

High School Classes

The students, having passed through the primary and middle schools, on entering Standard VIII, are now in High School. Their goal is to become seniors and pass their high school finals—either matriculation or General Certificate of Education examinations.

Most of the seniors are prefects, and they take their responsibilities seriously. They are a great help in keeping discipline throughout the whole school and in helping the young ones, who want to grow up and become prefects someday too.

The High School consists of the eighth, ninth and tenth standards, and it has an enrollment of 210 students this year.

There are three eighth standard classes—Standards VIII A, VIII B and VIII C.

The latter two are Burma matriculation classes composed of those scholars who have passed the Government's seventh standard examinations. Mrs. Rodgers and Mrs. Evans are the class teachers who get them ready for the crucial year in IX B, where Daw Ma Ma Gyi has the responsibility of seeing the class through the matric exams every March.

High school preparation for G.C.E. exams begins in Standard VIII A under the supervision of the class teacher, Mrs. Hein Tin. From her class they move up to Miss Charity Thein's IX A, and then a final year in Standard X under the watchful eye of Miss Irene Rosair, right up through the stiff examination schedule at the British Council headquarters in Rangoon each November.

Then the matric students, who finished several months earlier, come back in December to join their old schoolmates of the G.C.E. class, for the climax of the year—a joint graduation ceremony when everyone is in a holiday mood just before Christmas.

By Patricia Barnett

STANDARD IX A:

JOLLY AND DIPLOMATIC

By Cynthia Sahgal

STANDARD IX A, left to right, first row, Lillian Solomon, Annette Jenkins, Penny Po Saw, Marina Pereira, Deborah Benjamin, Sheileagh Sarin; Second row, Walter Chen, Jacqueline Gill, Miss Thein, teacher; Cynthia Sahgal, Leslie Mitchell; third row, Luck Leong Wu, Joe Martin, Robin Soorty, Keith Oakeshott, Peter Mclean, Donald Samban; Absent, Nuzhat Ahmedi, Winston Renn, Aniceto Arce, Dora Draviam.



Our class has been dubbed as the jolliest class, much to the vexation of all our teachers. The girls and boys are about even in number, and we all have a marvellous time.

Our class and mathematics teacher, Miss Thein, says we can be the best class when we want to be. Miss Rosair, our English teacher, gets quite desperate with our numerous careless mistakes. Life for us is kept interesting by our science master, Mr. Shields, who takes us on numerous excursions. The second language teachers seem quite satisfied with their pupils.

We think ourselves a very good mixture, not only in temperament, but in nationality and creed. We have Buddhists, Catholics, Protestants, Jews, Muslims and Hindus in our class, and agree that this helps us to learn to be social and diplomatic.

Beginning with the girls, we have the studious three—Lillian, Nuzhat and Annette; the musically-minded Debbie and Sheileagh; Jacky, our spirited athlete; the chemistry enthusiasts, Dora and Penny, and finally, a combination of all the rest, the “Siamese twins,” Marina and Cynthia.

Next, the boys—the maths genius, Donald; our physics encyclopedia, Leslie; taciturn Tuck and Winston; the photographer, Walter; our geography expert, Peter; Robin, the poet; Keith, the mystery lover; Joe, our future naval engineer, and South American Aniceto.

This affords quite a variety—don’t you think? I, the taller of the “Siamese twins” and eccentric reporter, overheard some passing remarks about our class: “Our class enjoys its youth.”

“We are a friendly set.”

None of us would ever wish to exchange our class for any other in the M.E.H.S.

Our classroom, being situated at the corner of the top floor, is most secluded and cut off from the other classes, hence we can study peacefully and attentively for the forthcoming matriculation examination of which our class teacher, Daw Ma Ma Gyi, is always reminding us. Although she scolds us often, we know that she always means well.

The class consists of 35 students—19 girls and 16 boys. Nine take pure arts plus general science as a third optional subject. The rest of us take pure science. Most of the science pupils take additional mathematics as a third optional, of which they are proud, since theirs is the first class to have this subject as an optional.

Our science students, mostly boys, are very mischievous but extremely brainy and ambitious, since they hope to become some of the first nuclear scientists of Burma! They are not only planning to be sons of nuclear science but also are commercially minded, as they prepared "M.E.H.S. Spink, Laboratory tested Super Ink" as well as plant food in our school science lab and sold their products with great success at our annual Fun Fair.

Although the pure arts pupils took no part in the preparation of these "science" products, they were as enthusiastic and excited about the sale at the Fair as we were and looked forward to its success as much as we did.

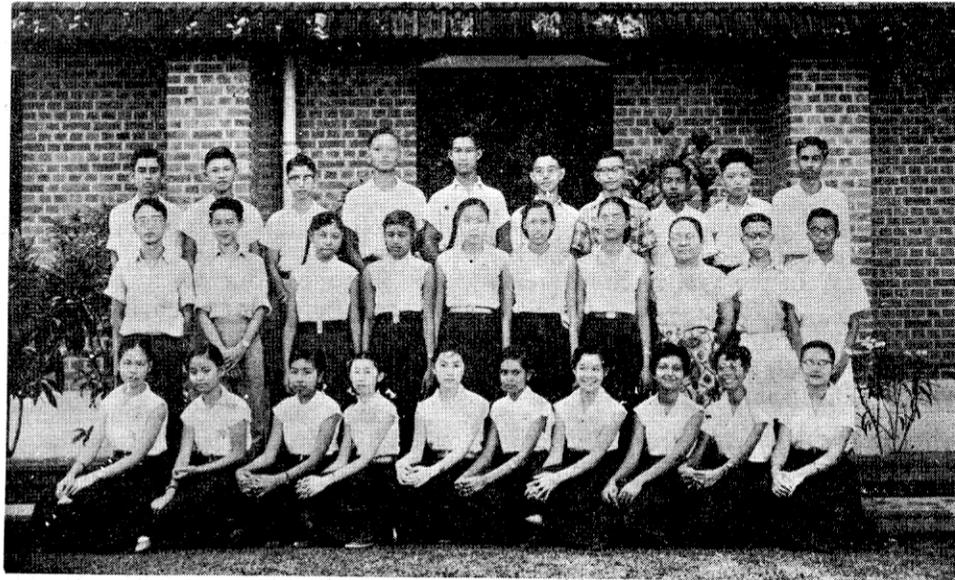
The excitement of the year's activities have died down, and now we are settling down and working industriously during the remaining term in school, studying diligently to pass our examinations and reflect credit upon our school by bringing about better results than the previous years.

STANDARD IX B:

Ambitious Thirty-Five

By Maureen Lal

STANDARD IX B, *left to right, first row, May Saw Lwin, Rosie Tan, Pearl Ba Tin, Diana Hmein, Dolly Chan, Maureen Lal, Nellie Liu, Colleen Lal, Muriel Kin Maung, Gloria Hengshoon; second row, Eugene Thaike, Sydney Lim, Minnie Ohn, Anne Nyun, Molly Hone, Sylvia Swe, Esme Chan Htoon, Daw Ma Ma Gyi, teacher, Neville Gywe, Keith Cho; third row, Edward Tun Shwe, Harry Taw, Bertie Aye, Melvyn Lynn, Alwin Tun Tin, Henry Kyaw Sein, Peter Ba San, Melvin Ba Tin, Henry Chen, Stanley Aung; absent, Adeline Ong, Betty Ong, Robert Ong, Sandra Khin, Louisa Benson, Edward Htaik.*





STANDARD VIII A. *left to right, first row, Pamela D'Castro, Louise Chamarette, Phyllis Maule, Blossom Goff, Marika Barrington, Lily Yuan, Bhanti Jaitka, Surree Subhayon; second row, James Liu, Winston Hitchcock (deceased November 10, 1956) Tim Montaut, Michael Ling, Munjit Dugal, Roberto Arce, Winston Dadswell, Roland Liu, Mrs. Hein Tin, teacher; third row, Errol Ong, Michael Ezekiel, Leslie Grubert, Paul Tan, David Moultrie, Robert Barnett, Kenneth Zaw Win, Derek Webster, Shu Yee Wong; absent, Keith Cannon.*

Ladies and gentleman, step right in and allow us to introduce you to some of the "artistes" in the VIII A circus arena.

In this corner, excited cheering hails the Samsons of our class, working hard at muscle building. They will probably make headline news in years to come.

Beside them is a group of chattering socialites, discussing a school party of the previous night. So engrossed is this happy group, that they little realize they have been selected as targets by the experienced peanut-pitchers, who are

practising this illegal sport in the booth next door.

We move on to a quieter section, where our eyes first alight on the mathematics "professors" gravely pondering Pythagoras and literal equation problems. A few steps to the right, our geography students are embarking on a world tour, on the magic carpet of the geography books, while the vivid descriptions of the Napoleonic wars have launched our historians into that dramatic period.

Bang! Crash! What's that? Oh! It's only the science wizards experimenting.

IN MEMORIAM

Winston Hitchcock, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. H. Hitchcock, met with a swimming accident and was drowned while on an outing at Inya Lake on Saturday, November 10, 1956. He was a member of Standard VIII A class and a student of the G.C.E. curriculum. He had attended this school since 1951 and is sadly missed by his teachers and classmates. His younger brothers and sister in this school are Raymond and Terence and Victoria Hitchcock.

STANDARD VIII A:

"Artistes" in the Arena

By Louise Chamarette,
Marika Barrington,
and Lily Yuan

Not negelected are the arts of music and acting. In this last booth, we find our singers going over the familiar carols which they broadcast over the Burma Broadcasting System on Christmas Eve.

In the farthest corner a small group are kneeling around the Mikado, who is repeating the fearful threats that terrified his doomed subjects into giving a good performance, and so winning the first prize in the elocution contest.

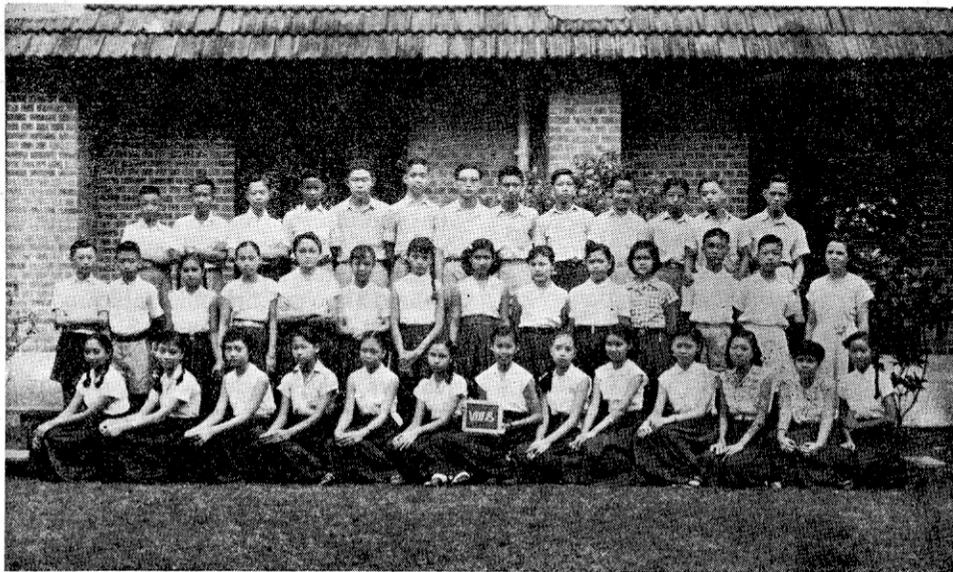
Peering around the corner, we observe our proud but frustrated prefects, vainly trying to keep order.

STANDARD VIII B:

Some Discovery !

By Marjorie San Che,
Anna May Chain, and
Ying Ying Thaike

STANDARD VIII B, *left to right, first row, Margaret Gale, Betty Kyin, Marjorie San Che, Betty Tin Maung, Gladys Set, Daphne Pe Win, Toni Kaing, Khan Than Tin, Joy Tay, Noreen Chwa, June Chan, Hedy Hla Pe, Trixie Lim Bin; second row, George San, Michael Hline, Julia Ohn Kyine, Lily Sein, Ying Ying Thaike, Kitty Nyunt, Mary Lat, Marian Patail, Shirley Manson, Elizabeth Gywe, Anna May Chain, Victor Nyunt, Alan Tun Shein, Mrs. Rodgers, teacher; third row, Desmond Shain, Maurice Saulsman, Reggie Han, Maung Myint Thein, Winston Lee, Patrick Khin Maung Pyu, Peter Ong, Richard Aung, Charles Gale, George Win, Roland Oung Sein, Henry Gywe, Sydney Sein Saing; absent, George San, Dorothy Low, Winnie Sein Chaw.*



It would be impossible to introduce you to the 42 different personalities which make up our class.

The girls and boys are active participants in various games such as netball, basketball and badminton. We also look forward to our P.T. classes where we enjoy ourselves playing healthy out-of-door games.

Many of us showed our musical abilities during the Christmas party our class held on the last day of school before the holidays. We had a lively time dancing the Virginia Reel and other square dances. The music was provided by the boys, and the food by the girls.

We invited our teachers and the Principal to the party and entertained them. We also sang greetings to the other classes. We really had a wonderful time.

A number of pupils from our class took part in the Nativity Play at Christmastide. Shy and modest Shirley Manson took the part of Mary, while Winston Lee made an imposing Eastern King. Marjorie San Che, popularly known as "Our Marge," took part in the choir, while mischievous Anna May Chain had the part of an angel. The boys, Desmond Shain and Maurice Saulsman, enjoyed playing the roles of shepherds.

The Boy Scouts from our class took part in welcoming His Imperial Majesty, Haile Selassie, the Emperor of Ethiopia, to Rangon.

The Girl Guides from our class took part in the Independence Day Parade and helped to serve at the President's Garden Party.

N.B.—Our class has made a momentous discovery equivalent to that of Columbus! We have discovered that teachers are very pleasant people.

Happy Having Friends

By Kyi May Kaung

STANDARD VIII C, *left to right, first row, Barbara Bomanjee, Ma Win Yee, Bunny de Santos, June Taw, Emily Ba Aye, Elizabeth Yone Mo, Popsy Gale, Harriet Hla Bu, Kyi May Kaung, Alveera Hla Maung, Naseem Ariff; second row, Jimmy Ong, Mavis Than, Elizabeth Soe Maung, Winnie Tun Tin, Lily Ong, Irene Than, Shirley Aye, Anna Chen, Tin Tin Aye, Florence Ba, Loretta Lal, Kyaw Kyaw Shane, James Sein Pe, Colin Ba Shin, Mrs. Evans, teacher; third row, Wilson Nyun, Hoosain Ariff, Saw Jonathan Benson, Ashok Nath, Derek Ong, Richard Lim, Harry Chew, Winston Ba Glay, Ronnie Bomanjee, David Ba Htay, Ronnie Mitchell, Winston Tu Maung, Albert Lao; absent, Iris Chit Pe, Arthur Chit.*



This is our first year in high school, and we are trying to work and behave like high school pupils. We hope to matriculate next year, so we are usually—not always—attentive in class.

Occasionally the boys say amusing things and send us into convulsions of laughter, in which our teachers sometimes join. They are good-natured, kind and teach us well, and for their sakes we must do our best in the exams to come.

Most of the members of our class take physics and chemistry with additional maths, aspiring to become doctors, architects and engineers.

There are only eight of us who do geography and history with general science as an optional subject. It is good to learn science, but history and geography are also very thrilling when one learns about other countries and their people's ways of life, so different from ours.

Our first term's work was mainly academic. The second term was more eventful, and we enjoyed it, partly because we had fewer lessons and homework to do.

On the seventh of December, three girls and five boys from our class were sworn in as prefects by Dr. Hollister.

On the fifteenth of December, graduation exercises were held, and many of our classmates took part as angels and shepherds in the Christmas tableaux.

A few days later, we held our class party. We decorated the room with colourful streamers, played games and persuaded our teachers to join us for a grand feast. We all had a wonderful time.

It does give happiness to have many, many friends, and now I think I understand why lonely people are so morose and unhappy.