

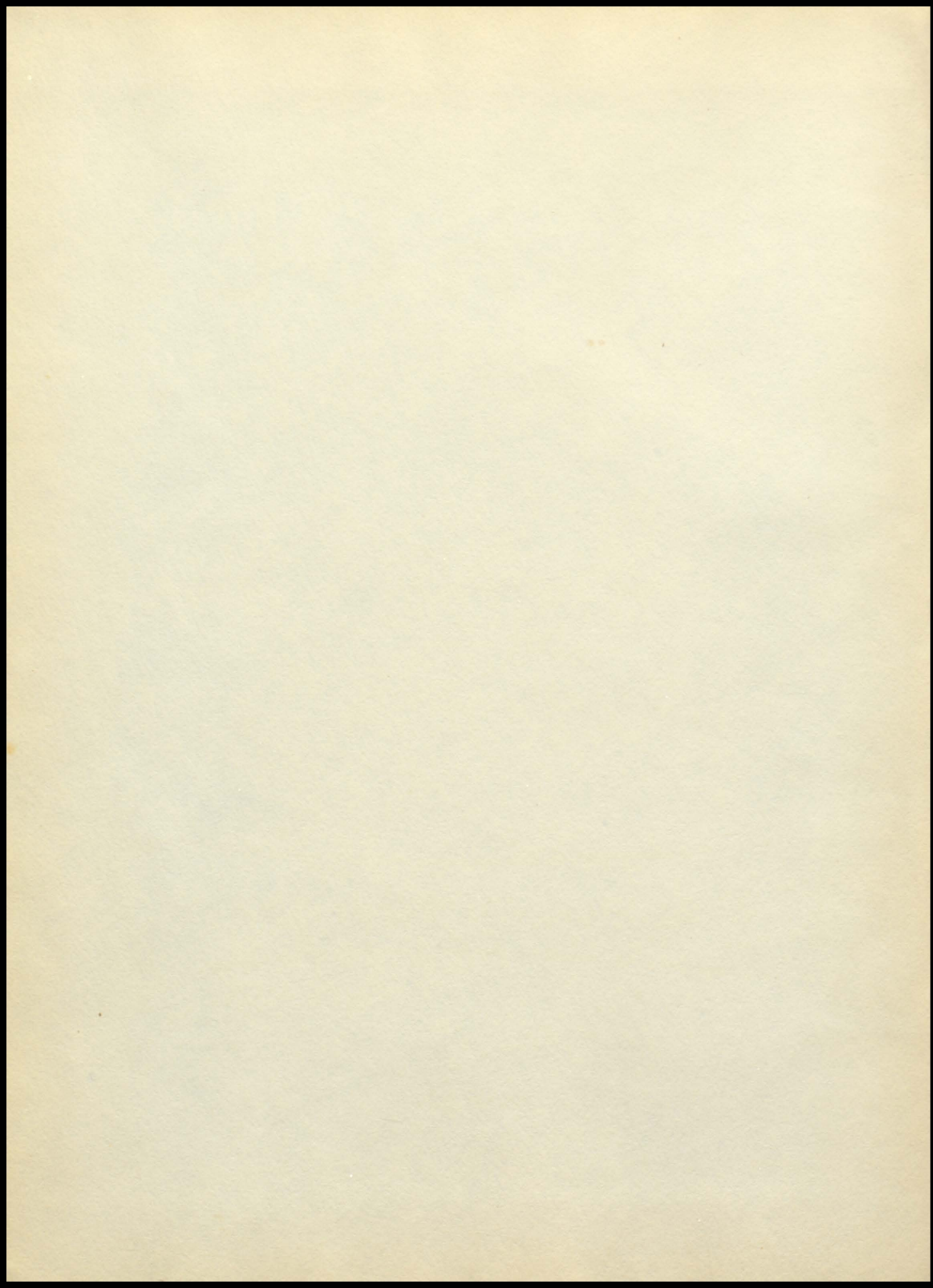
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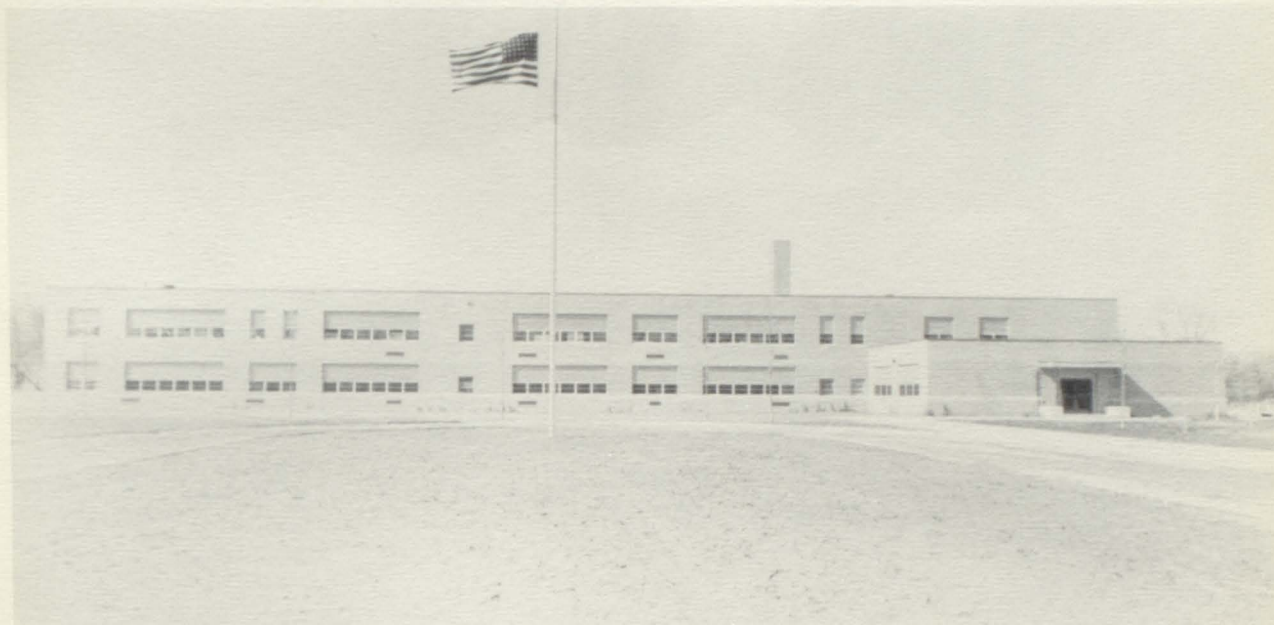
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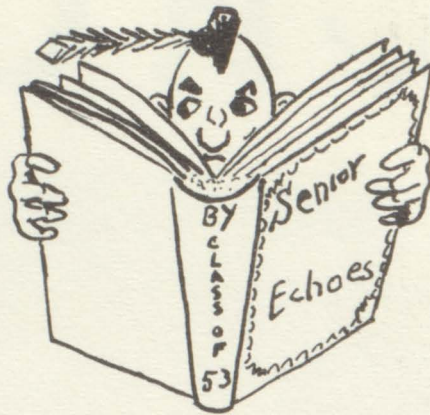


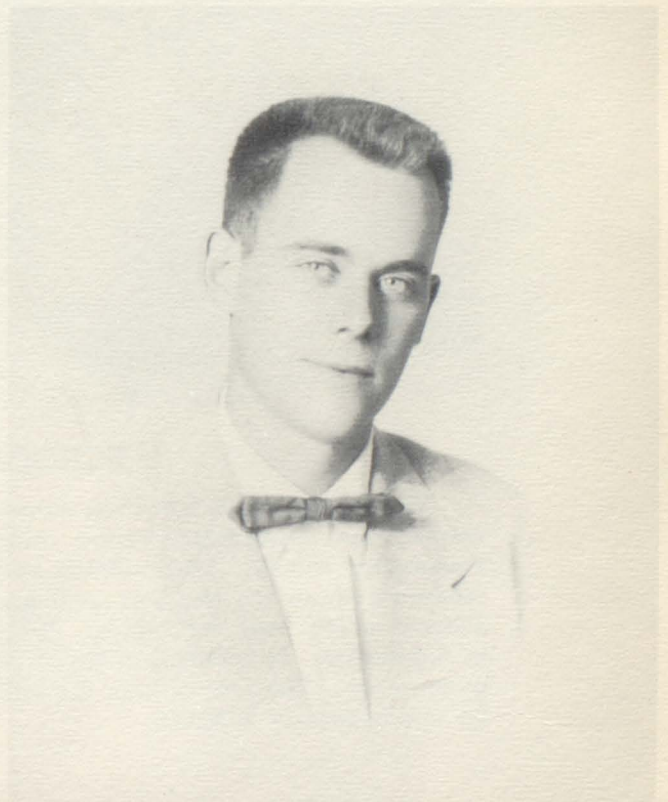
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This annual is dedicated to Mrs. June Macbeth in appreciation of her inspiring guidance rendered during our Senior year...

and to Mr. Douglas Murdoch in appreciation of his untiring efforts on behalf of the Class of '53.





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The school board has been extremely busy this year making plans concerning the construction of an addition to the high school and a new elementary school. The addition to the high school will include a large, modern gymnasium and five much-needed classrooms. The new elementary school, which will be named Patterson School, will be ready for use in September. In addition to seven classrooms, it will include a library and gymnasium. The cost of both the addition and the elementary building will be approximately \$760,000.



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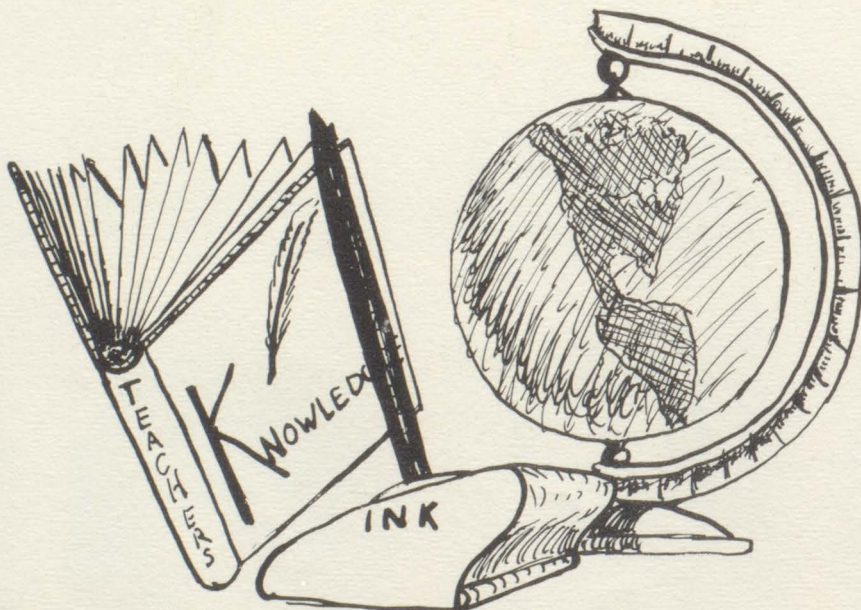


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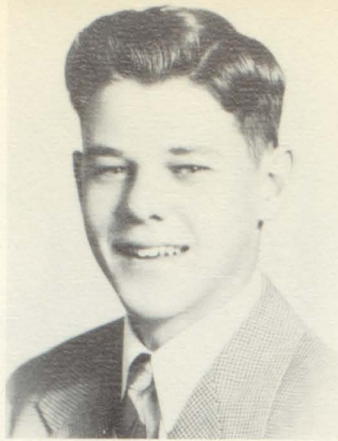
MARY LOU ALDERDYCE
"Louie"

Name it—she can do it.
Annual Staff



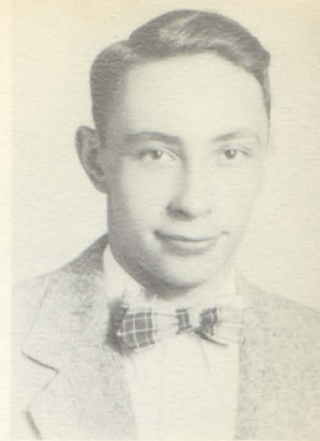
SHIRLEY MAE BAILEY
"Shirley"

She does all of her talking at
the telephone office.
Britton 1-2, Honor student



JERROLD L. BARRON
"Jerry"

"The best of us lack more than
wings to be an angel."
Honor Student, Annual Staff, Sen-
ior Play, Junior Play, Varsity Club
4, Football R 1, Basketball V 4,
Baseball 3-4, Track 4.



WILLIAM S. BEARDSLEY
"Bill"

"My mind is like a parachute;
it only functions when open."
Honor Student, President 2, An-
nual Staff, Senior Play, Junior
Play, Varsity Club 4, Football
R 1-2-3, V 4, Basketball R 2,
Track 3-4.



RAYMOND JACK BETZOLDT
"Betz"

"What, no girls in heaven!
Well, then just leave me here."
Fairdale, Kentucky 1, President
4, Annual Staff, Senior Play,
Junior Play, Varsity Club 3-4,
Football R 2, V 3-4, Basketball
R 2-3, V 4, Baseball 3-4, Track 3-4.

NORMA JEANE BILBY
"Norm"

"Some think the world was
made for fun and frolic, and
so do I."
Annual Staff, Girls' Athletic Asso-
ciation 3-4, (Secretary 4).



ROBERT CARYL BINNS
"Caryl"

"And the muscles of his brawny
arms are strong as iron bands."
Honor Student, Student Council
2-4 (Treasurer 4), Senior Play,
Junior Play, Varsity Club 2-3-4
(Treasurer 4), Football R 1, V 2-3-4
(Captain 4), Basketball R 1-2, V
3-4 (Co-captain 4), Track 2.

ROBERT DALE BIRD
"Bob"

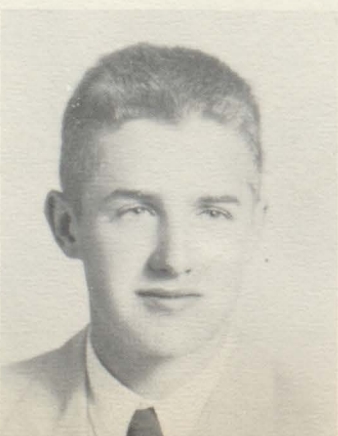
"I may do something startling
yet!"
Honor Student, Senior Play,
F.F.A. 1-2.

MELVIN BOLTZ
"Mel"

"I'll not budge an inch!"
Honor Student, Vice President 2,
Student Council 1-3-4, Annual
Staff, Senior Play, Varsity Club
3-4 (Secretary 4), Football R 1-2,
V 3-4, Basketball R 2-3, V 4.

JANET BOWSER
"Jan"

She is never quiet except
when she's sleeping.
Girls' Athletic Association 3-4.





PETER FRANK BROCK

"Pete"

"A bluff a day makes school work play."



IRMA JEAN BROLLIER

"Irmie"

She's quiet, but when you know her—well, that's a different story.

Salutatorian, Secretary 2-3-4, Student Council 1, Annual Staff, Girls' Athletic Association 3-4.



ROBERT L. BROOKS

"Brooksie"

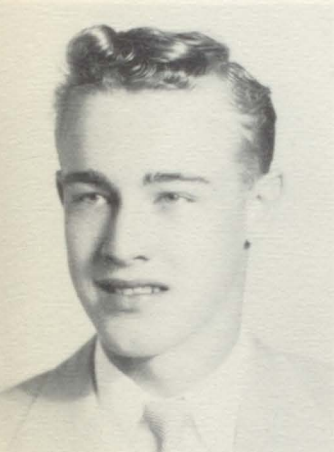
Better to understand a little than to misunderstand a lot. Senior Play, F.F.A. 2.



PHYLLIS A. BUTLER

"Phil"

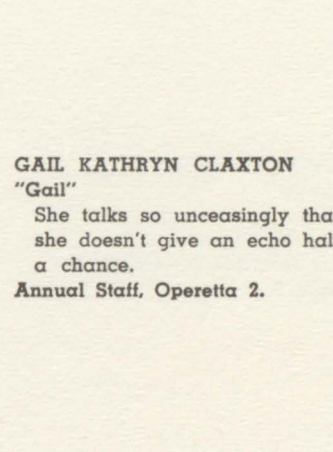
"I'm content to look on." Girls' Athletic Association 4.



EDWARD HENRY CLARK

"Ed"

"It's not what you do, but what you get away with." Football R 1.



GAIL KATHRYN CLAXTON

"Gail"

She talks so unceasingly that she doesn't give an echo half a chance.

Annual Staff, Operetta 2.



JEANE A. CONLIN

"Dimples"

"Men may come and men may go, but I'll go on forever!" Honor Student, Operetta 2.

BARBARA JEAN CORNELL

"Cornie"

Merry as a cricket. Senior Play, Girls' Athletic Association 3-4, Tennis 2.

LEVERETT H. DEJONGHE

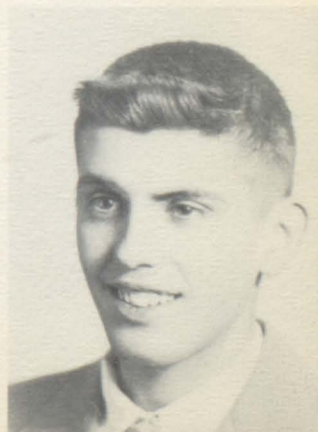
"Hex"

Be silent and safe, for silence never betrays you. F.F.A. 1-2-3-4.

JOHN DEMING

"J.V.D."

"The history books say—" Honor Student, Vice President 4, Senior Play.





DANIEL D. DERMYER

"Danny"

Trouble runs off him like water;
off a duck's back.

MARY LOU DIBBLE

"Mary Lou"

"I may look like one, but I'm
no angel."

Honor Student, Annual Staff,
Band 1-2.

M. DIANE DILLON

"Dilly"

Light or dark, short or tall, she
sets the spring to snare them
all.

Honor Student, Vice President 1,
Annual Staff, Senior Play, Junior
Play, Cheerleader 3-4 (Co-captain
4), Girls' Athletic Association 3-4
(Vice President 3, President 4),
Tennis 2.

JUANITA N. DOWNARD

"Nita"

"I think I'll start a drug store
in Tipton."

Annual Staff.



JAMES B. FIELDER

"Fiddler"

Hotrods are driven at two
speeds—lawful and awful.

Vice President 3, Football R 1-2,
Tennis 2.

HELEN MARIE FURGASON

"Insect"

Curiosity killed a cat.
Operetta 2.



JACK LEWIS GREENWALD

"Jack"

"Who can be wise on an empty
stomach?"

Honor Student, Annual Staff,
Varsity Club 3-4, Football R 1-2,
V 3-4, Basketball R 2-3, V 4,
Baseball 2-3-4, Track 3.

D. JAMES HARGRAVE

"Jim"

His first great loves—Fords and
women.

Senior Play, F.F.A. 2-3-4 (Treas-
urer 4).

ARLENE HENSON

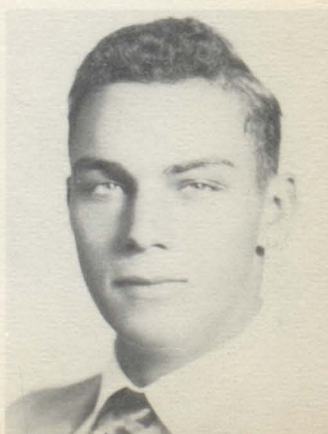
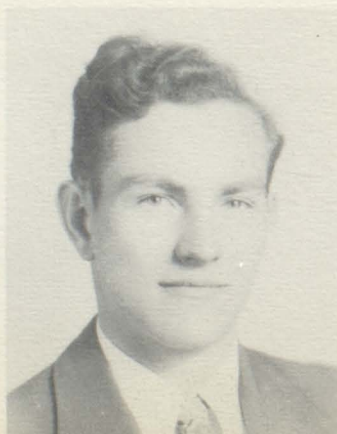
"Renie"

"I have to come to school once
in a while to see how classes
are progressing."

LYNN E. HUNT

"Lynn"

"If I just didn't have to start
the morning off by getting up!"
Varsity Club 2-3-4, F.F.A. 2-3-4
(Vice President 3), Football R 1,
V 2-3-4, Baseball 1-2-3.





NANCY LOUISE KINIETZ
"Nan"
 "Anyone care to enroll in my summer driving school?"
 Honor Student, Annual Staff, Debate 1-2-3-4, Senior Play, Junior Play, Future Nurses' Club 3-4 (Secretary 3, President 4), Girls' Athletic Association 4.

ERNEST DOUGLAS KOLLAR
"Ernie"
 "What would I do with brains when I do so much without them?"
 Annual Staff, Senior Play, Junior Play, Band 1-2.

JOYCE LAGORE
"Joyce"
 "My main interest? It sure isn't school!"
 Operetta 2.

JAMES L. LAWSON
"Jim"
 "I feel fine in the morning until I wake up."
 Senior Play, Football R 2.



LUCILLE A. LAWSON
"Lucy"
 "If you want something good, you can always come to Brandt's."
 Operetta 2.

J. THOMAS LIMES
"Tom"
 "Just give me time and I'll move the world; the first hundred years are the hardest."



CAROLE LUCE
"Carole"
 "Number, please?"
 Operetta 2.

SHIRLEY MACK
"Shirley"
 It was often she burned the midnight oil, but, sorry to say, it was not for toil.

KAY MORDEN
"KayKay"
 "I'm sure not going to worry; it might give me wrinkles."
 Junior Play, Future Nurses' Club 3.

MAX MORDEN
"Max"
 Better to be small and shine than to be great and cast a shadow.
 Senior Play.





ORIN DALE MURPHY
"Murph"

He works with a will, and
draws with skill.

VERNA GAIL MURPHY
"Verna"

"Jump in! I'm on my way
down town.
Band 1-2.

THOMAS NASER
"Tom"

"Did you say hurry?"
Honor Student, Boys' State,
President 3, Annual Staff, Senior
Play, Junior Play, Varsity Club
2-3-4 (President 4), Football R 1,
V 2, Basketball R 1-2, Baseball
2.

HUBERT LEE NORCROSS
"Sammy"

"If I had been Napoleon, I'd
have done it this way—"
Honor Student, Senior Play,
Track Mgr. 2.



PATRICIA ANN O'BRIEN
"Pat"

Much can be made of an Irish-
man, if you begin young.
Honor Student

WAYNE WARREN PATTON
"Wayne"

"I wish he would explain his
explanation."
Annual Staff, Senior Play, Junior
Play, Varsity Club 2-3-4, Foot-
ball R 1, V 2-3, Basketball R 1-2,
V 3-4, Track 2.



JOAN A. PFAUS
"Joan"

She has more "cents" than
anyone else in the Senior
Class.
Honor Student, D. A. R. Good
Citizenship Award, Treasurer
1-2-3-4, Annual Staff, Senior
Play, Girls' Athletic Association
3-4, Tennis 2.

LORISSA B. PEOTTER
"Rissa"

Too old for teddy bears, too
young for wolves.
Honor Student, Girls' Athletic
Association 3-4 (Treasurer 3),
Tennis 2.

JOYCE POLEY
"Josie"

"I never talk to strangers—
unless they're men."
Saginaw 2, Cheerleader 1-2,
Tennis 2.

GRETta MARLENE PORTER
"Grets"

"I will end this introduction
with a brief word of warning."
Honor Student, Annual Staff, De-
bate 1-2-3-4, Senior Play, Junior
Play, Band 1-2, All County Band
2.





ROBERT SCHUCH
"Bob"

"Life is just an empty dream;
why wake up and slave?"
Varsity Club 4, Football R 1-2,
Basketball R 1, V 2.



FLORINE SCHULTZ
"Flo"

"I'd rather walk with a man
than an angel any day."
President 1, Junior Play.



G. KIRK SMITH
"George"

"Innocent looks are sometimes
deceiving."
Student Council 1, Football R 1,
Basketball R 1-2, Tennis 2, Golf
3-4.



WILLIAM J. STARKEY
"Bill"

He puts his worries in a pock-
et with a hole in it.
Senior Play, Varsity Club 4,
F.F.A. 2, Football R 1-2-3, V 4,
Basketball Mgr. 2.



JUNE STUART
"June"

What could be so rare as a
day with June?
Honor Student, Girls' State, An-
nual Staff, Operetta 2.

JAMES LEROY STUTESMAN
"Stutz"

"I'm not a politician, and my
other habits are good."
Senior Play, Varsity Club 4, F.
F.A. 2, Football R 2-3, V 4.



RUTH MARIE TILTON
"Shorty"

Her only fault is that she has
none.
Honor Student.

MARIAN E. TITLEY
"M. E."

"The word 'impossible' is not
in my dictionary."
Valedictorian, Student Council
3-4 (Scribe 3, Secretary 4), Editor-
in-Chief of Annual, Operetta 2.

MARGARET MONROE TOUBORG
"Mugs"

It is better to be out of the
world than out of fashion.
Honor Student, Student Council
1, Annual Staff, Senior Play,
Junior Play.

NANCY MARIE TREBY
"Nan"

"There was nothing else I
could do but laugh."
Honor Student, Annual Staff,
Senior Play, Girls' Athletic As-
sociation 4.





SHIRLEY J. VAN CAMP

"Shirl"

"I wonder how it feels to study?"

Senior Play.



SHIRLEY JEANE VAN HOOK

"Shirl"

Beauty pulls more than oxen. Secretary 1, Annual Staff, Junior Play, Cheerleader 2-3-4, Girls' Athletic Association 3.



MERLYN D. WAGNER

"Prof."

"A little learning is a dangerous thing."

Honor Student, Boys' State, Student Council 2-3-4 (Vice President 3, President 4), Annual Staff, Oration 2, Extempore Speech 4, Debate 1-2-3-4, F.F.A. 1-2-3-4 (Reporter 2-3, Regional Reporter 3, President 4).



MARILYN E. WHELAN

"Shorty"

Just keep on looking up—you'll see her eventually. Senior Play.



WILBERT L. WILCOX

"Willie"

"I should worry like a corn-stalk and have my ears fall off."

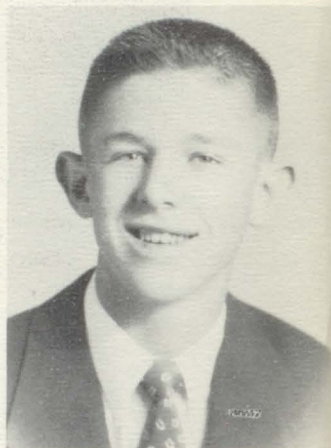
F.F.A. 1-2-3-4.

JAMES G. WILSON

"Jim"

"Friends, Romans, Countrymen, lend me your ears!"

Honor Student, Varisty Club 4, Football R 1-3, Basketball R 1-2, V 3-4 (Co-captain 4), Golf 3.



EUGENE LEROY WITHROW

"Peanuts"

"Maybe I'm small, but so is a stick of dynamite."

Senior Play, F.F.A. 1-2-3-4 (Sentinel 2, Secretary 4).

JAMES YOUNG

"Jim"

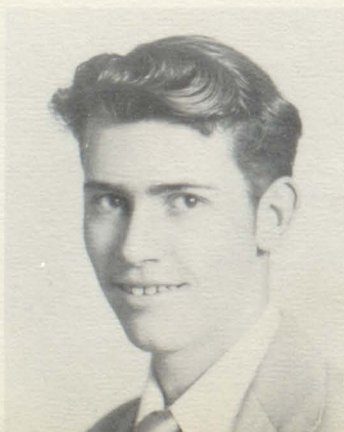
"Worry and I never met." F.F.A. 1-2.

RICHARD SAMUEL YOUNG

"Dick"

"I cannot afford to waste my time making money."

Honor Student, F.F.A. 1-2-3 (Treasurer 2-3).





TOP ROW: June Stuart, Juanita Downard, Norma Bilby, Shirley Van Hook, Gretta Porter, Margaret
Touborg, Nancy Kinietz, Nancy Treby.
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VALEDICTORY

Marian Titley

We who are graduating in this year of 1953 are fortunate enough to be able to begin our life careers in a nation which believes in and upholds the principles of democracy, free enterprise, and the supreme worth of the individual citizen. We have unlimited opportunities to succeed in whatever field of endeavor we choose to undertake—opportunities which were created for us out of toil, hardship, sacrifice, and even bloodshed. The least we can do to help repay our debt of gratitude is to take advantage of these opportunities, to become responsible American citizens, and to help to secure the same opportunities for others.

The tired, war-torn world of today needs American youth, with their love for liberty, fresh ideas, and indomitable spirit. The youth of some countries have never known the physical, mental, and spiritual freedom which we, as Americans, enjoy. They have grown up with repression, regimentation, and privation—forced to conform with and defend the doctrines of their dictator. These mentally imprisoned people are rapidly becoming a powerful, efficient machine—designed to produce world conquest and subjection. Our generation must halt this deadly mechanism before it succeeds in its mission of destruction.

But, while occupied with resisting Communism abroad and securing freedom for others, we must be alert and watchful here at home for any subversive influence which would seek to annihilate our own freedom. We can best insure the continuation of an efficient, democratic system of government by exercising at every opportunity our hard-won right to vote, and by taking an active, instead of passive, interest in governmental affairs.

During the past twelve years, our parents and teachers have endeavored to provide us with a strong mental, moral, and spiritual foundation upon which to build the future. The challenge is great, the task exacting, the reward—peace, brotherhood, and understanding. The education which we have acquired will prove valuable in helping us to build a peaceful, prosperous future and to achieve success in life, for we believe that "Knowledge Itself is Power".



SALUTATORY

Irma Brollier

For the entire class of 1953, I would like to welcome you parents, teachers, and friends to one of the most important nights of our lives. We wish to express to you our sincere gratefulness for your untiring efforts and assistance during the first chapter of our lives. By comparing it with a book, I should like to tell you of our life at school.

The color and attractiveness of a book's cover can be compared with the attractive force which created in us an eagerness to learn and to build our knowledge.

Just as every book must have a specific purpose, such as entertainment, character study, or the creation of a mood, so school, also, must have a purpose—which has been our desire for a full, well-rounded education to be a foundation for gaining success in the future.

Joys and conflicts are intermingled throughout any story. Conflicts are present, also, in school life. The anxiety during athletic competition and the difficulties in meeting classroom responsibilities have formed a major portion of our struggles.

The plot of our school life is just as important as the plot of a book. All the experiences and events of the school days which we are leaving behind have made up our plot. Your guidance and understanding are found to be continually appearing in this plot.

As the action is completed and the purpose is fulfilled, the ending of a book is reached, which may be either comedy or tragedy. Our book combines both. Having worked hard and learned much, we are now at the ending of our school life. Graduation is a happy occasion as we think of our school work being finished and of the new life ahead of us; it is also a sad moment, because of the thoughts of leaving our classmates and friends and of the breaking up of our class.

As we leave tonight, soon to begin college days, to acquire an occupation, or to experience military service, we must face intolerance and misunderstanding of races and creeds, confusion caused by wars, and corruption of government and of thinking. We shall have many problems to solve. But the knowledge and background of American beliefs and ideals, which you have given us, will help us to make our futures successful and prosperous.



CLASS NIGHT PROGRAM

Wednesday, June 10, 1953

MOTTO

"Ipsa Scientia Potestas Est"
("Knowledge itself is Power")

COLORS

Green and White

FLOWER

White Carnation

Presentation of Cane.....	Jack Betzoldt
Acceptance of Cane.....	Earl Kruger
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Prophecy.....	Gretta Porter, Tom Naser, Margaret Touborg, Robert Binns
Giftatory.....	Joan Pfaus, Nancy Kinietz Melvin Boltz, Bill Beardsley
Class Will.....	Nancy Treby, Jerry Barron, Lorissa Peotter
President's Address.....	Jack Betzoldt
Class Song.....	Diane Dillon

PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS

JACK BETZOLDT

CLASSMATES and FRIENDS:

In these last years of high school we have taken the first few steps toward becoming responsible American citizens, and we are now about to enter a highly competitive race toward success, whether we are entering college or going into our chosen professions. The past twelve years represent a foundation on which to build the success or failure that we shall make of our lives.

The condition of conflicts and strife that exists in the world causes young men of today to look into the future with uncertainty. They have facing them the problem of whether they should fulfill their obligation to their country in the armed services or fulfill the obligation to themselves by furthering their education. We can not let these conditions of tension and unrest in the world be excuses to justify failure, but rather challenges for us to succeed; and we must remember that only by joining our efforts with the present generation and by using the exuberance and optimism of youth can we ever hope for a better tomorrow.

Now at last we have a chance to exercise our own initiative and forethought, a chance to use to the fullest extent our education in order to become better American citizens and thus in part repay the debt we owe to the world and to the people who have helped us through the years.

In conclusion I would like to express my sincere thanks to the class of 1953 for the honor of being your president during this important year. I wish to express my thanks to you for your co-operation and untiring efforts throughout the year, and on behalf of the class I wish to express our appreciation to our counselors for their effort and guidance. Now may I wish each and every one of you a full measure of the success to which you are entitled. Thank you.

SENIOR CLASS HISTORY

Merlyn Wagner, Richard Young

In the year 1849, in this great land of ours, men of many different occupations formed a wagon train and headed west in quest of wealth. This wealth was in the form of gold. A century later, 1949, a group of Freshmen met at Tecumseh High School and formed a wagon train. We bravely set forth to conquer the challenge which we found facing us in our quest for wealth. This wealth was in the form of knowledge.

We have found our trip to be exciting, enjoyable and constantly filled with new experiences. It is with much regret that we now realize the fact that the trip is nearly over.

In the fall of 1949, as we started out, our caravan was eighty-six strong. We Freshmen held a campfire meeting early in September and elected Florine Schultz to lead us that first year. Diane Dillon was her helper, and Shirley Van Hook was selected as keeper of the class diary. In charge of our finances was Joan Pfau. Melvin Boltz, Irma Broilier, and Margaret Touborg were charged with the responsibility of coordinating our social activities with those of neighboring wagon trains. As guides we were fortunate in having Mrs. Clark and Mr. Neal Brazee.

Along the trail of T.H.S. we encountered many activities, such as the Christmas Dance and the May Party. The colorful homecoming festivities soon gave way to the biannual carnival. Our concessions at this carnival included a silhouette stand operated by Orindale Murphy, a refreshment stand, and a duck ring toss.

Following the carnival, the boys relaxed as the girls waited on them during Sponge Week. We shall never forget the experiences we enjoyed the first year on the trail.

The second year there were eighty-two members in our band. Bill Beardsley climbed into the driver's seat of the lead wagon, and Melvin Boltz was his assistant. Irma Broilier assumed the duty of keeping the diary and Joan Pfau continued looking after our growing treasury. Bob Binns, Merlyn Wagner, and Sally Rentschler were our representatives to the joint meetings held with other wagon trains. Our guides for this year were Miss Hanchon and Mr. Murdoch. We were now familiar with the hazards of the trail, and therefore we eagerly looked forward to the coming events. Besides the usual activities, our class sponsored numerous bake sales and two skating parties. In December our class rings arrived. We were very happy because we were the first class in Tecumseh to purchase rings in the Sophomore year. After our Christmas Party, the next big event was the May Dance. Shirley Van Hook and Jack Betzoldt were our representatives to the Royal Court at the May Dance. This completed the year's activities.

By our Junior year we had survived the hardships of the trail thus far, and we began to feel confident that we would safely reach our goal. We chose as our wagon master Tom Naser, who was assisted by Jim Fielder. Irma Broilier and Joan Pfau continued their positions as secretary and treasurer, respectively. Our representatives to the Council were Marian Titley, Melvin Boltz, and Merlyn Wagner. Mr. Murdoch assumed the individual responsibility of guiding us this year. We now began to think about the activities which our class must soon sponsor, such as the Junior-Senior Reception. Therefore, we participated in many money making projects—paper drives, the sale of baked goods, magazines, school sweatshirts and stationery. The concessions which we operated at the carnival this year included a refreshment stand, archery range, a fun house and a dart stand, all of which were successful. Later in the season our class presented "Footloose", a three-act comedy. Seniors and Juniors alike enjoyed the picturesque setting of the Country Club for the traditional Junior-Senior Reception. The formal May Dance concluded another busy year.

In this, our Senior year, our activities along the trail have increased rapidly. Sixty-nine Seniors started the year by electing Jack Betzoldt head engineer. John Deming was his right-hand man. Joan Pfau and Irma Broilier were once again re-elected to the offices of treasurer and secretary. Melvin Boltz, Marian Titley, and Bob Binns ably represented us on the Council. In addition, the Seniors had a fourth member on the Council, Merlyn Wagner, who served as President. Mrs. Macbeth became our adviser.

We soon began preparing for our Senior trip by repeating most of the money-making activities of our Junior year. In addition we sold pencils, Christmas cards, ribbon and all-occasion cards. Our Senior play, "The Man Who Came to Dinner", was a credit to our class.

Later, we participated in the Homecoming activities and attended the Christmas Dance. Again this year the girls entertained the boys during Sponge Week. In May, we embarked on our Senior trip to New York City for five joyful days. We saw the sights of the big city, including the great White Way. We returned, tired but still excited, to find ourselves nearing the end of the trail of T. H. S. Then came the lovely Junior-Senior Reception, at which the Seniors were unusually quiet.

Our Baccalaureate exercises are now in the past. As we reflect, on this Class night, that Commencement is but a few hours away, we now solemnly realize that our journey is over, and that we have reached our goal. Just at "Knowledge itself is Power," so knowledge is also wealth. We shall sincerely strive in the future to use this wealth for the good of all.

CLASS SONG

(Tune: "The Caisson Song")

Diane Dillon

Over hill, over dale,
As we hit the future's trail
Will these Seniors go marching along.
Thru the joys, thru the tears,
As we meet the coming years
Will these Seniors go marching along.

Chorus:
And it's Hi Hi He
For the class of '53—
We will shout out our numbers loud and strong
And where e'er we go
You will always know
That these Seniors go marching along.

We've had fun, we've been gay,
And with pride will always say
That Tecumseh has helped us along.
Thru the books, thru the games,
Our school spirit true remains;
In our thoughts we will follow along.

We will strive in time to do,
All that's good — successful, too
As we Seniors go marching along.
Now farewell, our best to you,
As we bid you fond adieu
For these Seniors go marching along.

CLASS POEM

Jeane Conlin

Precious mem'ries of the year of '49
Will linger with us throughout our time.
Just budding young Freshmen we were then,
Admiringly envious of upperclassmen.
For the first few days we gave our all
To finding our way through the strange, new halls.

The following summer we well remember,
As we anxiously waited the coming September.
We started the journey of our Sophomore year
Awed by the mysteries of French and Shakespeare;
And another event this nine months brings—
To remember our school we had gold class rings.

Now we are Juniors—effervescent youth.
It seems that as Freshmen we were rather uncouth.
For we are approaching with impatient yen
The target we've aimed for—we're upperclassmen.
Another fond mem'ry from a large collection,
Came May, time for the Seniors' reception.

We are proud, honored Seniors in our long grey gowns
And the caps on our heads feel as grand as crowns;
For in our own eyes we are ten feet tall,
And it's now our turn to carry the ball.
It will seem strange and different, leaving this school.
We'll miss all our friends — yes, even rules.

After years of work, which were mixed with fun,
We find life's journey just begun;
So here we go on the open trail
To do our best; we shall not fail.
And may we once more affirm, in this last hour,
We believe that "Knowledge Itself is Power."

CLASS WILL

We, the Senior Class of Tecumseh High School, County of Lenawee, State of Michigan, being of sound mind and body, honest and trustworthy, this 11th day of June, 1953, 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 I: With regret, we leave the age old corn popper to the Junior class.

ARTICLE I, Section II: To the faculty we leave our thanks and appreciation for all their well-earned efforts in trying to give us an education.

ARTICLE II, Section I: Individually we wish to make the following bequests:

1. Nancy Kinetz leaves her ability to bluff to any honest underclassman.
2. Kay Morden leaves her short hair style to Lynn Aluk.
3. Jerry Barron wills his love for all the girls to Bill Dean.
4. Gretta Porter leaves for the University of Michigan!
5. Jim Wilson leaves all his "ponies" to Marie Boyce, who doesn't really need them.
6. Marilyn Whelan leaves a few inches of her height to Flora Nixon.
7. Nancy Treby bequeaths her cheerful outlook on life to Sylvia Helzerman.
8. Bill Beardsley leaves his ability to get along without the aid of girls to Alroy Vanderpool.
9. Norma Bilby wills everything she has to the Junior Class—except Walt Wonderly.
10. Roberts Brooks just wants to leave!
11. Ruth Tilton leaves her quiet manner to Barbara Ousterhout.
12. Wayne Patton leaves his ability as a salesman to any Junior whose account toward his trip is low.
13. Helen Furgason leaves for Lansing. Not to attend college either.
14. Bill Starkey leaves his empty bottles for the Juniors to wash.
15. Joan Pfaus leaves a well-earned record in school for her posterity.
16. Jack Betzoldt leaves his knowledge of how to turn on the fire alarm to Gary Hizer, who has been trying.
17. Bob Binns will give his old '28 Chevy to anyone with a strong enough back to take it away.
18. Lorissa Peotter doesn't want to leave anything; she wants to keep everything she has.
19. Irma Brollier leaves her quiet and studious ways to Loretta Blanchard.
20. Ernest Kollar leaves his talent at figures to Max McLaury.
21. Joyce LaGore leaves Mr. Crisp in peace.
22. Jim Fielder bequeaths his red hair to Patty Davis, who needs a little more.
23. Tom Naser leaves a certain Junior girl to any Junior boy who is interested.
24. Jim Lawson doesn't want to leave, because Shirley's still here.
25. Tom Limes wills his mop of hair to any black horse in need of a mane.
26. Patty O'Brien bequeaths her small feet to Ashley Chase.
27. Jack Greenwald leaves his skill in basketball to Jack Purcell.
28. Margaret Touborg leaves her ability to keep them guessing to Marcia Treby.
29. Bob Schuch leaves all of his Freshman girlfriends.
30. Richard Young wills his lessons in romance to Albert Hart, who must be on the advanced book by now.
31. Kirk Smith is taking with him his love—Joan Pafford.
32. Shirley VanCamp wills all of her slightly used love letters to any lonely girl.
33. Florine Schultz leaves nothing but the headaches which are the result of managing the refreshment stand.
34. Merlyn Wagner leaves his bubble gum in the water fountain.
35. James Stutesman wills his acting ability to Jim Whitecotton.
36. Phyllis Butler bequeaths her pencil stubs to Gary Marsh.
37. Carol Luce leaves her skating technique to Estella Keith.
38. Melvin Boltz leaves all the underclasswomen he has dated to Doug Hooton. Have fun, Doug!
39. Barbara Cornell leaves her habit of reckless driving to Pat Purcell, who seems to have a good start already.
40. Diane Dillon leaves her cheerleading ability to Anne Imerson.
41. John Deming leaves his quiet ways and athletic ability to Bill Benham.

LASTLY: We hereby nominate and appoint Mr. David Dick, a man of great understanding, to be the executor of this, our last will and testament—Class of 1953.

Attorneys: Lorissa Peotter
Nancy Treby
Jerry Barron

In witness of this will, we have hereunto subscribed our John Henry, and affixed our seal this 10th day of June, in the year of our Lord, one thousand nine hundred and fifty-three.

Witnesses: Howdy Doody
Carbo Hydrates
Billy Bon Bon

NOT "Tide" - BUT Won
Winning Slogan ?

BROOKS
+
STELLA

CARROT TOP

I aint
talkin'

Speed Demons.

Ruff !

Oh, we wouldn't
think of that !

Wolf

PRIZE FARMER

SENIORS



LORISSA

High Lifers.

It's In The Book.

Kiss Me.

Good

CITIZEN

Good MORAL.

Whistle-bait

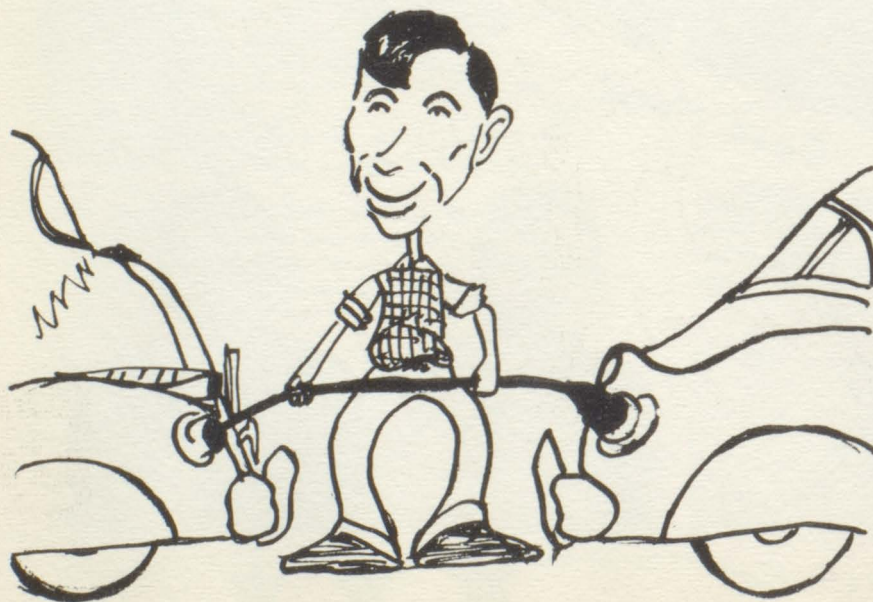
I aint
either !

The Class is Full
of Them.



THINGS WE ARE PAID NOT TO TELL:

Why Bob Binns eats pickles on the 19th of April.
 Why Ernie Kollar never gets a haircut.
 Where Kay Morden got her knowledge of world affairs.
 How Jim Wilson gets away with sleeping through physics class.
 Why Bill Beardsley's car never runs out of gas.
 How Pete Brock gets 99 in government.
 Why Nancy Kinitz works at Kroger's . . . and why she gets paid for it.
 Why Jim Stutesman loiters in the halls.
 Why Helen Furgason talks so much.
 Why Joan Pfau is treasurer of the Senior Class.
 Why Dick Young liked chemistry.
 Why Janet Bowser goes skating.
 Why Gail Claxton breaks so many bones.
 Why Ruth Tilton never talks.
 Why Shirley Mack likes Mr. Furbush.
 Why Carol Luce is a telephone operator.
 Why Sammy Norcross, Jim Lawson, and John Deming call themselves "the Three Musketeers".
 Why Shirley Van Hook always smiles.
 Where Kirk Smith got his height.
 Why Max Morden is always "monkeying around".
 Why Jeanne Conlin is a Republican.
 How Bill Starkey got a driver's (??) license.
 How Jack Greenwald and Melvin Boltz always win playing "Blackjack".
 Why Jerry Barron is the original "Singin' in the Tub" boy.
 Why Mr. Murdoch enjoys (?) his Senior government classes.
 Where Flo Schultz gets her jokes.
 Why Bob Brooks is a woman-hater.
 Where Jim Hargrave got his long curly eyelashes.
 Where Bob Schuch got his "explosive" talents.
 Where Lynn Hunt got his ability to "Look sharp, Feel sharp, and Be sharp".
 Why Jim Young is the quietest boy in the Senior class.
 Where Gretta Porter got her nickname "Speedy"!
 Why Diane Dillon's favorite expression is, "I'll never tell".
 What happened to Bob Binn's Wayne Patton's, Tom Naser's, and Jack Betzold's "Singing (?) Society"!
 Why Merlyn Wagner likes to waltz in the moonlight.
 Why Jim Fielder has red hair and likes it.
 Where Barbara Cornell got her driving (??) instruction.
 Why Marian Titley is running for President in . . . ?
 Why Nancy Treby's secret ambition is to be a bubble dancer.
 Where Margaret Touborg got her profound (?) knowledge (?) of Spanish.





CLASSES



TOP ROW: David Frederick, William Dean, Donald Downard, Thomas Baldwin, Charles Des Ermia.
SECOND ROW: Janet Bashore, Louise Duckworth, Janis Boltz, Ardyth Eaton, Loretta Blanchard, Marie Boyce, Edna Freshcorn, Roger Butler.
FIRST ROW: William Benham, Lynne Aluk, Marilou Burleson, Donna Fish, Barbara Folk, Carolyn Chase, Albert Comfort.

JUNIORS

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	Paul Graham
	Alroy Vanderpool
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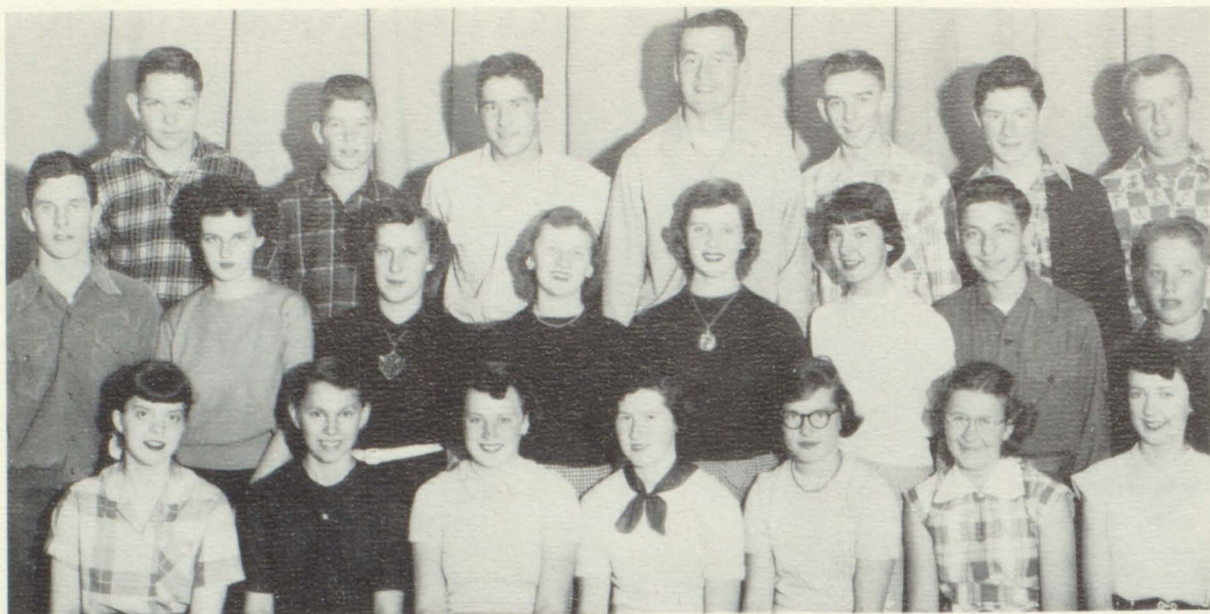


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 FIRST ROW: Nancy Schoolmaster, Doris Phillips, Joyce Taylor, Diane Woodward, Shirley Palmer, Peggy Willnow, Mr. Myles Runk.





TOP ROW: John Cadmus, Robert Benham, Alex Carson, William Browne, James Covell, John Arft, Barry Brock, James Dean, Margaret Champanois, Eva Cowen, Linda Beck, Betty Barton, Merene Boltz, Adeline Butler, Marcia Bashore.
 SECOND ROW: Lois Crowell, Betty Bird, Sharon Claxton, Cora Boyce, Karen Beach, Betty Day, Linda Dewey.
 FIRST ROW: Sally Damon, Julie Crawford, Sally Baker, Luella Bishop, Wilma Bumpus, Pat Davis.

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 SECOND ROW: Shirley Holdridge, Delora Fletcher, Lorna Dicks, Patsy Habrick, Barbara Graham.
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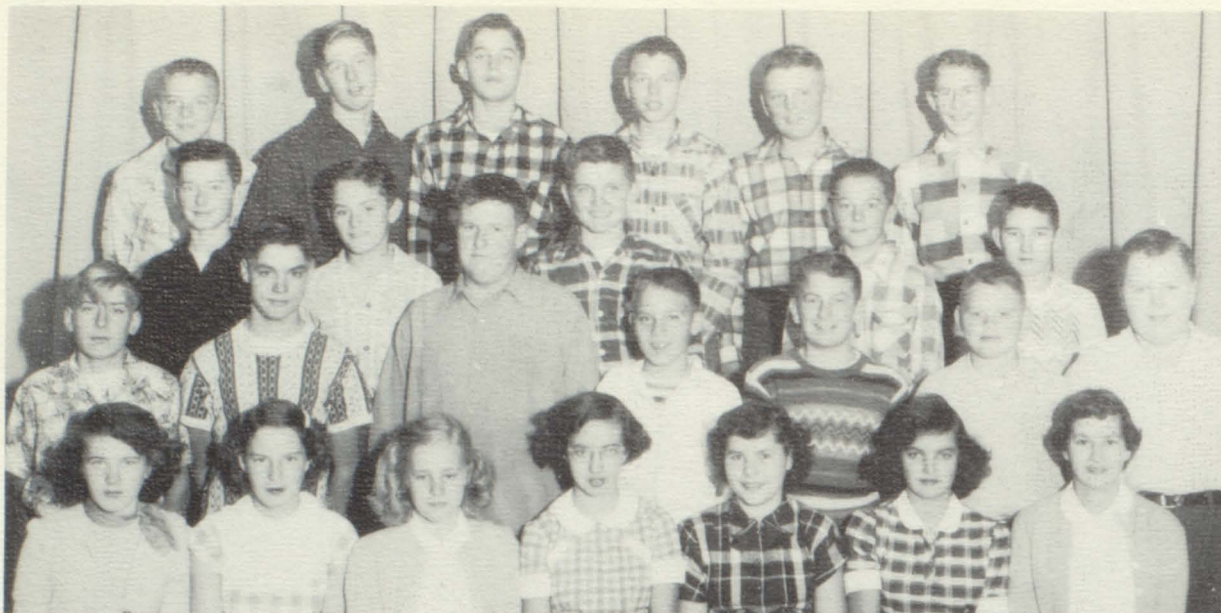


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 FIRST ROW: Rosemary Murphy, Mary Lou Partridge, Mary Pat McCann, Doris McKenzie, Sherry Moore, Jean Luce, Delores Larkin, Carole LeBaron, Donna Lamson.

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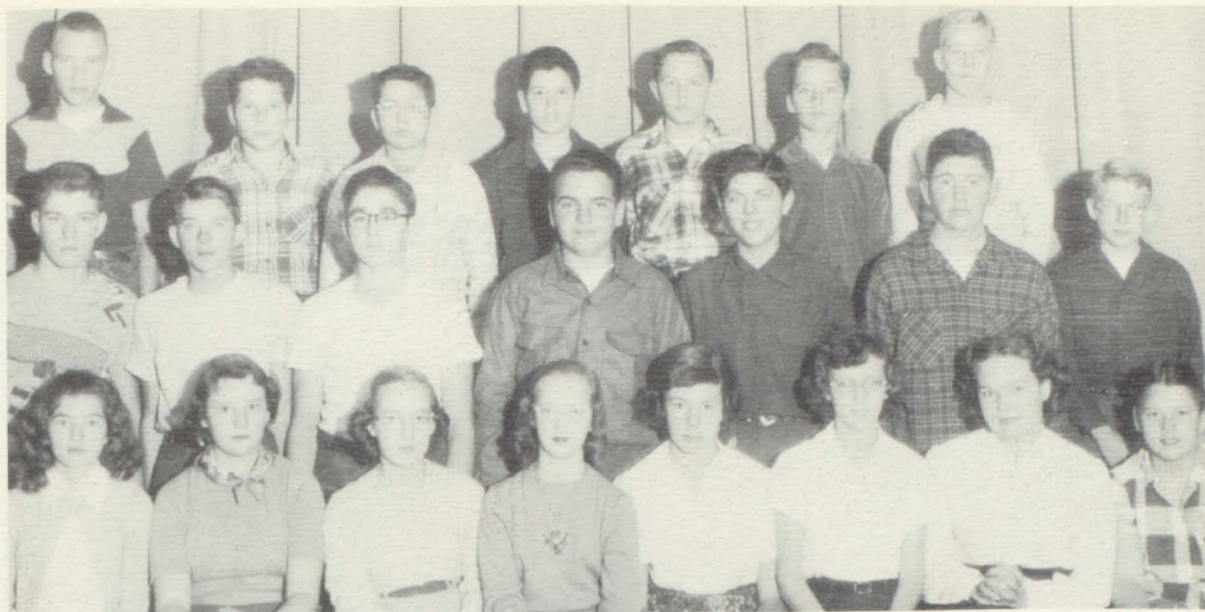
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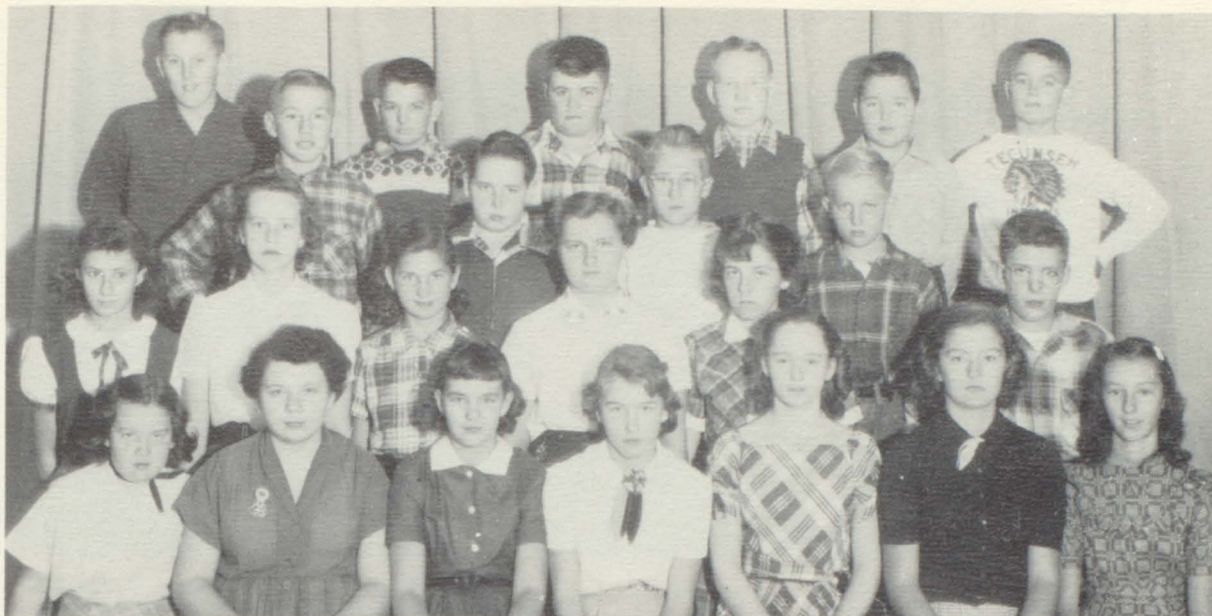
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SECOND ROW: Jon Weakly, Ronald Beattie, Sandra Stout, Carol Rutherford, Diane Socks, Mary Jo Tressler, Nancy Smith, Esther Stutesman, Mr. Tater.
FIRST ROW: Mary Wojtowicz, Joyce Stuart, Ruby Wilbar, Judith Schultz, Judith Bird, Carol Sathmary, Gay Teske, Nancy Weaver, Bruce Schmidt.





PICTURE 1
This man of distinction
a) is unaware that anyone is looking
b) got his head caught in a water cooler
c) is eating spaghetti
d) has finally found "the pause that refreshes"



PICTURE 2
This jolly young thing
a) is being questioned by the liquor commission
b) just flunked physics
c) has just swallowed her debate pin
d) just heard the truth



PICTURE 3
Here the same young lady
a) has just won the Nobel Prize
b) has just swallowed a canary
c) was elected Bulgarian Garlic Queen
d) has just passed her driver's test

T.H.S.

PICTURE 4
These birds
a) are taking a trip South
b) are being preserved for posterity
c) are going to take a "Sentimental Journey"
d) must be waiting for something



PICTURE 5
This young lady
a) is viewing the world with a new slant
b) is learning to fly
c) is experiencing the day after the night before
d) hasn't learned the "Law of Gravity"





PICTURE 6
This creature
a) is looking for trouble
b) has just emerged from his den
c) is trying to prove he has brains
d) is just our beloved principal



PICTURE 7
This swami
a) is demonstrating the correct application of stage make-up
b) is working his way through college
c) is auditioning for a side-show
d) is applying for a teaching position



PICTURE 8
This gentleman (?)
a) is leading an orchestra
b) is making eyes at his best girl
c) is opening the 1952 Olympics
d) is acting out Greek Literature

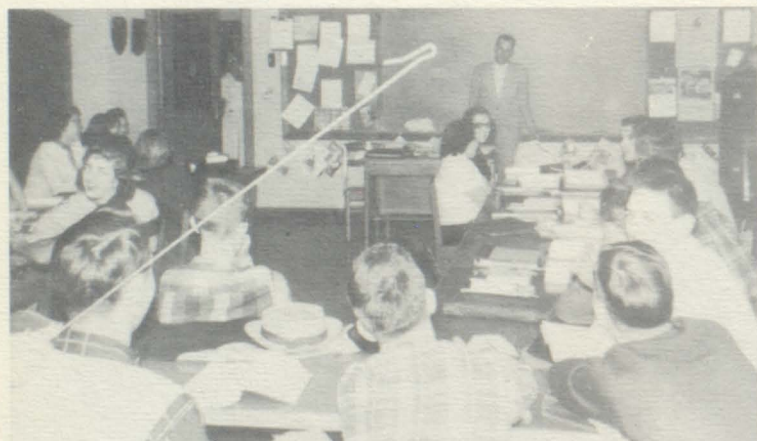
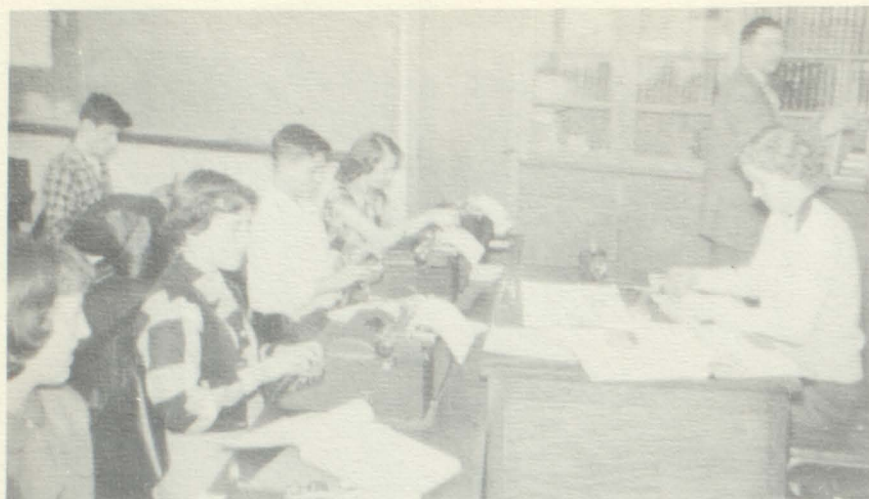
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PICTURE 9
These Seniors(?)
a) are playing a new game
b) are modeling for a New York fashion agency
c) are finding the shortest distance between two points
d) are just "jokers" acting their own age

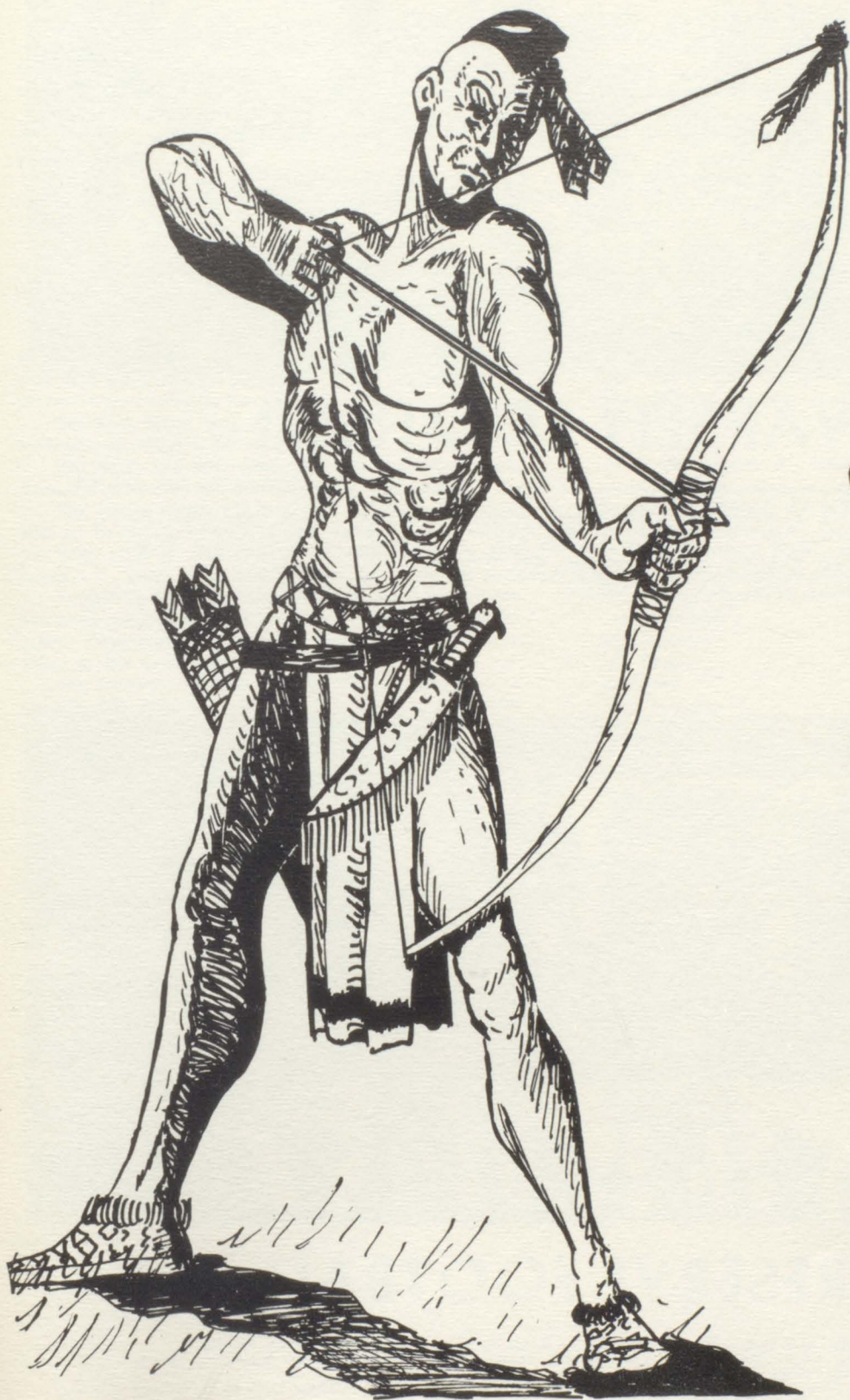


PICTURE 10
This graduate (?)
a) just ate a lemon
b) is explaining Einstein's "Theory of Relativity"
c) is posing for the "Esquire" photographers
d) has just located "Chloe"

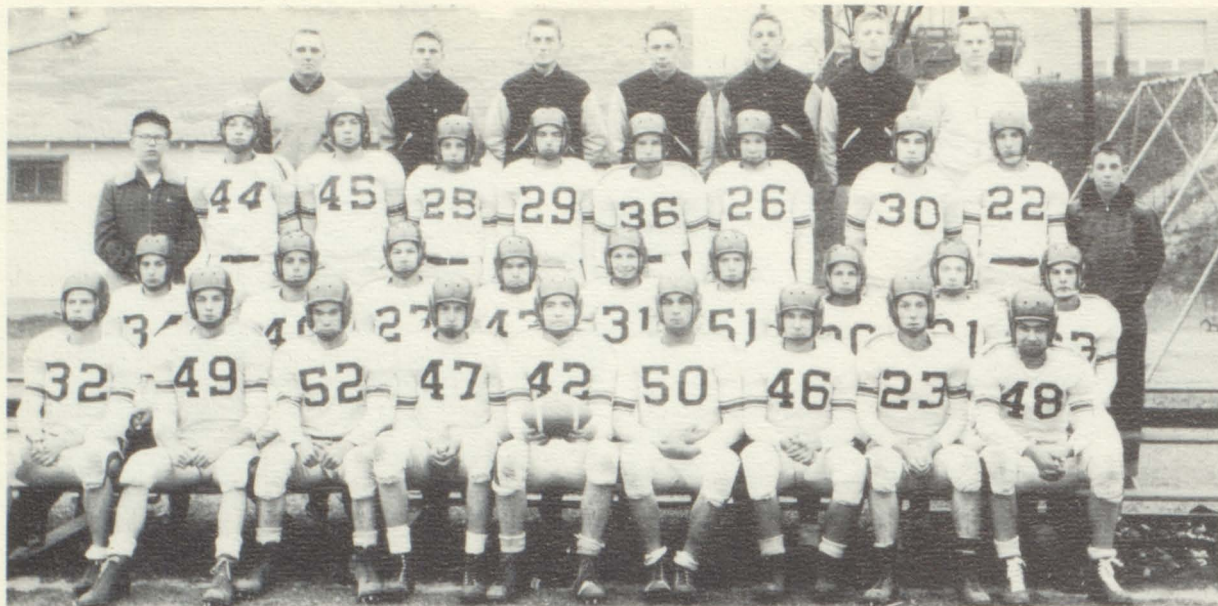




SCHOOL DAYS.



SPORTS



VARSITY FOOTBALL

TOP ROW: Coach Lawson, Bill Benham, Wayne Patton, Bill Beardsley, Jack Greenwald, Jim Wilson, Assistant Coach Murdoch.
 THIRD ROW: J. J. Walper (Mgr.), Bill Browne, Marvin Yoakum, Bob Benham, Dick Mohr, Jim Whitecotton, Philip Stutesman, Carl Henkel, Jim Bowser, Gary Hizer (Mgr.).
 SECOND ROW: Edwin Lewis, Charles Owens, Bill Dean, Charles Phillips, Alroy Vanderpool, Ernest Groeb, Max McLaury, Erwin Pennington, Buz Betzoldt.
 FIRST ROW: Tom Baldwin, Jack Betzoldt, Jim Stutesman, Mel Boltz, Bob Binns (Capt.), Lynn Hunt, Roger Butler, Albert Hart, Doug Hooton.



RESERVE FOOTBALL

TOP ROW: John Arft, Larry Hooton, Bill Every, Jackie George, John Cadmus, Coach Brazee.
 SECOND ROW: Tom Maupin, Bill Browne, Bob Manley, Don Partridge, Glenn Haviland, George Tilton, Jim Purkey.
 FIRST ROW: Gary Hizer (Mgr.), Philip Stutesman, Marvin Yoakum, Tom Neitling, Dick Mohr, Ritchie Davis, John Wilt, Edwin Lewis.

FOOTBALL

With the opening of the 1952 football season, Coach Lawson started his first year of coaching in Tecumseh as head football coach, with Mr. Murdoch as assistant coach.

The team opened the season at Monroe Catholic Central and dropped their first Southeastern League game by a 26 to 6 margin.

After an open date, the Indians met Hudson in a non-league tilt and were defeated 14 to 9 when Hudson scored twice in the final period.

Next, Tecumseh played by far their best game of the season against the Morenci Bulldogs. The Indians came out on the short end of a 19 to 14 score when Morenci scored late in the fourth quarter. Morenci knew that they had been in a battle, because the Indians were really 'up' for the contest. The blocking and tackling of the team was very good, but the defeat was costly, as several key players were injured in the contest.

The next game was at Bedford, where the Indians suffered a humiliating 59 to 7 defeat.

Our team lost their third and last conference game when Hillsdale defeated them here, 26 to 13.

The rest of the season was one of defeats, as Clinton won in the dying seconds of the game, 20 to 13; Addison won, 14 to 6; and Blissfield administered a 26 to 6 defeat.

Injuries to several key players hampered the Indians, but many underclassmen were able to gain some valuable game experience, which may make them of greater value to the team next year.

The following Seniors received Varsity Letters:

Captain Bob Binns—Playing his first year as a regular, he was very valuable, as he was used in many different positions, both on the line and in the backfield and also did most of the kicking. Bob has won three Varsity football letters.

Lynn Hunt—The other three-year man on the squad and a hard driving fullback on offense and linebacker on defense.

Jack Greenwald—A glue-fingered end who played well on both offense and defense until injured midway in the season.

Bill Beardsley—Another "Jack of all trades" who did a good job on both offense and defense until injured.

Melvin Boltz—A tackle used mostly on offense, but able to play defense when called upon.

Jack Betzoldt—Playing any position in the backfield on either offense or defense.

Jim Stutesman—A first year letter-winner, but one of the hardest workers on the squad, both on offense and defense from his guard position.

Bill Starkey—A hard-hitting guard, who played regularly until injured early in the season.

Underclassmen who were awarded Varsity Letters were:

Tom Baldwin—A small but rugged guard, used mostly on defense.

Bill Benham—At his best, a triple-threat back in the open field. Bill played both offense and defense until injured, and led the team in scoring.

Bob Benham—(Known to the players as "little Benham"). Played mostly on defense and was one of two freshmen to letter.

Jim Bowser—A Sophomore end, used both on offense and defense.

Roger Butler—A hard-charging tackle, used on both offense and defense.

Albert Hart—A halfback on both offense and defense, who also did a good job punting.

Doug Hooton—An end, used on both offense and defense.

Carl Henkel—One of the offensive centers and a back on defense.

Alroy Vanderpool—An offensive quarterback until injured early in season. Played mostly defense after recuperating.

Marvin Yoakum—Played in the line of offense and as line-backer on defense.

The following Varsity team members did not participate in enough games to receive a Varsity award, but were given Reserve Letters:

Leroy Betzoldt

Bill Browne

Bill Dean

Ed Lewis

Max McLaury

Dick Mohr

Charles Owens

Erwin Pennington

Charles Phillips

Philip Stutesman

Dale Tingley

Jim Whitecotton

This year's Reserve football team was coached by Mr. Brazee. With mostly green and inexperienced players, their season was one of two wins and three losses. The Reserve team had some members who look good for future Varsity use.

Junior Varsity Letter Winners were:

John Cadmus

Dale Daniels

Ritchie Davis

Bill Every

Jackie George

Glenn Haviland

Larry Hooton

Bob Manley

Gary Marsh

Tom Neitling

Jim Purkey

George Tilton

The following boys did not participate in enough games to receive Junior Varsity letters but received certificates:

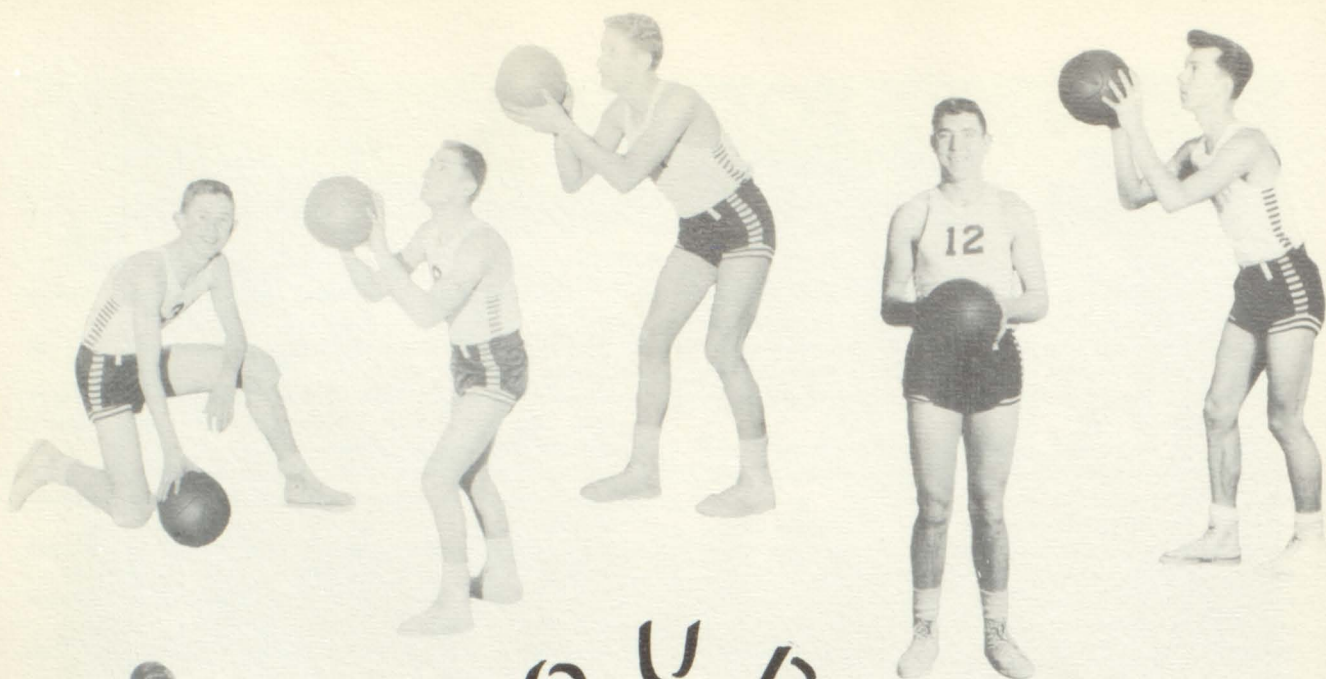
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Don Partridge

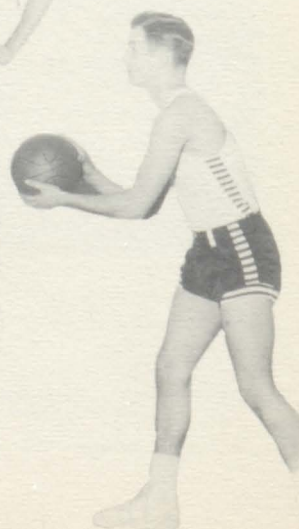
John Wilt



OUR



CHAMPIONS





STANDING: Tom Baldwin, Doug Hooton, Jerry Barron, Mel Boltz, Jack Betzoldt, Alroy Vanderpool.
SITTING: Coach Lawson, Albert Hart, Jack Greenwald, Jim Wilson, Bob Binns, Wayne Patton, Bill Benham.

The 1952-1953 basketball season was a great one for Tecumseh. The Indians, composed of a well-balanced and well-organized outfit, captured their league crown for the third consecutive year. Many doubted the power of the Indians during the early stages of the season, for Tecumseh, with only four returning lettermen, was up against tough teams and a tough brand of ball in their newly organized Southeastern Michigan Conference "Class B" League. But our school, under the guidance of our new coach, Vic Lawson, surprised all pessimists by not only winning the League title with a 6-0 record, but also turning in an overall season's record of 15 wins and 1 loss.

The Indians opened their campaign with a non-league battle against Addison. Tecumseh, after having a sizable lead throughout most of the game, had to turn on the power in the last quarter to stop a stubborn Addison five, 56-50.

The following week the Indians were host to Hillsdale, a top contender for the Southeastern Conference title. In a real thriller, we nosed out the Hornets, 38-34.

Later in the same week the Bulldogs of Morenci invaded Tecumseh. Fired up after two consecutive victories, the Lawson men rolled over Morenci, 67-50.

When the Indians met Clinton only four days later, they figured this game to be a breather. The Redskins, however, surprised our boys, who had to come from behind in the fourth quarter to slip past them, 49-41.

After a two-and-a-half week lay-off for Christmas vacation, the Indians met another league opponent in Monroe Catholic Central, silencing them in a low scoring contest, 39-23. Hudson was next to fall to the powerful Indians, 58-33. This made it six straight for our boys.

Blissfield was the Tecumsehites' biggest test. Both teams led their respective leagues at this point in the season. But Tecumseh proved to be the superior of the two and gave the Sugarboys a 61-44 drubbing. Tecumseh's eighth straight victim was a Bedford five. The

Indians had no easy time in this conference game, but managed to register a 32-25 victory.

In the final week of January, T.H.S. ran into two of their toughest opponents as the second round of the season began. Nevertheless, they won numbers nine and ten. Addison fell, 55-33, and then Hillsdale, 53-45, in a thriller.

The Indians finally had a bad night when they met Morenci on Morenci's court. The Bulldogs led all the way as they set back our boys, 60-51, for their only defeat of the season.

After this defeat, Tecumseh settled down and went on to win their remaining five games. Clinton fell, 68-51, in a game which saw Tecumseh forward Jim Wilson score 33 points for a new individual scoring record in the T.H.S. gym. Lawson's cagers had even an easier time against Hudson and Blissfield. The Indians rolled over them by respective scores of 64-48 and 63-45.

The last week of the season found Tecumseh up against two tough league opponents. They had no easy time with Monroe Catholic Central, but managed to edge them, 52-43. Then the T.H.S. cagers traveled to Lambertville. There they met the Bedford Mules, and racked up their fifteenth win by drubbing them, 83-62, ending a very successful season.

In the Class B District Tournament, which was held at Adrian, Tecumseh gained a berth in the finals by edging out Hillsdale in an overtime period, the final score being 41-37. The game was highlighted by a miraculous sixty-five foot field goal by Indian forward Jim Wilson, which tied the game in the final two seconds of play. The following night Tecumseh lost the District Tournament crown to Adrian in a game which ended 39-27.

The 1953 season brought various honors to many of our players. Jim Wilson was one of three players from Lenawee County to be given Honorable Mention on the Detroit Free Press All-State team. Two of our boys,

Jack Greenwald, and Jim Wilson, received positions on the All-Southeastern Michigan Conference League first team, and Bill Benham, Bob Binns, and Wayne Patton were named on the second team. Bill Benham was chosen on the All-Tournament Class B team at the District Tournament.

Five Seniors and two Juniors received Varsity letters. The Seniors were Bob Binns, Mel Boltz, Jack Greenwald, Wayne Patton and Jim Wilson, and the Juniors were Bill Benham and Al Hart. Reserve letters were awarded to Tom Baldwin, Jerry Barron, Jack Betzoldt, Doug Hooton, and Al Vanderpool.

The Reserve Team, under the able supervision of Coach Murdoch, had a fair season, losing a number of close games. They managed to win only four games, while losing twelve. Nevertheless, they progressed greatly through-out the season, and there are quite a number of likely Varsity prospects for next year.

RESERVE SCHEDULE AND SCORES

40	Addison	Tecumseh	39
42	Hillsdale	Tecumseh	31
43	Morenci	Tecumseh	28
34	Clinton	Tecumseh	37
40	Monroe C. C.	Tecumseh	37
42	Hudson	Tecumseh	36
56	Blissfield	Tecumseh	31
30	Bedford	Tecumseh	34
24	Addison	Tecumseh	46
53	Hillsdale	Tecumseh	41
52	Morenci	Tecumseh	46
41	Clinton	Tecumseh	38
40	Hudson	Tecumseh	36
48	Blissfield	Tecumseh	42
46	Monroe C.C.	Tecumseh	57
62	Bedford	Tecumseh	29

The Junior High teams, coached by Mr. Tater had a fairly successful season. The eighth grade won four games and lost two. The seventh grade failed to win a game in their six starts.



STANDING: Ann Imerson, Shirley Van Hook, Mrs. Sisson, Barbara Ousterhout, Mary Nixon.
SITTING: Grace Moore, Linda Beck, Judy Sisson, Diane Dillon.

CHEERLEADERS

Co-Captain _____
Co-Captain _____

Diane Dillon
Shirley Van Hook



TOP ROW: Fred Buchheimer (mgr.), Jack Purcell, Ted Cornell, Gary Hizer, Ed Lewis, Philip Young, Bob Benham, Gary Marsh, Coach Murdoch.
FIRST ROW: Tom Neitling, Val Spangler, Ritchie Davis, Marvin Yoakum, Bob Manley, Dick Mohr, Jim Bowser, Jerry Barton.

JUNIOR VARSITY BASKETBALL

EIGHTH GRADE BASKETBALL

TOP ROW: Coach Tater, John Naser, Gary Cameron, Richard Johnson, Neil O'Hara, David Merillat, David Jedele, Terry Holdridge.
SECOND ROW: Jim Ward, William Hansen, Bill Cooper, Ray Larned, Jim Dewey, Gordon LaLonde, Bruce McDowell, Ronald Gurtzweiler.
FIRST ROW: Jimmy Mack, Allen Dickinson.



SEVENTH GRADE BASKETBALL

TOP ROW: Douglas Hoffman, Larry Anderson, Joe Hayden, Ray Sluyter, Ray Miller.
SECOND ROW: Coach Tater, Don Martin, Michael Ferguson, David Elliott, Ronald Beattie, J. C. Heflin, Max Smith.
FIRST ROW: David Rice, Jon Weakly, John Elliott, Gerry Greene, Gary Hanna, Gary Williams, Gary Crawford.





TOP ROW: Larry Hart, Bob Kruger, Jack Betzoldt, Jack Greenwald, Jim Breitenwischer, John Sisson, Lowell Kelley, Albert Hart, Dick Mohr, Coach Duvall.
 SECOND ROW: Bill Benham, Jerry Barron, Russell Hyatt, Carl Henkel, Jim Stutesman, Fred Long, Vic Everlove, Jim Bowser, Joe Gregory.
 THIRD ROW: Jerry Barton (Mgr.), Earl Kruger, Gary Hizer, J. J. Walper (Mgr.).

BASEBALL

Since 1952 was Tecumseh High's last year in the L.C.A.A., the Indians were especially anxious to win their fifth straight baseball championship since 1948. And with the return of six first-team lettermen of the previous year, our prospects looked bright.

However, the team, coached by Mr. Duvall, got off to a fairly bad start. In their first five games, they won only two while losing three. Tecumseh finished the season with a win over Morenci, followed by a loss to Summerfield. But a record of three wins and four losses was not good enough to win another championship.

There were six Seniors on the '52 team who will really be missed this year—John Sisson, Jim Breitenwischer, Fred Long, and George Ruhl, for their wonderful hitting and fielding, along with Bob Kruger and Larry Hart, an invincible pitcher and catcher, respectively. Nevertheless, Tecumseh's chances in the new league should be fairly good, as quite a few veteran players will return.

The following boys were letter winners:

Jerry Barron
 Jack Betzoldt
 Bob Kruger
 John Sisson
 Jim Breitenwischer
 Bill Benham
 Fred Long

George Ruhl
 Lynn Hunt
 Larry Hart
 Jack Greenwald
MANAGERS
 J. J. Walper
 Jerry Barton

1952 Schedule and Scores

Britton	3	Tecumseh	19
Addison	2	Tecumseh	6
Adrian	12	Tecumseh	5
Hudson	12	Tecumseh	6
Blissfield	0	Tecumseh	5
Clinton	5	Tecumseh	4
Pittsford	7	Tecumseh	2
Morenci	1	Tecumseh	7
Summerfield	9	Tecumseh	5



STANDING: Coach Lester Runk, Alroy Vanderpool, Larry Hart, George Ruhl, Bill Dean, Jack Greenwald, Albert Hart, Bill Benham, Pete Rhein (Mgr.).
SITTING: Max McLaury, LeRoy Betzoldt, Tom Baldwin, Bob Marsh, Bill Beardsley, Jack Betzoldt, Dale Tingley.

TRACK

The 1952 track team was much improved over that of 1951. Of its four scheduled meets, Tecumseh won two, took second and third places in two triangular meets, and also placed fourth in the L.C.A.A. County Meet.

Tecumseh had an unusually well-balanced team, and the entire team and their coach, Mr. Lester Runk, are to be congratulated on a very successful season.

In its first meet, a triangular meet with Bedford and Hillsdale, we didn't make too good a showing. Bedford won the meet easily with 67½ points. Hillsdale and Tecumseh had 24 and 23½ points respectively. Bob Marsh led the Tecumseh scoring with 13 points.

In its second scheduled meet, another triangular meet, Tecumseh met two league opponents, Blissfield and Clinton. Blissfield won the meet with a decisive 87½ points. Tecumseh was second with 32½ points, while Clinton had but 17. Tecumseh's Jack Betzoldt placed first in the mile run, and Bill Benham won the broad jump.

Tecumseh placed fourth in the L.C.A.A. County Track Meet held at Adrian. Six teams were entered. Even though the weather was bad, Blissfield had an easy time winning the meet. Bill Benham and Jack Betzoldt scored first places for Tecumseh. The medley relay team also took a first.

We next met Hillsdale in a dual meet and won a close victory, 57½ to 51½. Tecumseh scored seven first places, three of which were accounted for by Bob Marsh. The others were won by Jack Betzoldt, Bill Beardsley, Bill Benham, and the medley relay team.

The track team closed the season by very decisively upsetting Morenci, who had placed second in the County Meet. Bob Marsh again scored three first places, and Jack Betzoldt won the mile. Jack was undefeated in this event throughout the season.

Tecumseh's top scorers in the 1952 campaign were Bob Marsh with 49 points, Jack Betzoldt with 32 points, and Bill Benham with 28 points.

Letters were awarded to the following boys:

Bob Marsh	Al Vanderpool
Jack Betzoldt	Albert Hart
Jack Greenwald	Bill Benham
George Rdhl	Bill Dean
Larry Hart	Tom Baldwin
Bill Beardsley	Pete Rhein, Manager
LeRoy Betzoldt	



Mr. Murdoch, Doug Hooton, Kirk Smith, Jim Wilson, Bruce Packard, Bob Hall, Louis Vargo.

GOLF

The newly-organized Tecumseh High School golf team had a better-than-average season in 1952. Under the expert guidance of their coach, Mr. Murdoch, the team won three matches while losing three. In the Regional Class B Tournament at Ann Arbor, it placed fourth in a field of nine teams, earning itself a berth in the State Championship Tournament, which was held at Midland, Michigan. This tournament produced much stronger competition than our team was accustomed to, and it failed to place. However, the team is to be congratulated on its fine season.

One of the strong points of the 1952 team was its youth. Bob Hall is the only member lost to the team in 1953. Kirk Smith and Jim Wilson, two of the team's top men, have another year left, and Doug Hooton, Louis Vargo, and Bruce Packard have two more years in which to play on the team.

Schedule and Scores of Matches

Ann Arbor	189 (Medal Play)	Tecumseh	179
Hillsdale	1	Tecumseh	17
Adrian	12	Tecumseh	8
Ann Arbor	191 (Medal Play)	Tecumseh	215
Addison	16	Tecumseh	0
Hillsdale	1½	Tecumseh	18½
Regional Tournament		Tecumseh 4th place	



Snake Pit.



FUTURE NURSES?



MR. MURDOCH



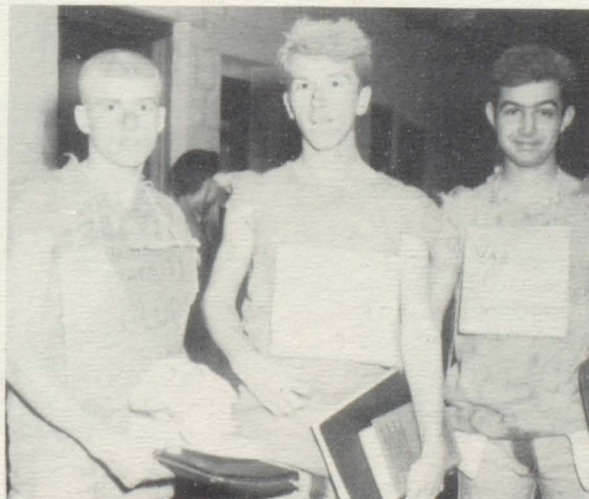
OH Me, oh My!



How's-A Moch?
ONE-A POUND? Two?



Make It Pop!



We've Had IT!



I Was
WRECKED!



Umm, Good!



Out With The Boys.



Oh! Did You Snap That ?!



Wolf Pack.

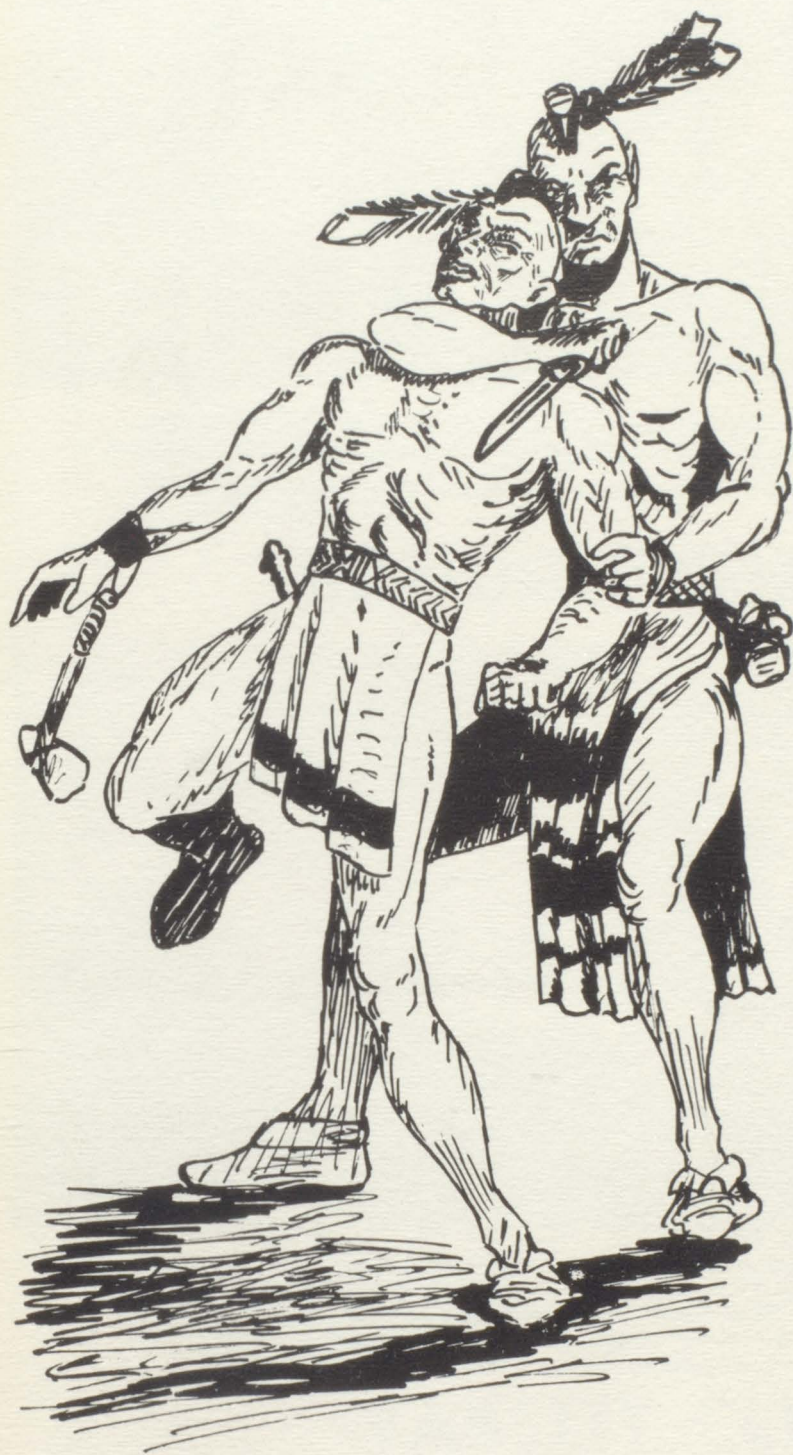


Nothing We Can Say.



Giggles.

Activities





TOP ROW: Allen Dickinson, Alroy Vanderpool, Melvin Boltz, Carl Henkel, Charles Hendershot, Paul Graham, Robert Benham.
 SECOND ROW: Nicky Touborg, Betty Barton, Merene Boltz, Judy Whitling, John Elliott, Larry Anderson, Jane Colgrove.
 FIRST ROW: Marian Titley, Patsy Purcell, Mr. Schwartz, Merlyn Wagner, Bob Binns, Ruth Boyce.

STUDENT COUNCIL

President.....	Merlyn Wagner
Vice President.....	Patsy Purcell
Secretary.....	Marian Titley
Treasurer.....	Bob Binns
Scribe.....	Ruth Boyce

The main activities of this year's Student Council were the four big dances—the Homecoming Dance, the Christmas Party, the Sponge Dance, and the May Party. Those dances have required much planning and hard work on the part of the Student Council members and their adviser, Mr. Schwartz.

In addition to the dances, the Student Council was responsible for carrying out the activities of Sponge Week (Gum-chewing Day, Old Clothes Day, Dress-up Day, Student-Teacher Day) and Homecoming Week, marked by a parade by the student body with floats made by the classes, and the queen to reign over the festivities.

On October 29, the Council attended the Michigan High School Conference on Citizenship at the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor.

The Council members acted as ushers and receptionists at the P.T.A. Teachers' Reception. Operating the hat-check stand during the basketball season and selling programs during both football and basketball seasons were two additional Student Council projects.



TOP ROW: Jeanne Hubbard, Judy Seidel, Barbara Lowe, Kathleen Davis, Irene Murphy.
 THIRD ROW: Sharon Claxton, Luella Bishop, Doris Smith, Lorene Smith, Sylvia Helzerman, Betty Bird, Lois Smith.
 SECOND ROW: Elaine Lawhead, Shirley DeClercq, Barbara Upell, Bonnie Covell, Julie Crawford.
 FIRST ROW: Jane Hargrave, Sally Baker, Rosemary Murphy, Mr. Peck, Betty Day, Mary Louise Kotts, Frances Henson.

CHORUS



TOP ROW: Jim Wilson, Alroy Vanderpool, Bob Schuch, Melvin Boltz, Bob Binns, Jack Greenwald, Lynn Hunt.
 SECOND ROW: Coach Lawson, Tom Baldwin, Albert Hart, Doug Hooton, Leroy Betzoldt, James Stutesman, Bill Beardsley, Coach Murdoch.
 FIRST ROW: Tom Naser, Jack Betzoldt, Jerry Barron, Wayne Patton, Bill Dean, Bill Benham, Louis Vargo, Bruce Packard.

VARSITY CLUB

President.....	Tom Naser
Vice President.....	Bill Benham
Secretary.....	Melvin Boltz
Treasurer.....	Bob Binns



STANDING: Marilou Burleson, Janet Bashore, Dulcie Bowen, Nancy Kinietz.
SITTING: Merlyn Wagner, Carl Henkel, Gretta Porter, Mr. Furbush.

DEBATE

This year found only two students with any previous debating experience on the T.H.S. debate teams. However, these two (both Seniors) generously lent their mental and moral aid to the newcomers. The results of their help will show more in the future than this year.

The topic for debate this year was "RESOLVED: That the Atlantic Pack nations form a federal union".

The Tecumseh affirmative team, which won two and lost two of their meets, was composed of Janet Bashore and Gretta Porter.

Carl Henkel was first negative and Merlyn Wagner, second negative, in the meets with Adrian, Allen Park and Romulus, and Ducie Bowen became first negative in the fourth meet at Melvindale. The negative team won one debate and lost three.

Nancy Kinietz and Marilou Burleson varied their activities as time-keepers and program chairmen.



TOP ROW: Rosemary Murphy, Patricia Davis, Wilma Bumpus, Beverly McClain, Margaret Champanois, Anita Dickinson, Shirley Larned, Betty Barton, Linda Beck, Judy Foos, Meredith Hoffmeister, Phyllis Butler.
 FOURTH ROW: Nancy Treby, Rosalie Kent, Geraldine Drouillard, Karen Murphy, Mary Louise Partridge, Merene Boltz, Mary Pat McCann, Carole LeBaron, Frances LeBaron, Beverly Champanois, Donna Lamson.
 THIRD ROW: Joan Pfaus, Irma Brollier, Diane Skinner, Shirley Palmer, Sharon Townsend, Sylvia Helzerman, Theresa Cornell, Rita Crosby, Flora Nixon, Sandra Biederman, Marcia Treby, Dulcie Bowen, Judy Whiting, Mrs. Sisson.
 SECOND ROW: Martha McKenzie, Janet Bowser, Barbara Cornell, Patty Fielder, Norma Bilby, Judy Sisson, Diane Dillon, Grace Moore, Suzanne Hite, Bonnie Mack, Lynn VanWinkle, Dolores Larkin, Julie Crawford.
 FIRST ROW: Judy Fairbanks, Patsy Purcell, Janet Bashore, Diane Whitecotton, Janis Boltz, Doris Tressler, Nancy Kinietz, Anne Imerson, Barbara Ousterhout, Rosalie Kinietz.

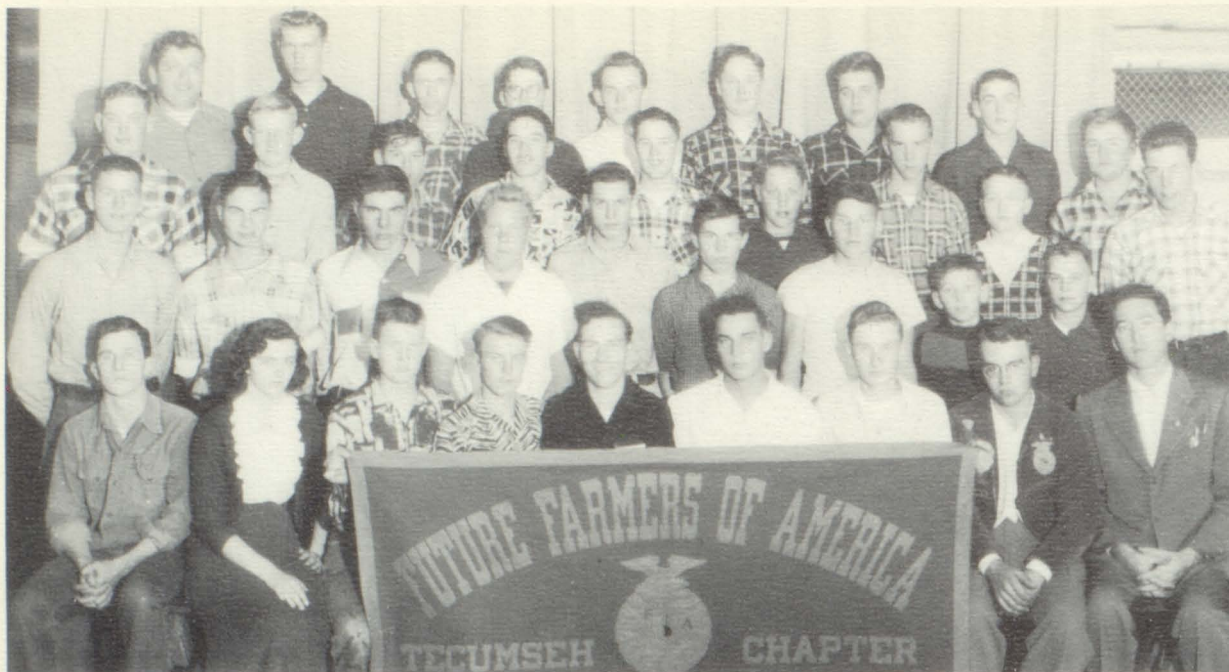
GIRLS' ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

President.....	Diane Dillon
Vice President.....	Judy Sisson
Secretary.....	Norma Bilby
Treasurer.....	Grace Moore

During its second year, the Girls' Athletic Association, under the leadership of Mrs. Sisson, has increased its membership until it has seventy-two members. Two initiations at the beginning of the year caused much excitement and proved to be a lot of fun.

At the weekly meetings assorted sports and games are played, with teams competing in tournaments.

The club participates in Sports Days with Girls' Athletic Associations from other neighboring schools.



TOP ROW: Robert Kollar, Wilbert Wilcox, Elden Lawhead, William Spreemen, Gerry House, William Every, Herbert Quigley, John Cadmus.
 THIRD ROW: Arnold Withrow, Melvin Hayford, Gilbert McKinney, Alex Carson, Edwin Lewis, Edward DeLisle, George Tilton, James Dean, Charles Hendershot.
 SECOND ROW: Raymond Pate, Darwin Harvey, Harry Withrow, Aaron Sparks, Leverett DeJonghe, Clarence Harvey, Albert Comfort, Allen Rupert, Roger Finnigan, Melvin Schafer.
 FIRST ROW: Leroy Betzoldt, Sylvia Helzerman, John Wilt, Eugene Withrow, James Hargrave, Lynn Hunt, Philip Young, Merlyn Wagner, Mr. Burns.

FUTURE FARMERS OF AMERICA

President.....	Merlyn Wagner
Vice President.....	Philip Young
Secretary.....	Eugene Withrow
Treasurer.....	Jim Hargrave
Reporter.....	John Wilt
Sentinel.....	Lynn Hunt

The Tecumseh Chapter of Future Farmers of America started the year's activities by initiating twenty-two boys into the Green Hand Degree. One of their first projects was the judging of livestock at the County Fair. Then the twelfth annual Parent and Son Banquet was held, which was enjoyed by one hundred persons. After the F.F.A. Christmas Party, rural and urban areas were canvassed for the C.R.O.P. drive. Contestants in the Parliamentary Procedure, Public Speaking and Demonstration contests added further prestige to the Tecumseh F.F.A.

Attending Farmer's Week at Michigan State College, entering the chapter broiler project in the Chicken-of-Tomorrow contest, completing the popcorn project, and continuing the Pig Chain project were a few of the activities engaged in this year. The Future Farmers completed the year by electing new officers, who will attend another Regional Leadership Training Camp this summer.



STANDING: Robert Kollar, Albert Comfort.
SITTING: John Wilt, Mr. Burns.

F.F.A. JUDGING TEAM



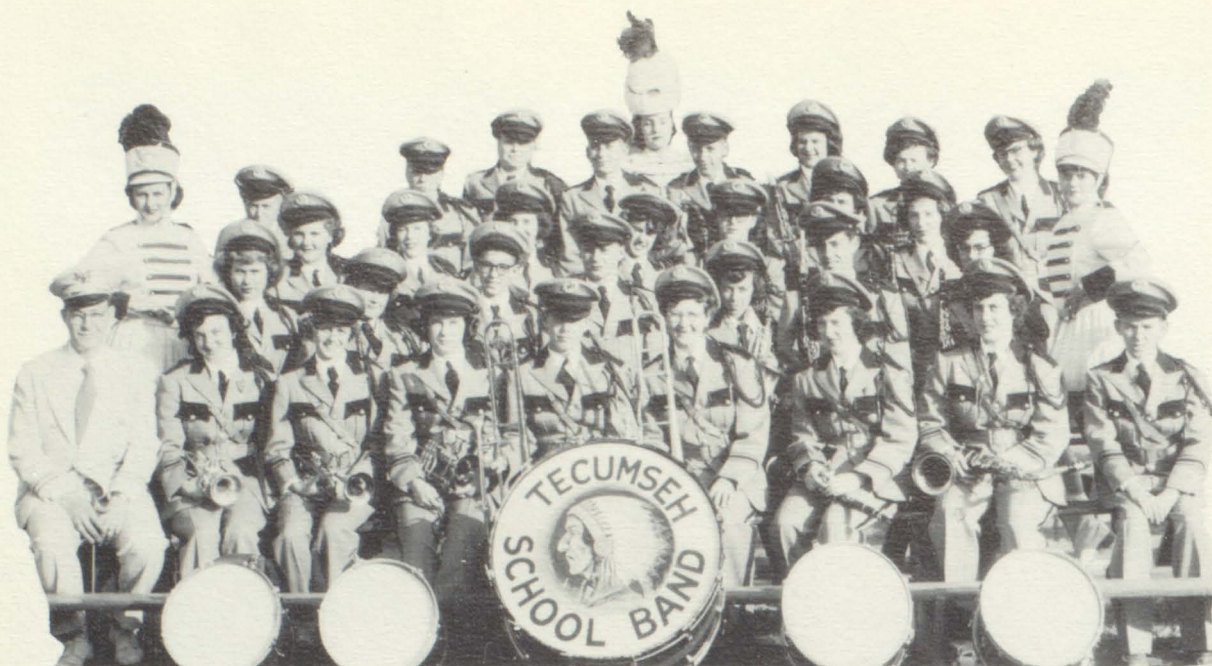
TOP ROW: Lorene Mack, Ardyth Eaton, Anita Dickinson, Diane Whitecotton, Jane Smith.
SECOND ROW: Ruth Titley, Sharon Townsend, Janet Bashore, Janis Boltz, Judy Sisson.
FIRST ROW: Sylvia Golat, Doris Tressler, Nancy Kinietz, Grace Moore, Mary Nixon, Mrs. Sisson.

FUTURE NURSES' CLUB

President.....Nancy Kinietz
Secretary.....Patsy Purcell
Treasurer.....Janis Boltz

The second year of the Future Nurses' Club has shown a gain of nine new members over last year. Two of last year's group went into nurses' training after they graduated, and two of this year's Seniors plan to do the same.

The Club has had three field trips so far this year—to Ann Arbor, to Detroit and to Herrick Memorial Hospital. Many of the activities of the Future Nurses' Club consist of projects to aid people in nursing homes. The club is guided by three leaders: Mrs. Sisson represents the school, Mrs. Kinietz represents nursing and the Hospital Auxiliary, and Miss Walton represents nursing.



TOP ROW: Ronald Francouer, Bruce Packard, Harold Robinson, Jim Purkey, Shirley Larned, Jerry Barton, Geraldine Drouillard, Marcia Bashore, Judy Fairbanks.
THIRD ROW: Martha McKenzie, Shirley Palmer, Merene Boltz, Betty Barton, Carole LeBaron, Lois Crowell, Carole Loveland, Mary Lou Partridge, Edna Freshcorn.
SECOND ROW: Nancy Watson, Diane Skinner, Raymond Puffer, Lowell Nichols, Edith Kimerer, Robert Francouer, Elaine Kimerer.
FIRST ROW: Mr. Peck, Shirley Meads, Betty Vargo, Judy Foos, Ted Cornell, Dolores Bush, Wanita Cleveland, Ruth Ann Coates, Allen Rupert.

SENIOR BAND

Chairman	Robert Francouer
Secretary	Jerry Barton
Librarian	Marcia Bashore
Assistant Librarians	Betty Barton
	Shirley Meads
	Mary Lou Partridge
	Merene Boltz
Equipment Manager	Harold Robinson
Equipment Manager's Assistants	Ted Cornell
	Judy Foos



JUNIOR BAND

TOP ROW: Judy Baxter, JoAnn Johnston, Joyce Hadsell, Lois Kiser, Judy Lee Schultz.
SECOND ROW: Martha Owen, Sandra Irelan, Barbara Crowell, Bonnie Mack, Mr. Peck.
FIRST ROW: Barry Packard, Larry Anderson, Lee Vescelius, oe Hayden, Roger Pearson, Gary Crawford.



TOP ROW: Wayne Patton, Jack Betzoldt, Tom Naser, Florine Schultz, Bob Binns.
 SECOND ROW: Shirley Van Hook, Kay Morden, Ernest Kollar, Nancy Kinietz, Diane Dillon, Bill Beardsley, Greta Porter.
 FIRST ROW: Jerry Barron, Margaret Touborg.

JUNIOR PLAY

A very successful play was presented by the class of 1953 on April 3 and 4, 1952. Since we were Juniors, this was our first attempt at acting. The play, a three-act comedy entitled "Foot-Loose", was very ably directed by Mrs. Macbeth. The story concerns the exploits of the Earlys, a supposedly "average American family", during the absence of their parents, who are on a three-months' world cruise. The children manage to get into various difficulties. Dick Early, a student in "Med." school, marries Jenny Malloy, even though he knows that his parents would object, had they been home. His brother Bob buys a car and gets involved in an accident in which he smashes the car of a wealthy widow. One of the daughters, Hope, hires a lawyer to take care of everything, and then promptly falls in love with him. When their mother and father return, the young people break some of the more serious news immediately, and hope that their parents will never hear the rest!

The cast of the play was as follows:

Richard Early.....	Ernie Kollar
Emily Early.....	Nancy Kinietz
Hope Early.....	Margaret Touborg
Dick Early.....	Jack Betzoldt
Bob Early.....	Jerry Barron
Mary Early.....	Diane Dillon
Jenny Malloy.....	Shirley Van Hook
Sanford Wells.....	Bill Beardsley
Delphie.....	Greta Porter
Randy Cunningham.....	Tom Naser
Mrs. Forrester.....	Florine Schultz
Jack Melford.....	Wayne Patton
Buzz Daily.....	Bob Binns
Miriam Walker.....	Kay Morden



TOP ROW: Bill Starkey, Jim Hargrave, Bob Brooks, Gretta Porter, Bob Binns, Wayne Patton, Bill Beardsley, Margaret Touborg, Melvin Boltz, Joan Pfau, Diane Dillon, Ernie Kollar, John Deming, Jack Betzoldt, Tom Naser, Jim Lawson, Barbara Cornell.
 SECOND ROW: Bob Bird, Lee Norcross, Nancy Kinetz, Jerry Barron, Mrs. Macbeth, Shirley Van Camp, Marilyn Whelan, Jim Stutesman, Nancy Treby, Eugene Withrow.
 FIRST ROW: John Greene, Richard Stephenson, Gary Hall, David Weakly, Roger Mead, Charles Baird.

SENIOR PLAY

The class of 1953 again presented a most successful play, in fact, the first Broadway play to be presented at T. H. S. for many years. The play was "The Man Who Came to Dinner", a three-act comedy written by the famous Hart-Kaufman team, and directed by Mrs. Macbeth.

The story of the play is as follows: Sheridan Whiteside, a world famous author, broke his leg on the icy steps of the Stanley residence. He and his patient secretary, Maggie, invade the Stanley home with visits from Chinese students, convicts, cockroaches, etc.

Trouble began when Maggie fell in love with Bert Jefferson, a newspaperman. Whiteside sent for Lorraine Sheldon, an emotional actress, to help break up the romance.

Whiteside encouraged Dick and June Stanley to run away from home, which of course didn't please their parents! When Lorraine and Bert were about to go away to work on Bert's play, Maggie was so unhappy that Whiteside and his friend Banjo locked Lorraine in a mummy case, which was a Christmas gift from the Khedive of Egypt.

Mr. Stanley got rid of the case for Whiteside when the latter threatened to reveal to the public that Stanley's sister was the notorious hatchet murderess who had killed her parents twenty years before.

The play ended uproariously when Whiteside, having been ordered to leave the Stanley house, fell a second time and broke his leg again!

CAST

Mrs. Stanley.....	Joan Pfau
Miss Preen.....	Diane Dillon
Richard Stanley.....	Tom Naser
June Stanley.....	Nancy Treby
John.....	Bob Binns
Sarah.....	Gretta Porter
Mrs. Dexter.....	Shirley Van Camp
Mrs. McCutcheon.....	Marilyn Whelan
Mr. Stanley.....	Melvin Boltz
Maggie Cutler.....	Margaret Touborg
Dr. Bradley.....	Ernest Koller
Sheridan Whiteside.....	Jerry Barron
Harriet Stanley.....	Barbara Cornell
Bert Jefferson.....	Wayne Patton
Professor Metz.....	Lee Norcross
Mr. Baker.....	Jim Hargrave
Expressman.....	Jim Lawson
Lorraine Sheldon.....	Nancy Kinetz
Sandy.....	Jim Stutesman
Beverly Carlton.....	Bill Beardsley
Westcott.....	John Deming
Banjo.....	Jack Betzoldt
Luncheon Guests.....	Bob Bird, Bill Starkey, Bob Brooks
Deputies.....	Eugene Withrow, Max Morden
Choir Boys.....	Roger Mead, David Weakly, John Greene, Charles Baird, Dick Stephenson, Gary Hall

Dress Rehearsal





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JUNIOR - SENIOR RECEPTION

On the evening of May 9, 1952 the annual Junior-Senior reception was given to the Seniors by the class of '53.

The setting was a May-time theme, centered around the senior flower, the yellow rose, which was used as a main decoration. The Tecumseh Country Club again provided an attractive background.

After a three course dinner the following program was presented:

Invocation.....	Reverend Alvin Brazee
Toastmaster.....	Jerry Barron
Welcome.....	Tom Naser, Jr. Pres.
Response.....	Janet Erhart, Sr. Pres.
Solo, "Memories".....	Florine Schultz
Remarks.....	Mr. Hart
Remarks.....	Mr. McDowell
Benediction.....	Reverend Alvin Brazee

Following the program, a dance was held, with the Tecumseh Chieftans Orchestra furnishing the music. This was the conclusion of an evening that held memories for all of those who attended.



MAY DANCE

Over one hundred high school students, faculty members, and guests attended the formal May Dance, on May 17, 1952. The music for dancing was furnished by Drexel Lamb and his orchestra.

The gym was decorated to represent a ship, and a false ceiling of crepe paper served as a covering over the heads of the dancers.

At midnight Bill Benham and Joan Pafford, both Sophomores, were crowned King and Queen of the May Dance, and were presented with gifts by Beverly McLaury, President of the Student Council. The members of their royal court were Virginia Gregory and Myron La Veck, Seniors; Florine Schultz and Tom Naser, Juniors; Jane Smith and Le Roy Betzoldt, Freshmen.

Refreshments were served by other members of the Council during intermission.

Everyone who attended the party will keep a special place in his memory for this very enjoyable evening.





HOMECOMING

A big parade including floats made by the various classes, the band, faculty members, students marching, and horse-back riders opened the Homecoming Day festivities on October 24.

The queen reigning over the events was Doris Tressler, and her royal court consisted of Nancy Treby, Diane Woodward, and Sherry Moore. During half-time of the football game played with Hillsdale, another parade was held. The Sophomore Class was given a fifteen dollar prize for the best float, and the queen was presented with a beautiful bouquet of roses. Then at the dance, which followed the game, Doris was formally proclaimed queen and was crowned by Merlyn Wagner, President of the Student Council.

Everyone enjoyed the gala festivities and the excitement which accompanied them.





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CHRISTMAS DANCE

The gym of the Central school was beautifully decorated for the Christmas Dance of December 19, 1952. Snowflakes and Christmas decorations hung from the ceiling, and in each corner there was a Christmas tree. In the center of the floor stood a very big tree sparkling with colored lights.

The music, from nine to one o'clock, was furnished by the Tecumseh Chieftans. Everyone enjoyed dancing to the appropriate Christmas pieces.

Refreshments were in charge of the Student Council, whose members took turns serving the dancers.



T.H.S. CARNIVAL

A large crowd packed the gym on March 21, 1952, to attend a gala event, the THS carnival. In the noise and confusion, one could distinguish shrieks coming from the mysterious fun house, and gales of laughter from all other parts of the gym.

Among the many concessions were the basketball throw, the shooting gallery, an archery range, and a dart game in which water-filled balloons soaked the person sitting beneath them. There were the ever-popular fun house and a new idea, the marriage booth, which proved very exciting. Who could resist the tempting refreshments; hot dogs, peanuts, popcorn, candy apples, pop, fudge, malted milks, and even baked goods?

A puppet show, a freak show, and a fashion show proved to be very entertaining, and a talent show, sponsored by the Student Council, revealed that Tecumseh has some very talented performers.

Climaxing the evening, the crowning of Queen Shirley Van Hook and King Jim Breitenwischer took place at 11:15, after which a twenty-five dollar bond was given away as a door prize.



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- 5—School started off with a big bang . . . "That'll be two eighth-hours for that bubble gum!"
- 26—Hooray! No school today . . . Lenawee County Fair has come to town.
- 26—Double treat—played our first football game of the season, but it came out the wrong way. We lost to Monroe Catholic Central, 26-6.

OCTOBER

- 3—Although hoping to do better, we left Hudson with sad and mournful faces; we lost a second time, 14-9.
- 10—Had a big inspiring pep rally and parade! Despite all this great school spirit, we lost the game—a real heartbreaker—to Morenci, 19-14!
- 16-17—A-T-T-E-N-T-I-O-N! !
Teachers' Institute! We thought we were all practiced up to wallop Bedford. Lost to those "Mules," 59-7.
- 24—Homecoming game . . . parade, floats, queen! Lost, too . . . 26-13! 'Nuff said?
- 30—THS mock election . . . IKE WINS!
- 31—Even though it was Hallowe'en, it was comparatively quiet in the old town . . . good reason . . . everyone was at Clinton watching Indians vs. Redskins. We lost . . . the usual 20-13!

NOVEMBER

- 7—Oh-oh, lost again . . . to Addison, 14-6.
- 14—"Color Day" a big success here at this institute of learning. But in spite of that, we closed a very unsuccessful season by losing to Blissfield, 27-6. In fact, we lost all eight games . . . better luck next year, fellas!
- 26—No school for four days!!!! Thanksgiving holiday. Don't eat too much turkey, kids!

DECEMBER

- 3-4—SENIOR PLAY—"The Man Who Came To Dinner", the best ever! A big hit! Best high school play presented in THS for a long, long time!
- 5—Our first basketball game—at Addison. Getting full revenge for football, we won, 56-50.
- 9—Under able direction, Senior Government Day was held at Adrian. Purpose—to help a great mass of Lenawee County Seniors plan and map out the government of Michigan. Need we say more? ?
- 12—We put up a great fight, and came out victorious by winning our first league basketball game against Hillsdale, 38-34!
- 16—Success again!—the boys sure are making up for all the football games we lost. Added another victory by scalping the "Bulldogs", 67-50.
- 18—Heavy schedule—played another game this week at Clinton—we won, 49-41.
- 19—Hooray! Santa Claus is coming to town! Last Christmas Dance for the Seniors and really the best. Lots of fun!

JANUARY

- 5—Oh, nuts! Back to the salt mines again!
- 6—Things are back to normal once more. We traveled over ice and snow to see our basketball team trim Monroe Catholic Central, 39-23.
- 9—Friday night, and a home game with Hudson. As

predicted, we showed them who ranked "tops" by giving them a slight defeat of 58-33!

- 16—We melted those Blissfield Sugar Boys, 61-44.
- 20-21-22—Semester exams! Oh well, we tried!
- 23—Did it again! Racked up another victory against Bedford, 32-25.
- 27—Starting our second set of games, we beat Addison once more, 55-33.
- 30-Played Hillsdale there. Good game—we won, 53-45.

FEBRUARY

- 6—We played Morenci on their floor and lost our first basketball game, 60-51.
- 6—Teachers' Institute. Have fun!
- 13—We won our eleventh game of the year, 68-51, against Clinton in our gym. Jim Wilson made a new T.H.S. scoring record—33 points in one game!
- 17—Rolled over Hudson with a score of 64-48.
- 20—Last game with Blissfield. Really swamped them, 63-45.
- 24—We got the edge on Monroe Catholic Central, 52-43.
- 27—We traveled to Lambertville to play Bedford. One of the best games of the year, and the last league encounter, ending with a score of 83-62—our favor, of course.

MARCH

- 6—The first tournament game for us. Our "Unconscious Hero" saved the game—we beat Hillsdale 41-37—overtime.
- 7—Adrian scored 39-27 over us to take the district championship.

APRIL

- 3—Spring vacation begins. What fun!
- 13—School resumes for the last time this year.
- 23-24—Junior Play. Very nice, but we must admit that it wasn't as good as the Senior Play.
- 27—Sponge Week begins—Gum-chewing Day.
- 28—Old Clothes Day. What tramps!
- 29—Dress-Up Day—How different everyone looks—and how nice!
- 30—The day we all wear our school colors.

MAY

- 1—Sponge Week ends with the long-awaited Sponge Dance.
- 23—May Party—Senior's last T.H.S. formal dance.
- 27—Senior Trip. Excited Seniors left for New York from Michigan Central Station, Detroit.
- 31—Back from five wonderful days in New York, we start cramming for finals.

JUNE

- 5—Semester exams begin. Jr.-Sr. Reception—one of the loveliest events of the year. It won't be long now, Seniors!
- 7—Baccalaureate—beginning of graduation exercises.
- 8-9—More exams! Harder than usual!
- 10—Class night—never knew we had such wits in the class!
- 11—Commencement—at last—our diplomas!
- 12—Honors Assembly—So long, everybody!!



Shirley



BARRY

These guys don't even know the score!



JUNIOR MISSES



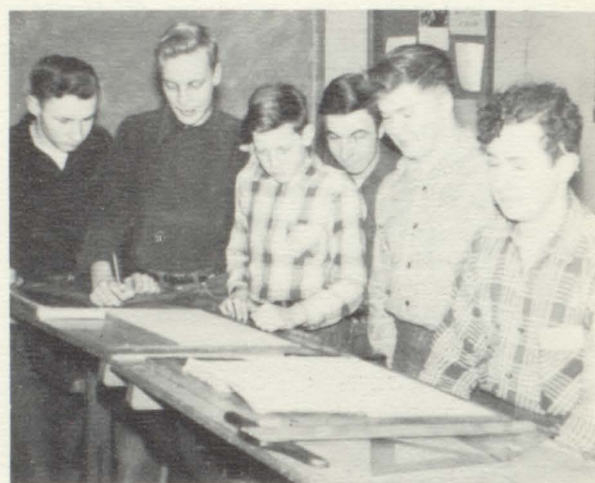
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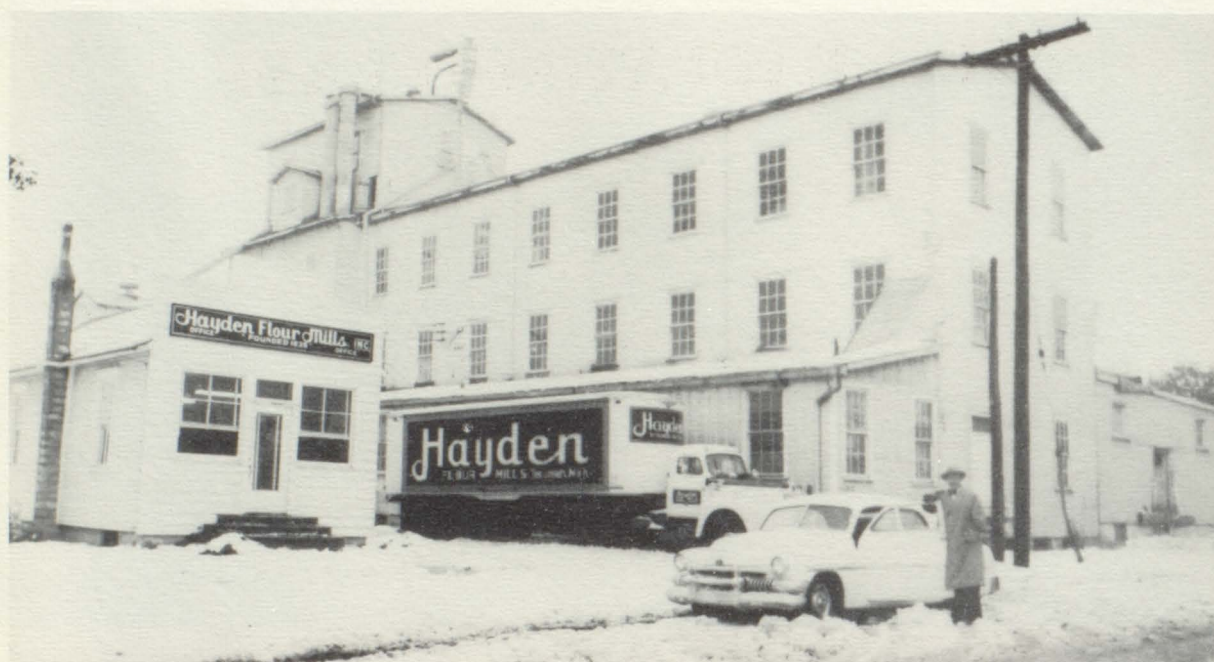


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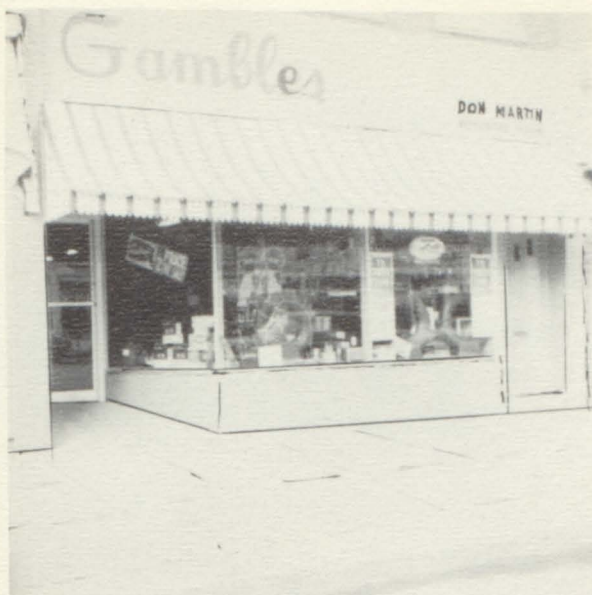
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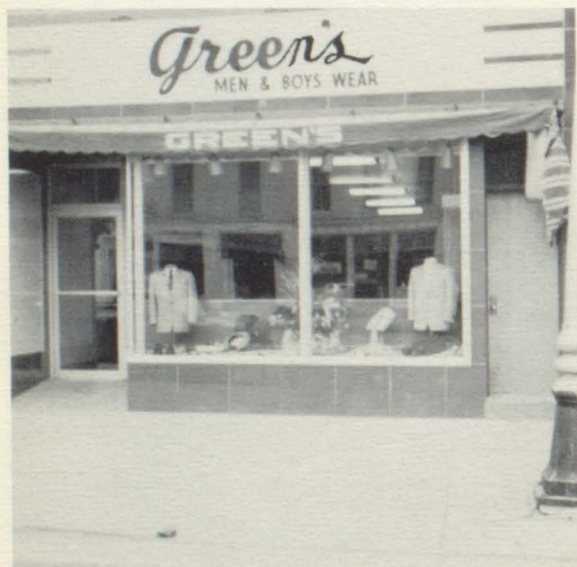
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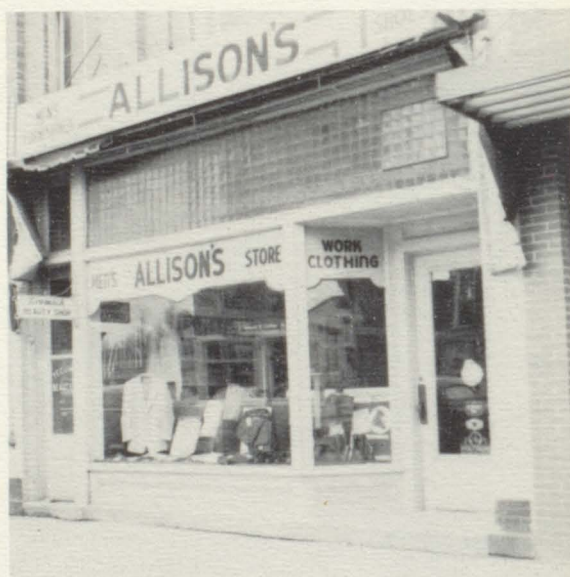


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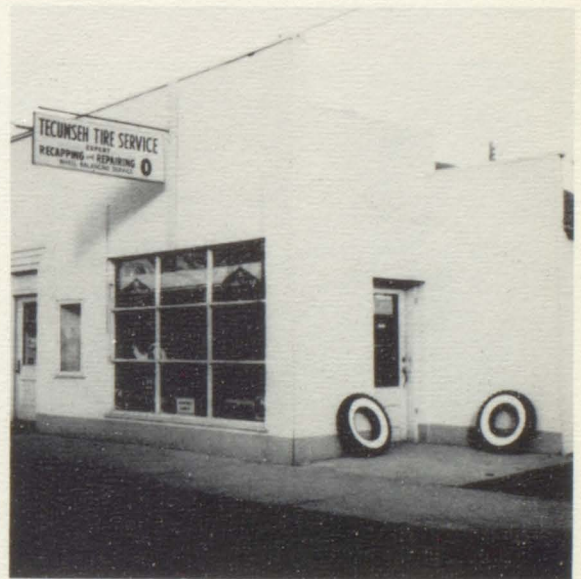


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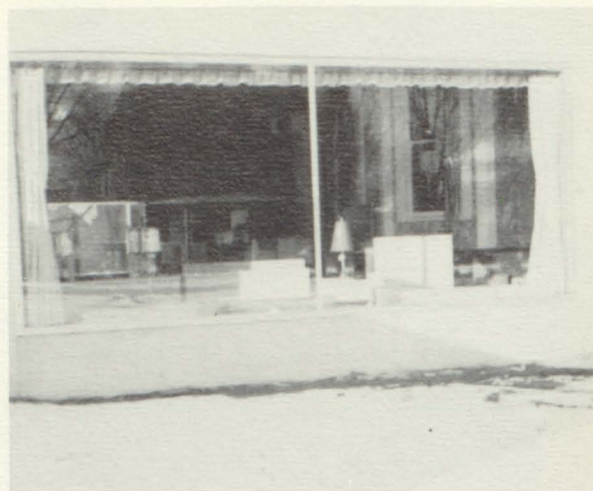
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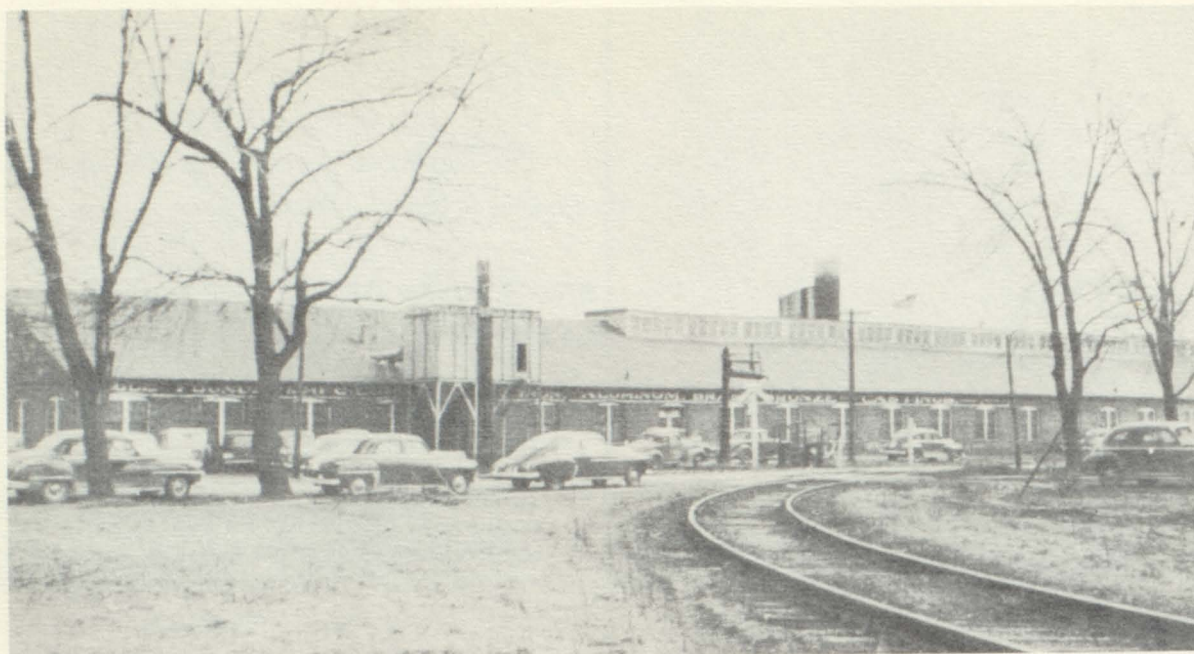
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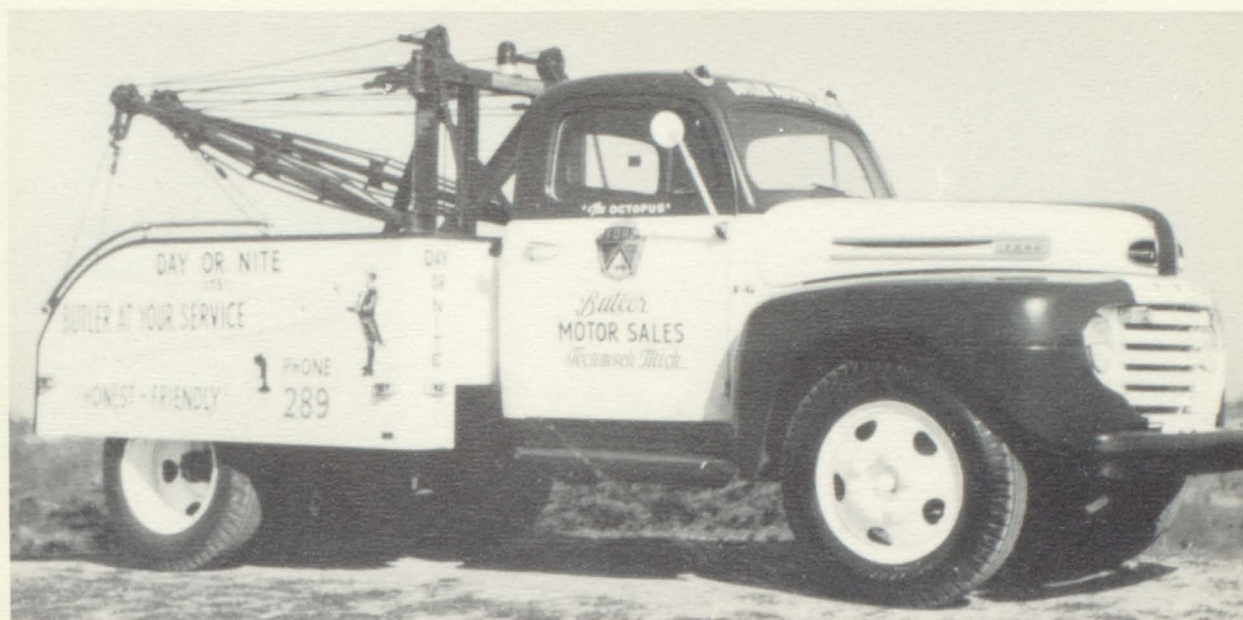


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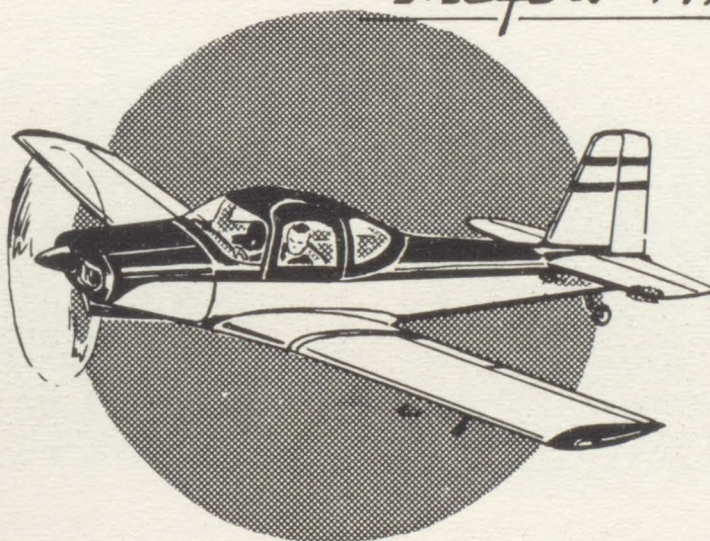
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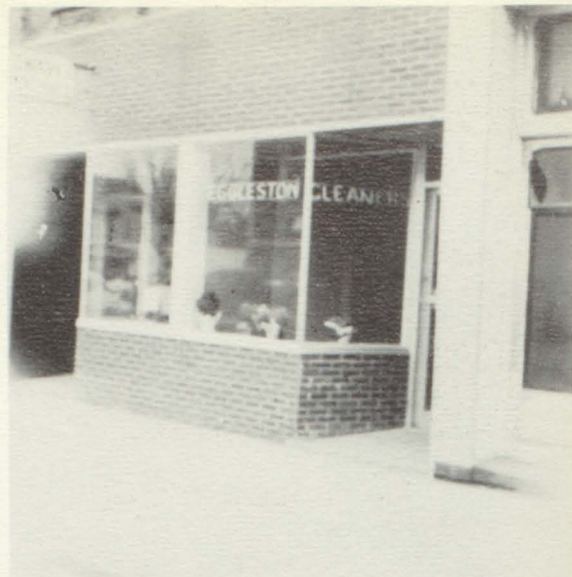
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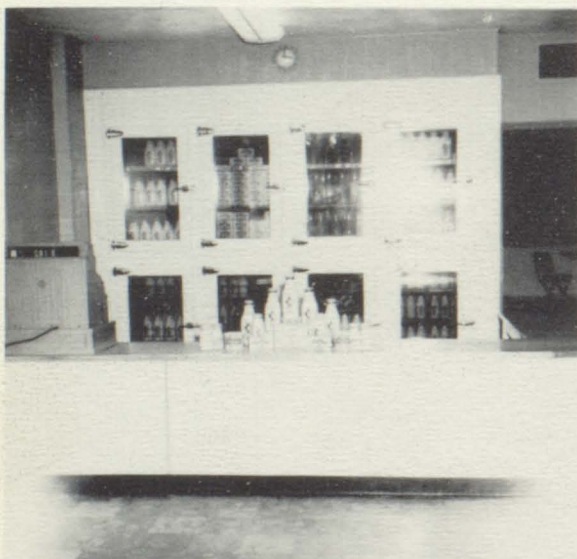


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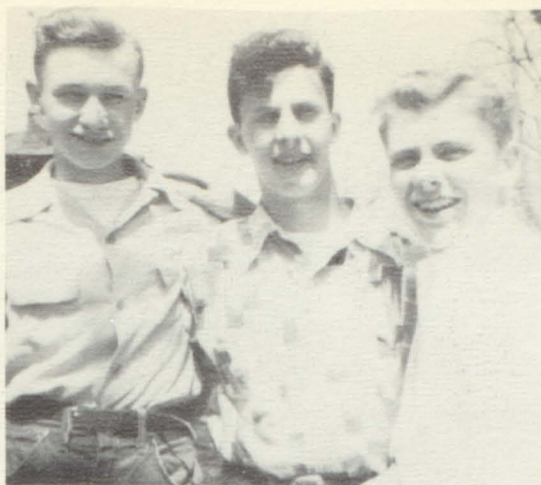
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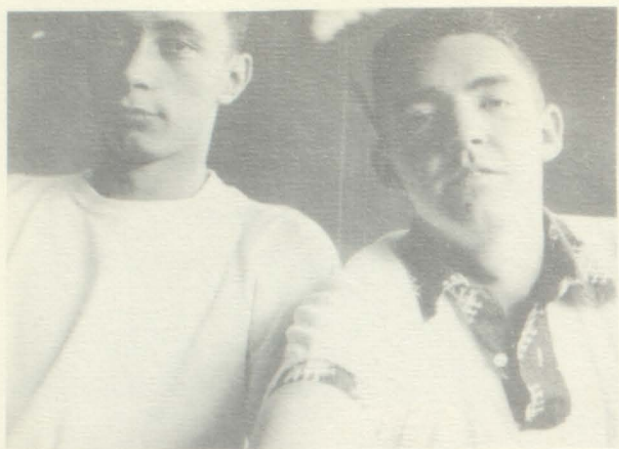
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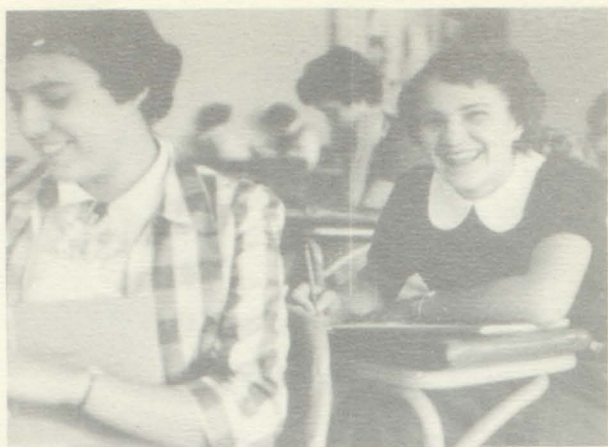
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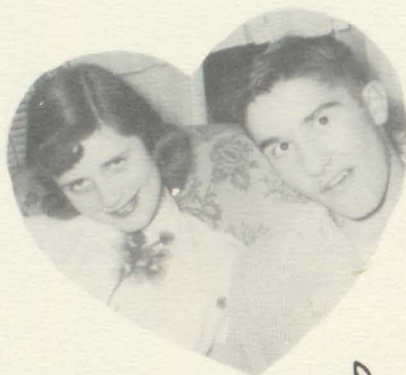
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