



LEFT TO RIGHT—Thomas McHale, Henry Wilton, J. Lester Rinehart, Darwin S. Wolcott, Marion D. Myers, William Elliott, Earl R. Kutz, Warren H. Cocklin.

OUR COUNTRY NEEDS YOU . . .

WE HOPE THAT NEVER AGAIN in the history of our country will a graduating class leave high school or college while our country is fighting for its existence and to retain those freedoms of Religion, Speech, and Equal Rights that we are enjoying and for which our forefathers fought. In this great struggle all must take a part, for only with a united effort can we win.

Few, if any of us, know today exactly what part we shall have to take but each and everyone should go forth with a steadfast purpose to share the responsibilities and duties. Our people everywhere are being organized to do helpful work so each one should go to those organizations and volunteer his assistance.

Let it never be possible for anyone to say that the young people of Upper Merion School, after enjoying the freedom and education that others provided, did not in their turn freely give of their time and effort and even the supreme sacrifice of life itself so that those coming after us might enjoy the privileges we have had.

Always remember that we are fighting for:
OUR FREEDOM, OUR COUNTRY, OUR HOME.

—DARWIN S. WOLCOTT
President, Board of Education

MR COCKLIN'S MESSAGE

YOU WILL BE THE FIRST CLASS in the history of Upper Merion High School to be graduated while this nation is at war. This, of course, carries no distinction to the class; but, it does have a significance of which each of you must be aware. In a short span of months the economic conditions of the nation have changed from that of a long continued depression, when immediate opportunities for employment were few, to the present situation where the services of almost every graduate with a good record will be in demand.

The unrest, impatience, and pressure of a national emergency, which you have felt while still in school, will be intensified when you become an active participant in the nation's war effort. It is therefore imperative that each individual and each community retain the ability to make sound judgments. It is necessary that the high ideals of individual and social relationship of a true democracy be maintained. The decline in belief, in intelligence, in truth and in moral law which occurred during and after the last war must be avoided this time. It is necessary that all take a part in the voice of public opinion so that there will be an intelligent criticism of the conduct of the war and to the end that a lasting peace will be established. We cannot forget that totalitarianism arose from the chaos of another world war.

These responsibilities are yours, for you will have to make the judgment and set up the ideals. Yours will be part of the voice of public opinion.

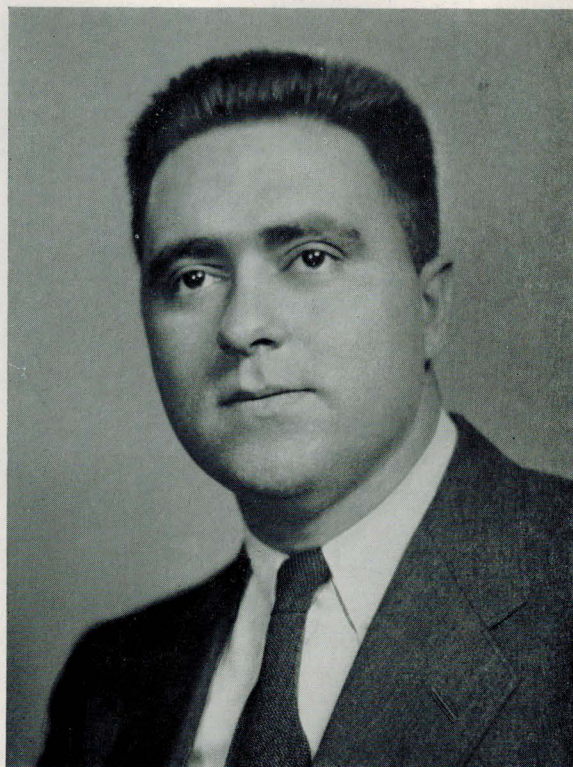
I have confidence that you, realizing that the cause is "The Country We Love", will bear these responsibilities well.

—WARREN H. COCKLIN
Supervising Principal



MR. WARREN H. COCKLIN

MR. GEORGE J. SANTORO



In The Service . . .

WE OF THE CLASS OF 1942 wish to give recognition to our first faculty member to enlist in the armed forces of our country.

In March, Mr. Santora left Upper Merion to join the United States Marines. We are proud to have him in this service but look forward to the time when he will return.

Mr. Santora received his elementary education in the Township schools. Later he moved and was graduated from Norristown High School.

After receiving his Bachelor of Arts degree from Ursinus College, Mr. Santora became a member of the Upper Merion Junior-Senior High School faculty as a geography teacher. He was adviser for the Student Patrol, sponsor of the Rifle Club and coach of Junior High School Athletics.

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