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HUNTER WOLFE

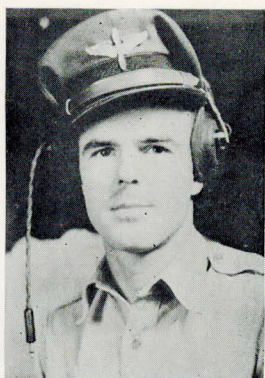
Serving Their Country

Members of our class until recently, both of these boys left school before completing their studies. Because of circumstances they both enlisted, Hunter in the Navy and Franny in the Merchant Marines. We regret that they were unable to share our last year with us. However, we still regard them as our classmates and our thoughts are often with them. As our own graduation approaches, we know, that somewhere these two boys will graduate to manhood.

"In Uniform"

Yesterday he was still in school;
Today he is fighting for us—
Fighting in the jungles and in the swamps,
In rain and sleet and snow.
Yesterday he was carrying books;
Today rifles, bayonets and hand grenades—
Crushing the enemy as he once did a piece of paper.
Always on the alert,
As one false move means death,
He is fighting for freedom,
For a secure and happy future.
May we understand others
That wars may cease.
May peace be world-wide!

— CHRISTINE PIERCE



STANLEY KUSY



EARL MILLER

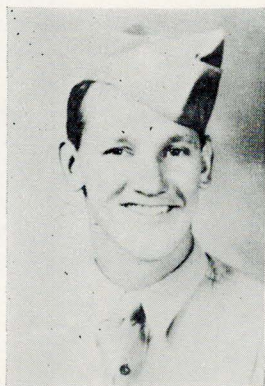
"Reverie"

They lie in silence row by row,
 Their peaceful sleep is here.
 A wooden tombstone their reward!
 A heartbreak to someone dear.

The white crosses point to the sky,
 A road sign to the happiness above.
 No malice, no gun, no death again,
 They stroll with ones they love.

Weep not you people, weep not for them—
 Their goal attained, those tired men.
 They seek but rest at journey's end.
 'Tis o'er for them—the road leads home.

— JOHN KOLPAK



THADDEUS KAMINSKI



JAMES COSTELLO

An Accredited Secondary School

Upper Merion High School is an Accredited Secondary School, recognized and accepted as such by the Commission of Secondary Schools and Colleges of the Middle States Association. We are very proud of this achievement, and jealous of and watchful for anything that might blemish our good name.

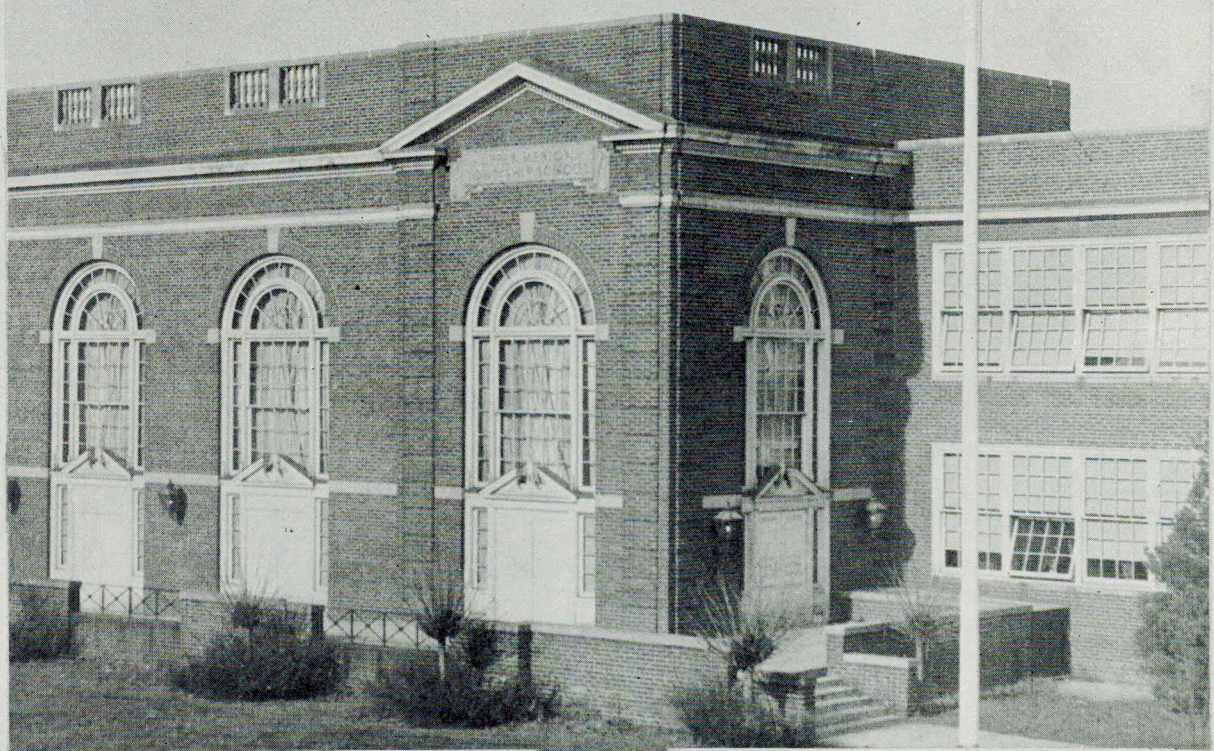
Logical questions that might be asked concerning this honor are: What does this mean? How was it brought about?

In answer to the first, it means that Upper Merion High School, judged on the work it has done during the past few years and on the plans for the future, is acclaimed one of the best schools in the entire country. We were compared with large schools, small schools, medium sized schools, both public and private, all over the United States. This comparison revealed that Upper Merion is equal to or superior to eighty-five percent of all schools that have been evaluated. In other words, there are fifteen percent of the schools in the United States that are superior to our own. Our job as teachers and pupils in years to come will be to conduct ourselves in such a manner that we will rise above the eighty-fifth percentile. Plans are now being formulated to do this very thing.

Secondly, this accreditation was achieved by first formulating, cooperatively, a philosophy of education acceptable to the entire faculty after which the teachers themselves evaluated the Educational Program, the Staff, the School Plant, and the School Administration. This was done on the basis of Evaluative Criteria which grew out of the Cooperative Study of Secondary School Standards. The results of the Staff study were drawn up in the form of reports which were turned over to a Visiting Committee appointed by the Commission of Secondary Schools of the Middle States Association.

This Visiting Committee, comprised of principals, teachers, and college professors, spent two full days in our school reviewing the Staff reports, visiting classrooms, holding conferences with teachers and pupils, and at the same time, evaluating the school in the light of our own philosophy. The findings of this Committee were charted on Educational Thermometers, which were turned over to the Commission for interpretation and rating.

At the fifty-eighth annual convention of the Middle States Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools, held in New York City, November 24 and 25, 1944, Upper Merion High School was placed on the accredited list. Our responsibility as teachers and pupils is to stay on this list and to better our position by continued improvements.



Remember our Trip?

