

THE PLACE . . .

Niagara District Secondary School is definitely a school every student can be proud of. This Yearbook certainly shows all of our success because each student has contributed only their best throughout the year. Whether it was sports, clubs or organizations, only one's best effort and dedication was accepted. Our win in the Varsity Football Championship and the Golf Team's first place at SOSSA certainly prove this.

However, we must remember that a lot of effort has gone into making ND what it is today. Let's take a look back in time.

The year is 1875, and there is no such thing as NDSS. Students living in Newark go to Niagara High School

– presently part of the Niagara Historical Museum. The school closes shortly after WW II.

In 1946, students must bus from Niagara-on-the-Lake all the way to Stamford-Collegiate for their high school years. It's a very long, boring and uncomfortable bus ride.

Finally, it is 1956, the year that the greatest event in our history occurs. Niagara District Secondary School is completed. 183 enthusiastic students fill NDSS. Music of Elvis Presley, the Everly Brothers, the Platters and Ricky Nelson fills the air. Girls roam the halls in skirts, sweaters, bobby socks and white bucks. Most boys wear desert boots, Ivy League shirts and khaki pants. No long-haired boy can be seen or he would be

sent home.

This group of energetic students chose the school's colours, crest, motto, and various clubs. Niagara District's Drama Club's first performances were *Search Me* put on by the Seniors, and *First Dress Suit* put on by the Juniors. All in all, the first year was full of life, and even better things were yet to come.

After looking back at some of the history of NDSS we see that our school has changed in some ways, but in many ways, it is still the same

as the first group of students made it. We still have the same school colours, motto and crest. A lot of the original organizations and clubs are still active, like the Drama Club and sports activities.

Niagara District has been alive for 31 years. We can be certain that students, in years to come, will be just as proud of ND's accomplishments, as we are today.

