

ORGANIZATIONS



STUDENT BODY

Alternating the business meetings and the programs, the student body met once each week in the auditorium. Every student participated in the opening of each meeting by singing some patriotic song and by saluting the flag. With an ever increasing tempo, each meeting brought new highlights of interest. It seemed that school had hardly begun until presto—it was June.

As a rather comical introduction to the 1940-41 school year, the Service Club initiates displayed their original talents at the first assembly in September.

The football and basketball seasons created much enthusiasm in the student body. The building seemed to re-echo the rhythmical phrases of yells and songs under the direction of our yell leaders. Everyone was especially enthusiastic when Mr. Thienes and the band would strike up some peppy number during the rallies.

The student body welcomed the alumni on February 7. Miss Schmittou and Mr. Thienes deserve much credit for the splendid program which they directed.

Early in the second semester a new motion picture projector and talking machine was initiated.

Richard Schroeder, president, presided over the business meetings, assisted by Bruce Williams, vice president; Betty Bohland, secretary; Marjorie Thompson, program chairman; Mr. Thienes, faculty advisor.

Much delightful entertainment was furnished by the freshman and junior variety programs.

As the final strains of the school song fade into obscurity, we realize that another school year has suddenly come to its climax. You Spartanettes and Spartans have certainly revealed your Spartan spirits in everything which you did. Only because of your never failing cooperation and initiative have we scored so many triumphs this year. We salute you!

Front row: B. Bohland, M. Thompson, R. Roy, V. Ward, V. Morton. Second row: H. Jones, R. Schroeder, D. Rogers. Standing: B. Williams, Mr. Thienes, P. Schuler, H. Brown, O. B. Johnston, F. Shimasaki, M. Saltzman.





Front row: R. Schroeder, O. B. Johnston, C. Peterson, A. Groh, J. Campus. Standing: T. J. Adair, J. Gnagy, D. Wilkinson, C. Goode.

SPARTAN KNIGHTS

With five members remaining from last year, the Spartan Knights began the 1940-41 season. At the first meeting, the election of officers was held. Those elected were:

President	- - - - -	Junior Gnagy
Vice President	- - - - -	Alvin Groh
Secretary	- - - - -	Donald Wilkinson
Sergeant-at-arms	- - - - -	Richard Schroeder
Historian	- - - - -	T. J. Adair
Faculty Advisor	- - - - -	Mr. Conley

During the football season, the spectators were served ice cream, candy, gum and pop by the Spartan Knights from their candy stand.

Preceding basketball season, four new members were taken in. They were: Cameron Goode, Keith Anderson, O. B. Johnston and Joe Campus. After basketball season, four more members were pledged. They were: Ysaac Gonzalez, Fred Shimasaki, Dallas Wilkinson, and Olin Greer. These pledges, eight in all, polished the old members' shoes, saluted the old members, weren't allowed to speak to girls, and were extremely polite, all as part of their initiation.

To be a member of the Spartan Knights, a boy has to have a C average, be approved by the old members, and be an outstanding athlete. A few of the duties of the members of the Spartan Knights, were selling Spartan "T" shirts, and selling Spartan windshield stickers to students and residents of Strathmore.

This year ended with six remaining members for next year. The Knights feel they have had a very successful year, due mostly to the leadership of Mr. Conley. Two of their outstanding activities were the sponsoring of the successful Alumni Day Dance and the football game, in which alumni played students of the school.

SERVICE CLUB

Girls who are outstanding in scholarship, personality, service to the school, and athletic ability are chosen to be in the Service Club. This year the club was enlarged from fourteen to seventeen members.

The initiation of these new members is one of the hilarities of the year. For one week each girl wears a different costume ranging from her best clothes to the most unbecoming garb. The initiation ends with an extemporaneous assembly program presented by the initiates.

The meetings were held twice a month with Rachelle Roy presiding as president, Marjorie Thompson, vice president, Mildred Fannin, secretary, Carolyn Fick, treasurer, and Miss Schmittou, advisor. Many successful business meetings were held.

At the beginning of the year the club joined the Girl Reserves and gave a successful carnival. The proceeds were used in redecorating the room with new curtains, pillows and couch covers.

The club boosted a ticket sale and acted as ushers for the operetta.

An attractive tea was given for the alumnae this year in the art room. Valentine's Day was carried out as the theme.

Pop corn and food sales proved successful in financial matters.

Many hilarious parties were held. The formal initiation was held at Mrs. Kroells. After the initiation the girls were served refreshments and then attended the theatre in Lindsay. A Christmas party was held at Longacre's. The girls cooked the dinner and after eating, they gathered around a huge Christmas tree where they each found a gift. A chow mein dinner in Porterville was another function of the year. A week-end party and a bicycle party were held in the spring.

Each girl was assigned to help a teacher thus doing errands and typing for them, and doing other service for the school.

A remarkable, worthwhile, and enjoyable year!

Sitting: H. Jones, A. Moreno, E. M. Orr, M. Thompson, M. Fannin, C. Fick, I. Anderson. Kneeling: R. Roy, R. Longacre, W. Tappe, P. Krier, H. Ballew, M. Schultz, H. Brown. Standing: V. Ward, P. Stanton, Miss Schmittou, D. M. Rogers.





MERIT BOARD

F. Shimasaki, E. Davis,
L. Smith, Mr. Thienes,
E. Garret, R. Schroeder.

The Merit Board is composed of the advisor, student body president, and four student members whose duty is the awarding of merits for services rendered the school and subtracting them for unconstructive deeds. Under our capable advisor, Mr. Thienes, we have progressed quite satisfactorily.

The board officers and members are as follows:

Richard Schroeder - - - - - President
Edward Davis - - - - - Senior Representative
Fred Shimasaki - - Junior Member and Secretary
Elwayne Garrett - - - Sophomore Representative
Lee Smith - - - - - Freshman Representative

At the beginning of a semester each student is awarded 100 merits and more may be obtained by participating in school events, sports, or outside activities in school. Merits are given for any grade above a C and also for jurisdiction works.

The students listed below ranked as the top 10 in receiving merits for the first semester of this school year:

Helen Jones	- - - - -	146 merits
Bruce Williams	- - - - -	143 merits
Virginia Ward	- - - - -	142 merits
Margie Thompson	- - - - -	142 merits
Junior Gnagy	- - - - -	138 merits
Pat Krier	- - - - -	138 merits
Rachelle Roy	- - - - -	137 merits
Irene Anderson	- - - - -	136 merits
Patty Anderson	- - - - -	136 merits
Helen Brown	- - - - -	137 merits

The Welfare Board's duty is to see that all is well on the campus of S. U. H. S., in other words the duty of caring for the well-being of the high school. Those on the board are made up of the presidents of each class, including the president and vice president of the student body. They are this year as follows: Richard Schroeder, student body president; Jack Palmer, senior class president; Bruce Williams, junior class president; Billy Dobbs, sophomore class president; and Arlis Garner, freshman class president. Mr. Thienes acted as advisor.

The Welfare Board has been active throughout the entire year. Some of its achievements have been the appointing of jurisdiction committees to see that our buildings and grounds are free from paper and other rubbish. Representatives are picked from each class, each class serving one quarter. A checking system was devised to see that no one shirked his duty and this year the freshman class showed the best school spirit as far as the jurisdiction committee was concerned. They took their work more seriously and therefore accomplished more. All those on the jurisdiction committees were granted merits. The Welfare Board has also been responsible this year for our yell leaders having letters to wear and the correcting and re-typing of our student body constitution. At the meetings, which are held every Wednesday, the Welfare Board discusses problems which have to do with the welfare of the school. It is then the duty of each member to see to it that these ideas and suggestions are carried out.

WELFARE BOARD

J. Palmer, B. Dobbs,
R. Schroeder, B. Williams,
A. Garner.





Front row: M. Neve, D. Heavner, P. Anderson, F. Shimasaki, P. Krier, M. Thompson, M. Lauritzen. Second row: N. Harrison, H. Brown, W. Tappe, G. Efseaff, M. Thrall, E. Garret, M. Fannin, U. George, Y. Okomoto. Back row: Mrs. Premo, B. Dobbs, A. Frankins, V. Ward, J. Gnagy, E. Muno, M. Schultz, P. Scheurich, S. Shimasaki.

SCHOLARSHIP SOCIETY

With the help of their able advisor, Mrs. Premo, and the cooperation of all the members, the Scholarship Society had a very successful year.

The first meeting was spent in electing officers for the club: President, Helen Brown; vice president, Mildred Fannin; secretary, Patricia Krier, treasurer, Martha Thrall. Other members for the first semester were Virginia Ward, Junior Gnagy, Harold Sheldon, Elwyne Garrett, Ethel Muno, Patty Anderson, and Doris Heavner.

Members of the group attended a C. S. F. convention at Bakersfield, November 30, and then spent the afternoon at the Bakersfield ice rink.

Membership came up with a "bang" the second semester with all the old members remaining but one and an increase of fourteen new members. New members were: Sam Shimasaki, George Efseaff, Yano Okamoto, Annaliese Franken, Norma Harrison, Billy Dobbs, Phyllis Scheurich, Marjorie Thompson, Marjie Schultz, Eugene George, Wilha Tappe, Fred Shimasaki, Myrlena Neve, and Max Lauritzen.

A new privilege established this year was the granting of a courtesy card permitting the owner to be excused from either study hall or advisory without a written excuse from a teacher.

On March 28 the club gave their assembly program which included a short play, entitled "A Bachelor's Dream"; Max Lauritzen played two piano numbers, and Patricia Krier entertained with a saxophone solo.

To top the year off, the club received a half day off from their school work. They all got together and had a "roaring" good time.

SPANISH CLUB

Progressing steadily this past year, the Spanish Club has made an outstanding name for itself. Mrs. Premo, our advisor, has introduced many interesting topics, and educational discussions have ensued.

Due to the close relations with South America, Spanish themes and modes have been prevalent, as well as Spanish songs and dances. This year the club learned to rumba, and did it quite well, too. We sang Spanish songs and couplets, and studied the Spaniard's customs and traditions.

On March 15, the club journeyed to Bakersfield to go ice skating. Besides securing skinned knuckles and shins, our tireless efforts were rewarded by being able to go around once without holding to the rail.

Patricia Krier served as president; Carolyn Fick, vice president; Velta Morton, secretary; and Doris Heavner, treasurer.

One of the outstanding events of the first semester was the Spanish dinner held during the carnival in November. Each member served to the fullest extent, and the dinner was a huge success. It was served in the Service Club room, and the room was decorated with a Spanish theme. Four members, dressed as beautiful señoritas, served the meal. Besides having an immensely good time during the dinner, the club made a tidy sum.

One of the most successful of assembly programs was given by the club, entitled "Telephone Ghosts." Five of our club: Olin Greer, Pat Anderson, Calvin Weisenberger, Annaliese Franken and Lovell Hampy, portrayed their parts extremely well, and all agreed it was one of the best yet.

We feel we owe most of our success to Mrs. Premo, for it was she who brought the club its high standards. **Her willingness and cooperation were indispensable.**

Front row: P. Anderson, E. Muno, V. Morton, C. Chapman, T. Saito, P. Scheurich.
Second row: C. Weisenberger, M. Thrall, L. Gonzalez, B. Bohland, P. Schuler, J. L. Billingslea, A. Frankins, D. Cowan. Standing: P. Krier, C. Fick, O. Greer, H. Brown, L. Hampy, M. Carruth, E. M. Orr, A. Moreno, Mrs. Premo.





Front row: D. Griffis, B. Douglas, M. Lauritzen, L. Van Hart, Y. Okomoto, S. Shimasaki, K. Milton, L. Smith, O. Greer, B. Williams, J. Coviello, K. Anderson, U. George, D. Cowan, S. Kudo, A. Branum, H. Miller, J. Tsuboi, R. Swart, C. Houston, L. Terril. Second row: M. Glynn, M. Moore, H. McGowen, R. Behymer, J. Gnagy, C. Behymer, C. Ullman, C. Goode, R. Schroeder, J. Palmer, M. Saltzman, W. Spuhler, Y. Gonzalez, J. Suhovy, J. Campus, M. Thompson, E. Depaoli, D. Wilkinson, R. Tillery, E. Jenkins, H. Grossman. Third row: L. Noble, D. Dodson, C. Milhous, K. Burns, J. Hurst, M. Branum, C. Ingersoll, R. Decker, B. Dobbs, L. Flint, J. Neeley, B. Alexander, D. Curry, B. McMahan, L. Hampy, A. Groh, D. Wilkinson, C. Weisenberger, J. Manning, B. Porter, F. Gaona, J. Ketchum, J. Cox, D. Hurt, E. Roberts, B. Eisner, R. Raymond, D. Kirk, Mr. Thornton. Fourth row: E. Thompson, H. Atkinson, L. Garman, P. Strate, F. Shimasaki, A. Garner, H. Tillery, E. Garret, H. Basham, R. Van Hart, G. Efseaff, E. Davis, J. Suhovy, D. Bengel, J. Stout, J. Cantrell, O. B. Johnston, T. J. Adair, T. Scheurich, C. Peterson, H. Sheldon, A. Thrall, N. Skipton, N. Lindsay, R. McGowan, J. Douglas, B. Gregg, H. Bohanan.

BOYS' LEAGUE

With that able and picturesque leader, Alvin Groh, and the supervision of Mr. Thornton, the Boys' League has been "going places." Rivalry in the Boys' League, brought about by interclass sports, has become increasingly acute, with the lower classmen showing signs of upsetting the upper classmen's "fondest hopes."

The Emblem Club, organized by the Boys' League to promote sports, has been largely responsible for this added interest. Under the capable and efficient leadership of Junior Gnagy, it has proved quite active.



First row: F. Shimasaki, J. Gnagy, A. Groh. Second row: L. Hampy, R. Schroeder, O. Greer. Standing: M. Saltzman, Mr. Thornton, V. Ward, Y. Gonzalez, B. Dobbs, B. Williams.



First row: H. Neve, A. Moreno, T. McFarland, M. Neve, B. Gable, T. Saito, M. Thompson, E. Nanamura, F. Rogers, P. Anderson, D. Heavner, E. Wentworth, L. Garman, U. Carruth, N. Boatman, L. Titus, B. Bohland. Second row: P. Sheldon, N. Harrison, M. Neve, P. Schuler, P. Krier, E. M. Orr, V. Morton, J. Taylor, V. Ward, G. Montgomery, D. Hendon, M. Schultz, R. Longacre, M. Carruth, J. Gordan, N. Rogers. Third row: R. Adams, D. Griffiths, M. Van Leer, J. Cotton, J. Billingslea, A. Leming, B. Davis, D. McMullen, R. Roy, H. Jones, V. Atkinson, M. Fannin, H. Ballew, J. Rust, F. Trammel, L. Hurt, D. Rogers. Fourth row: F. Swart, P. Maddox, Miss Pratt, L. McCorkle, W. Tappe, P. Stanton, A. Frankins, M. Basham, C. Peterson, L. Gonzalez, H. Brown, D. Raymond, M. Johnston, D. Douglas, J. Ullman, B. Glynn, L. Carter, M. Thrall.

GIRL RESERVES

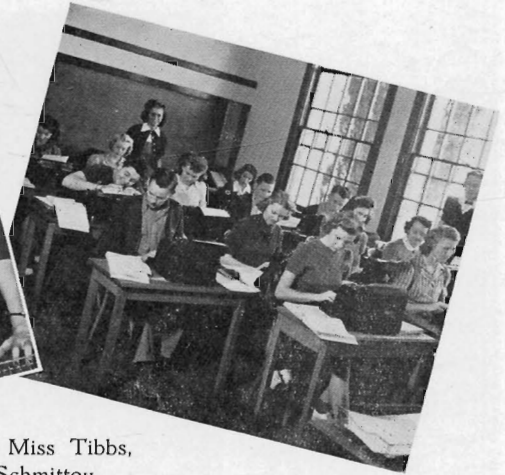
As 1941 school year comes to a close, the Girl Reserves once again close their books on a very successful year. Under Mildred Fannin, the president, and Miss Pratt, the advisor, the club has come through with flying banners.

At the Valley Conference, held at Selma this year, the Girl Reserves were honored by being allotted seventeen delegates instead of the usual eight.

The activities of the club this year included Recognition Service, the Mothers' and Daughters' Banquet, the Carnival, also sponsored by the Service Club, and the distribution of toys and candy during Christmas to the Springville Sanitarium.



First row: M. Thompson, A. Moreno, P. Krier, P. Schuler, V. Morton, V. Ward, P. Anderson, D. Heavner, B. Bohland. Second row: G. Montgomery, E. M. Orr, N. Rogers, H. Brown, D. Raymond, M. Fannin, H. Ballew, M. Schultz. Third row: D. Rogers, M. Neve, L. Gonzalez, M. Carruth, Miss Pratt, R. Longacre, M. Johnston, T. McFarland, L. Garman.



H. Jones, Miss Tibbs,
Miss Schmittou.

Right snapshot: Typing II class.

SPARTAN NEWS

The Spartan News, as well as the many other activities of the school, has just come to the end of a very successful year. There have been many changes by means of which the advisors and editor have tried to improve the publication. The paper was printed semi-monthly and sold for three cents a copy. Several special editions came out and every single copy was more interesting than the one before.

This year the English IV class wrote the articles. Miss Schmittou was the able advisor of this class of very clever reporters. The typing II classes blocked, stenciled, and mimeographed the paper with Miss Tibbs as their advisor.

The staff was cut down to a staff-artist, David Benge; exchanges, Hazel Ballew; editor, business manager, and advertising manager, Helen Jones.

C. Goode, R. Longacre, Miss Schmittou, H. Ballew, M. Thompson, G. Montgomery, M. Schultz, I. Anderson, J. Palmer, R. Poulsen, P. Sheldon, J. Billingslea, P. Stanon, J. Gnagy.





Front row: V. Ward, P. Strate, H. Sheldon, F. Shimasaki, L. Smith, E. Garret. Second row: H. Jones, U. George, B. Dobbs, A. Thrall, B. Williams, M. Thompson, B. Gable, P. Anderson. Third row: C. Goode, R. Schroeder, I. Anderson, R. Roy, M. Fannin, M. Schultz, P. Krier, Miss Schmittou. Fourth row: J. Gnagy, C. Fick, L. Carter, R. Longacre, H. Brown, M. Carruth, J. Palmer.

ANNUAL STAFF

The year is over, but one which will be memorable to the annual staff. The staff hopes the Pleiades gives you as much pleasure as it gave them in presenting it. It is the hope of this annual staff that it might produce an annual which excels that of former years. The group worked energetically this year with this goal in mind. The whole Pleiades group was advised by the editor, Virginia Ward; assistant editor, Helen Brown; business manager, Fred Shimasaki; associate manager, Helen Jones; and advisor, Miss Schmittou.

The staff met now and then to choose the theme, to agree upon the person to whom the annual should be dedicated, to select the type of cover, and to write their splendid articles. In the meantime the snapshot editor, Richard Schroeder, caught the kids in the midst of many of their stunts, and the salesmen put on high pressure talks.



Left snapshot: H. Jones, M. Thompson, C. Goode, J. Palmer.
Right snapshot: Miss Schmittou, F. Shimasaki, H. Brown, V. Ward.

OUR MUSIC DEPARTMENT



Bottom row: I. Anderson, A. Moreno, C. Peterson, P. Douglas, T. Saito, F. Rogers, P. Stanton, L. Garman, N. Harrison, E. Carruth. Second row: R. Longacre, G. Montgomery, J. Rust, P. Maddox, S. Kirk, R. Adams, E. Muno, N. Boatman, N. Rogers, J. Gordon, B. Glynn. Back row: D. Heavner, L. Gonzales, L. Carter, J. Taylor, C. Chapman, E. Little, M. Neve, E. Wentworth, A. Franken, D. Douglas.

GIRLS' GLEE CLUB

Under the capable direction of Mr. Thienes the thirty-eight members of the Girls' Glee Club have been busy with the two main projects of the season: the operetta, "In Old Vienna," and the Night of Music. Other appointments were with the Strathmore Women's Club, the G. R. Carnival, Baccalaureate, All-County Chorus, the Parent-Teacher Association, and entertainments in assembly. Most of these numbers were sung A Capella.

The girls chose white sharkskin dresses trimmed with red for their uniforms.

ORCHESTRA

The orchestra's first appearance this year was the Girl Reserve Carnival. They then played at the following programs: Junior Play, Operetta, Senior Play, Night of Music, Baccalaureate and Graduation. They also entertained the Women's Club. The orchestra this year had the honor of four members participating in the All-County Orchestra. They were, Carolyn Fick, Betty Glynn, Phillis Scheurich and Martha Thrall. The orchestra was expertly guided by our music instructor, Kenneth Thienes.



M. Johnston, J. Gnagy, M. Schultz, M. Fannin, D. Rogers, P. Scheurich, P. Krier, Mr. Thienes, C. Fick, M. Thrall, B. Glynn, C. Peterson, B. Williams, K. Anderson, O. Greer, M. Thompson, J. Manning, C. Weisenburger, L. Hampy, D. Wilkinson, D. Bengé.