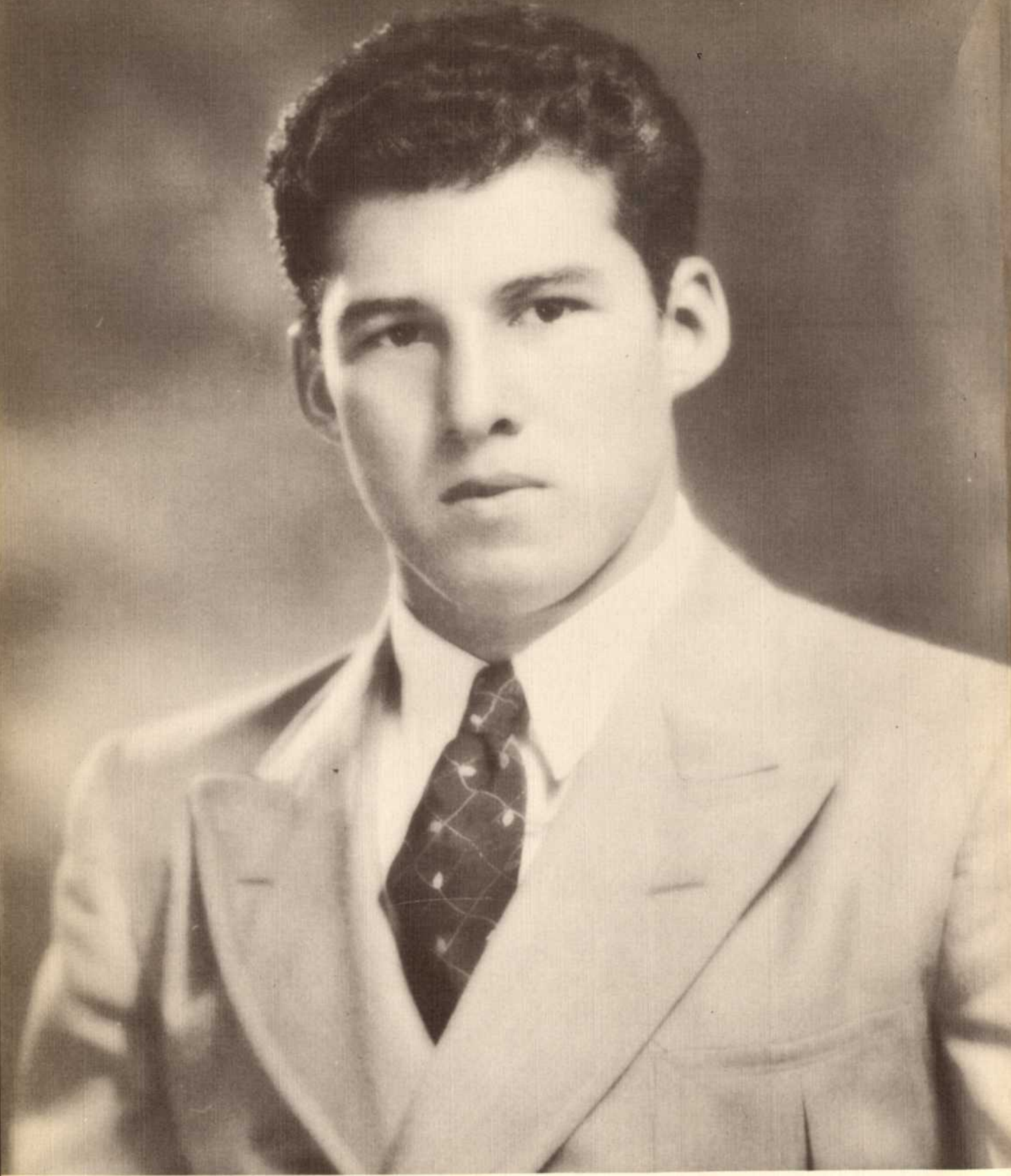
SUZY NEEL
MOST POPULAR GIRL



VAN VAUGHN
BEST ALL AROUND ATHLETE



BETTY SAMES
MOST BEAUTIFUL GIRL



DAVID NICHOLS
BEST FOOTBALL PLAYER

The 1940 *La Pitahaya* presents the prize winning short story and essay of the year. These were the best attempts at literary production submitted. No prize will be given for poetry as no entries were of sufficient merit to be published.

ON FAT MEN

By

PHILIP WINDROW

The butt of jokes, teased and made fun of, called names referring to his large and obtrusive abdomen—that is the lot of the fat man. Why people laugh at one's rather large and odd physique I cannot fathom; yet laughter is the first thing that comes to one's mind on seeing the fat man.

In all my observations of fat men I believe there are three general types of this sort of person: first, the slow, easy going, careless type that has no ambition and is interested in nothing but a place to sleep and three square meals a day; second, the smart, educated sort that has not only the two interests of the first type, but another pet or hobby such as politics; and, third, and last, the person who does everything everybody else does although he is handicapped by his size.

As to the clothing and habits of the fat man, nothing is more comical than seeing a fat person waddle down Main Street at his best rate of speed with his large baggy pants, much too long, flapping in the dust, his huge white, but not too clean, shirt flapping in the wind, and his wide striped suspenders straining at each of the four buttons on his pants—the suspenders being worn simply because no belt could be found to fit.

The worst habit possessed by a fat man is overindulgence. He invariably eats more than he should at each meal, regrets doing so, and vows he will refrain from overconsumption at the next one; but when reminded of his vow, he simply grunts and continues eating, hating himself for not having a greater will power. Another habit which is invariably found in the fat man, is his great love for sleep and rest. If there is one thing he loves to do better than eat, it is sleep. No matter what time of the day or night, no matter what his situation or location, if it is humanly possible, and he feels the need of sleep, the fat man will begin to slumber.

Perhaps some of you who read this essay can justly say that the title of this essay applies to you, and wonder how an upstart high school senior can talk intelligently on the subject, but I assure you I know something about the subject, for alas! I'm a fat man myself!

"THE MIRACLE"

By BERTHA GARCIA MORENO

Father Jose, parish priest of the little village of Xicontencatl, was sitting in the garden. It was strange to see him thus, his usually energetic figure so still. But he was worrying, not about a sinner or a lost soul, but about something more real and down-to-earth—money.

It is true he had worried about it before but never so hard. It was not until now that he had realized how much his little church needed new things, because it was not until he had overheard a tourist call his little church a "quaint antique," that he saw everything with new eyes. Now, the altar cloth looked worn, the pews seemed rickety, even the gold plating had worn off the candlesticks overnight.

"It has never been like this before," he thought bitterly. "It was all that tourist's fault. And it's also the new highway's fault for it has brought civilization and tourists to Xicontencatl. But I cannot blame it too much for it has given work to the villagers, work they needed badly."

The villagers were poor Indians of Aztec descent. A smile came to his lips as he thought of them. No wonder the tourists were so interested in them, the men in their white pajama-like cotton suits; the women, so like gypsies, in colored shirt-waists and skirts. The gaudy effect, sombered by their dark shawls, was unique. As for the children, they were merely smaller replicas of their parents. They all lived in adobe huts, ate mostly of "frijoles" and "tortillas," used primitive agricultural implements to work their lands high on the mountain sides, went to market on Sundays—in fact, their lives were exact duplicates of the ones of their ancestors. Yet, in one of the huts was an old toasting machine; in another, a rusty, broken typewriter—evidence that civilization had not passed Xicontencatl by. But now his thoughts were wandering; he must concentrate on the problem of getting money for the repairs needed. And he turned for aid to Her who had helped him before.

"O, Blessed Lady," he whispered, "grant me a miracle that I may"

He was interrupted by Pedro, a boy of about twelve, whose face was as white as a ghost's.

"Father, come quick! The Virgin is moving!"

For a moment he did not realize what the boy was saying, but as the meaning of his words dawned on him, he got up hurriedly, rushed through the little church aisle, and kneeling before the altar, looked up at the niche where She was. The boy must be mad! There She was, as always, smiling at the child in her arms. Her blue mantle, made by the women of the village, fluttered in the breeze. Suddenly he looked closer. Was he too going crazy, or had she moved?

"Is it a miracle?" he thought, and then as he tried to think sanely, "It must be the breeze!" He turned to the boy who had followed him into the church and was now watching him eagerly. "Quick, Pedro, close the windows and the door."

"Yes, Father," answered the boy, and in a few seconds he had done so. The priest again turned to the altar, the boy at his side. Tensely they waited, never moving their eyes from the figure before them. Father Jose relaxed. It had been the draft. How could he have thought otherwise even for a moment? It could not have been possible, and yet he could have sworn that She had stirred. Weakly, he wiped his forehead with a trembling hand as he looked at Her remorsefully. She nodded Her head in sympathy at his disappointment. It was so natural that She should do so that, until he heard Pedro's exclamations, he did not comprehend that it was supernatural. They were both still for a few seconds and then Pedro ran out.

The news spread like fire. Half an hour later the church was full and by nightfall people from the neighboring village had arrived. The words "a miracle in Xicontencatl" were a magnet to their curiosity. To have seen a miraculous saint was something to tell your grandchildren! Everywhere that Padre Jose went he was stopped by someone.

"Is it true, Padre?"

"Padre, did you see Her yourself?"

"Is She still moving?"

Everyone was full of questions, but he was too moved to answer. He could only nod happily in return, his eyes full of tears.

Two weeks later, Father Jose had to leave the book he was reading for the events of the past days crowded everything else out of his mind. The Virgin had moved once again since that fateful morning when he had wondered where he was going to get all he needed. Now, he knew! Already many people from nearby had come to see Her and, more important, had added to the fund for the redecoration of the church. Tourists had also found their way to the little chapel, and had anyone ever seen people as generous as they? Not only that, but Father Jose knew human nature and knew that even if She never moved again, people would still come in hope of seeing Her do so. But enough for the present, there were still problems to be solved. Luis, the village miller, had kept his mill running after it had broken down less than a month ago, and now it was completely ruined. He had no money to buy new parts and Father Jose must see that a store owner from Villa Alta (a city twenty miles away) give him some new machinery on credit and wait until Luis was able to pay him out of his new earnings.

Pedro's voice broke into his musings, "There is an American to see you."

"Another who wants to know about the miracle," he thought, as he hurried into the little church to greet the well-dressed stranger standing before the altar.

"Good afternoon, Father," the tourist extended his hand, "I have come to speak to you about something that I am sure you will find very interesting."

But before he could continue Father Jose was off, "Yes, you're right; the miracle does interest me." Then he told him all about it, his worries, his hopes, his prayers, and how they were answered. Over and over again he repeated his thankfulness and wonder at it all. And as he spoke, he did not notice the expression of annoyance and chagrin on his listener's face slowly change to one of regret. "So you see," he ended happily, "She did help me."

"Yes, I see that in a way She did. But if you'll forgive me, I must leave immediately." And to the priest's surprise he did just that.

"Funny fellow, I wonder who he was?" Father Jose asked Pedro.

"That was the engineer who works on the highway about fifty miles from here; his name is Mr. Stevenson," was the solemn answer.

Forgetting him in a moment, the priest told Pedro to run away and play, and then he knelt to pray. He had been thus about an hour when Luis came to speak to him.

"Father," he announced, "I have sold my mill!"

"Sold a broken mill! To whom?"

"To an American."

"What is he going to do with it?"

"I do not know. He just bought it and then he left. He was in a hurry."

"I do not understand it," muttered the bewildered priest.

"I cannot either, but as I have to worry no longer, I do not care why he bought it or what he is going to do with it." And with this last remark Luis left.

That night for the first time in many months Father Jose went to sleep the moment he laid his head on the pillow. For once he had nothing to worry about.

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The years had been kind to Father Jose. Although five years had passed he was still the same. Perhaps he was a little greyer, a little more bent, but only on a close examination. He was sitting at his battered desk, reading his mail. He needed glasses to read now. And it also took more time than it had formerly. But this was not because he was older, but because he received more mail. The miracle had made him and his little church famous.

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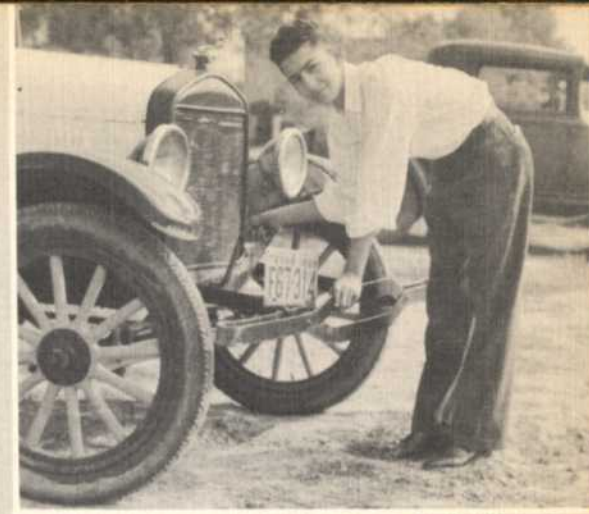
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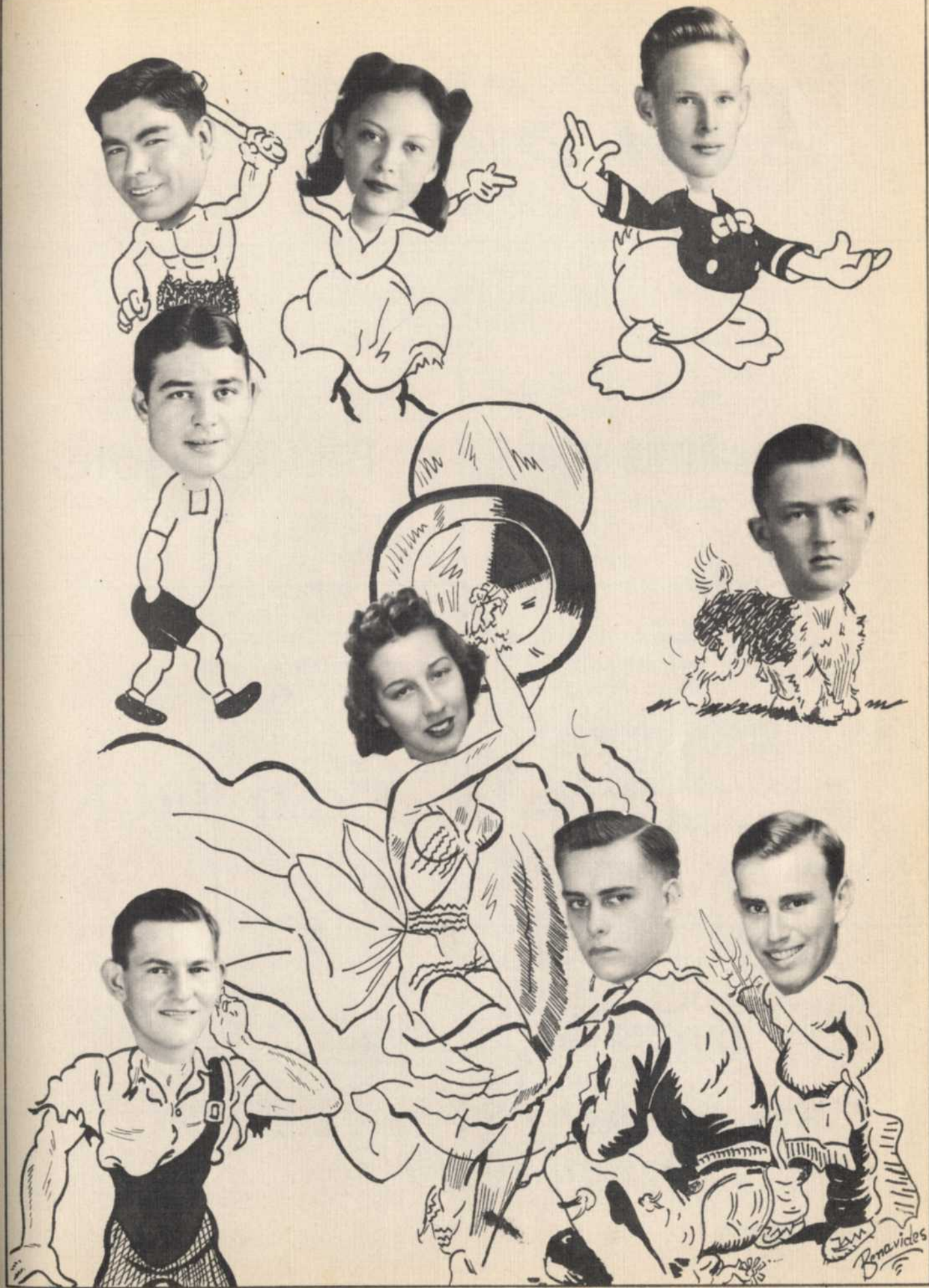
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