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DEDICATION

We, the class of 1949, dedicate our Annual to
MRS. HAZEL DICKINSON
in appreciation of her time and efforts in
guiding us through high school as our adviser, teacher, and friend.
MR. EARL H. PLACE, A.B., M.A.
Superintendent

Our new superintendent, to whom we extend a sincere welcome.
MR. JAMES McDOWELL, A.B., M.A.
Principal, Mathematics
“Keep talking, I’ve got a lot of time.”
Mr. Alvin Brazee
Junior High Mathematics, Reading, Eighth Grade Adviser.
A grand man who just can't give up the work he loves best.

Mrs. Lois Service, A.B.
English, Foreign Languages, Annual Adviser.
"And if anybody else is chewing anything, get rid of it now."

Mr. David J. Dick,
A.B.
Science, Mathematics, Freshman Adviser
"Listen, Joe, do your talking only when I call on you, or you'll do your talking in the assembly."

Mr. David G. Locke,
B.S.
Agriculture, F.F.A. Adviser.
"Let's use a little judgment now, boys."

Mr. Myles E. Runk,
B.S.
Industrial Arts, Co-operative Training Co-ordinator.
"Keep quiet, you guys, I can't hear myself think in here."

Mrs. Hazel Dickinson, A.B.
English, Speech, Senior Adviser.
"I fire them from class, and still they babble on."

Mr. Clare Camburn
Instrumental Music, Band Director.
"All right, that's another demerit."

Mr. Neville L. Hart, B.S., M.A.
Commercial, Sophomore Adviser, Director of Adult Education.
"Keep your eyes off the keyboard!"

Mr. Delmer E. Crisp, B.S.
Commercial, Co-operative Training Co-ordinator.
"Don't look at me; look in your book."

Miss Bessie Bortner, B.Ed.
Junior High English, Reading, Seventh Grade Adviser.
"People, who's making all the noise backstage?"
Mr. Duane K. Furbush,
A.B.
Social Science, Debate.
“If you have anything interesting to say, by all means, utter it.”

Miss Dorothy Burgess,
B.S.
Art
“Please, don’t throw away anything you draw!”

Miss Marie Frautschi,
B.Ed.
Girls’ Physical Education,
Health, Geography.
“Okay, line up, girls.”

Miss Marjorie Mohr,
B.M.
Chorus, Junior High
Chorus
Music shines from her very eyes.

Mr. R. N. Brazee, B.S.
History
“His voice you do not often hear, but in the study hall they do fear.”

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B.S., M.A.
Biology, Boys’ Physical Education, Junior Adviser,
Director of Athletics and Coach.
“Oh, my achin’ bacon!”

Mrs. Martha Kuhn,
B.S.
Home Economics, Cafeteria Director.
“We’ll work in the foods lab today, girls.”

Mrs. Irene Jacobs
Librarian, Attendance.
“Is this the first time you’ve been late?”

Mrs. Margaretta Brisbin
Office Secretary.
“Just a moment, I’ll be right with you.”
Mr. Perry Satterthwaite, Mr. Jens Touborg, Mr. Paul Breitenwischer, Mr. J. W. Spafford, Dr. Ralph Helzerman.

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“Myrna”
“That’s my man! He drives a blue Ford.”

Richard H. Bishop—
“Dick”
Silence indicates a busy man.
Salutatorian, Student Council 3, Annual Staff; Football R3, Basketball R1-V4, Baseball 4.

John C. Cameron—
“J. C.”
You may think him shy, but not after you know him.

Gordon A. Comfort—
“Gordon”
“How’d you do the second problem?”
Honor Roll, Student Council 4, Annual Staff, Debate 4, Senior Play, Operetta 1-2, Chorus 1-2, Male Quartet 1-2-3.

Mary Lou Dinse—
“Mary”
Always merry!
Senior Play, Operetta 2, Chorus 2.

Roger Joseph Bernier—
“Roger”
Be silent, or speak something worth hearing.
Onsted 1, Operetta 2, F. F. A. 1, Chorus 2.

Mary Elizabeth Brown—
“Mary”
An odd character—she studies!
Annual Staff, Senior Play.

James H. Colson—
“Jim”
He works with will and paints with skill.
Annual Staff, Senior Play, Operetta 2, Chorus 2, Male Quartet, Band 1, Basketball R3, Red Cross Council 3-4 (Vice President 3, President 4.)

Mary Lou Davenport—
“Mary”
You are not with her long before you hear of Tipton.
Adrian 1, Junior Play.

Jeanet Ehinger—
“Net”
“Come on, let’s go fishing!”
Student Council 4 (Secretary 4), Annual Staff.
Gordon W. Garlick—
"Skeeter"
He's noted for his will to work for the Senior class.
Detroit 1-2-3, Annual Staff.

Charles C. Gorton—
"Bud"
Be silent and safe, silence never betrays you.
Macon 1, Britton 2, F. F. A. 1-4
(Treasurer 4), Band 3-4 (President 4).

Martha Jane Hanna—
"Janie"
Her disposition certainly doesn't match her hair.
Honor Roll, Secretary 2-4, Annual Staff, Junior Play, Operetta 1-2,
Chorus 1-2, Cheerleader 3-4.

Margaret Sue Hart—
"Peggy"
Have you ever seen her without Mel?
St. Mary's, Adrian 1-2-3.

Roberta Holmes—
"Bert"
"I'll help if I'm not working."
Junior Play, Operetta 1-2, Student Secretary 3-4, Chorus 1-2.

Jack R. Gillin—
"Jacques"
"Have you ever been to Pennsylvania?"
Vice President 4, Annual Staff, Senior and Junior Plays, Varsity Club 4,
Football R1-2-V3-4, Basketball R2-V3-4, Baseball 2-3-4, Track 2.

Helen Patricia Hammack—
"Pat"
Always happy; never glum, a cheery pal and a peppy chum.
Honor Roll, D. A. R. Good Citizen ship Award, Secretary 3, Treasurer 2,
Student Council 1 (Secretary 1), Annual Staff, Senior and Junior Plays,
Operetta 1-2, Chorus 1-2, Cheerleader 2-3-4 (Captain 4).

Ronald Harper—
"Ronald"
"Anyone want a ride to K. C. ?"
Band 1.

Martha Ann Hayden—
"Mart"
"Anyone going to the game?"
Annual Staff, Junior Play, Operetta 1-2, Chorus 1-2, Cheerleader 3-4.

Dorothy Mae Jewell—
"Dorothy"
Her disposition is generous and amiable.
Macon 1, Operetta 2, Chorus 2-3.
Richard D. Khale—
“Dick”
Small? So is a stick of dynamite.
Vice President 1, Junior Play, Operetta 1, F. F. A. 2-3-4, Chorps 1.

Dola Lou Lanning—
“Dola Lou”
Good things come in small packages.
Macon 1

William D. Martin—
“Bill”
“I’m hungry! Who wants to eat?”
Honor Roll, President 3-4, Student Council 1, Annual Staff, Junior Play, Varsity Club 4, Football R1-2-V3-4, Basketball R2-3-V4.

Betty L. Miller—
“Betty”
Her heart is in Clinton.
Operetta 1-2, Chorus 1-2.

Shirlee Anne Moore—
“Bubbles”
“Let’s drive by Dick’s house.”
Annual Staff, Senior Play, Operetta 1-2, Chorus 1-2-3, Cheerleader 4, Red Cross Council 3-4.

Martha Kossy—
“Martha”
The gal with the little voice and a friendly smile.
Annual Staff.

Robert L. Lawson—
“Bob”
We wonder if Bob ever thinks of girls.

Darwin McClure—
“Mae”
“It’s fun to study (I’ll bet!).”
Band 1-2

Charlotte Miller—
“Charlotte”
“Who’s Jim?”
Honor Roll, Junior Play, Operetta 2, Chorus 2.

Duaine M. Murphy—
“Murph”
“I like work; I can sit and look at it forever.”
Varsity Club, Football R1-V2-3-4 (Captain 4), Baseball 1-2-3-4.
Melvin A. Murphy—
"Mel"
"I can't! I've got too much work to do."
Vice President 2-3, President 1, Annual Staff, Varsity Club 4, Football R1-V2-3-4, Basketball R2-V3-4 (Captain 4), Baseball 1-2-3-4.

Dean A. Peotter—
"Dean"
Quiet in his ways, but always ready to pop pop-corn for the class.
Annual Staff

Robert J. Rentschler—
"Bob"
He likes sports better than girls.
Varsity Club 4 (Treasurer 4), Football, R1-2-V1-4.

Franklin Rumler—
"Frank"
"I've sacrificed the twelve best years of my life."
Football R4, Basketball R3-4, Track 3-4.

Millard O. Snyder—
"Mibs"
"I never let my studies interfere with my education."
Football R1-2, Basketball 1-2.

Zoe Ann Pennington—
"Zoie"
He's a lucky fellow that gets Zoe.
Treasurer 3-4, Annual Staff, Junior Play.

Lois T. Purkey—
"Dody"
"I've got a date—with Bill."
Band 1-2.

Gladys Mae Riley—
"Gladys"
As quiet as a gate post, but always merry.
Addison 1, Honor Roll, Annual Staff.

Barbara E. Schoeck—
"Barb"
Pretty and popular—a good student, too; We could do well with more like you!
Valedictorian, Treasurer 1, Student Council 2-3 (Secretary-Treasurer 3), Editor of Annual, Senior Play, Chorus 1, Operetta 1, Cheerleader 3-4.

Gwendolyn Treby—
"Gwen"
Her manner is as winning as her smile.
Toledo 1-2-3, Honor Roll.
Gene Tuckey—
"Gene"
"Not that I love study less, but that I love fun more."
Senior Play, Football R1.

Jack Whelan—
"Jack"
"Girls are so bothersome, but I like to be bothered."

Vernita Withrow—
"Nita"
A friend of all who meet her.
Operetta 1-2, Chorus 1-2.

John W. Underwood—
"John"
His mind is always on Bunny, and we don’t mean a rabbit!
Vice President 1, Varsity Club 4, Football R2-V3-4.

Beulah E. Withrow—
"Beulah"
We’re apt to forget her till we hear her giggle.
Honor Roll, Annual Staff, Senior Play, Operetta 1, Chorus 1.

Gloria Anne Yost—
"Gay"
"Anyone seen my man?"
Senior Play.
ANNUAL STAFF

TOP ROW: Gordon Garlick, Gordon Comfort, Jack Gillin, Jim Colson, John Cameron, Dean Peotter.
SECOND ROW: Beulah Withrow, Martha Hayden, Shirlie Moore, Zoe Ann Pennington, Jeanet Ehinger, Mary Brown, Melvin Murphy.
SITTING: Pat Hammack, Gladys Riley, Mrs. Service, Barbara Schoeck, Richard Bishop, Jane Hanna, Bill Martin.

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VALEDICTORY

Barbara Schoeck

Tonight we have achieved the goal which we have anticipated for twelve long years. Our first real ambitions are realized. Still we look on into the future with new hopes, new ideals. Whether or not these also will come to be depends upon us. No longer can we rely so much on the guidance of our parents and teachers. We must make our own decisions.

We are prepared to do this through the sacrifices and undying efforts of you, our parents, teachers, and friends. We can only attempt to repay you through our own success.

Being young, we have an optimistic view of the future. We are eager to take advantage of the many opportunities offered in free America. Because we are citizens of this great country, we can go forward without fear.

You have taught us the value of knowledge. Whether we enter college or go directly to life itself for our next teacher, we shall always strive to learn. We have found, too, that such things as friendship, understanding, and brotherhood, are equally important. Knowing this, we feel ready to accept the challenge for youth today—world peace. As long as the world has existed, this has been only man’s dream; but in an increasingly complicated world, it is essential that it become a reality. It should be put above our personal hopes and aspirations. With the help of God Almighty, we must work together to obtain this goal or perish in one last great war.

We can not know what the future will bring, but we do know that there will be disappointments and hard trials. It will be then that we shall fully appreciate these last twelve years.

It is with some sadness that we, the class of 1949, bid you farewell, but our saying it is echoed by a happier note for having known you, and each other. These twelve years will never really be gone, for they have become a part of our very selves, and the memory of them, and of you, will always be with us, urging us onward.

SALUTATORY

Richard Bishop

We, the class of 1949, wish to welcome you—our parents, our teachers, and our friends. We wish that we could fully show our appreciation in having you here tonight. We have just finished one of the most useful periods of our lives. We can never repay our parents, who have helped us and have made these four years possible through their love and sacrifices. And to our teachers, we give our thanks for the many hours that you have labored to give us the education denied to so many others. We also wish to thank our friends for always co-operating with us in insuring success to our school activities.

After our many years of study, we have at last reached our goal, and have tonight assembled for our graduation. Since our Freshman year we have waited anxiously for this moment, but now it is hard to realize that we shall no longer be students of Tecumseh High School. Our class will soon leave here and separate. Some of us will go on to higher fields of learning, some will undoubtedly remain at home, while others may enter matrimony. But which ever path we take, we shall remember some of the things which we have learned here.

We have chosen as our class motto, “Today We Follow, Tomorrow We Lead.” This short sentence is a symbol of our ambitious attitude, our determination, and spirit of leadership.

Some of us have ended our period of following, while some will have continued guidance. But either step will lead us to problems which we have never faced before, or have left to others. These problems will be more difficult to face without our parents’ guidance, but we must learn to solve not only those of a personal nature, but broader problems which involve the future of our country. Now with the world in a state of tension and suspicion, grave questions arise which could destroy our democracy. But if we assume our responsibility seriously, and use a wise and determined policy to bring about world friendship, our leadership will keep the light of freedom and democracy burning.

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CLASS NIGHT PROGRAM

(Wednesday, June 1, 1949)

MOTTO
"Today We Follow, Tomorrow We Lead"

COLORS
Red and Gray

FLOWER
Red Carnation

Presentation of Cane ........................................... Bill Martin
Acceptance of Cane ........................................... Marlys Arnold
Class History .................................................. Pat Hammack, Jane Hanna
Poem .............................................................. Gloria Yost
Prophecy ...... Mary Brown, Dean Peotter, John Cameron, Gladys Riley, Gwen Treby

Class Song ...................................................... Martha Hayden
Giftatory .... Charlotte Miller, Beulah Withrow, Jim Colson, Jack Gillin
Class Will . Gordon Comfort, Shirlie Moore, Jack Whelan, Jeanet Ehinger
President’s Address ........................................... Bill Martin

PRESIDENT’S ADDRESS

William Martin

Classmates and friends:

We are assembled here tonight, not as a group of students, but as young men and women. This is the last occasion before our final graduation. For twelve years we have lived a great part of our life together. From early childhood we have played, worked, and studied together as we grew and approached this coming hour. We have learned many things, such as the importance of co-operation, and the satisfaction that may come in achieving a definite goal. We have gained, I hope, lasting friendships that have taught us much about following the rules in playing a square game of life which help us face the future.

After tomorrow night, our class will separate, with each one of us taking our individual path down the long road of life. As this separation approaches, and we think of the spirit of comradeship that has flourished among us, we part with a tinge of sadness.

I earnestly hope that many of us will go on to centers of higher learning, but whether we do or not, I am sure we shall treasure the memory of the years spent here.

We wish to express our gratitude to our parents, teachers, and friends, who have helped us in all our undertakings during these past years.

In conclusion, may I say that I have considered it a real honor to have been your President for the past two years. Farewell, Classmates. May each one of you have a full measure of happiness and success.
In the middle ages, in England and on the continent, it was deemed quite the fashion for people of all classes to band together to make a pilgrimage to the tombs of all saints. Naturally, as is always the case, the reasons for going were quite different. Some went for the good of their souls—others went for the pleasure of traveling, to see new places and to have a pleasant time as well. The greatest record of one of these pilgrimages has come down to us in Chaucer’s “Canterbury Tales.”

Today, also, pilgrimages are being made, but to a vastly different place. The road leading there is quite long and dusty, rocky and full of hills, so that four years is the general length of time taken to travel it. The goal is Commencement Day.

It is the pilgrimage that started in Tecumseh, in September of the year 1945, that we shall now deal with.

There were sixty of us, ready and anxious to get started on our journey. We chose Melvin Murphy to lead us on the first lap, with Dick Kahle as his assistant. Jackie Gillespie was appointed to take notes on how to maneuver our way toward our goal. As keeper of accounts we chose Barbara Schoeck, who kept us well out of the red. Our representatives in the Council were Pat Hammack and Jack Whelan. To keep us on the right route, we were lucky to obtain the services of Miss Hansen and Mr. Locke. We found our first quarter of the journey a happy lark, following the examples set by those who had gone before us. We were excited early for our Christmas vacation, and consequently there was no Christmas Dance. This put a damper on our spirits until we realized that there would be three more dances which we could attend. The May Party was quite an experience—it was such fun spending the evening in long dresses, and we truly felt grown up.

We made money on the carnival, besides having a wonderful time. Our candidates for the King and Queen were Barbara Schoeck and Jack Whelan. Our first Sponge Week was exciting, once we got past the bashful stage. We ended our year with a picnic at Wamplers Lake, each of us eager to get started on our second lap of the pilgrimage.

We started with sixty-three pilgrims this time. Our leaders were: President, Jack Whelan; Vice-President, Melvin Murphy; Secretary, Jane Hanna; Treasurer, Pat Hammack; Student Council Representatives, Bill Martin and Louise Poley; Adviser, Mr. Johnson; Counselors, Mr. Locke and Miss Hansen. Now we really felt experienced, and we helped the Freshmen find their way around. Having once branched out for such side trips as the Christmas Dance, Sponge Dance, and May Party, we knew enough to have parties during intermission. There were numerous members of our class acting as hosts and hostesses. Pat Hammack reigned Queen of the May Dance with Tom Judd as King. My, but we had the time of our lives serving at the Junior-Senior Reception. This was an inside glimpse of what we’d be doing the following year. Our picnic was at Wamplers Lake again this time, establishing it as our traditional spot for picnics.

Full-fledged Juniors, fifty-four in number, were now in for a really tremendous year. We enlisted the service of Bill Martin as our President: Melvin Murphy, as Vice President; Pat Hammack, Secretary; Zoe Ann Pennington, Treasurer; Richard Bishop and Barbara Schoeck, Student Council Representatives; Shirlie Moore and Jim Colson, Red Cross Council Representatives; Adviser, Mr. Mead; and Counselor, Mrs. Laidlaw. We were in stiff competition with the Seniors this year, trying to make more money than those energetic, workers. Our first big party was a Hallowe’en get-together in Shirlie Moore’s barn. The spooks really were howling that night! On December 7 we became the proud owners of our long- awaited class rings. Sleeves were in danger of wearing out as we all used them for polishing our jewelry. The Christmas Dance seemed to be more fun than ever.

During the year we sold personalized post cards, had paper drives, sold refreshments at games, and put on a wonderful play called “The Baby Sitter.” This was really the biggest highlight of our Junior year. We had wiener roasts at the creek and parties at Penningtons’. The balmy weather certainly did put us in the mood for fun. The Seniors sponsored a de luxe Sponge Dance with the Tecumseh Products Orchestra, and of course the boys profitted.

The carnival was such fun again. We made more money than any other class, and we’re sure we had the best time. Our candidates for King and Queen were Melvin Murphy and Jane Hanna, and we felt very honored that Jane was crowned Queen. Now it was our turn to put on the Junior-Senior Reception. The gym looked beautiful, and we were certainly proud of it. The setting was the Hawaiian Islands, and the Seniors actually admitted that they enjoyed themselves; incidentally, so did we. What a fine May Dance! Those Hawaiian-looking decorations certainly looked nice—and of course we Juniors were responsible for that. This wonderful year soon came to a close, and we said goodbye to those who had been our pals and competitors all year, realizing that we would step into their places in the fall.

Here we were at last on the final lap of our journey. This pilgrimage has been such fun that we’d like to do it again. Of course we studied occasionally, which wasn’t all pleasure, but we think we’d do more of that if we had another chance—or would we? This last year we re-elected Bill Martin as President because of the splendid job he did last year as chief executive. His assistant was Jack Gillin. Jane Hanna took over as Secretary. Zoe Ann Pennington was also re-elected to her former job as Treasurer. Zoe has done a splendid job of getting our finances into four fat figures without a decimal point. Our Student Council Representatives were Jeanet Ehinger and Gordon Comfort. Jim Colson and Roberta Holmes were in the Red Cross Council, Jim being President of this organization. Mrs. Dickinson was our guide during the toughest part of our journey, and Mr. McDowell, as our Counsellor, was always ready and willing to help us over the rough spots.

Our Senior year started off with a bang, as we
sold magazines and had paper drives—three in number. The class was divided into two teams, providing competition during the magazine sale. The losers treated the winners with a party at Penningtons'. The gathering place for various hay-rides was also at Penningtons', as this became the local point for our social activities. We sold delicious refreshments at every school game, and also had a share at the semi-pro football game. It kept us busy, but we loved it. This money which we were so diligently earning was for our Senior trip, which we eagerly awaited and were willing to work for. The best play ever given in Tecumseh High School, "The Inner Willy," was a credit to us this year. We certainly were proud of our production.

Our last Christmas Dance will always bring back fond memories of a good time and a beautifully decorated gym. Christmas vacation provided both the weather and time for ice skating, and of course hot cocoa was always welcome before going home. Finally, in January, we had our first good snowfall and Rentschlers' was the scene for a sliding party which drew members from many other pilgrimages. We still saw the need for more money, so candy sales and a bake sale were staged. The Annual staff members were busily trying to meet deadlines when we started working on a dance. The theme was "April Showers," and the music was provided by the Tecumseh Products Orchestra. Could you ask for anything better?

A record-making crowd thoroughly enjoyed a perfect evening. We sponsored a Sponge Dance which outdid all others that had previously been staged at T.H.S. Our trip was glorious. We expected it to be something special, but nothing so wonderful. We could sail forever if it would always be like this. The rouse took us to Niagara Falls, and we spent a day in Toronto.

The Juniors gave us a lovely reception. The splendid times we've shared with them throughout our pilgrimage have been of great value to us. Our last May Dance! Can those pleasant moments ever be recaptured in dreams? Our Baccalaureate Service is behind us now, to-night is our last informal get-together under the auspices of T.H.S. Our journey nears the end. Only one more day, and we shall have reached the goal. It is with hearts full of joy, yet tinged with sadness, that we step into the future. The time has come when we, like our predecessors, must leave the paths, leave the shrine itself, and set forth on the still longer and more difficult journey. We part soon, to meet again probably never; but if we always carry with us the will to succeed, the way to success will open up before us and the laurels be ours at last.

CLASS POEM

Gloria Yost

We clustered around the schoolhouse door,
Mere children about to begin,
We were eager, yet timid and doubtful,
Should we leave or venture within?

Yet something within us was urgent,
A wish to explore the unknown,
A world lay before us to conquer,
Wings to spread which never had flown.

Since then we have learned many lessons,
To unite in the day's work as one,
To smile, to forgive, to strive onward,
Life's adventure, our task, well begun.

The years have passed by us like magic,
The work and the fun intertwined,
Sweet memories we will take with us,
For many, school days are behind.

These moments so happy are ending,
The voice of the future we hear,
"Today we follow, tomorrow we lead"
Our motto, our guide, ringing clear.

CLASS SONG

(Tune: "Cruising Down the River")

Martha Hayden

We always will remember the days of school gone by.
The praise we won for work well done encouraged us to try.
An apple for the teacher, an attempt to make grades high;
These are our recollections of old Tecumseh High.
The games we played, the friends we made,
The parties and the plays,
We count them all, as we recall those bright and happy days.
The teachers who have helped us to keep our standards high,
Our memories we will cherish, as we leave Tecumseh High.
And as we journey onward, though skies be gray and blue,
We'll do our best to meet the tests and to ourselves be true.
We always will remember, as future years go by,
The friends we made in high school at dear Tecumseh High.
We, the Senior Class of Tecumseh High School, County of Lenawee, State of Michigan, being of sound mind and body, this first day of June, 1949, do make, publish, and declare this our last will and testament, whereby we do will and bequeath our worldly belongings, according to the following provisions:

Article I, Section 1: We direct that all our just debts and expenses be paid by the Juniors.

Article I, Section 2: To the faculty we leave our appreciation and heart-felt gratitude for their efforts in teaching us through the long struggle of our high school career.

Article II, Section 1: Individually we wish to make the following bequests:
- Myrna Beevers bequeaths her BANK ACCOUNT to Don Van Camp.
- Mary Brown wills the Junior Laddys to the Junior Lassies.
- John Cameron bequeaths his short haircuts to Larry Drewyor.
- Jim Colson leaves his ability to tap dance to Jerry Eggleston.
- Gordon Comfort wills his mathematical abilities to Jim Sloan.
- Jeanet Ehinger bequeaths her small feet to Joan Breitenwischer.
- Gordon Garlick leaves his mop of hair to Dick Beasley's horse.
- Jack Gillin wills the Smith Store plate glass window to the Casualty Company.
- Charles Gorton bequeaths his red hair to Mary Jane Derryer.
- Pat Hammack leaves her ability to fix a flat tire to Nancy Sisson.
- Janie Hanna wills her ability to write letters to Shirley Teske.
- Peg Hart bequeaths her ability to love 'em and keep 'em to Shirley Finnegans.
- Martha Hayden leaves her pious manner to her sister Betty.
- Roberta Holmes wills her ability to "baby-sit" to Marilyn Lindsley.
- Dick Kahle bequeaths his mastery of the Classics to Dave Green.
- Martha Kossey wills her quiet and subtle manner to Jo Ann Johnston.
- Bill Martin bequeaths his Clinton women to anyone who wants them.
- Shirlie Moore leaves her ability to behave in class to Doug McDowell.
- Mel Murphy wills his excellence in spelling to Evelyn Binns.
- Zoe Pennington bequeaths her farm parties to Sally Brown.
- Dean Poetler leaves his technique in popping corn to David Lott.
- Frank Rumler bequeaths his ability to bowl to Dick Whelan.
- Barbara Schoeck leaves her brains to Ronnie Henkel.
- John Underwood wills his line of BULLONEY to his brother Louis.
- Jack Whelan bequeaths his love for Pat Hammack to Alroy Vanderpool.
- Beulah Withrow leaves her ability to be engaged as a Senior to Joan Hart.
- Gloria Yost wills her horsemanship to Sherry Fielder.

Lastly: We hereby nominate and appoint Mr. David J. Dick, attorney-at-law of Tecumseh, Michigan, to be the executor of this, our last will and testament; and we hereby revoke all former wills and testamentary instruments.

Class of 1949

Attorneys: Jeanet Ehinger  
Gordon Comfort  
Jack Whelan

In Witness Whereof, we have hereunto subscribed our names and affixed our seal this first day of June, in the year of our Lord, one thousand nine hundred and forty-nine.

Witnesses: Shmoo  
Sleet  
Happy Hank
Why Our Parents Take Pills

Gwen T. & John C.

Frank

Millard

Melvin & Duaine

Charles

Dean

Bob R.

Pat

Gordon C.
TECUMSEH PERSONALS

Gordon Comfort broke the world's speed record in an airplane recently.
Myrna Beever, noted authority on banking, is on a lecture tour which will take her through five States. She'll be gone from Tecumseh for three weeks.
Roger Bernier will sing in Carnegie Hall next month for the fifth time.
Mary Davenport has recently moved to Hudson, Michigan.
Jack Gillin, well-known hunter and trapper, is touring Europe with his game.
Mary Brown will exhibit her art collection in the Chicago Museum of Art from 2:30 until 4:00 P.M. next Saturday.
Jim Colson is being starred as Fred Astaire in the latest movie of the famous dancer's life. Will Jim follow in Fred's footsteps?
Millard Snyder has published a popular new joke book.
Gene Tuckey has been named new manager of C. F. Smith Store. He will take over his position in January.
Frank Rumler won the Men's State Bowling Championship last week.
The Senior Class will have a mammoth bonfire after Commencement. Fuel will be provided by various books, entitled — Algebra, Physics, Chemistry, Latin, French, English, and others.
Lois Purkey has published her fifth book in the series "Lilton with Tilton."
Zoe Ann Pennington has been named new superintendent of Tecumseh Hospital.
The Musical Harpers, featuring Ronald, will give a concert in the T. H. S. auditorium on Tuesday.
Robert Lawson will give a talk on "The Life of a Playwright" next Friday evening.
Charlotte Miller and Dean Peotter are competing for a top speed record in typing.
Gladys Riley left for China last week to take up missionary work there.
The Withrow sisters of Tipton have just returned from their third trip around the world.
Robert Rentschler is supervising mining excavations in Northern Michigan.
Melvin Murphy and his secretary, Miss Peggy Hart, are on a lecture tour, spreading the fame of Tecumseh.

For Sale

Chevrolet—See John Underwood
Strand theater tickets at reduced rates. See Betty Miller.
JUNIORS


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SECOND ROW: Lowell Selders, Fred Feight, David Ousterhout, Gerald Aebersold, Howard Pennington, Jerry O'Brien, Norman Karsten, Dick Beasley, Owen Campbell, David Van Winkle, Jerry Eggleston, Joan Whelan, La Donna Isaacson, Eris Baily, Mary Jane Dermyer, Joan Breitenwischer, Kathryn Sisson, Joyce Smith, Betty Jo Hanna.

FRONT ROW: James Dick, Richard Haight, David Murphy, Donald Judd, Douglas Maves, Tom Everlove, Joe Rockwell, James Reed, Dean Pilbeam, Ramon Descaro, Barry Freckelton, Russell Hubbard, Robert Rupert, Kenneth Swarts, Jerry Eaton, Wilfred Kauffman.

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SITTING: Mr. Brazee, James Young, June Stuart, No'reen Hartley, Kay Morden, Shirley Van Hook, Diane Dillon, Janet Bowser, Barbara Cornell, Margaret Touborg, Greta Porter, Florine Schultz, Juanita Downard, Marilyn Nobles, James Fielder, Danny Dermyer, Robert Byrd, Wilbert Wilcox, Merlyn Wagner.

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SEVENTH GRADE


MIDDLE ROW: Mr. R. N. Brazee, Judy Sisson, Garnet Drouillard, Janet Bashore, Nancy Randall, Elaine Lawhead, Joyce Stevenson, Barbara Campbell, Annette Bailey, Beverly Murphy, Sylvia Golat, Joyce Gray, Georgianna Cooper, Doris Tressler, Janis Boltz, Alison Sloan, Nancy Edgar, Thelma Reeves, Marilou Burleson, Edna Freshcorn, Miss Bortner.


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Hurry, Mr. Furbush

Young Maids

How much?

Joans

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Alma Mater

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Squaws

Oh! Oh!
OUR FAVORITES

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Roger Bernier
Richard Bishop
Mary Brown
John Cameron
Jim Colson
Gordon Comfort
Mary Davenport
Mary Dinse
Jeanet Ehinger
Gordon Garlick
Jack Gillin
Charles Gorton
Pat Hammack
Janie Hanna
Ronald Harper
Peggy Hart
Martha Hayden
Roberta Holmes
Dorothy Jewell
Richard Kahle
Martha Kossey
Dola Lanning
Robert Lawson
Bill Martin
Darwin McClure
Betty Miller
Charlotte Miller
Shirille Moore
Duaine Murphy
Melvin Murphy
Zoe Ann Pennington
Dean Peotter
Lois Purkey
Robert Rentschler
Gladys Riley
Frank Runler
Barbara Schoeck
Millard Snyder
Gwendolyn Treby
Gene Tuckey
John Underwood
Jack Whelan
Beulah Withrow
Vernita Witherow
Gloria Yost

Most Remembered Date
Any Wednesday night
Sept. 19, 1930
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July 4, 1776
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Nov. 6, 1948
Oct. 17, 1947

Favorite Song
"Oh, But It Happens"
"My Happiness"
"It's Magic"
"It Had to Be You"
"There's a Tree in the Meadow"
"Underneath the Arches"
"Don't Fence Me In"
"On a Slow Boat to China"
"You Were Only Fooling"
"My Happiness"
"Kentucky Waltz"
"A Fellow Needs a Girl"
"Because"
"Till the End of Time"
"I'm Back In the Saddle Again"
"Lover's Leap"
"Buttons and Bows"
"On a Slow Boat to China"
"Love Somebody"
"There's a Tree in the Meadow"
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"Red River Valley"
"Rambling Rose"
"It's Magic"
"You Do"
"Surrender"
"My Happiness"
"On a Slow Boat to China"
"Oh, But It Happens"
"Stardust"
"Let Me Call You Sweetheart"
"Until"
"Cool Water"
"Always"
"It Only Happens When I Dance With You"
"The Bluebird of Happiness"
"It's Magic"
"Every Day I Love You"
"On a Slow Boat to China"
"It Only Happens When I Dance With You"
"Falling In Love"
"Say Something Sweet to Your Sweetheart"
"Bouquet of Roses"
"Let Me Call You Sweetheart"

Favorite Pastime
Bankers
Reading
Eating
Drawing
Sleeping
Just fooling
Mildewing
Raising heck
Bowling
Eating
Talking
Hunting
Playing a trumpet
Cheerleading
Horseback riding
Going to K.C.
Talking
Laughing
Knitting
Knitting
Having fun
Knitting
Roller skating
Hunting
Eating
Sleeping
Dancing
Being with her man
Dick F.
Dundee
Peggy
Eating
Popping corn
Being with Bill
Sleeping
Singing hymns
Looking at Junior girls
Day dreaming
A certain woman
Dreaming
Hunting
Talking about Chevrolets
Dreaming
Roller skating
Dancing
My man
VARSITY FOOTBALL

TOP ROW: Bob Hall, George Ruhl (Managers), Dick Beasley, Jerry Eggleston, Jim Breitenwischer, Larry Hart, Tom Everlove, Ron Henkel, Jerry O'Brien, Don Bailey, Jim Colson, Duane Hay (Managers).


FIRST ROW: Coach Duvall, Dick Case, Owen Campbell, Bob Rentschler, Jack Whelan, Mel Murphy, Duaine Murphy, Don Van Camp, John Underwood, Jerry Judd, Bill Martin, John Cameron, Dave Van Winkle.

RESERVE FOOTBALL


MIDDLE ROW: Bob Hall (Manager), Robert Marsh, James Breitenwischer, Raymond Seitz, David Ousterhout, Joe Rockwell, Ray Jackson, Mr. Dick.

SITTING: George Ruhl (Manager), Robert Kruger, Bruce Baker, Fred Snyder, Don Judd, Dick Whelan.
The Tecumseh Braves started their 1948 grid season under the direction of their new coach, Mr. Elven Duvall, on September 24th at Lambertville. Our opponents scored in the first half, but failed to make the all-important extra point. Tecumseh retaliated in the closing minutes, but also failed to get the one pointer. At the end of the game the score stood at 6-6.

The following week the Braves went to Hudson for their first league tilt. Out to avenge last year’s scoreless deadlock, the Indians fought hard, but couldn’t hit paydirt. Their rivals found themselves plagued with the same trouble. The final score was identically the same as last year’s, 0-0.

October 8th found the Indians on Clinton’s home field renewing their ancient rivalry. Tecumseh was out to win, but so were the Redskins. The game was a seesaw battle throughout, with Clinton drawing first blood in the third period. The Indians came back in the last quarter with a touchdown and an extra point, and Tecumseh won by the score of 7-6. For the third straight year, the Braves managed to squeeze by the Redskins.

The Pittsford game, which was scheduled for October 15th, was the first home appearance for the Braves. The opposing school was in its first year of L.C.A.A. competition. This was one main factor which may have made Tecumseh a little overconfident. The contest could have gone either way, but fate favored the Wildcats from Pittsford. The initial marker came late in the game, as the result of an intercepted pass. There was no other scoring, and the game ended with the opponents on the long end of the 6-0 score. It was the first league loss for Tecumseh, as well as the first loss of the season.

The following week found the Indians playing host to Dexter, a non-league opponent, on the home gridiron. From the kickoff, the Braves unleashed an attack which was to be their best of the season. As the final tally indicated, it was the Indians all the way. The final score of 20-7 was the best total that Tecumseh has given up a record of three wins, three losses, and two ties.

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VARSITY GAMES AND SCORES

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Fourteen varsity letters and twelve reserve letters were awarded this season by Coach Duvall. This year’s varsity members include the following Seniors:

Duaine Murphy—The captain and mainstay of this year’s team. Duaine was shifted from his regular center position to tackle, where he was outstanding. He was awarded a berth on the all-county second team at that position.

Don Van Camp—A big tackle who was always on the alert for wandering opponent backfield men. Don played a bang-up game all season. He also was awarded a position on the second all-county eleven.

Bob Rentschler—A small but mighty guard, who always worried his opponents. Bob was outstanding on defense as well as offense.

John Cameron—Considered small for an end, John nevertheless played good ball at that position. His alertness on offense as well as defense made up for his lack of height.

Jack Whelan—Jack played either right or left halfback with equal success. His speed always kept his opponents on their toes. He is also a fine kicker and passer.

John Underwood—John was switched from his regular guard post to fullback, where he was of valuable assistance. When on defense he filled in at his regular guard spot.

Mel Murphy—An outstanding halfback whose speed and broken-field running won him an all-county second team berth.

Bill Martin—Bill directed the team from his quarterback post, where he played a stellar brand of ball all season. Sidelined by a broken leg the previous grid-season, Bill was welcomed back by all.

Jack Gillin—One of the most all-around players on the team, Jack could play every backfield position as well as defensive end. A fine passer and a hard runner, who was always in the opposing team’s backfield. He was awarded an all-county second team berth for his fine play.

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RESERVE TEAM

TOP ROW: Bruce Baker, Dick Haight, Coach Dick, Tom Everlove, Larry Hart.

SECOND ROW: Bob Marsh, Jim Dick, Dave Ousterhout, Larry Drewyor, Gerald Aebersold, Bob Hall (Mgr.)


EIGHTH GRADE TEAM

STANDING: Jim Fielder, Jack Greenwald, Bill Beardsley, Coach Duvall, Kenneth Frost, Melvin Boltz.


SEVENTH GRADE TEAM


The 1948-49 basketball season found Tecumseh once again trying for the L. C. A. A. crown. The varsity was considerably strengthened with the return of four lettermen.

The season opened with a non-league game at Ida, which the Indians took in stride, the score being 31-27 in our favor. In the first L. C. A. A. game, a closely fought battle with Morenci, Tecumseh was victorious, 25-22. With these two early wins under their belts, the boys prepared for the rival Clinton team. Clinton's tall cagers took us in a lop-sided affair, 60-28. Still suffering from this loss, the team dropped a terrific game to the Hudson Tigers, 36-31.

During Christmas vacation the Indians journeyed to Adrian for the Adrian College Invitational Tournament. They defeated A. E. Smith School of Wyandotte, 35-26, in the first game, but lost to Milan, 40-23, in the second game. The third game was a thriller, although Tecumseh lost to Vandercook Lake in the closing seconds, 33-32. Our boys received a trophy for their efforts and wound up in fourth spot.

Resuming play in the new year, the cagers tripped Dundee in an overtime game, 41-40. On the following Friday, they lost to Blissfield, 45-37. Then Dundee, in their second tilt with Tecumseh, took the Indians, 52-26.

Tecumseh cleared the next two L. C. A. A. hurdles with little or no trouble, whipping Pittsford, 31-32, and Addison, 41-23. In another close battle at Morenci the Indians returned victorious, 35-30. They lost their second game to Clinton, 34-25. Hudson and Blissfield both administered beatings to the Indians, 54-37, and 45-32, respectively. Tecumseh ended the season by whipping Pittsford 53-27 and Addison 25-13.

In the first game of the district playoffs, which were held on March 2 in Adrian, Tecumseh drew Blissfield. The Sugarboys defeated the Indians, 35-21.

This was Coach Duvall's first year, but he did a commendable job with the material at hand, and wound up in fourth spot behind Hudson, Blissfield, and Clinton.
BASKETBALL

Tecumseh has six returning lettermen, Doug McDowell, Lee Yhibbs, Dave Van Winkle, Dave Green, Jerry Bowen, and Owen Campbell. Doug McDowell won a berth on the All-County first team, and Jack Gillin was placed on the honorable mention list.

The reserve team, coached by Mr. Dick, had a terrific season. After dropping the first game to Ida, the team took three straight games before losing to Dundee. Recovering from this blow, the reserves won the remaining ten games, to finish the season with a record of 13 wins and 2 losses. The five starting players were: Dick Beasley, Tom Hamilton, Gerald Van Valkenburg, Jim Sloan, and Dick Whelan.

Other players on the squad were: Larry Drewyor, David Ousterhout, Jim Dick, Jim Breitenwischer, Bob Marsh, Gerald Aebersold, Larry Hart, Don Judd, John Sisson, and Tom Everlove.

This year the Junior High had two teams. The eighth grade team, under the direction of Coach Duvall, had a very good season with nine wins and no losses. The seventh grade team had a poor season, managing to win only one game out of nine.

The Reserve Schedule and Scores were:

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STANDING: Jane Hanna, Shirlie Moore, Marlys Arnold, Barbara Schoeck.

SITTING: Miss Frautschi, Pat Hammack (Captain), Evelyn Arnold, Martha Hayden.
The 1948 Baseball season saw the return of eight lettermen from the previous year. The team got off to a good start in their first game by wallopimg Britton, 21 to 3. Our first loss was a hard-fought contest which we dropped to Adrian, 6 to 5. After two straight league wins over Morenci and Clinton, we lost a tough game to Hudson, 5 to 3. Our last five games, which included two league games (Addison and Blissfield) were consecutive wins. The season ended with a record of 9 wins and 2 losses. Our team tied Hudson for the L. C. A. A. championship.

This year's team should prove a strong contender for the county championship, as it will have nine lettermen back, including three pitchers.

The varsity members lost through graduation are:

JAY TRESSLER
Second baseman and a helpful player throughout the season.

BILL FURGASON
A pitcher who aided the team considerably this year.

WESLEY WHELAN
An outfielder who played good quality baseball.

LEE SMITH
An outfielder whose defensive work was outstanding.

Lettermen back next year are:

MELVIN MURPHY
Third baseman and pitcher who was both a valuable hitter and fielder.

DUAIN muRPHY
Catcher and an all-around player who was of great value to the team.

JACK GILLIN
Shortstop and a great team player who did a wonderful job.

JOHN CAMERON
First baseman and a very helpful player to the team this season.

JERRY JUDD
A good quality baseball outfielder.

LEE PHIBBS
An outfielder who aided the team throughout the season.

RONALD HENKEL
A pitcher and a utility infielder who did a creditable job.

DAVID VAN WINKLE
An outfielder who played encouraging baseball.

DAVID MURPHY
A pitcher who shows great promise and an impressive player during the season.

1948 BASEBALL SCHEDULE AND SCORES

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Tecumseh .......... 2 Carleton .......... 0

Prospects for next year include: Tom Hamilton, Dick Beasley, Tom Everlove, Dick Whelan, Ronald Woodard, Richard Bishop, Bruce Baker, Jim Breitenwischer, and Charles Staples.
The track season got off to a fairly early start, and, for the most part, the weather proved agreeable. The team was strengthened by the return of five lettermen. The thinclads encountered only three teams before entering the L. C. A. A. and Regional Meets.

The first track meet was with Clinton, and Tecumseh won easily, 68 1/2 points to 39 1/2 points. Tom Corkery and Ned Swift were high men, with 10 1/4 points apiece.

This first victory was followed by Tecumseh's win over Chelsea, 51 points to 43 points. Chuck Every was high man, with 10 points. Bill Brown, Franklin Rumler, Don Judd, Norbert O'Hara, and Tom Corkery all had five points apiece.

Tecumseh finished third in the Sylvania Triangular Meet.

With these initial meets behind them, the team prepared for the county meet. Their competitors were Morenci, Hudson, Clinton, and Blissfield. Dick Colson was high man for Tecumseh, with a total of 10 points, which he earned by taking firsts in both the 100 yard and 220 yard dashes. In second spot was Tom Corkery, with 5 3/4 points gained by a first in the broad jump and by placing in the medley relay. Third place was occupied by Frank Rumler, pole vaulter; Chuck Every, high jumper; Bill Brown, shot putter; and Norbert O'Hara, 880 yard runner. All four had 5 points each. Two other boys valuable to the team were Dick Case, a miler, and Ned Swift, hurdler. The medley relay team took second place. The scores of the meet were: Morenci, 56 points; Tecumseh, 47 points; Clinton, 18 points; Hudson, 10 points; Blissfield, 3 points.

Three Tecumseh men went on to the Regionals at Ypsilanti. Bill Brown took a first place in the shot put, Norbert O'Hara took second place in the 880 yard run, and Lee Phibbs took a third place in the 440 yard run.

Bill Brown then went on to State finals, where he took a third place in the shot put. Norbert O'Hara also went on to State, but did not place.

The men who received varsity letters this spring were: Charles Every, Dick Colson, Bill Brown, Norbert O'Hara, Ned Swift, and Franklin Rumler.
T.H.S. Indians

Dedication of Our New School

Big Jacket!

Campers

Play Practice.

Frank

Corn Poppers

Bashful

Che-e-e-z-z

Chicken

Checks
Violaters

A Lady

Studying?

Bill & Barb

Rough-necks

Buddies

Poor Dick!

Hi-Lo

Prof
ACTIVITIES
Hi, I'm Free Ride

Ice Cream Man

'Ila L.

Congratulations

'Jerk' Roberta

Why, David!

Lost Sheep

Hi, Fellas

Cute Two-some

Romeos
CALANDER

SEPTEMBER:
9—Back and anxious to get started???
10—Tests already—Murder! 
14-21—We’re getting the hang of things again.
22—We had a puppet show. Very good.
23-24—Finally a vacation. Two days for the Fair. O-o-o!
   Too much cotton candy.
24—First game! Nice work—tied Bedford, 6 all.
30—State Police from Clinton reminded us how little
   we know about safety, how much we need to learn.

OCTOBER:
1—Can’t seem to get one up on our opponents. Hudson
   0-Tecumseh 0.
7—Heap big Pep Meeting(s). Where? Both at
   Clinton and Tecumseh.
8—I guess we scalped those Redskins! Our score was
   7; theirs, 6.
14-15—This is the way we like it—another vacation.
   Poor teachers; they have to go right on studying.
15—O-w-w! Pittsford, 6 Tecumseh, 0.
22—Well, old Dexter really bowed down to our
   warriors, 28-0.
29—Morenci 14-Tecumseh 0. That is all!!

NOVEMBER:
5—We’re back on the ball. We scored 13, Summerfield,
   12.
10—Twins dressed as cowgirls sang for us, and were
   they good!—eh, fellas?
12—Blissfield 30, Tecumseh 0. Where’s Blissfield, any
   way?
15—Football season over; a rest for our warriors.
   Seniors are busy with their play.
16—Two fire drills in one day. It was cold out, too.

DECEMBER:
2-3—Wow, did you see that smash hit, “The Inner
   Willy,” put on by the Seniors?
4—Saturday night basketball game with Ida, the
   first of the season. A—hem! We won 31-27.
10—Chalk another up for Tecumseh. Our score 25-
   Morenci’s 22.
14—Flash! Redskins get revenge for that football de
   feat. Clinton 60-Tecumseh 28.
16—Another loss, but we came close to victory. Hudson
   36, Tecumseh, 31.
21—“We’re from Tecumseh—who could be prouder?”
   Tecumseh 41-Dundee 40.
22—Christmas movie this morning. Christmas Party
   a success. Congratulations, Student Council—the
   decorations were great.
22-Jan. 4—Much needed rest. Merry Christmas—
   Happy New Year!
29-30-31—The invitational tournaments at Adrian Col
   lege offered some excitement during vacation.
   First game with A. E. Smith, 30-25, our favor.
   Second game with Milan, 23-40, their favor. Third
   game with Vandercook Lake, 32-33, their favor.

JANUARY:
4—How we hate to come back to school!
7—Blissfield came out on top, 45-37.
STANDING: Charlotte Miller, Bill Martin, Zoe Ann Pennington, Jane Hanna, Miss Bortner, Mrs. Dickinson.

SITTING: Don Van Camp, Martha Hayden, Alice Everlove, Mary Davenport, Roberta Holmes, Dick Kahle, John Cameron, Jim Burnett, Jack Gillin, Pat Hammack.

On April 1 and 2, 1948, the class of "49" presented as their Junior Play, "The Baby Sitter," a three-act comedy. Mrs. Dickinson and Miss Bortner were the directors.

The scene opens with Bob and his mother quarreling over Bob's date with Carrie. Everybody is going out, and the regular baby-sitter can't come. Carrie shows up for her date, but instead offers to baby sit while Bob's mother and father go out. Junior and Lefty, the "babies," are little devils and literally tear the place apart, almost including Carrie. Blame is put on Carrie, but the truth is finally revealed. Junior gets a well-deserved spanking, and Bob and Carrie keep their date. The cast was as follows:

Bob .................................................. Jack Gillin
Mother ............................................. Alice Everlove
Father .............................................. Bill Martin
Junior .............................................. Jim Burnett
Jane .................................................. Charlotte Miller
Helen .............................................. Martha Hayden
Carrie .............................................. Pat Hammack
Eunice ............................................. Mary Davenport
Carl .................................................. Don Van Camp
Lefty ............................................... Dick Kahle
Midge .............................................. Zoe Ann Pennington
Dot .................................................. Jane Hanna
Mr. Gordon ........................................ John Cameron
Mrs. Gordon ...................................... Roberta Holmes
SENIOR PLAY

STANDING: Gordon Comfort, Robert Rentschler, Jane Hanna, Jack Gillin, Gene Tuckey, Mrs. Dickinson, Miss Bortner.

SITTING: Mary Brown, Pat Hammack, Jim Colson, Beulah Withrow, Gloria Yost, Shirlie Moore, Mary Lou Dinse, Barbara Schoeck.

"The Inner Willy," a three-act comedy, was staged by the Seniors on December 2 and 3, 1948, under the direction of Mrs. Dickinson and Miss Bortner. The story is about Willoughby, who was brought up by his three maiden aunts. His life consists of steady rounds of piano lessons, castor oil, and creamed turnips, until Willy's inner self finally appears in person. The "inner Willy," visible only to Willoughby and the audience, takes charge of his life, with revolutionary results.

The comedy had some very clever lines and uproarious situations and was one of the funniest high school plays given in recent years. The cast, who were well chosen and who acted their parts unusually well, consisted of the following:

Willoughby Adams ........................................... Jim Colson
Aunt Hester .................................................. Shirlie Moore
Aunt Louise .................................................... Mary Lou Dinse
Aunt Olga ....................................................... Beulah Withrow
Inner Willy ..................................................... Gordon Comfort
Stanley Clark ................................................... Gene Tuckey
Mike ............................................................. Jack Gillin
Marybelle Turner ............................................ Gloria Yost
Trudy Marshall ................................................ Pat Hammack
Janet Marshall ................................................ Mary Brown
Carol Martin ................................................... Barbara Schoeck
MAY DANCE

On May 21, 1948, in a Hawaiian garden setting with palm trees, tiny silver stars, and a big yellow moon, our annual May dance was held. The girls' formals were beautiful, and the contrast of colors was that of the rainbow. Everyone enjoyed it, but the Seniors seemed exceptionally quiet as they realized that this was the last May Dance which they would attend as students of T.H.S.

JUNIOR SENIOR RECEPTION

On May 14, 1948, the Class of "49" entertained the Senior Class at the annual Junior-Senior Reception. The scene represented a beautiful Hawaiian garden, with the lights turned low and tables scattered among the palm trees. Large pineapples looked very tempting as they decorated the centers of the tables. Stars glittered from the ceiling, and a big yellow moon topped it off. The menu also carried out the Hawaiian motif. After a three course dinner, the following program was presented:

- Hawaiian Chants .................. Shirlie Moore
- Chief Ooagalaan ................... Jack Gillin
- Hawaiian Welcome ................. Bill Martin
- Echo ................................ Dick Purkey
- Music from the Islands ........... Jim Colson
  Dick Colson
  Gordon Comfort
  Charles Manley
- Parting of the Ways .............. Pat Wilson
- Enchantress of the Islands ....... Mrs. Dickinson
- Hula Girls .......................... Martha Hayden
  Delpha Cox
- Aloha ................................ Mary Brown
- The Beachcomber .................. Mr. Mead

CHRISTMAS DANCE

The annual T.H.S. Christmas Dance was held on the twenty-second of December. The girls all blossomed out in their new dresses, wearing flowers from their best beaux. The gym was decorated in the Christmas spirit, with a huge tree at one end and smaller ones placed around the sides. Colored lights, tinsel, and red and green streamers added to the festivity. Refreshments were supplied by a coke machine. Everyone danced to the music of Bill Henline's orchestra, and faculty, students, and alumni all seemed to enjoy the evening.
STUDENT COUNCIL

STANDING: Robert Marsh, John Ladd, Mr. Brazee, Jeanet Ehinger, David Murphy, Kirk Smith.

SITTING: Janet Erhart, Betty Jo Hanna, Max McLaury, David Green, Margaret Touborg, Gordon Comfort.

OFFICERS

President ...................................................... David Green
Vice President .................................................. Gordon Comfort
Secretary .......................................................... Janet Ehinger
Treasurer ........................................................... Betty Jo Hanna

RED CROSS COUNCIL

STANDING: Donna Martin, Roberta Holmes, Shirlie Moore, Charlene Joseph, Alice Osburn.

SITTING: Patsy Purell, Merlyn Wagner, Gerald Aebersold, Jim Colson, Dale Tingley, Beverly McLaury, Evelyn Arnold.

OFFICERS

President ...................................................... Jim Colson
Vice President .................................................. Gerald Aebersold
Secretary .......................................................... Evelyn Arnold
Treasurer ........................................................... Beverly McLaury
Tecumseh’s 1948-49 debate teams possessed the spirit of unselfishness and perfect teamwork. They applied themselves to this year’s debate topic, “Resolved: That the United Nations now be revised into a Federal World Government,” with quick-wittedness and intelligence. These factors contributed to a very successful year of debating, our teams winning seven out of eight debates, and thereby easily gaining the right to participate in the District Meet at Ann Arbor. In each debate both the negative and affirmative team took part. In its first two debates Tecumseh entertained Litchfield, then journeyed to Dundee. In the third meet, Tecumseh entertained Onsted, and the final meet was held at Lambertville.

Both teams were of almost uniform excellence, the Affirmative being composed of Tom Everlove and Bill Morris (Captain); the Negative of Gordon Comfort and David Green (Captain). Marilyn Lindsley and Cynthia Spafford generously contributed time as time-keeper and program chairman respectively, and Mr. Furbush was the debate coach.

The performance of high debating ability this year has won for Tecumseh High School an award from the Michigan High School Forensic Association. The Detroit Free Press will award each debater individually a certificate of merit.
TOP ROW: Norma Comfort, Garnet Drouillard, Barbara Handy, Joan Buehrer, Sherry Fielder, Charles Goodacre, Donald Reitz, Ralph Swain, Robert Cooper, Geraldine Handy, Truley Ogden, Donna Burleson.


OFFICERS

President ......................................... Charles Gorton
Vice President ................................. Marian Comfort
Secretary-Treasurer ........................... Sherry Fielder
JUNIOR BAND

TOP ROW: Donald Partridge, Joe Gregory, Robert Francouer, Bobby Roe, Edna Freshcorn, Annette Bailey, John Walper, Thelma Reeves, Ross Hadley.

MIDDLE ROW: Bobby Rutherford, Gary Marsh, Margaret Champanoise, Shirley Larned, Martha McKenzie, Geraldine Drouillard, Mary Lou Partridge, Carol LeBaron, Harold Weekly, Larry Hooten.

SITTING: James Purkey, Derry Packard, Nancy Edgar, Mr. Camburn, Brenda Porter, Raymond Nichols, Barbara Ousterhout, Pat Fielder.

CHORUS

TOP ROW: Beverly McLaury, Janet Erhart, Shirley Finnegan, Jolene Barron, Betty Hayden.

SECOND ROW: Eris Baily, Marlene White, Christine Robinson, Donna Jean Craig, Doris Carson, Kay Moore, Miss Mohr.

SITTING: Mary Jane Dermyer, Joan Lewis, Josephine Powell, Joyce Smith, Roberta Gallaway, Kathryn Ann Sisson, Martha Hayden, Sally Brown, Betty Jo Hanna, Cynthia Spafford.
TOP ROW: Doug McDowell, Jack Gillin, Dick Case, David Van Winkle, Bill Martin, Owen Campbell.

MIDDLE ROW: John Underwood, John Cameron, David Murphy, Duaine Murphy, Jerry Judd, Ronald Henkel.

SITTING: Bob Rentschler, Jack Whelan, Don Van Camp, Melvin Murphy, Coach Duvall.

VARSI TY CLUB

Tecumseh High School has a new organization, which came into existence this year. A group of letter winners in sports, under the direction of Coach Duvall, met, elected officers, and adopted a constitution. Varsity Club officers for this first year are: President, Jack Whelan; Vice President, Don Van Camp; Secretary, Melvin Murphy; Treasurer, Bob Rentschler.

The Club's purpose is two-fold—to further an interest in sports, and to keep team work a main issue in the life of every member. The charter members believe that this organization will remain with the school for many years to come, and they hope that its two main purposes will be carried out.

All fellows who have earned a varsity letter in any sport at Tecumseh High are eligible to join. The Club will sponsor many activities, including a homecoming next year, to which each graduate member of the organization will be invited free of charge. The following Seniors are charter members of the Varsity Club: Jack Whelan, Melvin Murphy, Bob Rentschler, John Cameron, Jack Gillin, Duaine Murphy, John Underwood, and Bill Martin.
TOP ROW: Dean Pilbeam, Lowell Selders, Jerry Eaton, Larry Osburn, Robert Cowen, Wilfred Kauffman.

MIDDLE ROW: James Dick, Carl Lickfelt, Marlin Mickel, Jim Hubbard, Alfred Jewell, James Reed.

SITTING: Mr. Locke, Fred Feight, Don Bailey, Lawrence Young, Howard Pennington, James Winzeler, Charles Gorton, Fred Long, Ray Jackson.

**F. F. A. OFFICERS**

- President: Howard Pennington
- Vice President: Lawrence Young
- Secretary: James Winzeler
- Treasurer: Charles Gorton

**F. F. A. JUDGING TEAM**

James Dick, Jerry Eaton, James Winzeler.
There goes Coach!

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Loafers

'Sunny' Moore

Three Musketeers

Tomboys

Swing & Sway

Sweet hearts
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The following lettermen will be back next year:

Ronnie Henkel—A fine defensive player who, because of his smallness, surprised many an opposing back with his hard tackling. He also played a swell game on offense when called upon.

Dave Van Winkle—An up-and-coming Sophomore back, who was especially adept at kicking and passing. Dave was also a good man to have around on defense. We are glad that Dave will be on hand in forthcoming years.

Dick Case—Although Dick is not a Senior, he completed his final season with the Orange and Black. He played left end, letting few, if any, opponents come around or through his position. His long reach snared many a pass for needed yardage.

Owen Campbell—Owen played a fine, all-around game at center all year. His line-backing was exceptional. He will be back next year to continue his good work.

Jerry Judd—Jerry played left guard, where he turned in some fine performances. He did an especially excellent job on opening up holes in enemy lines for his backfield mates. Jerry will bolster next year's line.

Junior Varsity letters were awarded to the following players for their valuable assistance throughout the season.

Dick Beasley, Jerry Eggleston, Jerry O'Brien, Don Bailey, Doug McDowell, Gerald Van Valkenburg, Jim Sloan, Chuck Goodacre, Jerry Bowen, Frank Rumler, John Ladd, and Jack Colson.

The reserve team was coached by Mr. Dick this year. Five games were scheduled with other teams. They lost four games and tied the remaining one. Many of the boys playing on the reserve team are good prospects for next year's varsity. We wish them luck during coming seasons.

The following boys were listed on the reserve roster:
