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To All Our Servicemen

# **Dedication**

There is no need for our delving into the condition of the country as it stands today. Members of the civilian population realize that our entire nation is in a state of all out war, and that certain sacrifices must be made in order to comply with the needs of the boys in our armed services. Perhaps the people that notice these sacrifices the oftenest are those mothers and fathers that have offered up their sons to the service. Temporarily at least, a family realizes a severe loss when a man has to give up his regular every day duties for a post in the army or the navy. This is simply due to a falling off of one of the most important factors that goes into the making up of a happy family, namely, unity. It seems that *one* of the important things we are fighting for is *just* that. Before a suitable democracy can be set up, the entire nation must be united. And before a nation can be bound together, the problem of unity must be successfully solved in individual families.

Right at this moment there are countless numbers that have a perfect right to wonder how a good union is to be set up at home if the men that contribute in main to the makeup of this home have been drawn away from

their families to serve their country.

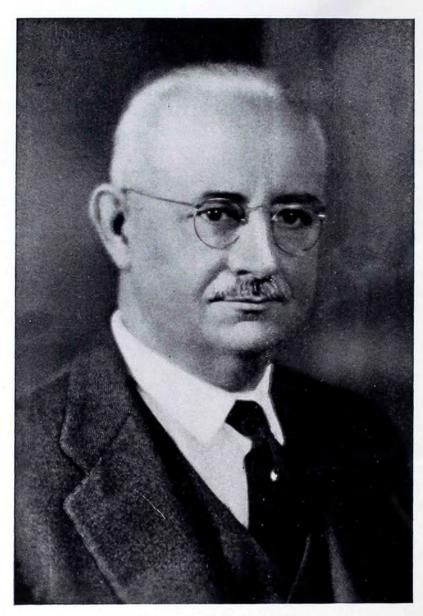
For the thousands that have this question in mind, just remember that our boys are struggling for the right to maintain and uphold this unity at home, and without the privilege to live in unison, a true democracy can never come into being.

So goes it with our profession. The members of that vast family that take part in contributing to the science of Optometry are also in need of the rights and freedoms that will be ours with victory. In the meantime, there are hundreds of men from this enormous family that have had to give up their civilian duties to don a uniform, and we too realize a severe loss. However, it is a temporary loss as I stated earlier, and the ultimate outcome will definitely mean more strongly unified "Families."

The class of 1943 is the second to graduate in this World War II, and

in all sincerity we hope to be the last.

Looking forward then, to the day when the peace has been won, we, the members of the graduating class of 1943, repectfully dedicate this Year-book to the members of the armed forces, here and abroad, for our sincere appreciation for their ever willing efforts to bring this period of strife to a speedy, successful end.



Dr. Theodore F. Klein, Dean

# Foreword

We have now reached the end of another phase of life, another adventure to be remembered in the coming years. These past four years will live forever in our memories, not as "my years at college" but as a collection of exciting incidents. What seems now to be but insignificant events will flash into our minds in later days, and we will pause in our work to try to relive those happy days—to grasp again the excitement of the moments—to remember the friends we had made.

This Year-book has been prepared to assist our memories and to reunite our class no matter where anyone of us may be. No doubt our different paths in life will carry us far and wide; the goodbyes we have said may in some cases be last goodbyes. In this volume we have brought together a few of those things which may slip from our minds, those things that we want to keep forever.



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# To the Secretaries

There need be no introductions to the two personalities on this page. Everyone remembers how we would come running up the stairs late and go into the office to ask Mrs. Wilson (otherwise known as Mrs. W.) or Miss Klein for a late slip. Then we would receive a motherly scolding about not getting up in the morning. They did try to take care of us, didn't they?

Mrs. Wilson has been a very efficient secretary to the Dean and when she didn't come at our beck and call we sometimes wondered why. Well, she is really a very busy woman with all the office work and trying to make appointments for us with the Dean.

Miss Klein also had her difficulties, probably the most outstanding were the attendance sheets, especially those that were passed in approximately

twenty one shopping days before Christmas.

All in all there was always a smile on their faces no matter when you walked into the office, or what you wanted. We certainly appreciate everything that the secretaries have done to help us with intra mural and extra mural activities.



Anna J. Wilson Secretary to the Dean



THEODORA KLEIN Librarian

# The Senior Class



SENIOR CLASS OFFICERS

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### EVELYN BARBARA ADLER

ΕΟΣ

956 Robeson Street, Fall River, Mass.

"True mirth eternally bubbles over."

EOΣ Vice President, 4

Evelyn could always be depended on to brighten up our class rooms with her big smile and her "Direct from Paris" clothes creations. What would we do without her?



#### CHARLES SUMNER BLOOM

ΠΟΣ

15 Cunningham Street, Roxbury, Mass.

"As serious as he is fun loving."

Bowling Team, 1, 2  $\sqcap$  O  $\Sigma$  1, 2, 3, 4

Sumner is doing his part toward an all-out victory by serving in the ground crew at Rome, N. Y. We're all for you, Sumner.



#### CHARLES A. BOWMAN, JR.

209 Church Street, Marlboro, Mass.

"Nothing can bring you peace but yourself."

Dance Committee, 3

One of our back row officials, Charlie could always be depended upon to liven up any class that seemed to be getting monotonous. Best of luck, Bo!



#### A. EDWARD CALMUS

283 St. Paul Street, Brookline, Mass.

"A brilliant mind, hand in hand with sharp wit."

Optometry Club, 1, 2, 3

Our very best wishes to Eddie, serving alongside Sumner Bloom at Rome, N. Y.

#### ROLAND CARRIER

239 Pine Street, Rumford, Me.

"Voice your opinion and you shall be heard."

Wednesday Night Club Billiards Champ, 1, 2, 3, 4

The U. S. Navy claimed Roland late in our senior year, and we all wish him, our only representative from the State of Maine, the best of luck.



#### SUMNER H. COHEN

Manchester Depot, Vermont

"Good cheer is no hindrance to a good life."

Summer came to join our class from the University of Vermont, and expects to practice back in his home state. Good luck, chum!



JOSEPH A. CRAVEN, JR.

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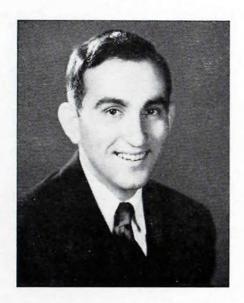
21 Tulley Street, Brookline, Mass.

"None but himself can be his paralell."

Ω Ε Φ Corresponding Secretary, 4
 Scope staff, Circulation Manager, 4
 Dance Committee, 1, 2, 3
 Year-book Staff
 Wednesday Night Club

Joe says his plans for the future are indefinite, but we all know success will be his.





#### GEORGE FORMAN

128 Walnut Avenue, Revere, Mass.

"Ambitious and full of determination."

Geroge deserves a good deal of credit, in that he was the first in our class to pass the State Board exams. Keep up the good work.



#### IRVING FRADKIN

ΠΟΣ

91 Marlborough Street, Chelsea, Mass.

"A friendly smile and a helping hand."

Class Treasurer, 3, 4  $\sqcap \circ \Sigma$  1, 2, 3; Treasurer 4 Clerk of Sophomore Court

"Irv" was our persistant campaign manager, and his efforts are worthy of credit.



#### PAUL NORCROSS GATES

ΩΕΦ

926 Main Street, Leominster, Mass.

"'Tis good to be merry and wise."

Sophomore Court, 2  $\Omega \to \Phi$  4 Scope Staff, 3; Associate Editor, 4 Year-book Staff Wednesday Night Club

"Pearly" expects to spend a short session with the air force after graduation, and we're all behind him as well-wishers.

# IRWIN AARON GRAUBART $\Omega \in \Phi$

271 Swan Street, Providence, R. I.

"Little I ask, my wants are few."

ΩΕΦ 3, 4

Irwin proved that he was in earnest by being awarded those coveted five points for his thesis on progressive myopia.



#### BERNARD ISSOKSON

ΠΟΣ

122 King Street, Falmouth, Mass.

"Here is a jovial individual."

 $\sqcap$  O  $\Sigma$  1, 2, 3; Chancellor, 4 Interfraternal Ball Committee, 3

Perhaps our one and only "temperature expert," Bernie is looking forward to a cool Falmouth breeze.



#### ROBERT KEFFERSTAN

ΩΕΦ

115 Haverhill Street, Andover, Mass.

"A spectacle of human happiness."

 $\Omega \to 0$ ; Treasurer, 4 Dance Committee, 3 Wednesday Night Club, Treasurer

"Bob" was seldom seen without a smile on his face, and we know that this will stand by him in practice.





#### ROBERT KRAUS

ΠΟΣ

899 Morton Street, Mattapan, Mass.

"A friend to be noted in our book of memory."

 $\Pi \circ \Sigma$  1, 2, 3; Vice Chancellor, 4 Scope staff, 4

"Bob" is a proof of the worth of good work.



#### VICTOR THOMAS LALIOTS

ΩΕΦ

133 Whitney Avenue, Bridgeport, Conn.

"Content thyself to be obscurely good."

ΩΕΦ 3, 4

"Vic" was perhaps the quietest member of the class, but as the old saying goes, he was "Missed when not present".



#### ARNELDA BEATRICE LEVINE

ΕΟΣ

18 Brown Street, Brookline, Mass.

"Opportunity knocks only for the ambitious."

Class Secretary, 2, 3
Optometry Club 2, 3, Secretary, 4
ΕΟΣ President, 4
Scope Staff
Magna Cum Laude

Arnelda studied at Simmons before taking up Optometry and you can be sure that we all welcomed her as our one and only blonde. She has also proved to us that blondes *can* be brilliant.

# JOSEPH E. McDERMOTT

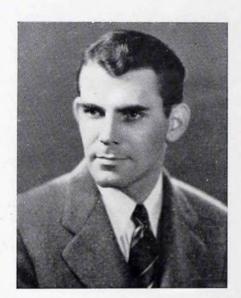
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98 Fenno Street, Wollaston, Mass.

"And master of himself, though China fall."

Sophomore Court, 2 Charter member of  $\Omega \to \Phi$ ; Secretary, 4 Dance Committee, 2, 3 Scope Staff, 4

"Mac" was the boy that had his mind on his work all the time, at least that is what is indicated by the name of his dog. He answers to "Kryptok".



#### HAROLD W. MEYERS

ΩΕΦ

16 Althea Street, Dorchester, Mass.

"Just a regular all-round good fellow."

Sergeant-at-arms, 4  $\Omega \to 0$  Scope Staff, Business Manager, 4

"Hal" was noted for his alertness on the subject of Practical Optics, and he was a great help to all of us.



#### MAURICE JAMES MORIN

2 Cedar Place, Wakefield, Mass.

"I like work, it fascinates me; I can sit and look at it for hours."

Class Treasurer, 1, 2

Moe came to start his course in Optometry with us after preparing at St. John's in Danvers. He has already tried the Maine State Board, and we're all wishing him the best of luck.



### WILLIAM JOSEPH MORIN

182 Water Street, Leominster, Mass.

"Manners are not idle, but the fruit of loyal nature."

Sophomore Court, 2

Bill was another one of our "Silent Partners" in the class, a great guy to have around when a few good tips on practical lens grinding were needed.



#### SEBASTIAN S. NICOLOSI

ΩΕΦ

117 Haverhill Street, Lawrence, Mass.

"Sincerity outrings the loudest bells."

ΩΕΦ 3, 4

"Nick", our school's only "Contract surgeon", could adequately give a theory for any given ocular anomaly. His consultation fees are quite reasonable.



#### CHARLES C. POULOS

ΩΕΦ

21 Emory Court, Bristol, Conn.

"Life has no blessing like a prudent friend"

ΩΕΦ 4

Class Cleanician, 3, 4

Charlie is the boy that conclusively proved to us that a talking knowledge of the Greek language is almost invaluable in the study of Optometry. Many thanks to him for helping us to break down those "Stickers."

## JOHN E. QUINN Ω E Φ

70 Proctor Street, Salem, Mass.

"The wisdom of many, the wit of one."

Sergeant-at-Arms, 1; Vice President, 2, 3; President, 4; Optometry Club Treasurer, 4;  $\Omega \to 0$ , Vice President, 4; Scope Staff, 3, Associate Editor, 4, Year Book Staff; Dance Chairman, 2, 3; Wednedsay Night Club; Cum Laude.

Quinn, the double personality - the funloving, restless boy of Freshman and Sophomore years, and the conscientious, conservative man of Junior and Senior years.



#### ROBERT W. ROSENTHAL

123 Sutherland Road, Brighton, Mass.

"An interesting conversationalist and a witty gentleman."

Dance Committee, 1, 2, 3 Scope Staff, 4 Cum Laude

A dual personality, if ever there was one, Bob could always be depended upon to brighten up dull moments and be serious when the occasion demanded such.



#### JEROME RUTBERG

1477 Beacon Street, Brookline, Mass.

"He is well paid that is well satisfied"

Scope Staff, 1 2, 3, 4 Year-book Staff

"Jerry" took quite an interest in his studies of Anatomy and Pathology, and we feel sure that this will be of great help to him in the future.



#### SIDNEY M. TAYLOR

87 Deering Road, Mattapan, Mass.

"Anything for a quiet life."

Optometry Club, 1, 2, 3, Dance Committee, 2 Year-book Staff

"Sid' had quite a passion for remaining unnoticed in class, but when the time came for fun, — well, that was passion number two.



#### PAUL L. THORNTON

ΩΕΦ

87 Adams Street, Dorchester, Mass.

"Patience is the best remedy for any trouble."

Class Secretary, 4 Optometry Club, 1, 2  $\Omega \to 3$ , 4

Paul, without a doubt, deserves first prize for being well behaved. What could be a more favorable asset?



#### CHESTER ARTHUR TURNER, JR.

ΩΕΦ

2367 Acushnet Ave., New Bedford, Mass.

"The noblest mind the best contentment has."

ΩΕΦ 3, 4
Optometry Club, 1, 2
Scope Staff, Assistant Editor, 4
Year-book Staff
Wednesday Night Club

"Chet" should be commended for his being an amateur connoisseur of fine music. Credit is due also for his ability in handling a game of cribbage.

#### LOUIS VANIOTIS

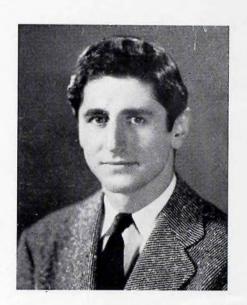
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13 Willie Street, Lowell, Mass.

"Men of few words are the best men."

Optometry Club, 2, 3, 4  $\Omega \to 3$ , 4 Cleanician in Chief, 3, 4 Wednesday Night Club

True, Lou was a man of few words, but when he opened his mouth he said something. Best of luck, pal!



# CLINTON LeROY WILSON, JR.

52 Milo Street, West Newton, Mass.

ΩΕΦ

"Few things are impossible to diligence and skill."

Sergeant-at-arms, 3, Ω Φ E Charter Member, 2, Treasurer 3, President, 4; Optometry Club, 1, 2, 3, President, 4; Scope Staff, 2; Assistant Manager, 3; Editor in Chief, 4; Dance Committee, 2, 3; Year-book Staff; Wednesday Night Club; Magna Cum Laude.

Without a doubt, Clint has been the most outstanding member of our class, all four years in succession. Being equally adept in theory and in practice, success will surely be his.



#### SAUL KATZ

25 Loxwood Street, Worcester, Mass.

"A smile and a friendly hand to who ever he met."

Saul was one of the first of our group to leave for the armed service. Good luck, Saul, we'll be seeing you.

#### LEON MAYERS

100 Maple Street, Roxbury, Mass.

"And he hath music in his heart."

"Pops" was well known in this district for his fine group of musicians.

#### HARRY NEIMAN

147 Chestnut Street, Chelsea, Mass.

ΠΟΣ

"He understands best, who asks the reason why."

Harry's conscientiousness was manifest by winning the coveted five points for the Accommodation and Convergence Thesis.

#### NORMAN SAPERIA

47 Woolson Street, Mattapan, Mass.

"A fountain of common sense."

Year-book Staff

Every class has a theory buster. Norman was ours. No extra charges for some of his own original theories either.

#### SAUL S. SILVERSTEIN

41 Newton Street, Malden, Mass.

"Nimble fingers combined with a nible brain."

Optometry Club, 1, 2, 3, 4 Dance Committee, 1, 2 Bowling Team, 2 Magna Cum Laude

One of our more musically inclined members, Saul was a great help, along with his own little swing outfit.

#### MARTIN ZALKIN

431 B 69 St., Averne, Long Island, N. Y.

"A handsome young man with lofty ideals."

Another member of the ground crew at Rome, N. Y., Marty is gaining experience at refraction, and we all wish him the best of luck.

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# **Last Will and Testament**

Know all men by these presents that we, the Class of 1943, of Massachusetts School of Optometry, in the City of Boston, in the County of Suffolk, in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, being "slap-happy" and broke do hereby make and declare this to be our last will and testament, revoking any and all wills heretofore made by us. Address all complaints to Fort Lee, Yardbird 643.

- 1. We leave thanking God that we have been dodging exams (a very popular sport at M. S. O.) instead of bullets (that's next.)
- 2. We leave the "Tasty Lunch" with our heart in our mouth and our teeth in our pocket.
- 3. Irving Fradkin leaves his soap box to start the fires next year.
- 4. We leave a book of car checks to next year's Seniors and a "C" card to Dr. Green for "Survey Service".
- 5. We leave our memoirs and "great" school spirit to hallow the halls for vears and years to come.
- 6. CENSORED!!!!
- Roland Carrier leaves his code of living: purity, body, and flavor. It's only Cudgie who has all three.
- 8. We leave Dr. Namais "IN THE WATER".
- 9. We left Aunt Mary's, where we studied in our earlier years, for 726 Commonwealth Avenue, which in turn we leave for 208 and the house on the Hill (where Wilson "could never do any studying").
- We now leave a corner table at the Dugout. We hope the boys will not be ailing.
- 11. We leave Dr. Carvin in the Static Ski Lab. "Lonely, isn't it?"
- 12. We leave Joe Mac's successful candidates.
- 14. Bob Rosenthal leaves his broad-mindedness to some bashful freshman!
- 15. We leave the famous back row still unbroken (Bowman, Morin, Saperia, Silverstein, plus some facsimiles).
- 16. We leave the Seniors our outside assignments just as we left them all year.
- 17. We leave a class to Dr. Cline that will give him SILENCE!!!
- 18. We leave Joe Scanlon as the lone after-dinner-speaker at McNiff's.
- 19. We leave a lens stretcher and a pail of optical centers to the Freshmen.
- 20. We leave the CLINICIANS and CLEANICIANS as busy as ever!
- 21. We leave prescribing Orthoptics for those who suffer with eyestrain from looking sideways.
- 22. We leave wondering about Optometry: its Past, its Present, its Future!
- 23. We leave wondering about --
- 24. We leave wondering --

In testimony whereof, we the Class of 1943, hereby appoint as executor of this will, Mr. Joseph De Natale, and in the presence of the undersigned declare this to be our Last Will and Testament.

(Signed) Joseph A. Craven, Jr.

Witnesses: Clinton L. Wilson, Jr.

Chester A. Turner, Jr.

John E. Quinn

# Class Ballot

| Done most for the class                     | John Quinn         |
|---|--------------------|
| Most likely to succeed                      |                    |
| Most studious                               | Arnelda Levine     |
| Most humorous                               |                    |
| Most well-mannered                          | Chester Turner     |
| Most enthusiastic Yankee fan                | Sebastian Nicolosi |
| Most enthusiastic Dodger fan                | Martin Zalkin      |
| Mos likely to pass the Massachusetts Boards | George Forman      |
| Most friendly                               | Joseph Craven      |
| Most enthusiastic supporter of Morpheus     | Paul Gates         |
| Most compact                                | Sumner Cohen       |
| Most uncomfortable                          | Bernard Issokson   |
| Most quiet                                  |                    |
| Most professional                           |                    |
| Most coöperative                            |                    |
| Most frivolous                              |                    |
| Most radical                                |                    |
| Most sociable                               |                    |
| Most conscientious                          |                    |
| Most energetic                              |                    |
| Most reserved                               |                    |
| Most doubtful                               |                    |
| Most jovial                                 | Charles Poulos     |
| Most agreeable                              | Paul Thornton      |
| Most philosophical                          | Louis Vaniotis     |
| Most musical                                |                    |
| Most theoretic                              |                    |
| Best sport                                  | Robert Kefferstan  |
| Best dressed                                | Jerome Rutberg     |
| Best salesman                               | Sidney Taylor      |
| Best soap-box orator                        | Irving Fradkin     |
| Best letter writer                          | Edward Calmus      |
| Best author                                 |                    |
| Best host                                   | Roland Carrier     |
|   |                    |

# **Class Prophecy**

Scene: Psychopathic ward of a prominent state institution for the mentally ill. On each side of this ward is a long row of well padded cells. A ghostly silence accentuated by a semi darkness lends a decidedly eerie atmosphere to this scene.

From one of the cells at the far end of the ward eminates a flickering light creating grotesque patterns on the wall. Prompted by an irresistable morbid curiosity, we approach and peer into the cell. We see the figures of three men sitting in a huddle around a small table, that is lit by the ebbing light of a dying candle. Upon drawing closer, we see that these figures look vaguely familiar despite their unkempt hair, disheveled clothes and hunted looks. Then with sudden recognition, horror clutches our throats — Ye Gods! — It's ROSENTHAL, RUTBERG AND SAPERIA.

Just then a guard enters the cell and leads the three of them away. As they obediently follow their keeper, they break out in the following refrain that has an oddly familiar theme:

"In the water, in the water, that's all we hear,

the whole day through,

In the water, in the water, no wonder, we feel so blue.

When in the night, we try to sleep, we can't,

Because we still can hear Namias peep,

In the water, in the water, the whole night through."

As their robust soprano voices die out in the distance, we pick up the sheet of paper on which they have been concentrating so intently. We read the following: "We three, believing ourselves to be of sound mind and in complete possession of all our mental faculties (contrary to the opinions of the M. S. O. faculty) wish to relate for posterity our most recent experiences, fantastic as they may seem, before the thin thread holding us to sanity breaks from the horrible strain.

Just a week ago today, we three were viewing with considerable relish, a classical presentation of the Art of Physical Gyrations in the "Little Theatre off Scollay Square," (bearing no relationship what so ever to the "Little Theatre Off Times Square.")

In the midst of the grinds, bumps and convolutions, we suddenly fell

asleep. (Do you believe it – we don't either.)

In our subconscious minds, we felt ourselves being whisked away by some unseen force that sped us dizzily round and round in a swaying and sweltering motion. Suddenly it ended and we regained consciousness to find ourselves still together but standing on a strange thoroughfare in an entirely new world.

Picking up a discarded newspaper, we noticed with amazement that it was dated February 6, 1963. Just then we heard a newsboy shout "DICK TRACY CAPTURES PRUNE FACE, LIL ABNER MARRIES DAISY MAE, BIM GUMP DROPS DEAD LEAVING ENTIRE FORTUNE TO MOON MULLINS, FLASH GORDON ELOPES WITH ZHARKOV, THE SCIENTIST (we always knew that was a Fairy Tale); Paul S. Cline ends his day's lecture at M. S. O. with a talk on the relationship between modern gothic architecture and suppurative choroiditis.

The newsboy at this time was green in the gills so we decided to look at the paper to learn of any events worth knowing.

The headlines proclaimed to the nation that CLINTON LEROY WILSON, JR. HAD BEEN UNANIMOUSLY ELECTED PRESIDENT OF THE A. O. A.

Glancing down the front page, we noticed in an inconspicuous corner that Franklin D. Roosevelt had been reelected president of the United States.

Turning to the scientific section of the paper, we found that Saul Silverstein, that mathematical genius, had won the coveted position of instructor of chirotechnical optics at Fradkin's Home For Demented Optometry Students.

Another interesting item was news that Dr. Joseph Craven, Secretary of the Icelandic Board of Examiners in Optometry insisted upon using retinoscopes made of whale blubber in every Refraction Igloo.

Suddenly we heard the blaring of a radio and were surprised to hear that Chester Turner, world famous organist, was about to play his latest composition "Organ Passages from a Useless Thesis."

Following this, we heard a broadcast of the meeting of the Australian Board of Optometrists at which two women orthoptists, Doctors Adler and Levine, discussed the relative features of treating true alternating squint by removal of the external geniculate body. Then in the midst of this broadcast an excited announcer broke in with the momentous news that Doctors Laliots, Poulos, Vaniotis, Meyers, Thornton and MacDermott had discovered a foolproof method of preventing the formation of cataract. The method was the relatively simple procedure of surgically removing the crystalline lens at birth.

We then heard in the distance the faint music of a martial air accompanied by tramping feet. As they approached we saw at the head of a marching column the portly figures of a decorated sextet composed of Calmus, Bloom, Katz, Forman, Zalkin and Mayers. On asking a bystander the meaning of the parade, we learned that it was in honor of the above mentioned group for meritous achievement in the service of their country during World War II. It seems that they were all captured by axis troops, who forced them to become refractionists in the service of the enemy, on learning that they were Optometrists. However, our brave heroes prescribed total occlusion for every soldier they refracted. This brilliant coup resulted in our nation's winning the memorable battle of Battle Creek, which was recorded in history texts as the decisive battle in that world wide conflict.

On returning to the newspaper we found that Nicolosi, Kefferstan, Quinn and Kraus had worked so hard with cross cylinders that they could do almost anything with them, including the following: take a blood count, typoscopy, bio-microscopic examinations, and even making chocolate skim milk shakes by mixing the plus and minus axes with chocolate syrup.

On turning to the scientific events section we learned that Sid Taylor, with the able assistance of Maurice Morin and Paul Gates, had won the Nobel prize for the greatest scieniffic achievement of the year by evolving a formula that could compute the diameter of the optical center of a lens.

In another section of the newspaper, we saw that Roland Carrier had won the yearly award of the S. P. C. A. for developing a method of prescribing presbyopic corrections for hibernating bears, while practicing in the woods of northern Maine.

In the foreign news section we saw that Sonny Cohen and Bill Morin along with happy Harry Nieman, were now working with Ernest Maddox, devising seven new grades of convergence.

We also noted an item of interest concerning Bernie Issokson. It seems that Falmouth's gift to optometry had become the foremost refractionist in his community and has his office refrigerated to a temperature of twenty degrees above zero. Issokson, when fully aroused has been known to throw snowballs at uncooperative patients. Icicles hanging from his ophthalmometer

lend a picturesque atmosphere to his office.

After having read all the items of interest in the newspaper, we disposed of it, and started to ponder over our awesome journey into the future. As we did so we were suddenly enveloped in a cloud of positive scotomas that carried us back through time, back to "The Little Theatre Off Scollay Square". When we finally recovered our senses (?) we discovered that physically, we were none the worse from our experiences, though the stage presentation had given us a slight case of exophthalmus. Mentally, however, we were in a turmoil, so we hurried off to consult a psychologist, who promptly declared us to be on the shady side of sanity and ordered us to be committed to this institution." Here the writing ends.

As we finish the tale of this unbelievable odyssey into the future, the sheet of paper falls from our trembling fingers. Crocodile tears run down our quivering faces as we slowly walk away, bewailing the fate that played such a trick on three of optometry's most promising men (one loud razz.)

The scene ends amid boos, bronx cheers and cat calls, and everyone

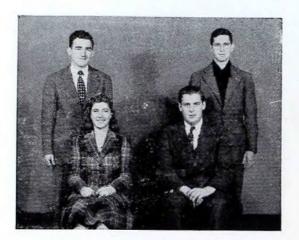
heads for the nearest straight jacket.

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# **Concerning Juniors**



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Vice President, Robert Lippin
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Sergeant-at-Arms, John Collins

Due to the conditions which the war had forced upon us, the Junior year was comparatively uneventful, but in the future when we look back we shall remember that Bob Bianchi, Lenny Cohen, Art Cowan, Larry Dimmick, Jack Flodin, Jim Newman, Norman Pansey, Herman Pollock, John Reardon, Dick Wells, Lenny Wolfson, Dave Yorra and Larry Young have left our ranks to assume duties in Uncle Sam's ranks. Our best wishes to this fine group of men.

Nelson F. Waldman



JUNIOR CLASS

First Row: Steinberg, Volovick, Collins, Lippin, Waldman, Caton, Urdang, Veaner Second Row: Kofos, Scanlon, L. Cohen, Kates, Rubin, Dubois, D. Cohen, Goldenberg Third Row: Bershad, Cowan, Beloff, Whelan, Bickmore, Rossen, Yorra

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# **Concerning Sophomores**



CLASS OFFICERS

President, Roland De Cesare

Vice President, Anthony Iacovelli

Secretary, Charles Seidel

Treasurer, Irving Greenblatt

Sergeant-at-Arms, Raymond Ross

The Sophomore class which consisted of approximately thirty students at the beginning of the year has now dwindled down to a mere seventeen. We wish to offer our sincere wishes for quick promotions and best of health to those members of our class who are now in the armed forces of Uncle Sam. Because of lack of space I can not mention every member of the Sophomore class, but in closing our year we will always remember such important sayings as: 'Tis Impossible – Orto Feri; In the water! – Namias; Victor has now spoken – Victor; and say it again – Virginia Dare.

Roland De Cesare



#### SOPHOMORE CLASS

First Row: Gollinger, Miller, Greenblatt, Seidel, De Cesare, Iacovelli, Ross, Woolf,

Second Row: Vacca, Jernazian, Greenberg, Epstein, Danielian, Golub, Naeun, Saul,

Josephson

Third Row: Feri, Dolloff, Smith, Landall, Pomykala, Minsky, Schlosberg, Corrigan,

Kahanovsky

# **Concerning Freshmen**



CLASS OFFICERS

President, Thomas Baker
Vice President, Milton Braveman
Secretary, Anna Fonseca
Treasurer, Leon Ginsburg

Just a few short weeks before entering the portals of M. S. O. we were the masters of all we surveyed. We had reached the peak of the academic hill and there paused for a brief time to view our immediate surroundings. Off in the distance was another hill. One that appeared much steeper than the last but with much greener pastures at the crest. Without hesitation the climb was started and once again we were lowly Freshmen.

It goes without saying that we wish the best for the graduating class. Vale seniors! it was nice seeing you around sometime.

Thomas A. Baker



#### FRESHMAN CLASS

Front Row: Iventash, Gumner, Demb, Ginsberg, Braveman, Baker, Fonseca, Gabriel,

Fuschetti, Heyman, Marcus, Smith

Second Row: Frutkin, Taylor, Haragan, Cogan, Nahigian, MacDonald, Kagan, Rosenbloom,

Steinberg, Dydek, Kozol

Third Row: Cerel, Gorin, Woolf, Greenstein, Haley, Richmond, Seidel, Fritz, Dupuis, Di Maruro

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# Omega Epsilon Phi

#### **OFFICERS**

President, CLINTON WILSON
Vice President, JOHN QUINN
Rec. Secretary, JOSEPH McDERMOTT
Corr. Secretary, JOSEPH CRAVEN
Treasurer, ROBERT KEFFERSTAN



The Omega Epsilon Phi Fraternity was formed in answer to a need for a non-sectarian fraternity at the school of optometry at Columbia University in 1919. The charter members realized that an organization which would transcend the bounds of race, color, and creed could promote the cause of optometry by encouraging the study of its principles and problems and by striving for higher ethical and educational standards within the profession.

This is the third year of the Zeta Chapter of Omega Epsilon Phi and time to review its growth and history. The Zeta Chapter is proud of its record and the association it has with the other chapters of the fraternity: such as the Alpha Chapter at Columbia University, the Beta Chapter of Rochester University, the Gamma Chapter at Northern Illinois College of Optometry, the Delta Chapter at Southern College of Optometry, the Epsilon Chapter at Los Angeles School of Optometry, and the Eta Chapter at Ohio State University. With the other chapters this national fraternity is now the largest optometric fraternity in the country.

The Zeta Chapter has held five seperate initiations since March 31, 1941 and has now over fifty members. The graduate members number over thirty and most of these men are now in the service.

This year we held not only our initiation banquets but had the pleasure to present a talk on "Poloroid" by Mr. Joseph Morris of The American Optical Company. These talks by prominent men in optics and optometry are open to the entire student body.

The members of Zeta Chapter have pledged themselves to carry on the work of the many prominent optometric figures in the fraternity and to assure the student body of Massachusetts School of Optometry a well balanced list of lectures for many years to come. In view of the present national conditions there will be few social functions for the duration. The organization will remain a truly professional one.

The freshmen of the school are not eligible for membership but they may look forward to taking active part during their sophomore, junior and senior years. The reason for this ruling is obvious. The fraternity is made

up of professional men and therefore it must be very careful in its choice of new members. By the time a man has completed his freshmen year he is in a better position to decide the type of fraternity he wants to be associated with, and the fraternity has had a year to decide if the man will be a credit to the organization.

The new officers for the year 1943-44 have recently been elected. In these able hands we seniors leave the fraternity:

President – J. Scanlon
Vice President – J. Whelan
Treasurer – J. Collins
Recording Secretary – R. Landall
Corresponding Secretary – M. Kofos

For those of us that are graduating, the fraternity has definitely been of a great help. A body of men acting for the benefit of each other rather than themselves is just the training a professional man needs before entering his field.

The men who have been associated with a fraternity are in a better position to help the profession itself by actively belonging to its national and local associations. Here we pledge that Zeta Chapter will back the American Optometric Association one hundred per cent.

Joseph E. McDermott



OMEGA EPSILON PHI

First Row: Thornton, Vaniotis, Craven, Kefferstan, Wilson, McDermott, Quinn, Kahnovsky

Second Row: Kofos, Poulos, Scanlon, Turner, Graubart, Saul Third Row: Collins, Nicolosi, Smith, Landall, Whelan, Meyers, Gates

#### Pi Omicron Sigma

#### OFFICERS

Grand Chancellor, Dr. Ralph H. Green
Chancellor, Bernard Issokson
V. Chancellor, Robert Kraus
Scribe, Arthur Veaner
Treasurer, Irving Fradkin
Sergeant-at-Arms, Robert Lippin



This year Pi Omicron Sigma celebrated its thirtieth anniversary as the oldest optometric fraternity in the United States. Thirty years ago a group of students at this school decided that a well rounded education consisted of a combination of academic work and social life. For the latter purpose Pi Omicron Sigma was created. Today we can boast of a membership of twelve hundred members — men who have made outstanding contributions to the world.

We have just passed through a trying year – a year of drafting, and rationing; we have taken this trying year in our stride and are now prepared to face the future; we have succeeded in our efforts, increased our membership, had better and bigger social functions – yes, we had rough spots and it was an unphill fight but we have tried, and succeeded; we now face our thirty-first year!

The year started off in May due to our speeded up school program. A weenie roast was held at Riverside. Remember a smoky fireplace, weiners and greensticks, canoes piled up by the fire, and gals all around? Who can forget? Well, the year was off to a good start!

June brought a record hop where jitterbugs could contort to their heart's content. The best bands were on hand for the jam, the session being provided by the brothers and their dates. Besides, after this night, school adjournd for six weeks.

Months of careful planning finally bore fruit with our successful formal dance at the Hotel Sheraton. What an event! — stiff shirts, bow ties, corsages, gowns, good music, everywhere a smiling face to match the festive occasion.

Since the freshman class began in September, we held our smoker with almost a quarter of our year past. The smoker is held with the main purpose of investigating prospective members whom we consider worthy to be brothers. Smoke and laughter weren't rationed that night. Past members attended and recounted their experiences in the fraternity to the future members. A note of sadness and yet one of pleasure was struck that night. One frater in the

armed services told of the thrill he recevied when he met a brother of his. He had been in a strange town, no friends, and just the mere fact of meeting a brother brought home the lesson of fraternalism which we strive to create—and do! We then resumed a more frivolous attitude and a successful evening was concluded.

October, that month so dear to every frater, the month of Hell Week, Initiation Night, and the Poverty Party. It is with a slight smile and a sigh that we recollect sixteen pledges cavorting and paying homage to us when only a year or two before we were in the identical position. Thanks to the presence of Dr. Spritz no casualties were incurred and all pledges came through in good order. Then the Poverty Party on Halloween eve! The price of admission was a penny a pound and many a man sighed as he doled out his admission fee! Now and then the band could be heard above the laughter of the throng. Prizes were awarded for the slimmest and fattest girls, the best costumes, best dances and the judges decisions were *final*. Music was supplied by a band dressed as hill billies. Gas rationing was in effect so patriotic members went parking after the dance.

Elections were held for 1943-1944 with the following results: Chancellor, Nelson F. Waldman; Vice Chancellor, Arthur Veaner; Scribe, Robert Lippin, Treasurer, Richard B. Urdang; Sargeant at Arms, Daniel Cohen.

Arthur Veaner



#### PI OMICRON SIGMA

First Row: Rosenbloom, Cerel, Goren, Jernazian, Frutkin, Gumner, Josephson, Kozol Second Row: Greenstein, Lippin, Fradkin, Issokson, Dr. Green, Kraus, Veaner, Greenblatt, Miller

Third Row: Ginsburg, Bershad, Volovik, Ross, Epstein, Goldenberg, Rubin, I. Woolf, Bloom, Gollinger, M. Woolf

Fourth Row: De Cesare, Neiman, Waldman, Yorra, Heyman, Danielian, Golub, Urdang, Cohen, Cogan, Richmond

#### **Epsilon Omicron Sigma**



President, Arnelda Levine
Vice President, Evelyn Adler
Secretary-Treasurer, Amelia Caton
Eleanor Fuschetti
Anna Fonseca
Winifred Demb

Gone are the days when women were mere ornaments of beauty; gone are the days when her only thoughts were "to comfort and command". The "weaker" sex is a thing of the past – today the wheels of progress are kept in motion by feminine hands – hands that are sturdy and capable.

The war front is under the control of the men; the home front — the women. Agriculture, industry, medicine, optometry, etc. — all these are not suffering but on the contrary, progressing rapidly and since they have proved their ability in all phases of work vital to the war effort, the ultimate end can only be victory.

Arnelda Levine

#### **Optometry Club**

The Optometry Club, the honor society of Massachusetts School of Optometry, has now been in existence for eight years. The organization was founded by Dr. Paul Cline who has been the faculty adviser since that time.

The Optometry Club is comprised of those students who have maintained an average of 85 per cent or better in their subjects, as well as being complete in all laboratory and clinical work. But high marks are not the sole criteria, the student must also show such qualities as coöperation, leadership and good character.

The Optometry Club in the past scholastic year has sponsored two lectures which were open to students outside of the organization.

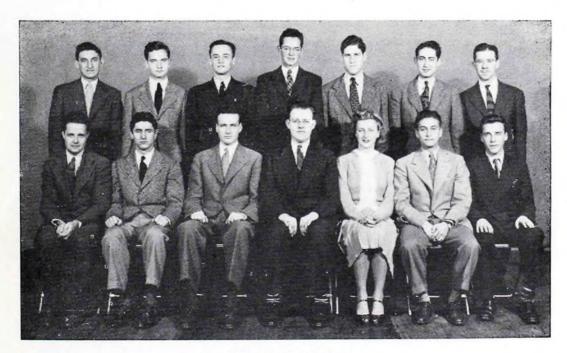
The first was a lecture concerned with visual rehabilitation in cases of slightly subnormal visual acuity and color blindness. The lecturer was Dr. William Smith of Boston.

Our second lecture was concerned with the fitting of contact lenses. The speaker was Mr. Henry Tilton from the Contact Lens Service.

Both lectures were enjoyed by all who attended and the information which was gained is still stimulating conversations.

The Senior members of the Optometry Club are: *President*, Clinton Wilson; *Secretary*, Arnelda Levine; *Treasurers*, John Quinn, Louis Vaniotis and Saul Silverstein.

Clinton Wilson



OPTOMETRY CLUB

First Row: Bickmore, Vaniotis, Quinn — Treasurer, Wilson — President, Levine — Secretary, Greenblatt, Veaner

Second Row: Iacovelli, Kates, Yorra, Seidel, Cowan, Rossen, Silverstein

Grandma used to buy her specs from a big city Mail-Order house. Bold claims were made for mail-order specs, and bargain prices prevailed. There was no eye examination, no fitting. It was the day of fit-yourself.



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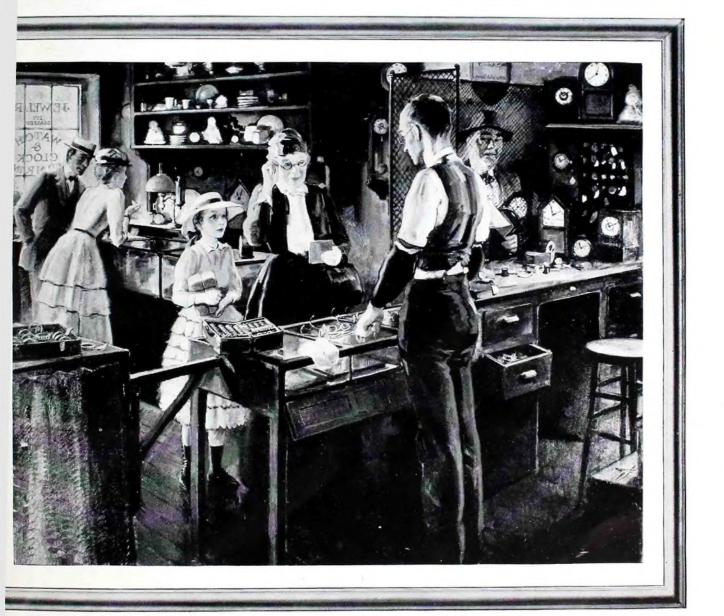
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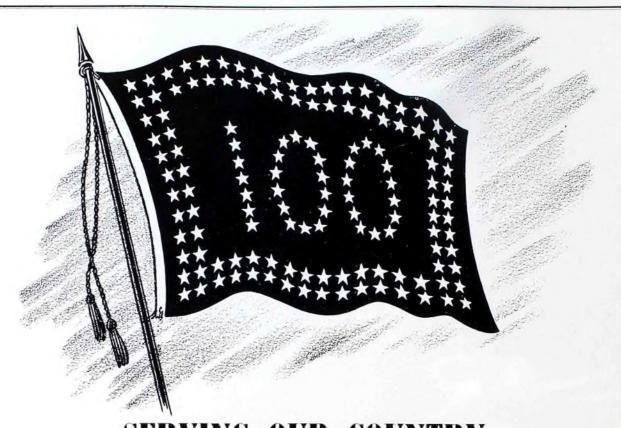


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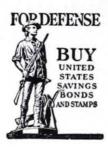
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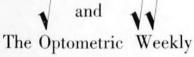
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