



*“President Roosevelt asks Congress
to Declare War on Japan
Dec. 8, 1941*

*“With confidence in our armed forces, with the
unbounding determination of our people we will gain
the inevitable triumph—So help us God!”*

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DEDICATION



OUR BOYS

IN THE

SERVICE

LOUIS DIANA

FRANK DEEGAN

JOHN GROZINSKI, JR.

ANDREW KOVATCH

PAUL PHILLIPY

PAT VANCE

DONALD HANSON

To the boys of the Class of 1944 who have joined the Armed Forces of the U. S. A., we proudly dedicate this edition of the Dragon. Realizing the need of preserving our country, they gave up their normal way of life in order to answer our country's call. We are certain that these boys will come through with flying colors on the fields of battle as they have done both scholastically and athletically, despite "Blood! Sweat! Tears!"



EDITORIAL

Until a war has produced its final results, which are not realized until long after the fighting has ceased, no one can tell whether it has been worth while or not. War is always wasteful, cruel, mischievous, destructive, demoralizing, and detestable to every human instinct; yet it is not always avoidable; and often it affects social changes that occur only under its terrible pressure.

We, the members of the class of 1944, in memory of our boys who will never come home to enjoy the freedom and privileges for which they have fought, pledge our efforts to the development of a lasting peace. It shall be our purpose to take an active part in the post-war planning and to devote our time and energy to such future planning and activity, that never again shall we have to suffer from the ravages of war, that our boys who have given their most prized possession—LIFE—may know that they have not died in vain. It will be an arduous task, but it can be accomplished if we work together for a common cause which benefits the individual as well as his country.

With these thoughts in mind, we, the citizenry of tomorrow, are ready and willing to accept the responsibilities of home, community, state, and country. It is our desire to become a part of this great nation, rendering it whatever service may be needed, giving our time, efforts, money, and even life, if necessary, to make this world safe for future generations.

Stanley Makowski

EDITOR-IN-CHIEF



CHARLES C. SMITH
Superintendent

SENIORS:

We are going to miss you. May each of you, as the years go by, recall the happy years spent at Bridgeport High School. We hope the lessons learned here will help you to live fully and build with confidence for your future.

CHARLES C. SMITH



NORMAN W. KRATZ
Principal

SENIORS:

In spite of the war and its strains on each of you, in spite of the demands and temptations of lucrative positions, you have seen the importance of completing your high school course. We are proud of the work you have done and I am sure we will have many occasions in the future to be justly proud that we were the teachers of the Class of '44.

Sincerely,

NORMAN W. KRATZ



(First Row l. to r.) Mr. Spangler; Miss Sarris; Miss Malone; Miss Penacchio; Mr. Smith, Superintendent; Miss Plummer; Miss Kotch; Miss Scanlon; Miss Reilly; Mr. Maile.
(Second Row l. to r.) Mr. Mulroy; Mrs. Leonard; Miss Barnosky; Mr. Cavanaugh; Mr. Kratz, Principal; Mr. Michener; Mr. Luther; Miss Skinner; Miss Giambrone; Not pictured, Mr. Kershner; Mr. Ottaviano.

FACULTY

The faculty of our high school, although very heavily burdened with extra activities because of the shortage of teachers, are still doing a fine job in the line of teaching.

We are proud of the faculty members who have entered the service to do their bit in the greatest job of all, VICTORY. As seniors, we are particularly proud of Mr. Michener and those others who will leave for the service a little later, who have made our years at Bridgeport High such enjoyable ones.

Because of their consideration for us and the preparation we have received under their guidance, we feel ready to face this war-torn world and take our place in the community, state, and nation. When some day we stop to reminisce, to recall our happy days at Bridgeport, the members of the faculty will be among the first in our thoughts, for their interest in us can never be forgotten.