

SCHOOL YEARS 1931 to 1940

FOURTH DECADE FACTS:

- Victory Park came into existence in 1931.
- First Field Day at Victory Park for students was held in 1931.
- First issue of the SLATE student newspaper printed in 1934. (formerly called The School Progress)
- Physical Education and Health became part of the curriculum in 1935
- Prior to the official organization of the high school band, a group of musicians were organized under the direction of Miss Muriel Williams to play at an SHS football game and the song they played was "Schnitzelbank".
- The Football team was referred to as "The Blue & White Warriors" in the early 30's.
- By 1939-40, athletic teams were referred to as "The Blue and White Raiders".
- The Slatington High School Band was organized on September 14, 1936, under the direction of Mr. Edgar Acker.
- First yearbook, called REFLECTIONS, was published by the Class of 1937.
- Smith Hall, built for the physical well-being of students, was dedicated December 7, 1937. It was named after SHS alumni Norman E. Smith, graduate, teacher, and coach in the Slatington School District. First coach to bring the distinction of a multi-year Basketball Championship, and the first to attain a League Championship for the school district. The American Legion Allen O. Deike Post 16, Slatington participated in the Dedication ceremonies.
- Football was organized in 1935.
- Track was re-introduced as a sport by Mr. Lloyd Williams.
- First Thanksgiving Day Game against Palmerton began in 1936.
- First Lehigh Valley League Baseball Championship, 1939.
- Supervising Principal: Prof. J. W. Snyder retired in 1940.

Below: Smith Hall Dedication, December 7, 1937

Left to Right: Rev. Corson Snyder

Ann Louise Smith (dau. of Norman Smith)

Dr. Harry Kern



Above: Smith Hall 1937

