

# Foreword

On September 7, 1937 twelve hundred lucky students entered the halls of an unnamed building. With them came Mr. Harry H. Seidel as principal, Mr. Norman B. Dee as assistant principal, thirty-six teachers, and two clerks. These were the pioneers who would choose the name *Southwest* for their high school, green and gold as their school colors, "Enter to learn; go forth to serve" as the school motto. They would set the high scholastic standards and establish the many traditions which today we cherish.

Time passes quickly. Southwest, originally built as an academic high school, now is building an addition for its flourishing practical arts activities. Driver Training, Home Care of the Sick, Psychology, American Problems, Radio Workshop, and Publications are among the newer subjects which have broadened our curriculum.

Time, too, has changed the personnel of the school. Of the thirty-six original faculty members only twelve remain of a faculty that now has sixty-nine persons. Two principals have come and gone since the days of Mr. Seidel. Mr. Young, one of the original faculty members, now occupies the principal's chair. To help him are two assistant principals, four clerks, four counselors, and an outstanding *Student Council*. Today the student body has 1559 eager boys and girls, who find it indeed difficult to choose from the enriched program now offered at the school.

Extra-curricular activities have added additional interests throughout the years. Many clubs have come and gone. Our classical ones, however, have stood the test of time. Latin, Spanish, French, and German clubs have always been very popular at Southwest. Service clubs, too, have grown with the years. We now have, besides the original *Special Service*, a *Receptionist club*, a *Duplicating Service group*, a *Projection club*, and a *Junior Red Cross* unit. Also Southwest has had its share of success in the sports field. Over 200 girls now enjoy the G.A.A. In interscholastic sports our boys have had many championship teams. Baseball leads with five; tennis has had four; football, two; and golf, one. In our music department our band, which has been in existence since the early days of Southwest, has done a great deal of community work. Beginning with twenty-four musicians, it now numbers eighty-five members. Our choir, too, has given much time to extra-curricular singing. As the high light of their endeavors the instrumental and vocal groups have combined to present a series of excellent operettas throughout eighteen of the school's twenty years. They have also presented many enjoyable spring concerts.

Although Southwest has grown and changed in many ways since that memorable day in September twenty years ago, two characteristics have remained the same through all the years, i. e., high scholastic attainment and the spirit and enthusiasm of those who have sojourned here.

In this Roundup we will attempt to show the progress and changes which have come with the passing years.