

# THE DRAGON

1945



## *D*edication

Now we are engaged in a world conflict—a conflict for the betterment of mankind. We at home are engulfed in problems affecting us directly. Most of these are personal problems—families are being broken up, manpower is diminishing, rationing is bothersome, and recreation is limited.

There are, however, many things which are more far-reaching than those trivial problems confronting us. They reach further than the touch of our hands, the sight of our eyes, the sense of our ears. Yes, it is more than that. They reach down into the depths of our hearts.

The closest of these is the thought of those boys, who, on Bataan, at Pearl Harbor, at Cassino, Anzio, the Philippines, and all over this confused world, have given their lives so that we, their brother or sister, mother or dad, or maybe just a friend, could live the life that they once knew. They gave us the smell of clean air, the taste of good, solid, American food, the freedom of democracy,—they gave us their LIFE.

In recognition of these great deeds, we, the Class of 1945, dedicate the "DRAGON" to the fellows who have given up their greatest treasure, LIFE, so that free America can live.



**CHARLES C. SMITH**  
**Superintendent**

Lebanon Valley, B. S.  
Columbia University, M. A.  
University of Pennsylvania,  
Research

**"SENIORS":**

Though you will soon depart from our halls you will not be forgotten. My associations with the Class of '45 have been happy ones and I am confident that as the years go by I will feel proud of your accomplishments in life.

May your stay here have taught you to accept the privileges and obligations of citizenship in an ever-advancing society, loyalty to basic values of democracy, and courageous activity in promoting good will.

Continue to develop your talents, pursue worthwhile leisure activities, think for yourself, respect the opinions of others, act with the courage of free men and share the truth with others. Increase the initiative you have shown here and accept your responsibilities to your fullest capacity.



**NORMAN W. KRATZ**  
**Principal**

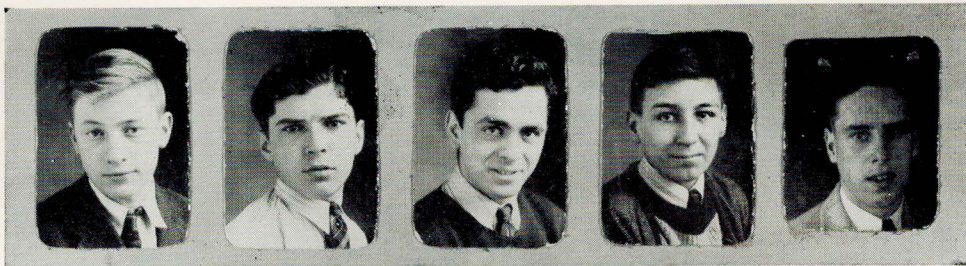
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**"SENIORS":**

This year when we all hope for the war to end, the world needs men and women with the strength and character to think things through and stand by their decisions. You are people with those characteristics. Make sure that you use your knowledge in the furtherance of the cause of world peace. Your generation has borne the brunt of this war.

The greatest goal to which anyone can attain is to live that his children may never have to fight another. May you leave your Alma Mater resolved to attain this goal.





## OUR SERVICE BOYS

### JOHN BEATRICE—S. K. 3/c

We all remember Jack as one of the active students in our Freshman and Sophomore classes. He participated in football during these years and proved to be one of our best players.

Jack enlisted in the Navy on July 24, 1943. He completed his boot training September 6th, and from Sampson was sent to the Philadelphia Navy Yard where he remained for a month. He signed for sea duty on October 18th, and went to Baltimore, Maryland. There he was assigned to his ship the U. S. S. Caliente. After his shakedown cruise he went to Virginia where he remained for six weeks. He then sailed to Texas, and left this country on December 10th for the Atlantic. He received a promotion on December 15, 1944 from S. 1/c to S. K. 3rd Class. He is now somewhere in the Pacific.

### DOMINICK DeROSATO—P. F. C.

Dom got along well with all his classmates while here at Bridgeport High. He served as Student Council Representative in his Freshman year.

Dominick was inducted March 14, 1944. He went to New Cumberland, and from there he was sent to Camp Wheeler, Georgia, where he had seventeen weeks of basic training. After a fifteen day furlough he reported to Camp Pickett, Virginia. He received his A. P. O. number, and was sent overseas, being promoted to P. F. C., on October 14th, on board ship. He is now in England.

### PHILIP GIANGULIO—P. F. C.

Philip was our musically inclined classmate. He played in the orchestra and band and also sang with the chorus in his Freshman, Sophomore and Junior years.

Philip entered the service on December 6, 1943. He went to Fort Knox, Kentucky, for his basic training, and from there he was transferred to Camp Choffee, Arkansas, then to Camp McCoy, Wisconsin. He left for his overseas destination on November 26, 1944. He is now in Germany with General Patton's Third Army.

### JOHN MATTIOLA—P. F. C.

Although on the quiet side, John was one of our best liked classmates while with us.

John entered the service on April 23, 1943. He received his training at Camp Shelby, Mississippi. He was then transferred to Fort Meade, Maryland, and then sent overseas to North Africa. He participated in the battle of the Anzio Beachhead and other Italian Campaigns. He has been wounded twice, once in the leg and later, a neck wound.

### PALMER PRICE

Palmer was the versatile member of our class. He was active in football, basketball, and chorus in his Sophomore and Junior years, and dramatic club and orchestra in his Junior year.

Palmer was inducted on July 21, 1944, and left for New Cumberland. He then went to Keesler Field, Mississippi, for his basic training. After basic training he was sent to Lowry Field, Colorado, where he went to armament school. He was then shipped to Fort Myers, Florida for gunnery school. After a fifteen day furlough he reported back to his base in Florida for further training.