

# HISTORY

The history of our Mount Zion can be traced back to 1777, but one history, the history of the class of 1952, began just a short time ago--in 1948.

As we write the last chapter of our school life, we pause here on the eve of our graduation and glance back on the days we have spent at the "light on the hill."

How well we remember that first year of our high school days. Young, frightened, and very green, we began our journey through Mount Zion. 1947-1948----yes, that was the year. Initiation--we had it. The boys were required to wear girls' dresses, shoes, and stockings; the girls were required to wear mens' pants and shoes; no bobbie pins could be worn in their hair. We can still see each other walking around, with the girls' hair hanging in their faces--and we recall the boys' shapely legs. We were scared stiff and afraid to move for fear one of the lords of the upper classes would report us to our ruler, Mr. Price.

1948-1949----That year we began to really grow up. Mingling with members of different clubs and becoming acquainted with the more difficult subjects like Latin and citizenship was easy for us and we enjoyed every minute of it.

1949-1950----Our fun continued. We were really going places. Lower classmen began to recognize us. In football our class was beginning one of the greatest histories of Mount Zion.

In the spring, the girls received a taste of the Junior-Senior Banquet. We had the pleasure of serving the Juniors and Seniors.

1950-1951----The next year we became jolly juniors. We had our noses in everything. There was plenty of work as well as play. Our class officers were Leon Hunt, president; Junior Stevenson, vice-president; Jeanette Watson, secretary; and Colleen Dean, treasurer. With their help, we gave our big Sweetheart Ball to help raise money for our long awaited Junior-Senior Banquet. Shortly after this, our play, "Seventeenth Summer," was a huge success.

Finally, the evening arrived when we played host at the annual Junior-Senior Banquet. We were on our toes, hoping and praying that our guests would like our Hawaiian theme as much as we did.

We enjoyed many things that year. Some of us became Beta Club members and attended the wonderful convention in Columbia. Others attended Mental Contests. All of us received our class rings, and some served as marshals at graduation.

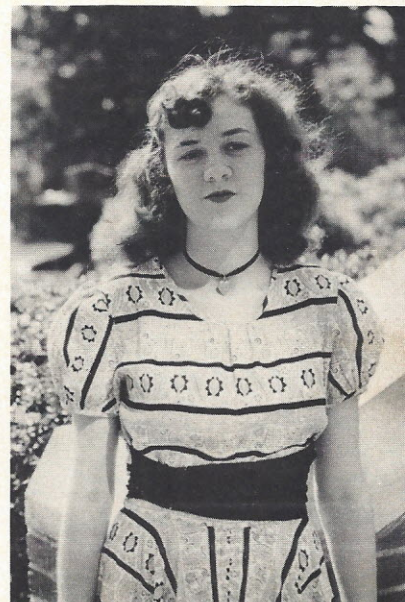
1951-1952----This year we were serious seniors. It hardly seemed possible. As we look back over this year, we remember our football season. It was a wonderful season for us. Never before in the history of Mount Zion had our teams beaten our two rivals, Chester and Olympia both in the same year. But we did. What excitement!

There were many in our class who received honors. Among these were Arthur Martin, our student body president, who played in the Shine Bowl and who received one of the George F. Baker Scholarships. Mary Ann Meng became "Miss High Miss" and Virginia Ruth Davis became "Miss D.A.R." Colleen Dean, Gena Fant, and Arthur Martin have been chosen as our graduation speakers. How proud we are of them.

Included in this seniority was the honor of playing guests at a beautiful Junior-Senior Banquet, "Hitch your Wagon to a Star," and the enjoyment of producing our class play, "The Little Minister."

Well, it is almost over. On Tuesday, May 27, 1952, we will reach the end of our journey. It has been a happy journey---one we can never forget---our journey through Mount Zion High School.

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*"Thinking of the days that are no more."*