

# A Golden year for E. A. Hall School



Part of the first graduating class of school poses on front steps.

## Watsonville school plans 50th birthday celebration

This is a big year for students, teachers and alumni of E. A. Hall School, which opened its doors to its first pupils 50 years ago. It was built (at a breathtaking cost of \$175,000) in 1938 and named after Edward A. Hall, a Watsonville Realtor and a member of the school board.

The formal birthday party will be held Sunday at the school, beginning at 2 p.m. Ed Hall, grandson of E. A. and a former student, will be on hand to reminisce about his grandfather.

At least one of the two original teachers still living, Irene Strazicich (the second is Velma Waugaman Allen), will also attend the ceremonies. Miss Strazicich taught

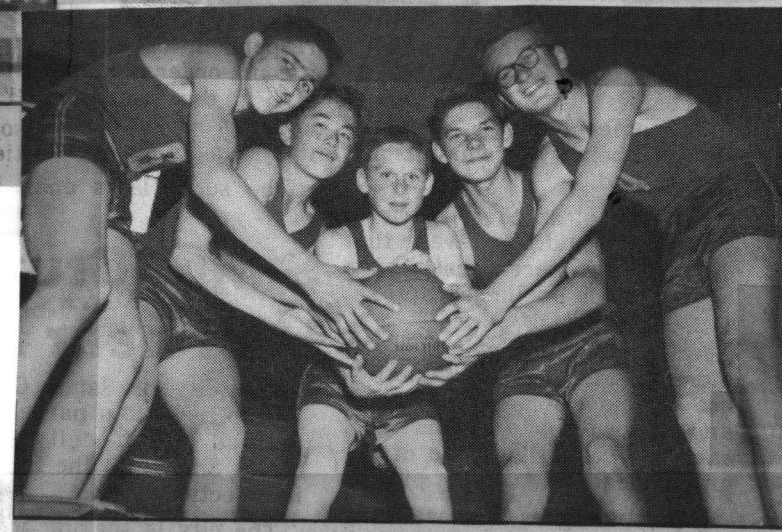
at the school until 1968 and recalls that her yearly salary in the beginning was \$1,300.

In its early years, students wrote articles for the "Hall Crier" — such as those that appear on this page — that appeared regularly in the Register-Pajaronian.

The program Sunday will include an outdoor ceremony at which several presentations will be made, musical selections by the school band and tours of classrooms and of the new science building.

The public is welcome and refreshments will be served.

E. A. Hall is now a "middle school" for students in the sixth-through-eighth grades.



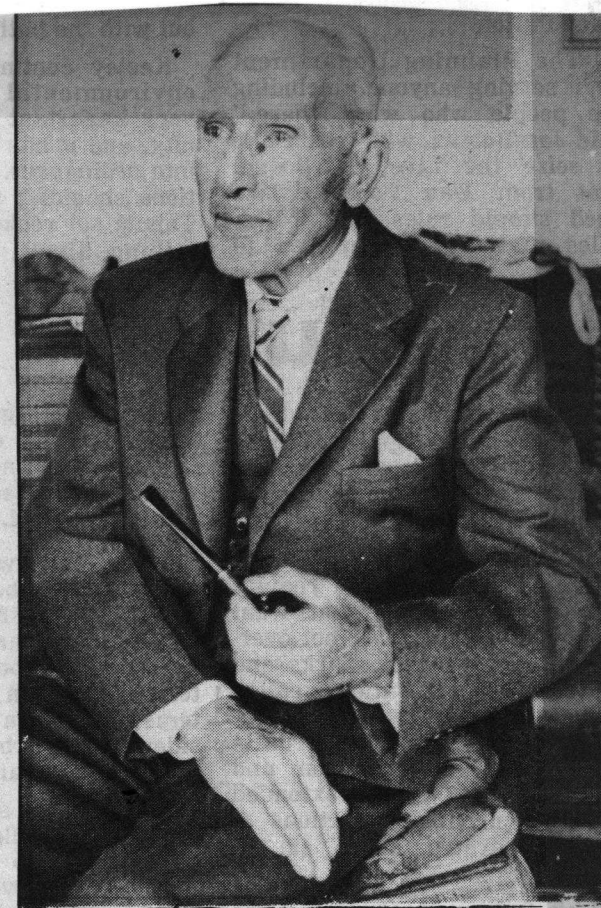
Champion basketball team, 1956.

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*Edward A. Hall*

Last year, students celebrated the Constitution's Bicentennial in front of school.

# "THE HALL CRIER"

December 16, 1938

## BEVERLY BARE EDITORIAL

Our staff is still increasing by leaps and bounds. The newest addition is Betty Skillicorn.

Every room in our school (even the halls) smell of Christmas. You know that smell, don't you? That of evergreen and every other Christmas plant. All you hear is buzz-buzz, and the halls are ringing with Christmas carols. We add our Merry Christmas along with all the rest.

## CHRISTMAS TREE

Betty Skillicorn

The halls of our school are adorned with a beautiful tree brought by Allison Rider, a pupil of Miss Uren's class. Miss Uren is in charge of our Christmas program and the decoration of the tree. The pupils of her class decorated it with ornaments brought by some of the teachers and pupils. The tree stands in the hall just outside of the assembly hall.

## CHRISTMAS CHEER

Joan Solari

This week all of the children are trying to bring food to school that will keep. No, it isn't for themselves. It will be put into baskets and given the needy for Christmas. Nearly all of the children have been real givers of Christmas cheer.

## WEEKEND TRIPS

Betty Skillicorn

This last weekend saw many of our teachers out to enjoy themselves. Miss Flores, Miss Strazich and Miss Winter went to Carmel. They had dinner at the Blue Bird and then attended a concert. Miss Waugaman was also in Carmel while Miss Uren and Mrs. Atteridge enjoyed a ride to Monterey, Carmel and the Seventeen Mile Drive.

Mrs. Solari was in San Francisco over the weekend doing some shopping and visiting Treasure Island. Miss Hunter was also in the city and visited the fair site.

Miss Jasper went to her home in San Jose on Friday night. A birthday dinner was given for her. She returned to Watsonville on Sunday.

Here's Miss Kelly's room. They have a lovely tree, too, and what a nice Christmas scene with snow and everything. And here is Mrs. Regan's room with a lovely scene on the table with Santa Claus, his sled and reindeers. In front of the room is the Christmas tree.

Well, I have to go now. Toodle-  
Doo.

## OUR PENNANT'S IN SIGHT

Helen Niemann

Our candy sale is over and we find we have \$14 profit. We can now have our long-looked-for pennant. It will cost \$12.70. That leaves \$1.30 with which we hope to purchase Howard Pease's new book "Jungle River" for the library.

## CHRISTMAS ASSEMBLY

Helen Niemann

Deck the hall with boughs of Holly... the happy event is nearly here. Friday afternoon we will have our Christmas program.

Children taking part in the play "Once in Bethlehem," are Richard Lindsay, Ronald Marrington, Harry Meyers, Tommy Rosewell, Mark Matulich, Charles Sambrallo, Vincent Spikula, Dick Beazell, Bonita Hayett, Patricia Shea, Calvin Babcock, Jimmy Parker.

Also Edward Hall, Louis Resettar, Allison Rider, Clyde Herr, John Lawrence, Ruth Porter, Ann Jensen, Jean Marie Tugel, Dick Lynn, Florence Boasso, Wanda Stepick, Carolee Rodgers, Alice Martinelli, Mary Elizabeth Wilson, Mary Spikula, Joan Solari and Geraldine Friend.

The orchestra will play a Christmas medley which I am sure we will all enjoy.

All the glee clubs, both boys and girls, will sing. The songs "Silent Night," "Oh, Come All Ye Faithful," and "Shake Off Your Drowsy Sleep." Isn't that a grand program?

## EDWARD A. HALL SCHOOL

Presents

## "THE BAND WAGON"

A Musical Comedy in 2 Acts

Thursday, March 30, 1939

TIME—8:00 P. M.

ADMISSION 25c



December, 1, 1938

# "THE HALL CRIER"

BEVERLY BARE

## "THE TEACHER'S WEEK-END"

By HELEN NIEMANN

Would you like to have a glimpse of what the E. A. Hall teachers did after they finished school last week? Well, here goes. Miss Flores spent a nice quiet week-end at home as she was simply exhausted. Miss Strazich went to Oakland and then to San Francisco where she had an especially nice time at the zoo with her little niece. Miss Hunter spent a day or so in San Jose and the rest of her time at home.

Miss Jefsen enjoyed her week-end in San Francisco and Mrs. Regan at home. Miss Atteridge enjoyed her housework at her home. Miss Murphy visited San Jose and Miss Zmudowski enjoyed her Thanksgiving week-end at home very much. Miss Waugaman visited Salinas and San Francisco.

Miss Jasper went to San Jose where she enjoyed the Childhood Education association meeting. Miss O'Keefe enjoyed her ride to her home in San Mateo and later she visited in San Francisco. Miss Uren and Mrs. Solari spent the time at their homes. Miss Kelley went to Gilroy.

## INTERRUPTIONS, SPECIALTY

Here lately our band has been breaking up Physical Education and has been horning in on the glee clubs. Just try to sing "Silent Night" with a band playing a march at the same time you're singing. We're proud of it though. It is going to be played in the Kid-dies' Christmas parade and Wednesday night they played for the Scouts Court of Honor. Congratulations. Keep up the good work.

## THE CHRISTMAS PARADE

Nearly two hundred of our pupils have been planning to enter the Christmas parade. Some have spent their prize money already. They are entering every division and are making big plans for floats, elaborate decorations for their bicycles. Well, this column is wishing every entrant luck.

## EDITORIAL

Did anybody enjoy Thanksgiving? I know the pupils of our school did. We hope you missed our column. As you may notice, we have a new reporter. She's Helen Neimann, a permanent member of the staff now. I'll see you next week. Goodbye.

## "CLASS PICTURES"

"Watch the birdie." From that saying you must know that we're having our pictures taken. The photographer is Mr. Powhatan, who works for Mr. Clark of the Clark studios. We do not have to have them. When we go to have them taken, everybody rushes for the back of the room. However, that's soon remedied.

## GYMNASIUM EQUIPMENT

We have in our school a nice gymnasium which has never been put to the use for which it was built. Now it is a different story. The school board has announced that we are to have basketball equipment. Are we happy? You bet we are.



Irene Strazich, original teacher