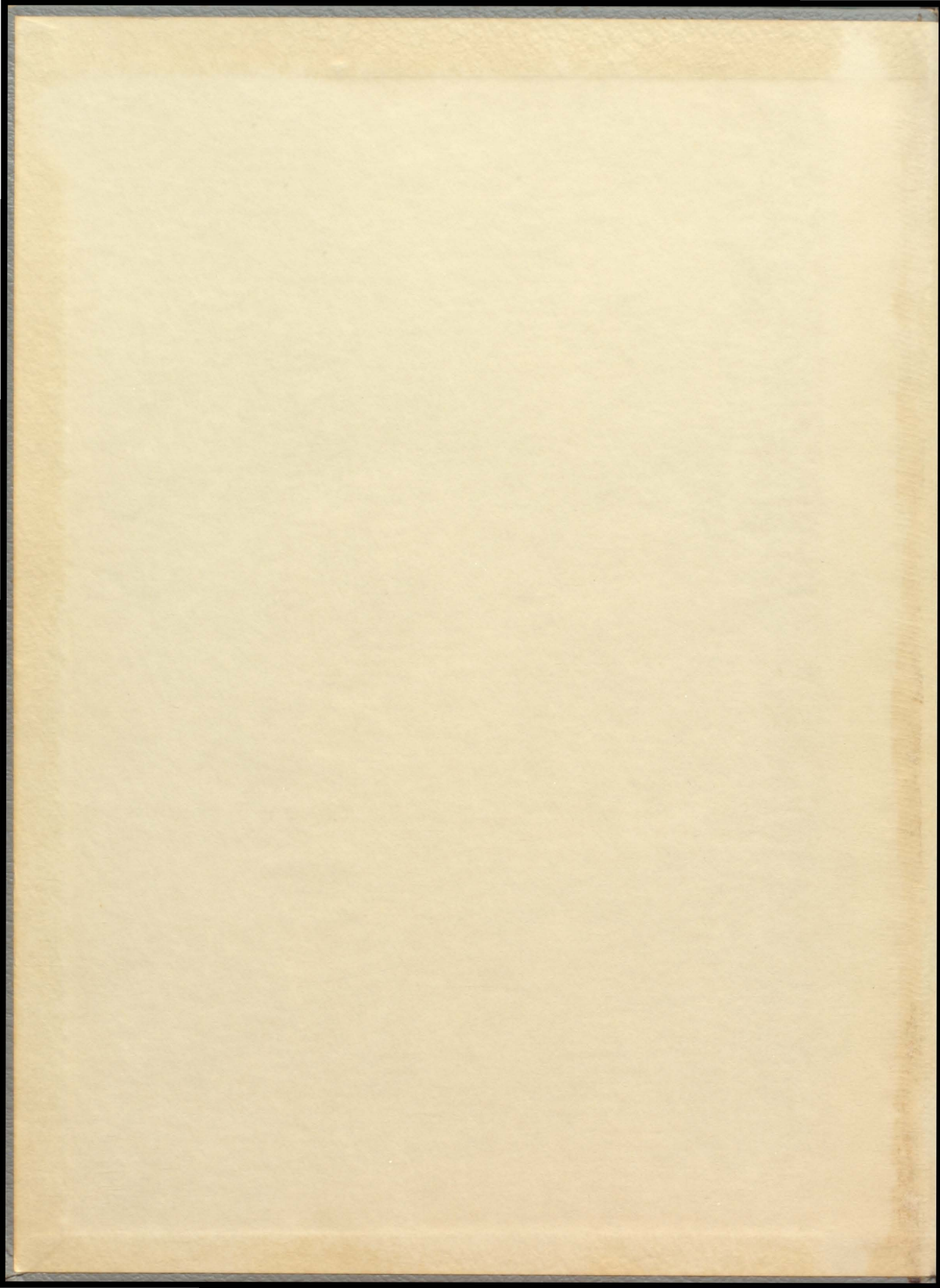


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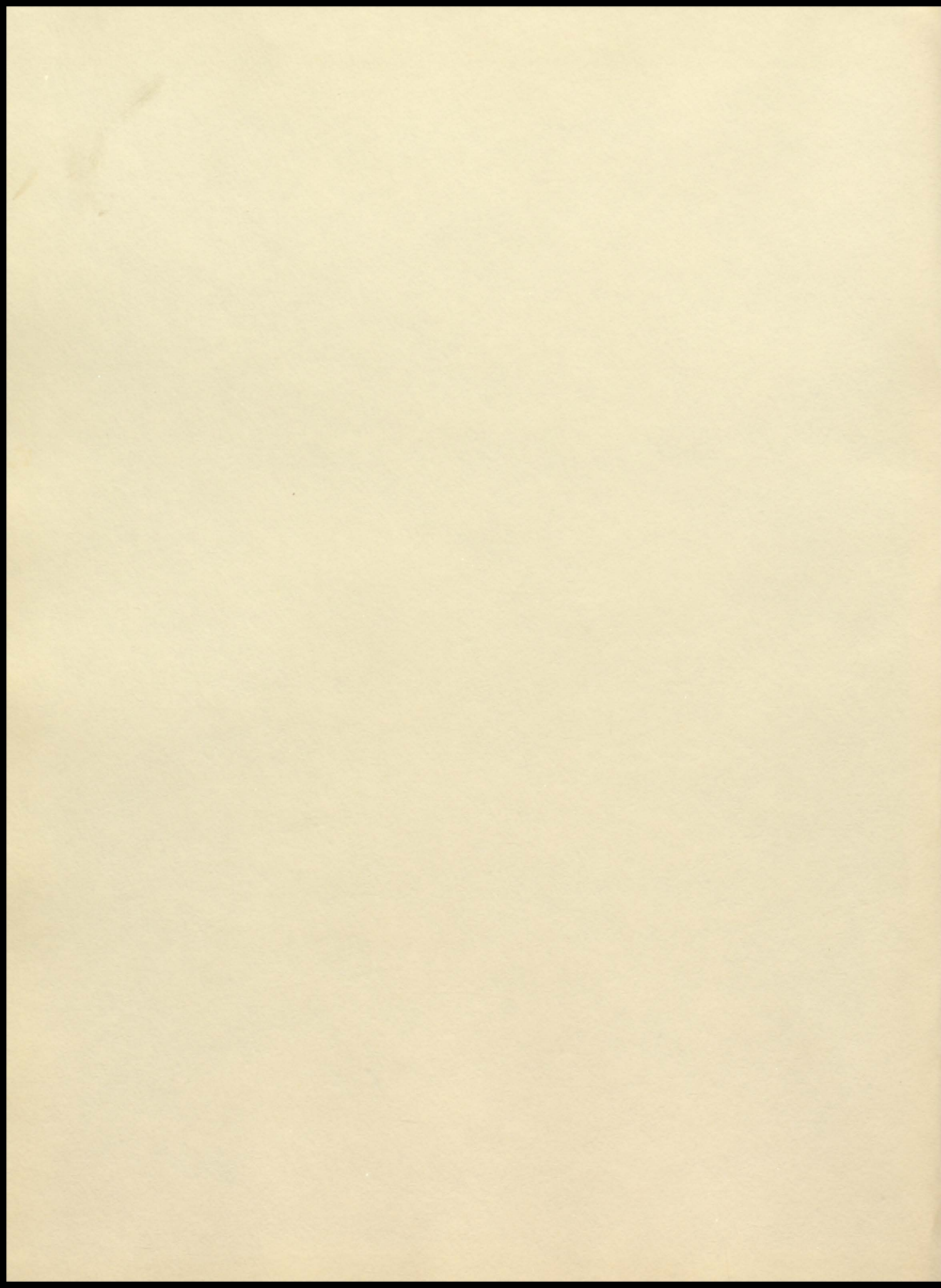


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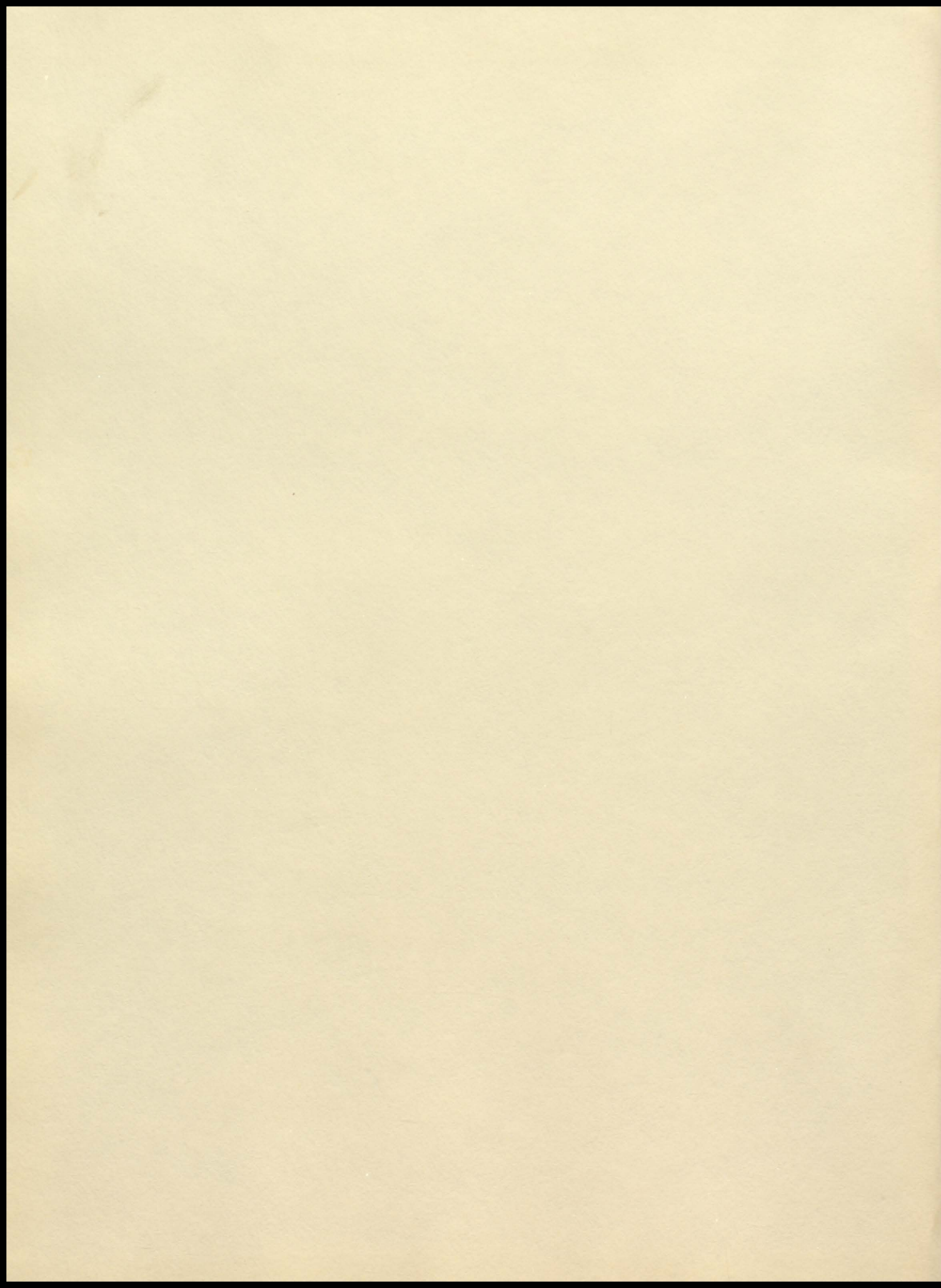














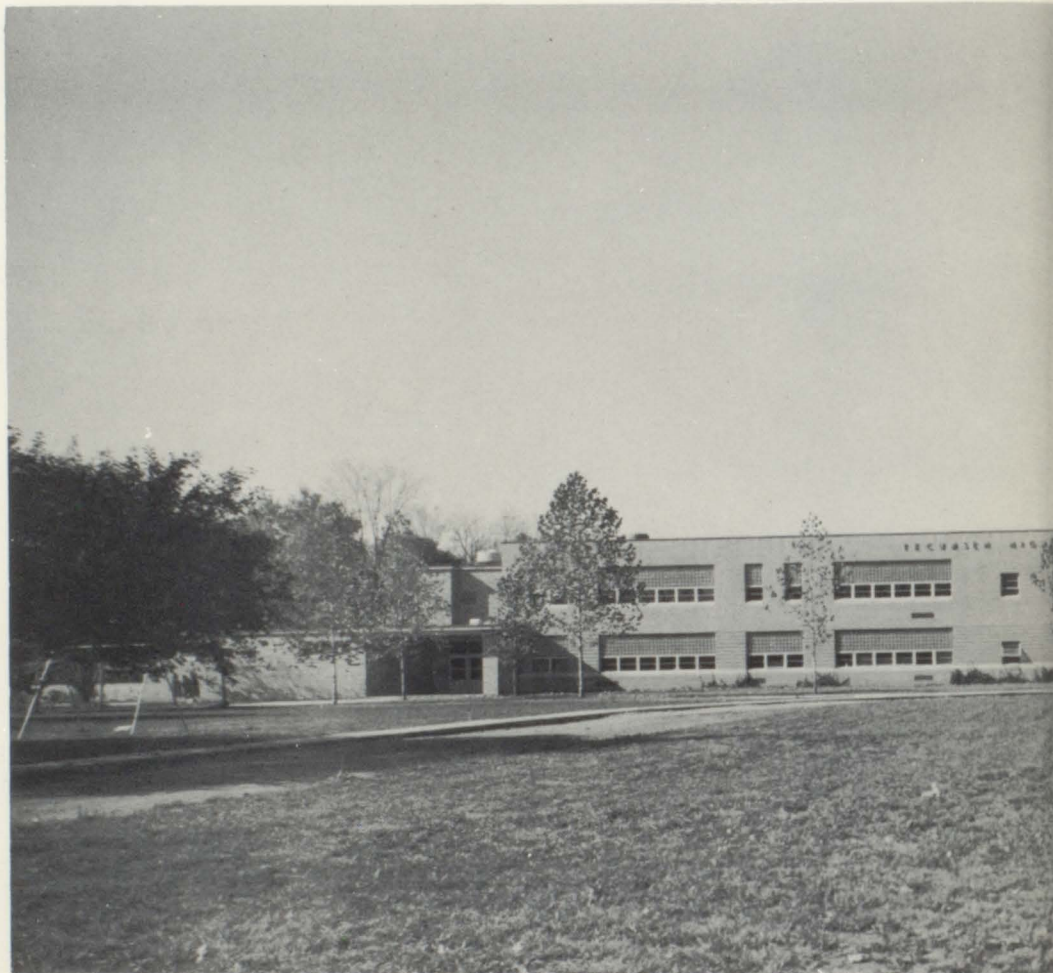
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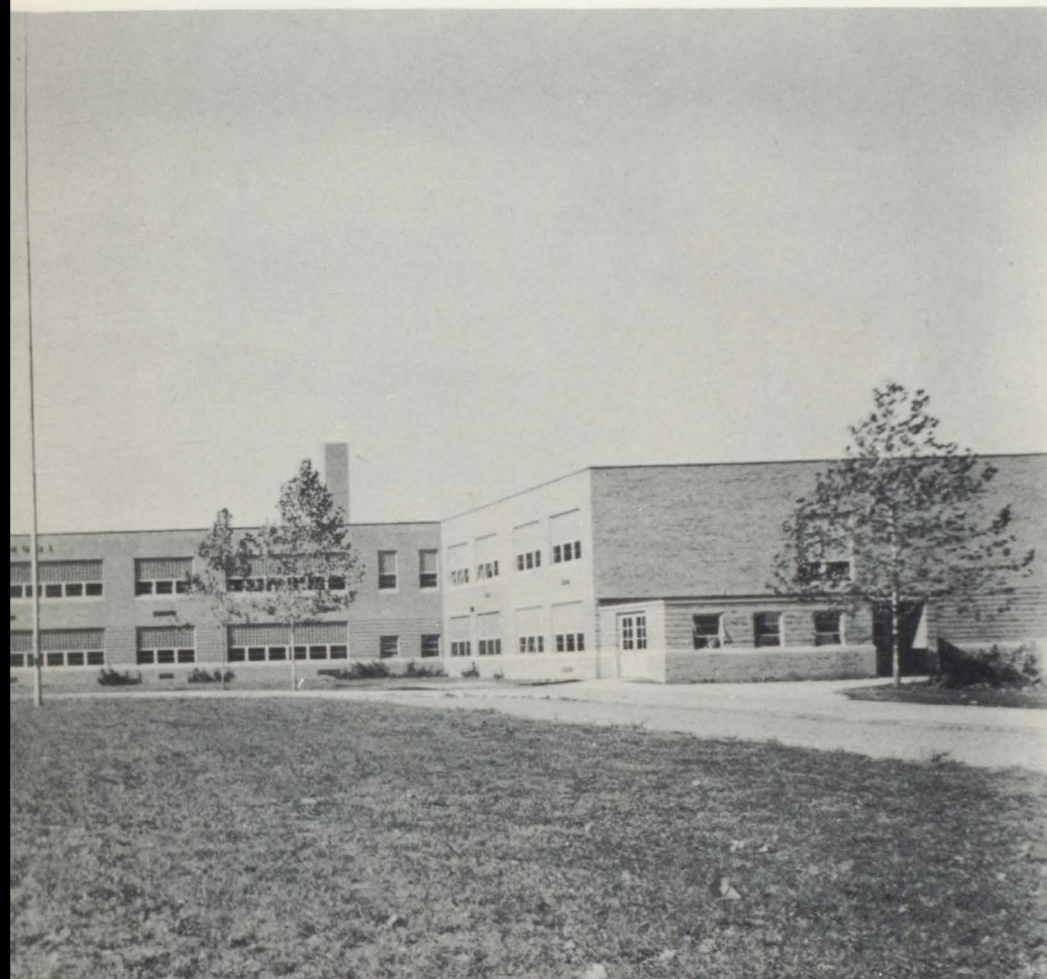


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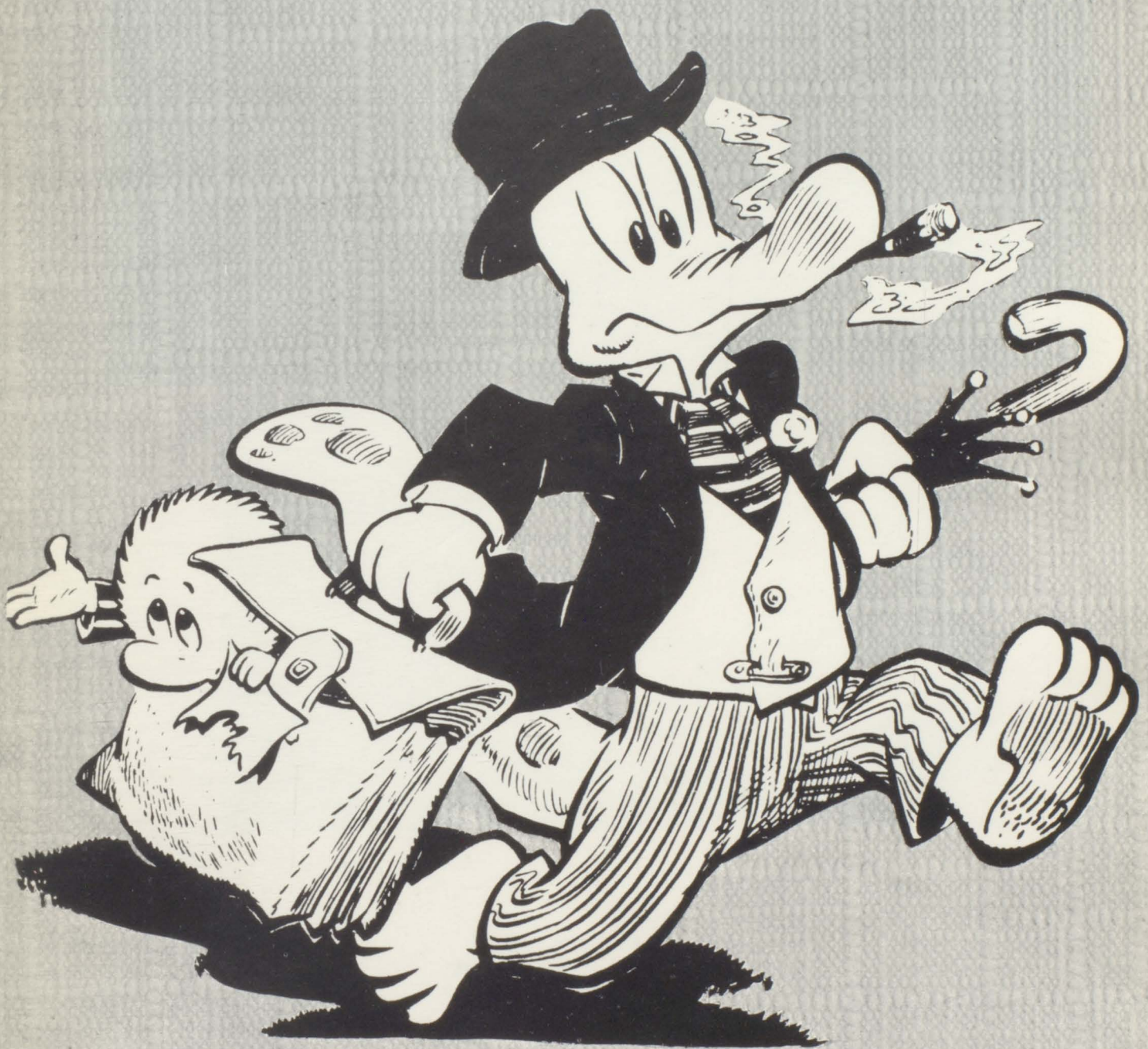
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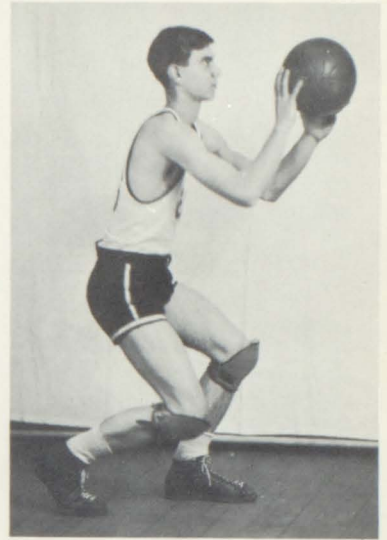
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You do the work, I'll sit and listen.



T. H. S. chairs aren't very comfortable.



Already to go to work — maybe.



Why don't you preach what you practice?



Just ask me, I'll tell you.



Our faithful custodians  
Mr. Schultz, Mr. Glascock, Mr. Teske



Maintenance engineer  
Harold Warren



Chief cooks and bottle washers — —  
Mrs. Listman, Mrs. Cornell, Mrs. Holdridge



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**SUSAN ALUK**  
"Susie"

Her personality is her fortune. Chadsey, Detroit 1, Girls' Athletic Association 3 (President 3).



**JERRY BARTON**  
"Tiny"

"A youth, light-hearted and content."  
Student Council 1, Annual Staff, Senior Play, Band 1-2-3-4 (Secretary-Treasurer 3-4), Varsity Club 4, Basketball R 1-2-3, V 4, Baseball Mgr. 1-2.



**LEROY BETZOLDT**  
"Buzz"

Eat, drink, and be merry for tomorrow we have a test.  
Vice President 1, Student Council 1-4, Annual Staff, Varsity Club 1-2-3-4 (Vice President 4), Future Farmers of America 1-2, Football R 1-2, V 4, Track 1-2-3-4.



**SANDRA BIEDERMAN**  
"Sandy"

Elegance in action!  
Honor Student, Annual Staff, Senior Play, Junior Play, Girls' Athletic Association 1-2-3-4.



**DULCIE BOWEN**  
"Dee"

"Oh Johnny, Oh Johnny, . . ."  
Honor Student, Student Council 3 (Secretary 3), Annual Staff, Debate 2-3, Senior Play, Junior Play, Girls' Athletic Association 1-2-3-4, Cheerleader 4.

**JAMES BOWSER**  
"Jimmy"

A dignified (?) bunch of muscles.  
Senior Play, Junior Play, Varsity Club 2-3-4 (President 4), Football R 1, V 2-3-4 (Captain 4), Basketball R 1-2, V 3-4, Baseball V 2-4, Track 2-3-4.



**RUTH BOYCE**  
"Ruthie"

She was gifted with the "golden touch of sincerity."  
Valedictorian, D.A.R. Good Citizenship Award, Secretary 3, Student Council 2, Editor-in-Chief of Annual, Senior Play, Girls' State 3.

**RUTH BROCKWAY**

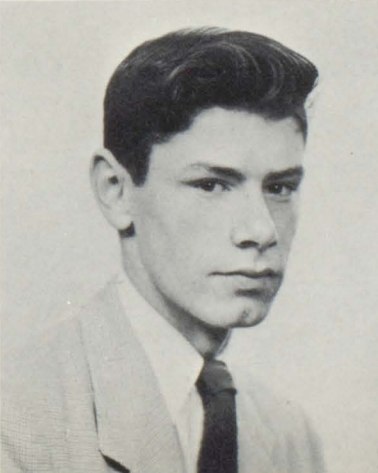
We're apt to forget her until we hear her giggle!  
Honor Student.

**FRED BUCHHEIMER**  
"Fritz"

"It's a poor corner that has no gas station."  
Honor Student, Senior Play, Basketball Mgr. 2.

**DOYLE BUMPUS**  
"Bump"

"It's a great life!"  
Football R 1.







**ROGER BUSHE**  
"Rog"

Short in height but long in humor.  
Starr Commonwealth, Albion 1-2-3, Junior Play, Chorus 2-3, Varsity Club 4, Football V 4.



**DELORES BUSH**  
"Dolly"

Good things come in small packages.  
Band 1-2-3.



**ASHLEY CHASE**  
"Ash"

"Weary is the march of life!"



**CONNIE CLARK**  
"Connie"

"Some say the world was made for fun and frolic — and why not?"  
Honor Student, Annual Staff, Senior Play, Junior Play, Future Nurses' Club 3-4 (Secretary 4).



**RUTH ANN COATES**  
"Ruthie"

"Take my word for it—the D. & C. is a second Macy's."  
Band 1-2-3-4.

**BONNIE COVELL**  
"Bonnie"

A friend of all who meet her.  
Chorus 1-2.



**DALE DANIELS**  
"Dale"

"I'll walk with God from this day on."

Vice President 3, Student Council 3, Annual Staff, Senior Play, Junior Play, Varsity Club 4, Football R 1-2, V 4, Basketball R 1.

**KATHLEEN DAVIS**  
"Kitty"

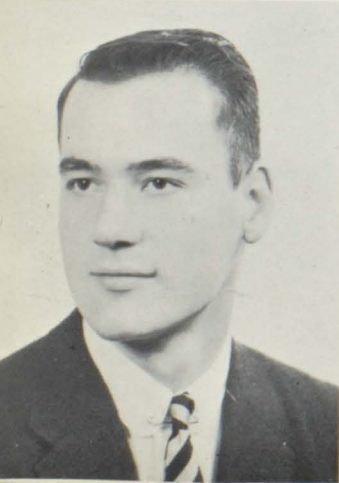
On roller skates she reminds us of a graceful fawn gliding through the forest.  
Annual Staff, Girls' Athletic Association 3, Chorus 2.

**RITCHIE DAVIS**  
"Rich"

Ritchie chased Sandy until she caught him.  
Varsity Club 2-3-4, Football R 2-3, V 4, Basketball R 1-2, V 3-4, Track 2-3-4.

**SHIRLEY DeCLERCQ**  
"Shirley"

"Do you need a little help?"  
Honor Student, Chorus 2.







**EDWARD DeLISLE**  
**"Ed"**  
 "If your work interferes with your sleep, quit work."  
 Student Council 4, Future Farmers of America 1-2-3-4.

**PATRICIA DIBBLE**  
**"Patty"**  
 A woman with a mind of her own.  
 Chorus 1-3.

**ANITA DICKINSON**  
**"Nita"**  
 "I've sacrificed the twelve best years of my life."  
 Senior Play, Junior Play, Girls' Athletic Association 1-2-3, Future Nurses' Club 2-3-4.

**BETTE DRIFFILL**  
**"Lizzie"**  
 "The bells are ringing" for Bette and Wayne.  
 Secretary 4, Girls' Athletic Association 4, Chorus 1.



**JAMES EMANS**  
**"Jim"**  
 People with small mouths have big hearts.

**WILLIAM EVERY**  
**"Bill"**  
 Just plain "Bill".  
 Future Farmers of America 1-2-3-4, Football R 2-3.

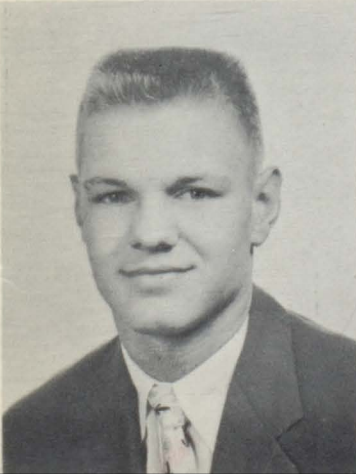


**DENNIS FARLEY**  
**"Dennie"**  
 . . . and every circus must have its clown.  
 Ida 1, Varsity Club 3-4, Football V 3, Baseball V 1-2-3-4

**JUDY LEE FOOS**  
**"Judy"**  
 More bounce to the ounce.  
 Annual Staff, Girls' Athletic Association 1-2, Band 1-2-3-4 (President 3-4).

**ROBERT FRANCOEUR**  
**"Bob"**  
 "To this generation I would say . . ."  
 Honor Student, Vice President 4, Student Council 3-4, Annual Staff, Debate 1, Senior Play, Junior Play, Band 1-2-3-4 (Chairman 2).

**LILLIAN GILLEYLEN**  
**"Lil"**  
 "Women were made to be loved, not understood."  
 Clinton 1-2, Chorus 1-2 (Secretary 2), Band 1-2-3.







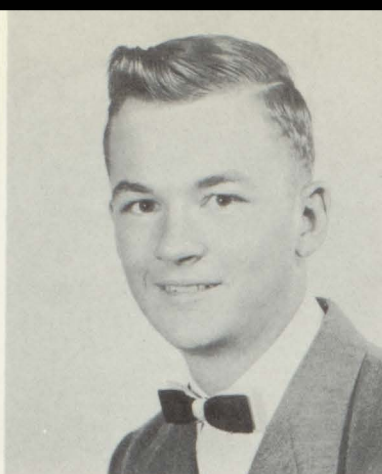
**CHARLENE GREENE**  
"Char"

Ambitious, Buoyant, and Clever.  
Adrian 1-2-3, Honor Student,  
Girls' Athletic Association 1-2.



**JANE HARGRAVE**  
"Janie"

"A little woman is a dangerous  
thing!" (With apologies to  
Pope).  
Chorus 2-3.



**GLENN HAVILAND**  
"Glen"

Red cheeks, blue eyes, and be-  
hind these a mind that's wise.  
Treasurer 2, Annual Staff, Sen-  
ior Play, Junior Play, Varsity  
Club 4, Football R 2-3, Basket-  
ball R 4, Track 3-4.



**CHARLES HENDERSHOT**  
"Chuck"

First and foremost in helping  
the Senior class.  
Honor Student, Student Council  
2-3, Annual Staff, Future Farm-  
ers of America 1-2-3-4 (Secre-  
tary 3-4).



**CARL HENKEL**  
"Corby"

An endless "invasion".  
Treasurer 1, Student Council 2,  
Debate 1-2-3-4, Senior Play,  
Varsity Club 2-3-4, Football  
R 1, V 2.

**GARY HIZER**  
"Ears"

His voice is his power.  
Secretary 2, Annual Staff, Ora-  
tion 4, Declamation 2, Debate  
1-3-4, Senior Play, Junior Play,  
Varsity Club 4, Football Mgr.  
2, Golf 3.



**ALICE HOSKIN**  
"Alice"

"Women are their own excuse  
for being"—late!  
Girls' Athletic Association 2-3.

**ANNE IMERSON**  
"Annie"

The cover-girl look.  
Girls' Athletic Association 1,  
Chorus 2, Band 1, Cheerleader  
2.

**BEVERLY JACKSON**  
"Bey"

"More have repented of speech  
than silence."  
Honor Student.

**JANICE JEDELE**  
"Jan"

Her vocabulary isn't always lim-  
ited to "Number, please?"  
Clinton 1, Chorus 1.







**ALICE JUDSON**

"Alice"

Happy all the while.  
Deerfield 1, Girls' Glee Club 1,  
Future Homemakers of America  
1.

**ESTELLA KEITH**

"Stella"

Her disposition certainly doesn't  
match her hair.  
Chorus 1-3-4.

**ELAINE KIMERER**

"Elaine"

"Laugh and be merry."  
Honor Student, President 1,  
Annual Staff, Band 1-2-3-4  
(President 4).

**MARY LOUISE KOTTS**

"Mary Louise"

Hers are ways of pleasantness  
Chorus 1-2-3.



**FRANCES LeBARON**

"Fran"

A "solid citizen" of the Class  
of '55.  
Honor Student, Girls' Athletic  
Association 2-3-4.

**JANET LAWHEAD**

"Jan"

Sweet and innocent?—Then you  
don't really know Jan!  
Honor Student, Annual Staff,  
Chorus 3.



**CAROLE LOVELAND**

"Carole"

Bright with a smile that shall  
never fade.  
Band 1-2-3.

**BARBARA LOWE**

"Barb"

Among women drivers, one bad  
turn deserves another.  
Adrian 1, Chorus 2-3.

**GARY MACK**

"Gary"

The world's record "Rocket"—  
Ford?

**ELIZABETH MCKENZIE**

"Beth"

She has changed the automobile  
from recreation to "wreck—  
creation".  
Annual Staff, Junior Play, Girls'  
Athletic Association 1, Future  
Nurses' Club 3-4.







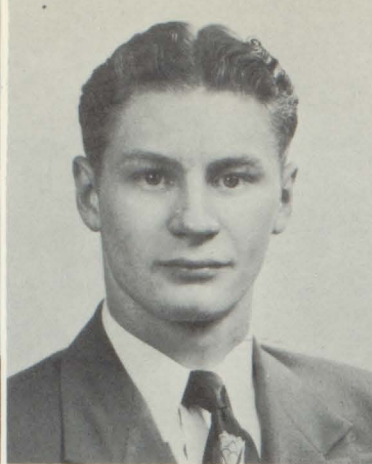
**RICHARD MOHR**  
"Dick"

The night has come, but not too soon.  
Football R 1-2, Basketball R 1-2.



**THOMAS NEITLING**  
"Innocent"

"Look, girls! Just what the doctor ordered!"  
Student Council 1, Varsity Club 3-4, Band 1, Football R 1-2, V 3-4, Basketball R 1-2-3, V 4.



**LOWELL NICOLS**  
"Lowell"

Quiet boys aren't always shy.  
Deerfield 1, Band 1-2, Football R 1.



**CHARLES O'NEILL**  
"Skip"

"Believe me, loafing is a full-time job."  
Minneapolis, Minnesota 1, Annual Staff, Senior Play, Junior Play, Varsity Club 3-4 (Treasurer 4), Band 1-2-3-4, Football V 3-4, Basketball Mgr. 3, Baseball Mgr. 2-3.



**BARBARA OUSTERHOUT**  
"Barb"

So round, so firm, so-o-o fully packed.  
Honor Student, President 3-4, Student Council 1, Annual Staff, Senior Play, Girls' Athletic Association 1, Cheerleader 2-3-4.

**SHIRLEY PALMER**  
"Shirley"

Her smile is always in full bloom.  
Band 1-2-3-4, Girls' Athletic Association 1-2.



**BRENDA PORTER**  
"Ben"

"I may be as different as different can be, but I wish to point out there are many different from me."  
Honor Student, Annual Staff, Declamation 4, Debate 4, Senior Play, Junior Play, Girls' Athletic Association 1, Future Nurses' Club 3-4.

**DORIS PHILLIPS**  
"Doris"

No task is too great for Doris.  
Honor Student, Annual Staff, Senior Play.

**GARY ROBERTS**  
"Gary"

The long-awaited "American Gentleman".

**HAROLD ROBINSON**  
"Harvey"

"I like work; I can sit and look at it forever."  
Band 1-2-3-4.







**ROBERT RUTHERFORD**

"Bob"

"This Side of Innocence."  
Football R 3.



**NANCY SCHOOLMASTER**

"Nan"

Her personality is 'so refreshing.'  
Senior Play, Girls' Athletic Association 3-4.



**WILLIAM SCUTT**

"Bill"

"Here's to the pictures in my billfold! May they never meet!"  
Addision 1-2, Key Club 1-2, Varsity Club 2-3-4, Chorus 1-2, Football R 1, V 2-3-4, Basketball R 1-2-3-4, Track 3-4.



**LINDA SISSON**

"Linda"

Her echo is the only thing that could possibly cheat Linda out of the last word.  
Honor Student, Girls' Athletic Association 1-2.



**FRANKLIN SMITH**

"Frank"

Much more of an individual than his last name implies.

**LOIS SMITH**

"Lois"

But the South will rise again.  
Chorus 1-2.



**JANE SMITH**

"Smitty"

She may look like an angel, but horns hold the halo up!!  
Honor Student, Annual Staff, Future Nurses' Club 2-3-4 (President 4).

**PHILIP STUTESMAN**

"Phil"

"Here's to the joke—the good ole joke!"  
Honor Student, Treasurer 3-4, Vice President 3, Annual Staff, Senior Play, Varsity Club 3-4, Football R 2, V 3-4.

**PHILLIP SURRATT**

"Flip"

"Air is still free, but it costs more to breathe it."  
Indianapolis, Indiana 1-2, Honor Student, Student Council 1-4 (Treasurer 4), Annual Staff, Senior Play, Junior Play, Band 1-2-3 (Vice President 2).

**JOYCE TAYLOR**

"Joyce"

Light 'n casual.  
Honor Student, Annual Staff Chorus 3.





**GEORGE TILTON**  
"George"

No answer is George's answer. Varsity Club 4, Future Farmers of America 1-2, Football R 2-3, V 4, Track 3-4.



**THEODORE VERRIER**  
"Teddy"

Theresa and Ted — two of a kind but not of mind. Band 1-2-3, Basketball R 3, V 4.



**THERESA VERRIER**  
"Tessie"

To say the least—is not Theresa's way. Honor Student, Girls' Athletic Association 1-2-3-4.



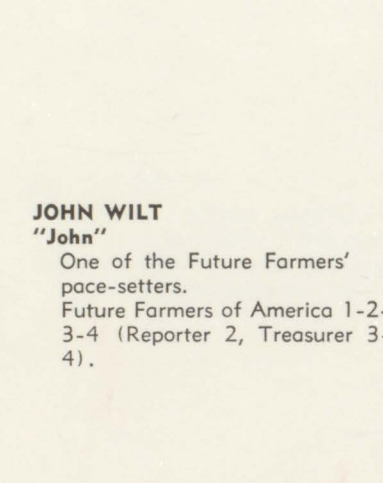
**JOHN J. WALPER**  
"J.J."

He must be part steel, because only steel can do so many jobs so well. Honor Student, Student Council 1-3 (President 3), Annual Staff, Boys' State 3, Football Mgr. 2, Basketball Mgr. 1, Baseball Mgr. 1, Track Mgr. 2.



**DONNA WILLIAMS**  
"Donna"

"As gay as the month of May." Milan 1-2, Honor Student, Chorus 3, Band 1-2, Girls' Glee Club 2, Future Homemakers' Association 2.



**JOHN WILT**  
"John"

One of the Future Farmers' pace-setters. Future Farmers of America 1-2-3-4 (Reporter 2, Treasurer 3-4).



**PHILIP YOUNG**  
"Phil"

"Young at Heart" Salutatorian, President 2, Student Council 3-4, Future Farmers of America 1-2-3-4 (Vice President 2, President 3-4), Basketball R 2.

**DIANE WOODWARD**  
"Diane"

Her voice reminds us of the "Song of Spring". Clinton 1, Honor Student, Junior Play, Chorus 1, Band 1, Cheerleader 1.





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RUTH BOYCE

Tonight it is my pleasure on behalf of the class of '55 to welcome you, our parents, teachers, and friends, on this most memorable occasion. We are deeply honored that you, who have made this achievement possible, are here tonight. It is difficult to express the extent of our sincere thanks and gratitude, which we now offer to you.

We especially want to thank our parents for their sacrifices and understanding guidance, our teachers for their counsel and untiring efforts, and our friends for the many deeds of kindness extended to us.

For some of us, graduating from Tecumseh High will mean the end of our formal education, while others will go on to higher schools of learning, in order to be better able to meet the problems and difficulties of a changing world. Today it is more important than ever that we obtain the best education possible, for a man without knowledge is a man with hands tied, while the educated man seeks more truth and more knowledge all his life.

Graduating into a democracy such as ours is in itself a bright promise for our future. For in this great land of opportunity we need only ambition, initiative, self-reliance, and confidence in others, to lead a prosperous and happy life. As we seek these goals, we shall be going into a world of misunderstanding and fear, created by dictators and ignorance. To conquer these will be a challenge for us, one which we will meet with all the knowledge and tact that we have acquired. It will be our responsibility as good citizens to carry the torch of freedom for peace and liberty throughout the world.

We have long looked forward to this night, thinking what a happy occasion it would be. Now we realize that we are leaving much happiness behind, keeping only fond memories of it. Tonight as we move "out of the harbor into deep channels", we shall separate, each one to go his own way, but with each and every one of us goes the memory of all our high school days and the appreciation of all that you have done for us.

Tonight, as we receive our diplomas, we being to comprehend just what this night means to each of us. It is the realization of completing our first great accomplishment in life, our thirteen years of education, in which we have tried to do our best. These most important years of our life would not have been successful without the aid of our parents, teachers, and friends. Because of their sacrifices and efforts, we have reached this goal and are ready to express our appreciation in our future accomplishments.

Our diploma signifies to us that we no longer are school children. We must now step into the unknown future, whether it be further education or a job, to play the role of young men and women. Even though we shall meet many challenges, and some times will have to do things contrary to our beliefs, we can be thankful that America is our home, a country where we can enjoy many freedoms and be governed in a democratic manner. Some of our future goals will be to become worthy and useful citizens, to exercise our privileges as citizens, and to set good examples in accordance with what Joseph Joubert once said, "Children need models more than they need critics."

Tonight as we leave our "harbor", some of us will be saying goodbye for the last time, but we shall never forget these memorable years of being together. And as we enter our individual channels, with the help of God we promise that we will try to fulfill our specific goals to the best of our ability, and to do our little bit in joining the nation to strive for world peace.

# Salutatorian



PHILIP YOUNG



# Class Night Program

(Wednesday, June 1, 1955)

## MOTTO

*"Out of the harbor into deep channels"*

## COLORS

*Pink and Gray*

## FLOWER

*Pink Carnation*

PRESENTATION OF KEY.....	Barbara Ousterhout
ACCEPTANCE OF KEY.....	Sharon Claxton
CLASS HISTORY.....	Brenda Porter, Robert Francoeur
PROPHECY.....	J. J. Walper, Dulcie Bowen Dale Daniels, Jane Smith
CLASS POEM.....	Janet Lawhead
CLASS WILL.....	Philip Stutesman, Theresa Verrier
GIFTATORY.....	Connie Clark, Charles Hendershot Phillip Surratt, Sandra Biederman
PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS.....	Barbara Ousterhout
CLASS SONG.....	Diane Woodward

## President's Address

### BARBARA OUSTERHOUT

Classmates and Friends:

Tonight as we gather here, we realize that our high school career is about to terminate. We remember our first formals, the excitement and anxiety of the big league games and the frightful fear of our semester exams. It is hard to believe that this is ended, as far as our high school lives are concerned.

We have made a great step toward the future during these past four years, but we can never say that we have accomplished this alone. It was through the close guidance and help of our teachers, and the patience of our parents and friends, that we have reached the top peak of our high school career. We wish to thank each and every one of you for your share in our happiness and success.

In behalf of the Class of 1955, I would like to express our deepest thanks and gratitude to our guide and inspiration for the past four years, Mr. Myles Runk, our class adviser.

At this time, I want to thank the members of the Senior Class for your cooperation and friendship during the past two years that I have had the privilege and honor of being your president. You have been wonderful, and the credit for all that we have done comes from your untiring help and willingness to serve. To you, my friends and classmates, my sincerest wish for happiness and good luck always. I am not going to say "Goodbye", for I hope that we will see each other many times in the future. Good night and God bless all of you.



# Class History

BRENDA PORTER and ROBERT FRANCOEUR

It was early morning, and the world was just waking up to a dreary, rainy, fall day. The crew of 1955, totaling ninety-six, were all aboard the T. H. S. super liner and were ready to head their ship "out of the harbor, into deep channels."

Captain Schwartz informed the crew of the tough voyage ahead. Elaine Kimerer and LeRoy Betzoldt were busied with the duties of first and second mates. Wanita Cleveland was elected to keep the log and Carl Henkel was elected purser. During the first part of the voyage we encountered many hardships, such as algebra and biology, but our trip was brightened by the various dances, including the Christmas Dance, the May Party, and the Homecoming Dance, of which Anne Imerson was elected queen, much to the joy of all of us. The tables were turned during Sponge Week, and the girls swabbed the deck for a change.

After this first phase of our voyage, we stopped off on a pleasant island for a short rest. When we resumed our voyage, after three delightful months in the tropics, we discovered we were minus nine crewmen who apparently liked the life of leisure so much that they decided to stay on land.

During the course of this year our crewmen purchased rings to distinguish themselves from crewmen of other ships in the various ports. We also elected new officers which included the following: Mr. Myles Runk, captain; Philip Young and Philip Stutesman, first and second mates respectively; Gary Hizer, keeper of the log and Charles Hendershot, purser. The May Dance, Christmas Dance, and the usual big parties were held. Also during Homecoming Week, our class was honored with first prize in the float contest. As in past years, the crewmen sold magazines to help pay for their trip. The last big event of the year was the Junior-Senior Reception, at which some of our crew served the chow.

By some slip made by the administrators of our ship, we managed to get another three months off in the tropics.

In the fall, we resumed our voyage minus seven more crewmen, putting a heavier burden on the remaining eighty. Because of Mr. Runk's good service, we kept him on as Captain throughout the rest of your voyage. We elected Barbara

Ousterhout and Dale Daniels as our first and second mates respectively, Ruth Boyce as keeper of the log, and Philip Stutesman as purser.

To break the monotony of our voyage, some of our crewmen entertained us with a performance of the famous Broadway comedy, "Life With Father". A lot of the credit for its huge success was due to the excellent direction of Miss Egan and unfaltering co-operation on the part of the stage crew and committees.

The usual parties were held, but the Reception given for the Seniors by our crewmen, using the circus theme in their "Big Top Hop", was the highlight of the year.

In the fall of '54, we once again resumed our voyage, after the usual three months' vacation that seemed much shorter this year than in past years. We kept Barbara Ousterhout on as first mate and elected Bob Francoeur as second mate. We also elected Philip Stutesman as purser, and as keeper of the log, we chose Wanita Cleveland, who was later replaced by Bette Drifill.

Because of the huge success of the play presented in the previous year, some of the crewmen gave another play, this time entitled "Our Town". The reputation which they had established was increased by another fine performance. Here again we must give a great deal of credit to the director, Miss Egan, and to the other people whose co-operation made the play possible.

The usual dances took place, and this year our crew was honored by a Reception given them by the crew of the ship following us.

Some of our crew sold refreshments at sports events to help pay for the Senior trip.

The dream of our long-awaited visit to New York City was fulfilled when we arrived there on April 28. The crew thoroughly enjoyed the novelty of being in the Big City.

Arriving home again, we began to realize that our trial voyage was coming to an end. Our four eventful years reached a climax with Bacchalaureate services and Class Night. Tomorrow night at Commencement we shall all begin to understand that we have left the harbor and are heading for the deeper channels which lie ahead.



# Class Poem

JANET LAWHEAD

Tonight our class is leaving port;  
In the harbor we leave the rest,  
The Freshmen, Sophomores, Juniors, too,  
In the hope they will do their best.  
The day has come when our ways must part  
Our ship is all ready to sail;  
We say fond farewell to teachers and friends;  
Our good ship will never fail.

Long ago, in the year of forty-two,  
From our home port we boldly set sail;  
We have weathered many a storm since then,  
And we do not fear life's gale.  
Our pilots have tried to guide us on  
Through the work and play of school;  
Our teachers have given us counsel and aid  
And have taught us many a rule.

Our ship is bound for countries strange;  
By strong winds we may be blown  
Across the sea, in waters deep,  
To ports that are unknown.  
Then over the distant horizon  
New waters to conquer we see —  
New goals to be set, new laurels to win;  
Success waits for you and for me.

# Class Song

DIANE WOODWARD

(Tune: Anchors Aweigh)

Anchors aweigh! we cry,  
Raise the pink and gray;  
Farewell, Tecumseh High  
We'll meet again someday . . .  
Classmates of '55,  
Anchors aweigh!  
Into the channels deep  
We'll onward go and others show the way.

Knowledge will be our keel,  
God be our Guide!  
Lift heart and head and hand,  
And dare to do or die . . . !  
From harbor's shel'ring care . . .  
Through the troubled sea,  
Onward we'll strive to go  
And never ever daunted will we be.

# Contrasts



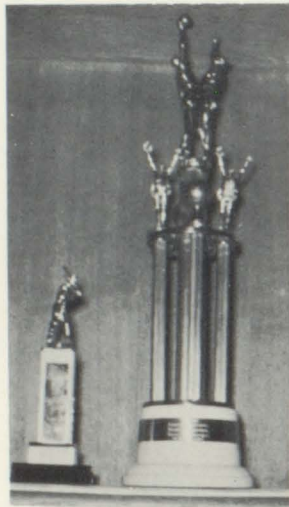
M-m-m! Smells good!



T. H. S. carpenters



By the time the Frosh are Seniors—



1953 vs. 1938—Whoa!



Big toot and little beep.



It pays to be a student.

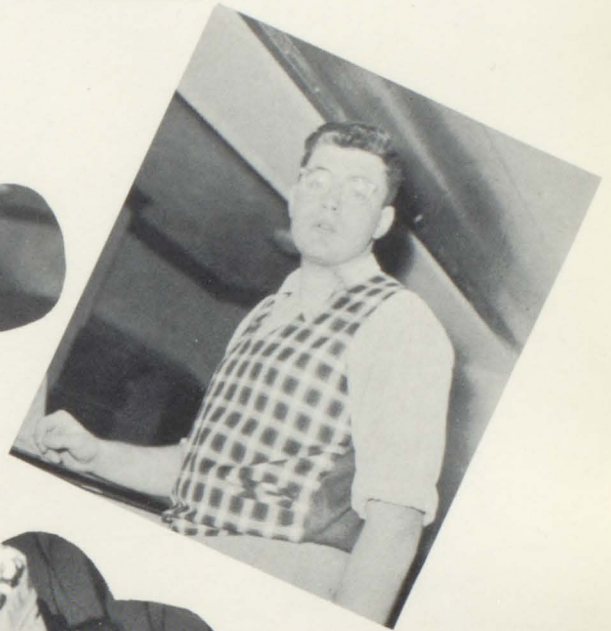
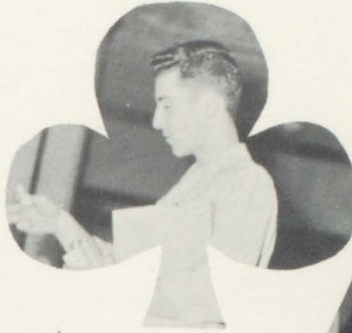


"Brains" have different ways of studying.

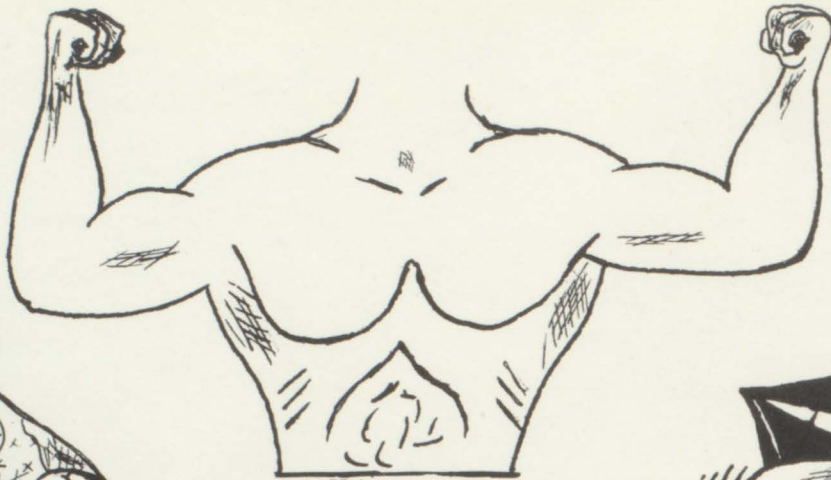


Teacher at work?

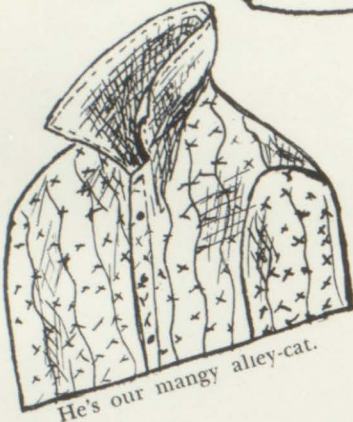




# Guess Who ?



He's our hero.



He's our mangy alley-cat.



Did I tell you——?



First of all, some of these particles have negative electric charges, others positive. Blah, blah, blah.



He's real George.



Posture perfect.



Just ask me, I'll tell you.



Do ya wanna drag? NASHerly!



Just pull my strings, coach.



# UNDERCLASSMEN





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Sharon Claxton, Pres.  
Bruce Wright, Vice-Pres.  
Betty Day, Sec'y.  
Roger Finnegan, Treas.  
John Cadmus, Stu. Coun. Pres.  
Linda Beck, Stu. Coun. Rep.



Shirley Larned, Stu. Coun. Rep.  
Bob Benham, Stu. Coun. Rep.  
John Arft  
Walter Bailey  
Betty Barton  
Marcia Bashore



Karen Beach  
Luella Bishop  
Merene Boltz  
Barry Brock  
William Browne  
Wilma Bumpus



Alex Carson  
Margaret Champanois  
James Covell  
Julie Crawford  
Lois Crowell  
Patricia Davis



James Dean  
John Dennis  
Linda Dewey  
Bertress Dibble  
Frances Dibble  
Lorna Dicks



Geraldine Drouillard  
Judy Fairbanks  
Delora Fletcher  
Mary Ellen Folk  
Ronald Francoeur  
Josephine Furgason



Albert Gebarowski  
Barbara Graham  
Patsy Habrick  
Duncan Harris  
Vere Hart  
Sylvia Helzerman



# Juniors

Eddy Hodges  
Meredith Hoffmeister  
Shirley Holdridge  
Larry Hooton  
Gerry House  
Mary Howell



Jeanne Hubbard  
Lyle Jacobs  
Earnest Jeschke  
Vicki Johnston  
Charles Johnstone  
Edith Kimerer



Larry Kohl  
Donna Lamson  
Douglas LeFevre  
Edwin Lewis  
Leo Lohman  
Jean Luce



Mary Pat McCann  
Beverly McClain  
Martha McKenzie  
Robert Manley  
Gary Marsh  
Norbert Marsh



Robert Martin  
Tom Maupin  
Sherry Moore  
Karen Murphy  
Rosemary Murphy  
Donald Partridge



Mary Lou Partridge  
Lonnie Penrod  
Wilma Perrin  
Raymond Puffer  
James Purkey  
Herbert Quigley



Shirley Righter  
Mary Robinson  
Ilene Schafer  
Judy Seidel  
Dianne Skinner  
Jon Smith





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Val Spangler  
William Spreeman  
Velma Strachn  
Barbara Upell  
Betty Vargo  
Irene Ward



Jack Warner  
Shirley Watson  
Harold Weakly  
Marvin Yoakum





# Sophomores

Ray Larned, Pres.  
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Joan Handy, Sec'y.  
Bill Hansen, Treas.  
Judy Kempf, Stu. Coun. Rep.  
Rita Crosby, Stu. Coun. Rep.



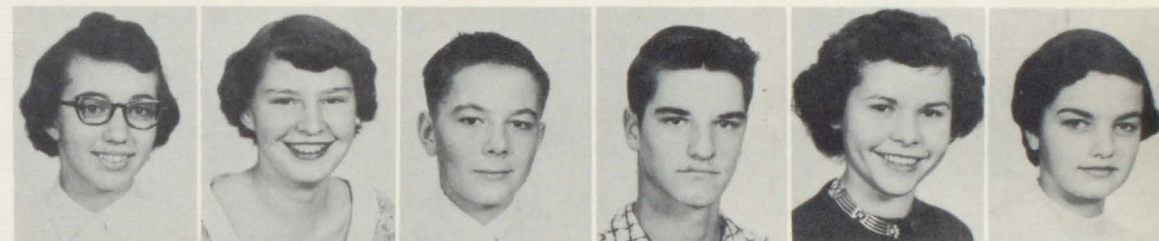
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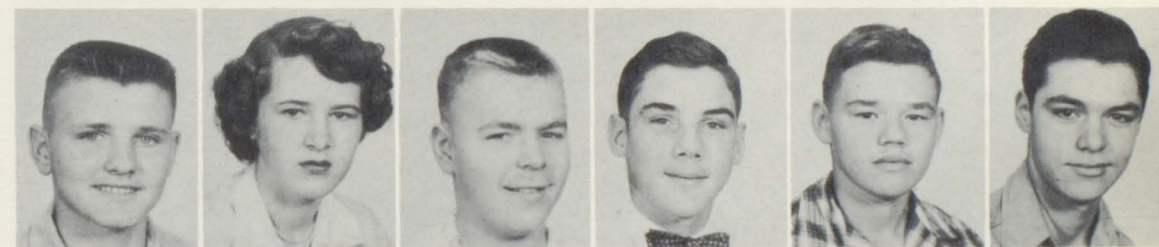
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Cathlyn Cornell



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Robert Cubberly  
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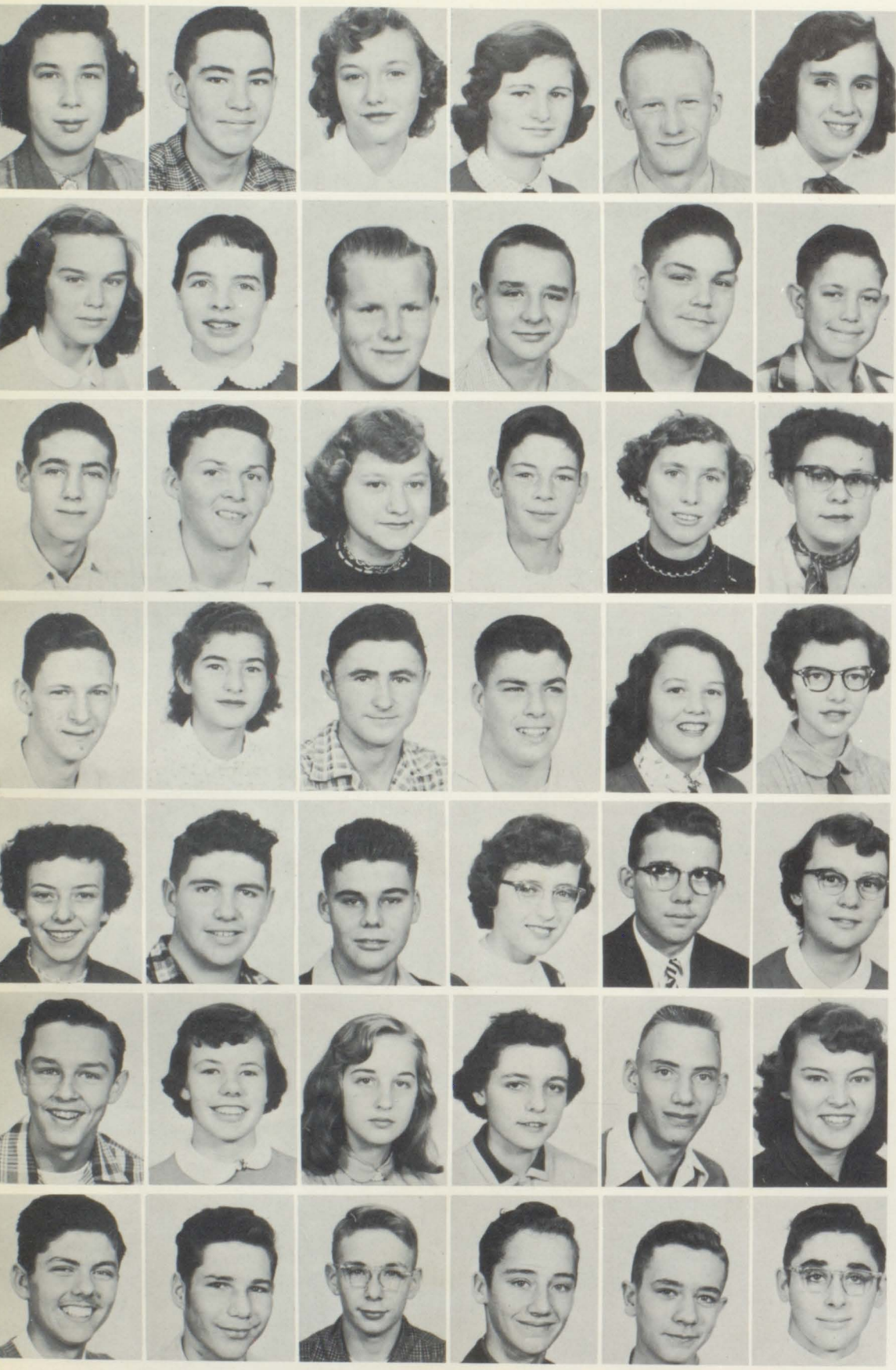


Charles Foreman  
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Carol Glisson  
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Ronald Gurtzweiler





# Sophomores



Joyce Hall  
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Bonnie Harrison  
Faye Hawkins  
Norman Heistand  
Geraldine Hirsch

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Nelson Helm  
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James Jackson  
Kenneth Jacobs

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Richard Johnston  
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Rosalie Kent

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Bonnie Mack  
James Mack  
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Janet Martin  
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Bruce McDowell  
Ruth Meads

Oleg Michajlenko  
Ronald Mikesell  
John Naser  
Warren Naugle  
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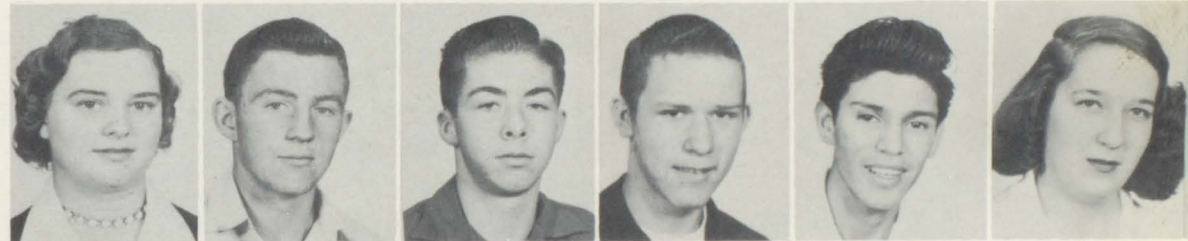
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Margaret Short  
Jean Smith



Lucille Stephens  
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Beverly Upell



Lynne Van Winkle  
Lee Vescelius  
Carl Wagner  
James Warren  
Gerald Watson  
Leonard Weaver



Keith Westcott  
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Judy Whiting  
Harlen Yenor  
Helen Yungling





# Freshmen



Ronald Wotring, Pres.  
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 Joan Kempf, Sec'y.  
 Joe Hayden, Treas.  
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 Janet Brollier, Stu. Coun. Rep.



Gary Williams, Stu. Coun. Rep.  
 John Elliott, Stu. Coun. Rep.  
 Larry Anderson  
 Juanita Angell  
 William Atkinson  
 Irene Bachtal



Leo Bachtal  
 Janice Baker  
 Richard Baker  
 Gordon Barth  
 John Barton  
 Judy Baxter



Randall Beck  
 Carl Bilby  
 Judy Bird  
 Geraldine Boyce  
 Julia Boyce  
 Joyce Brollier



Hilary Browne  
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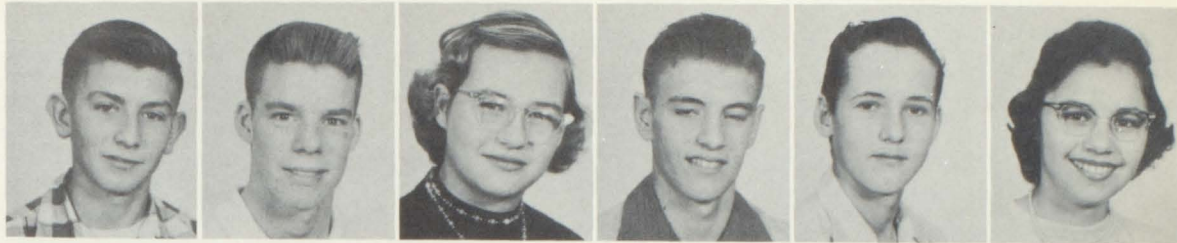


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Michael Ferguson  
Arlen Fletcher  
Diane Fox



Leroy Fullerton  
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Dorothy Goodwin  
Jean Gordon  
Gerry Greene  
Beatrice Graham



Joyce Hadsell  
Gary Hanna  
Roger Harkness  
Tom Harrison  
Richard Harvey  
Charles Hassenzahl



Carroll Hawkins  
Brenda Heeman  
J. C. Heflin  
Robert Hirsch  
Douglas Hoffman  
Sandra Irelen



Edna May Jepson  
Carl Jeschke  
Norma Jewell  
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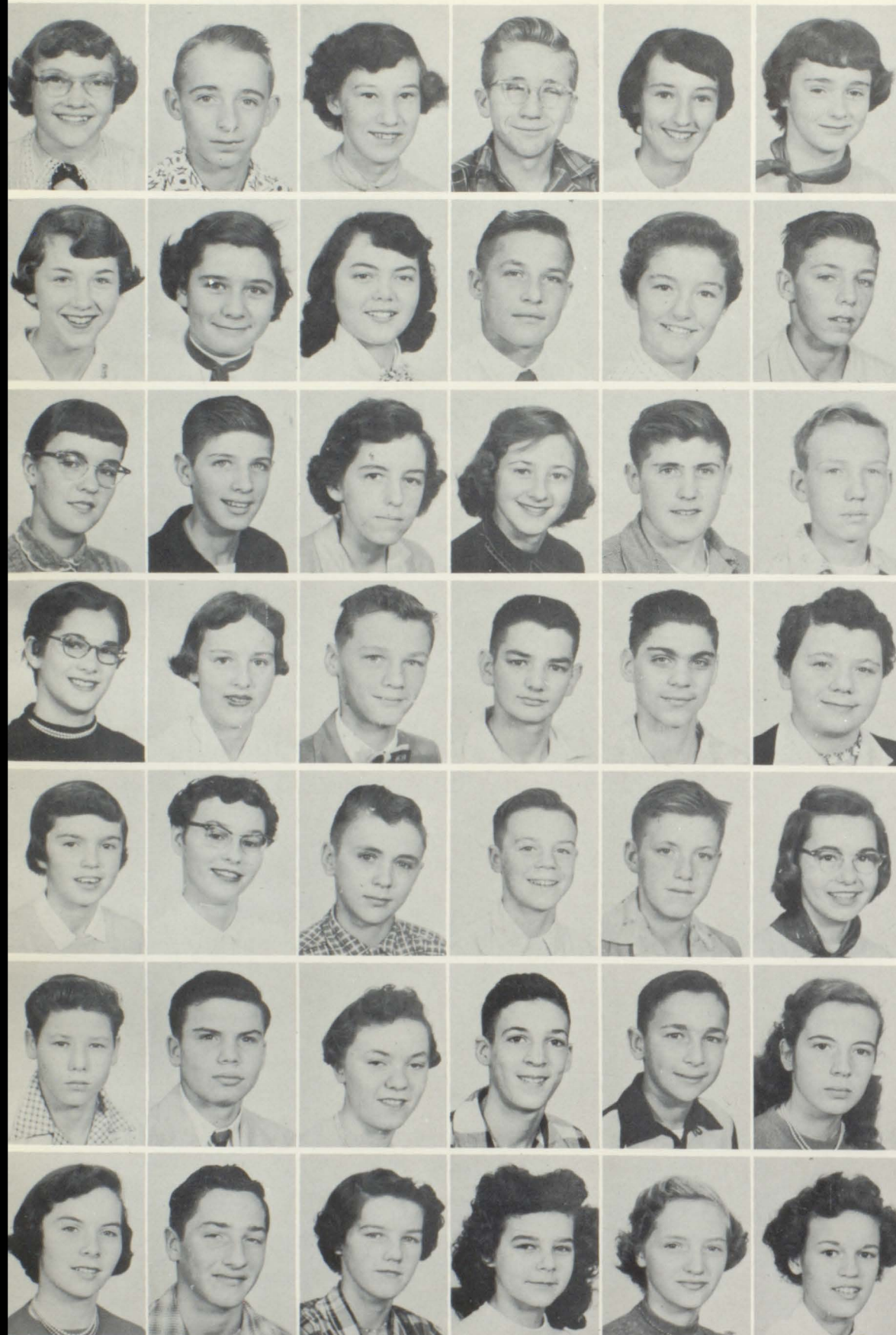


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Rona Miller  
Yvonne Morningstar

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Ray Oliver  
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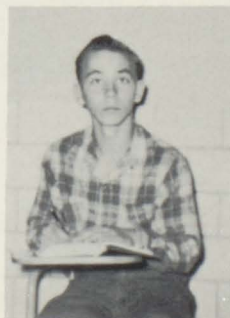


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Janice Wagner  
Jon Weakly



Nance Weaver  
Cleamenteen Weathers  
Joyce Wilbar  
Jack Withrow  
Rose Ann Withrow  
Mary Wojtowicz





# Eighth Grade

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John Conklin  
Ruth Cooper

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Bonnie Currier  
James Dahlke  
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Jerry Fox  
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Astride Freimanis  
Shirley Furgason  
Sharon Gove

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Shirley Gurtzweiler  
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David Holden  
Catherine Holdridge  
Mary Jo Holdridge  
Beverly Hyde  
Bonnie Iseler



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Rodna Jepson  
Tony Kasik  
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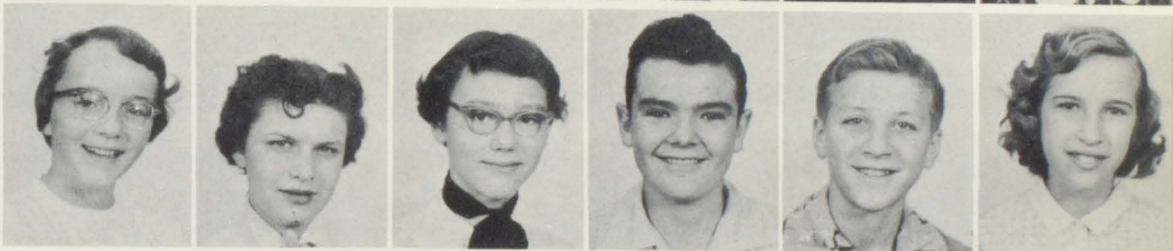
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Anne Preston  
Joann Robinson



Suzanne Rohweder  
Carole Ross  
Sandra Ross  
David Rutherford  
David Schmidt  
Kathleen Shirley



Carol Spangler  
Donna Spangler  
Donald Sweet  
Frank Swisher  
Linda Townsend  
Sherry Tucker



Marilyn VanCamp  
Michael Walters  
Magene Warren  
Robert Watkins  
Lloyd Watson  
Sarah Wright





# Eighth Grade



Larry Yoakum  
Herbert Young

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Steve Kruger, Stu. Coun. Rep  
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Michael Bachtal  
Charles Baird  
Linda Baldwin  
Patricia Bartenslager



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Barbara Bayliss  
James Beach  
Harriett Blanden  
Lee Britton  
Janet Buehrer



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William Conklin  
Jonathan Cook  
James Creger  
James Curth  
Richard Curtiss



Gordon Dibble  
Robert Dick  
Jane Dillon  
Georgia Dinse  
Delmas Dotson  
Michael Fero



# Seventh Grade

Charles Fletcher  
Christine Gaine  
Janice George  
Leroy Gillen  
John Gien  
Patricia Gurtzweiler



Ivan Halberstadt  
Gary Hall  
Karen Hall  
Jane Harsh  
June Hartley  
Larry Hartsell



Shirley Head  
Ralph Helzerman  
Terry Hendricks  
Charles Henson  
Todd Herrick  
Richard Holdridge



Phyllis Honeycutt  
James Hoot  
Sandra Howard  
Sally Hunt  
Jerry Irelan  
Fred Jeschke



Jan Kachur  
Carole Kilbourn  
Charles King  
Kenneth Kopke  
James Kotts  
John Krebs



James Lambes  
Sharon Lawhead  
Calvin Lawson  
John LeBaron  
Lavonne Lister  
Gail Lohrman



Betty Marine  
Roger Mead  
Vera Michajlenko  
Sharon Mitzner  
Eugene Morley  
Judy Moynihan





# Seventh Grade



Joan Mumaw  
Harry Naugle  
James Neitling  
Judy Nichols  
Loah Nichols  
Sheldon Nichols



James Nighswander  
Tom Norris  
Judy Palmer  
Carolyn Pease  
Leonard Penrod  
James Foley



James Randall  
Jerry Redlin  
Kay Rickard  
Kendra Ringman  
Mary Roberts  
Peggy Robinette



Gerald Rucker  
Carole Runk  
Kay Schultz  
Mary Seager  
Donna Skinner  
Richard Solarski



Vern Steele  
Paul Surratt  
Patricia Teegarden  
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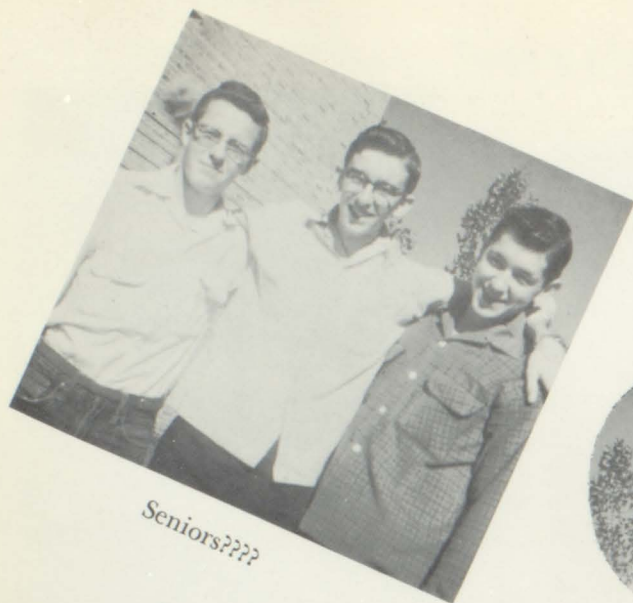


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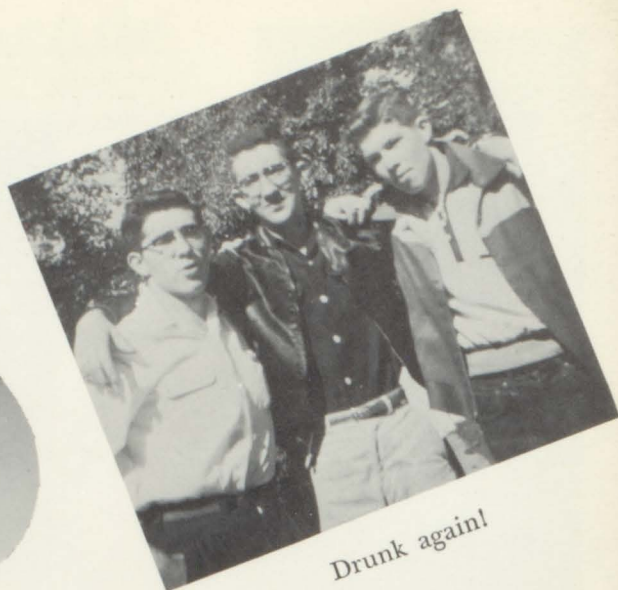








Seniors????



Drunk again!



Romeo and Juliet



Yesterday's Romance



Senior Sweethearts



Rosie



Tipton she-wolves



Donna



Senior Queens

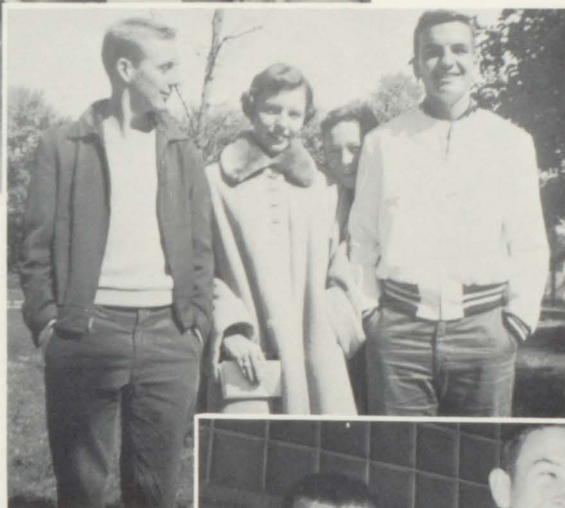




Sir Richard French



Beauty and the Beast



Well, Girls!



Goin' for a Walk?



Hard at work??



What a cutie!





# Calendar

## September 1954

- 7 — KBTZGHPFKZNT! We has to start again ta get we education. Us Pogo Possums LOVE school.
- 17 — Us has first footbowl game with Addison. Us gotta win!—us did! 26-0.
- 20 — Footure Farmers of America lookied funny with green hands! Initiation, yo' know.
- 21 — Footure Nurses' Club members messied-all-up thems victims at initiation, too.
- 24 — Us had a wapurgis night at footbowl with Monroe C. C. Us lost, 13-6.
- 29 — YEOWEE! Us Varsity Clubbers had the MOST-EST initiation, to say the *LEASTEST*, by Tunk-it!

## October 1954

- 8 — Us fellas was all fired up for Taylor Center. Conquered 'em, 47-6.
- 15 — Us get hauled out an' git all wet at Bedford game. Ding bing it! We lost, 26-6.
- 21 — Goody gums! Two days off for teachers' 'tute.
- 22 — Oh, weepin' waiful woe! Airport beat us, 19-9.
- 29 — Them bad Hudson Tigers roared right over us pore Indians, 19-7.

## November 1954

- 5 — We has us's long-awaited Homecoming. Parade, game, dance, and all. Got all tangled and turmoiled in game with Hillsdale—25-21. Almost, though!
- 12 — Our lastest footbowl game, with Blissfield. Fud-dlestucks! Fowled agin! 7-6.
- 18-19 — Us Pogo Possums puts on a play called "Our Town". Us did real well.

## December 1954

- 3 — Us Pogo Possums is all fired up again for us's big basketball rivals, Clinton, on our new gym floor. Lost, 31-40.
- 7 — A real Rouser with us's new rivals, Dundee. Whoppered us, 64-42.
- 10 — First league basketball game—with Hillsdale. Wowie, we won—57-35!
- 14 — We losted by jist twee points to Blissfield—54-51.
- 23 — The Winter Wonderland dance marking start of us's Christmas vacation.
- 29 — High hopes of victory us Pogo Possums had soon dwindle in game with Adrian—66-51.

## January 1955

- 7 — We knowed our team could swamp Monroe C. C. 74-34. Us now have first place in league.
- 14 — Airport team flew over poor us to victory, 59 to 54.

## January 1955

- 20 — Another victory under our belts in league game with Bedford, 58 to 38.
- 25 — Won again, by Tunket, 56-47, in game with Hudson.
- 28 — Us took a trip to Hillsdale and beat 'um, 42-57.

## February 1955

- 1 — Monroe rowed right over us, 56-46.
- 4 — Us had visitors from down Blissfield way. They downed us, 66-49.
- 7-11 — Females took over during Sponge Week and toted their men(?) to the dance.
- 15 — Clod-hopped up to Addison and clobbered 'em, 44-37.
- 18 — Got all fired up and ran all over Airport, 70-44.
- 22 — Weepin' woeful wollwags! Monroe C. C. whoppered us, 78-50.
- 25 — Bedford game terminates us's league games, 48 to 39. My, boys, us loves yore brave perspecacity—us salutes you on both cheeks for winning FIRST PLACE in league—a championship!

## March 1955

- 2-3-4-5 — Tournament games.

- 3 — Us play off Tournament in our new gym this year, with Dundee. We losted 59 to 43.

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## April 1955

- 1-2 — Juniors did fine job of putting on "Arsenic and Old Lace"!
- 7-12 — Easter vacation! Us comes back refreshed?
- 16 — Juniors have feast for us hungry Senior Pogo Possums.

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## May 1955

- 1 — Senior trip—'nuff said!!
- 6 — May Dance wuz nice in new gym!
- 22 — Us breezed through Baccalaureate services in first appearance in our caps and gowns.

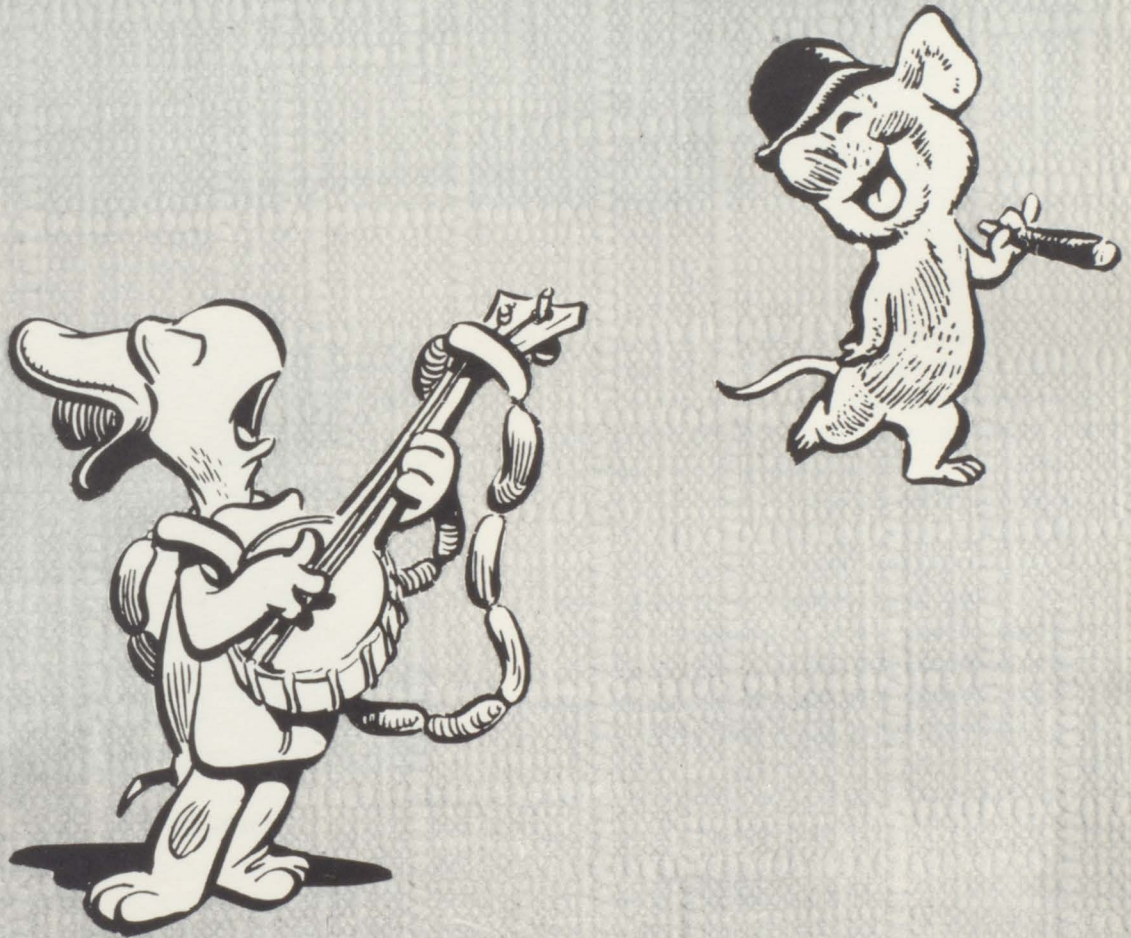
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## June 1955

- 1 — Semester tests. Gotta take the bad with the good.
- 1 — Class Night—us bubbled over with talent.
- 2 — The moment we've waited for—us have jist begun to comince on this grate nite of us's graduation.
- 3 — It's all over—Honors Assembly. Report cards even seemed good this time! Us Pogo Possums leave Tecumseh High School for the last time.



# ORGANIZATIONS





# Student Council



TOP ROW: Joanne Wing, Nancy Day, Robert Francoeur, Bob Benham, Ken Miller, Buz Betzoldt, Nicky Touborg, Bruce Wright.  
 SECOND ROW: Rita Crosby, Betty Barton, Luella Bishop, Judy Kempf, Janet Brollier, Gary Williams, John Elliott, Carl Bailey, Oleg Michajlenko.  
 SITTING: Richard Stevenson, Steve Kruger, Janet Harris, Shirley Larned, John Cadmus, Linda Beck, Phil Surratt, Gary Elliott, Jerry Woodward, Mr. Tatar.

This year, as in the past, the principal activities of the Student Council have consisted mainly in sponsoring Homecoming Week, the Christmas Party, Sponge Week, and the May Party.

This year's Homecoming Week, included a colorful parade of floats, election of the Queen, and the Homecoming dance.

Sponge week was more of a success this year than in the past because of the punishment promised to any violators of the many rules set up by the Council.

The Council also was in charge of selling programs and operating a hat check stand at the game.

In addition to these activities the Council took another step toward student government when they tackled the noon hour problem and continued with the hall monitor system.

We think that the Council has done a fine job this past year in representing the student body, and we hope, that they will keep up the good work.



## OFFICERS

*President*..... John Cadmus  
*Vice President*..... Shirley Larned  
*Secretary*..... Linda Beck  
*Treasurer*..... Phil Surratt



# Debate



TOP ROW: Charles Johnstone, Lynne VanWinkle, Carol Finnegan, Marvin Yoakum, Margaret Champanois, Marilyn Manley, Barry Brock, Ronnie Wotring.  
FIRST ROW: Carl Henkel, Sharon Claxton, Brenda Porter, Mrs. Whited, Anne Rebottaro, Judy Whiting, Gary Hizer.

In the school year 1954-55 interest in debate grew at Tecumseh. This was shown not only by the increased number that participated, but by the rounds that were won. The topic, "Resolved that the federal government should initiate a policy of free trade among nations friendly to the United States" was timely and significant, since the matter of tariffs was constantly in the news, and changes were made in our tariff system more than once during the debate year.

The preparation for debate began with a discussion program in which Tecumseh entertained Adrian and Chelsea, discussing our country's system of tariffs and the possibilities of amending it. In speech class, practice debates gave students a chance to improve both their cases and their delivery. In a special assembly meeting, debate teams from the University of Michigan argued the high school debate topic. At the debate clinic held in Ann Arbor twelve

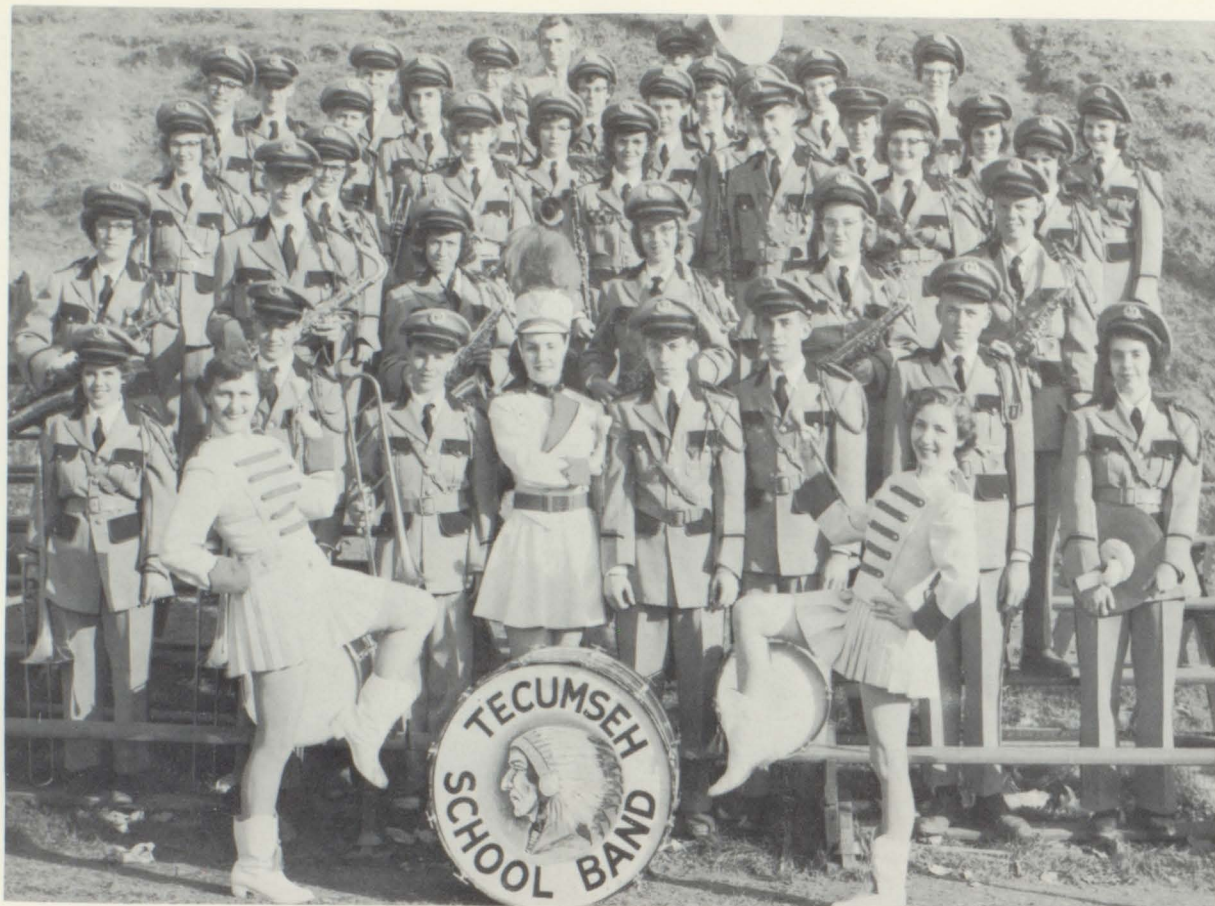
students heard authorities on the subject, participated in open forum, and watch an exhibition debate by experts from various schools in the state. At the close of the regular debate season, an affirmative and a negative team from T.H.S. debated before two local clubs and later entered a tournament at Burnham High School in Sylvania, Ohio, winning two out of three in affirmative, and one out of three in negative.

The regular season's debate contests were with Airport Community, Litchfield, Melvindale, and Albion. The affirmative team won three out of four; the negative team won one out of four.

The debate members were as follows: Affirmative, Carl Henkel and Gary Hizer; Negative, Ann Rebottaro, Judy Whiting, Brenda Porter, and Sharon Claxton. Those who assisted at debates, either as hosts, master of ceremony, or time keepers, were the following: Barry Brock, Margaret Champanois, Carol Finnegan, Charles Johnstone, Mary Louise Kotts, Marilyn Manley, Lynne Van Winkle, and Marvin Yoakum.



# Senior Band



TOP ROW: Willis Kilbourn, Larry Robison, Roger Pearson, Mr. Johnson, Walter Bailey, Joan Johnston.

FIFTH ROW: Ray Puffer, Betty Vargo, Lillian Gilleylen, Judy Foos, Marilyn Manley, Judy Fairbanks, Martha Owens, Kathy Tomorsky, Sandra Ireland, Adaline Butler.

FOURTH ROW: Joyce Hadsell, Lois Crowell, Marilyn Baker, Elaine Kimerer, Robert Francoeur, Shirley Palmer, Geraldine Drouillard.

THIRD ROW: Ruth Ann Coates, Donald Greene, Edith Kimerer, Judy Schultz, Judy Fairbanks, Barry Packard.

SECOND ROW: Barbara Crowell, Lee Vescelius, Roger Finnegan, Shirley Larned, Jerry Barton, Jim Purkey, Ronald Francoeur, Beatrice Graham.

FIRST ROW: Martha McKenzie, Mary Lou Partridge.

Under the direction of Mr. Johnson, the Senior Band has done a fine job during the past year in fulfilling their part in school activities.

In addition to playing at the home football games and giving their annual concert, the band portrayed Texas in the annual Lenawee County band festival and played at the many pep meetings which were held throughout the year.

This year the band put into full play an idea that had been experimented with in previous years. Since we now have a large gym, Mr. Johnson organized a portion of the regular band as a pep band which played at all the home basketball games. This new band function proved itself very worthwhile.

For the past three years the band has been playing more and more pop tunes,

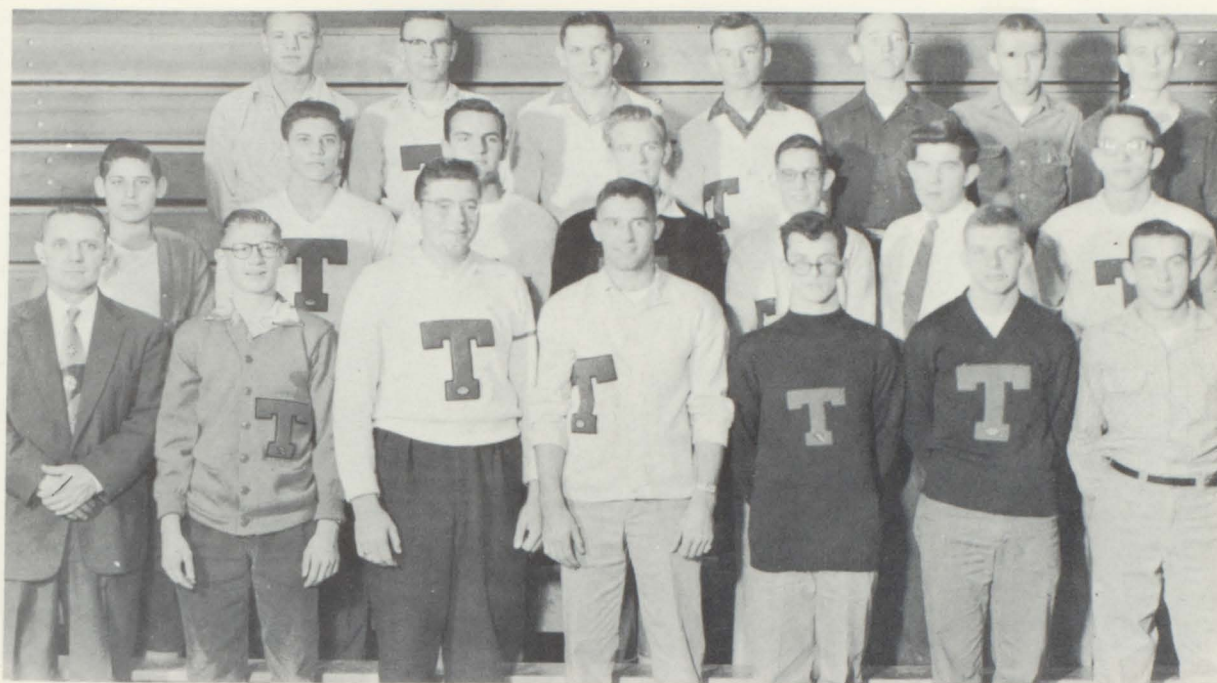
and this year they have kept up with the musical trends with "Shake, Rattle, and Roll", "Sh-Boom", "Ballin' the Jack", "Let Me Go, Lover", "A Tribute to Glenn Miller", and others. However, they have not neglected the classics and the marches which also play a big part in music.

We hope that Mr. Johnson and the band will keep up the good work and will continue to progress.





# Varsity Club



TOP ROW: Dennis Farley, Philip Stutesman, Ritchie Davis, Glenn Haviland, Val Spangler, George Tilton, Kenneth Miller.

SECOND ROW: Ronald Gurtzweiler, Ray Larned, Marvin Yoakum, Gary Hizer, Carl Henkel, Bill Browne.

FIRST ROW: Mr. Lawson, Dean Andrews, Charles O'Neill, Jim Bowser, Leroy Betzoldt, Bob Benham, John Cadmus.

During the past year, as in previous years, the Varsity Club has played a prominent part in school activities. The club members have added much excitement to the daily grind with their two initiations. Last year something new was added—singing was included among their

accomplishments. They call themselves "The Varsity Club Singers", and they are under the direction of Miss Gillespie. The group has proved its abilities on a number of occasions, including intermission performances at high school plays.

Lots of luck to a club that is going places.

## OFFICERS

President..... Jim Bowser  
 Vice President and Student  
 Council Representative.....Leroy Betzoldt  
 Secretary.....Bob Benham  
 Treasurer.....Chuck O'Neill





# Future Farmers of America



TOP ROW: Melvin Scheffler, Roy Jewell.

FOURTH ROW: Kenneth Perry, LeRoy DeJonghe, Carl Wagner, David Linn, Darrell Lowery, Richard Niedermier, Delton LaGore, Jim Dewey, Sylvan Echelbarger, David Jedele, Nelson Helm.

THIRD ROW: Gerry House, Bruce Wright, Jim Furgason, Roger Palmer, Dick Baker, Alex Carson, Duaine Sayler, Arnold Partridge, Robert Long, Richard Harvey.

SECOND ROW: Bob Brady, Bill Spreeman, Norbert Marsh, Roger Partridge, Larry Carson, Roger Finnegan, William Lopshire, Dale Raymond, Bill Every.

FIRST ROW: Ed DeLisle, Charles Hendershot, Ed Lewis, John Cadmus, Mr. Burns, Phil Young, Herbert Quigley, John Wilt, Ramon Aylesworth.

<i>President</i> .....	Phil Young
<i>Vice President</i> .....	John Cadmus
<i>Secretary</i> .....	Charles Hendershot
<i>Treasurer</i> .....	John Wilt
<i>Sentinel</i> .....	Herbert Quigley
<i>Reporter</i> .....	Ed Lewis

The Tecumseh chapter of F.F.A. has had a very eventful year and has done a good job of representing our school.

The old members started the year by initiating fifteen "green hands". Next the boys represented Tecumseh High School at the Lenawee County Fair judging contests, receiving banners for taking first place in crops, pests, and diseases. They also tied Morenci for the sweepstakes banner for having the highest total score in all contests.

On the test plots, oats and soybeans were combined, and wheat ground was fitted and planted.

The Parent-Son banquet was a big success, with a feast of chicken that was raised and dressed by the chapter, and an interesting illustrated talk by Mr. George Parsons as the entertainment.

The Chicago trip was next, with the Ag. III class participating. Highlights of the trip were the International Livestock Exposition, where they saw a horse show; the Board of Trade building, the International Harvester Crawler Tractor Factory, the Ingersoll Steel Plant, and the Chicago museum, Aquarium, and Planetarium.

Our chapter of F.F.A. ranked as one of the top fifteen chapters in the state, for which they received a gold award.



# F.F.A. Judging Team



Ed Lewis, Bill Spreeman, Phil Young, Bill Every, Mr. Burns.



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# Future Nurses' Club



TOP ROW: Donna Lamson, Linda Beck, Wilma Bumpus, Judy Kempf, Brenda Porter, Anita Dickinson.

SECOND ROW: Mary Lou Partridge, Della Butler, Delora Fletcher, Ruth Meads, Marilyn Manley.

FIRST ROW: Sharon Claxton, Luella Bishop, Connie Clark, Jane Smith, Mary Pat McCann, Julie Crawford.

President .....	Jane Smith
Vice President .....	Sharon Claxton
Secretary .....	Connie Clark
Scribe .....	Julie Crawford
Treasurer .....	Mary Pat McCann

The Future Nurses' Club began its fourth year by initiating eight new members. This proved to be lots of fun for the whole school, as new members were required to come to school dressed in costumes which were very much different from their regular attire.

The purpose of the club is to acquaint girls who are interested in nursing with the opportunities in this field, as well as to inform them of the training involved.

The girls go on field trips to the various hospitals in this area, the purpose being to help them choose the hospital in which they would like to get their training, and to help them select the type of nursing which they would prefer. The Future Nurses' Club is doing a fine job in interesting girls in a too often neglected field.





# Girls' Athletic Association



TOP ROW: Jeanne Hubbard, Mary Pat McCann, Mary Lou Partridge, Delora Fletcher, Wilma Bumpus, Pat Davis, Mary Ellen Folk.

EIGHTH ROW: Meredith Hoffmeister, Julie Crawford, Rosemary Murphy, Sharon Claxton, Luella Bishop, Linda Beck, Margaret Champanois, Linda Dewey, Lois Crowell.

SEVENTH ROW: Marlene DeLisle, Bette Driffill, Sandra Biederman, Dulcie Bowen, Theresa Verrier, Betty Day, Sharon Chase, Linda Oliver, Dolores Larkin, Beatrice Graham.

SIXTH ROW: Geraldine Drouillard, Karen Murphy, Dianne Skinner, Barbara Graham, Josephine Furgason, Karen Beach, Vicki Johnston, Ilene Schafer, Diane Fox, Dottie Lou Dotson.

FIFTH ROW: Nance Weaver, Elaine Butler, Barbara Crowell, Joyce Hadsell, Judy Baxter, Nancy Dinse, Janet Brollier, Jean Smith, Margaret Short.

FOURTH ROW: Beverly Champanois, Cathy Cornell, Lynne Van Winkle, Sandra Hall, Susie Hite, Pat Rupp, Gay Teske, Rona Miller, Janet Sisson, Lois Wilt, Judy Schultz.

THIRD ROW: Martha Owen, Kathy Tomorsky, Anne Rebottaro, Carol Finnegan, Arlene LeBaron, Lois Kiser, Joyce Brollier, Peggy Newell, Sharon Ries, Esther Stutesman, Janice Wagner.

SECOND ROW: Mary Jo Tressler, Janie Colgrove, Judy Seidel, Joyce Wilbar, Norma Jewell, Yvonne Morningstar, Joan Johnston, Joyce Stuart, Gayle Swift, Judy Ripley, Diane Socks, Joyce Patridge.

FIRST ROW: Carol Rutherford, Mrs. Sisson, Betty Barton, Merene Boltz, Shirley Larned, Rita Crosby, Judy Whiting, Karolyn Mueller, Carol LaLonde, Brenda Heeman.

The purpose of the Girls' Athletic Association is to give high school girls an opportunity to develop their athletic skills as well as provide them with supervised recreation.

The girls are under the leadership of Mrs. Sisson, and in addition to their weekly meetings, they participated in play day, which included Tecumseh, Monroe, and Adrian schools, and an all-day volley ball tournament.

The club also has nine bowling teams, and plans for the future include a bowling league.

The girls receive points for all activities in

which they participate. Four hundred points are needed for the G. A. A. pin and one thousand are required for the letter.

Because of the fine support given it by the student body, the organization has grown until this year they have ninety members.

President .....	Shirley Larned
Vice President .....	Merene Boltz
Secretary .....	Rita Crosby
Treasurer .....	Judy Whiting



# Chorus



TOP ROW: Della Butler, Jackie Rucker, Estella Keith, Faye Hawkins, Betty Day, Delora Fletcher.

SITTING: Julie Crawford, Sharon Claxton, Carol Glisson, Ruby Lambes, Sharon Moore, Rosemary Murphy.

In spite of a seeming lack of interest on the part of the student body, Miss Gillespie and the chorus have done a fine job this past year in trying to keep the spirit of music alive in Tecumseh High School. The group, which is composed of sixteen girls, went caroling during the Christmas season, and they plan to give a spring concert.

The girls also have organized a sextet, which will sing at various club meetings.

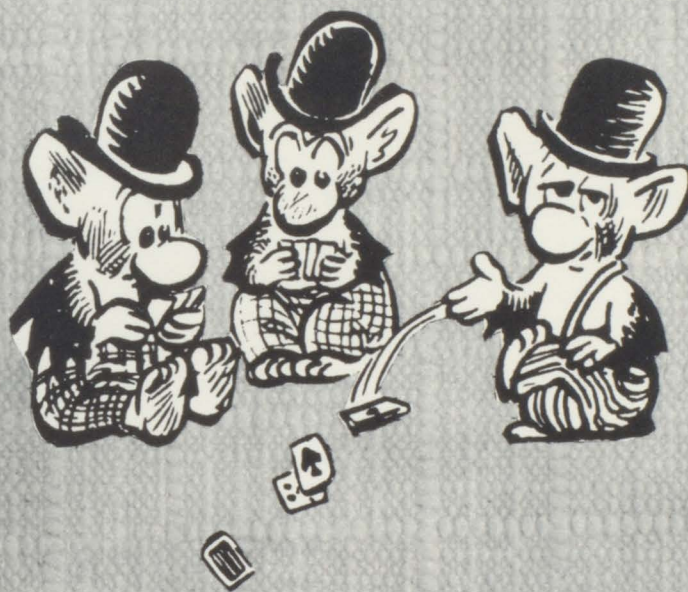
We hope that in the future more students, especially boys, will take an interest in the vocal music program of our high school.



Miss Gillespie



# ACTIVITIES



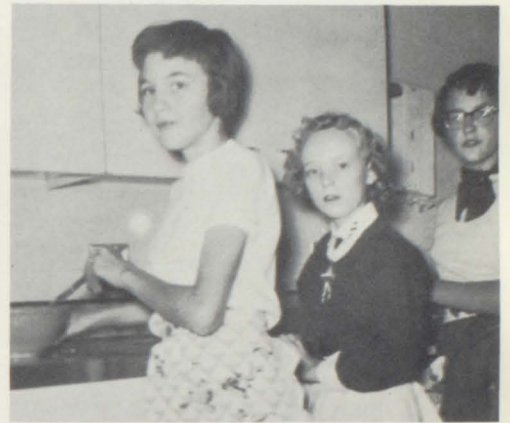
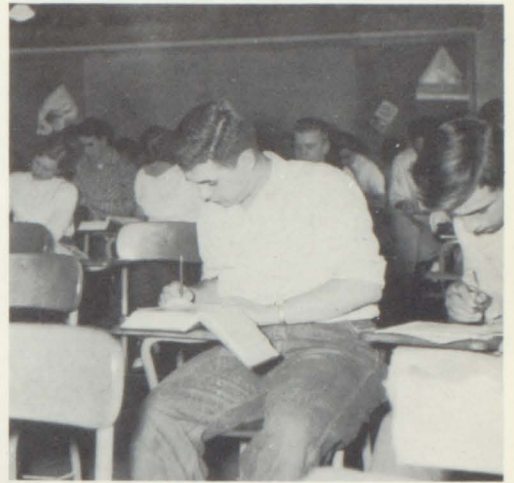


# As We Work





# From Day to Day





# Junior Play



STANDING: Miss Egan, Phil Surrat, Sandra Biederman, Diane Woodward, Connie Clark, Anita Dickinson, Charles O'Neill, Beth McKenzie, Glenn Haviland, Dulcie Bowen, Betty Greene.

SITTING: John Naser, Jim Bowser, Bob Francouer, Dale Daniels, Brenda Porter, Gary Hizer.

On April 8 and 9, 1954, "Life With Father", a Broadway hit, was very successfully presented by the class of "55". This three-act comedy, written by Howard Lindsay and Russel Crouse, is based on the life of Clarence Day. Our presentation of the play, under the superb direction of Miss Egan, was very warmly accepted.

The story of the play concerns Father, the blustering family head, who is determined to teach Vinnie, his wife, how to keep track of the household bills, and to train their four sons.

During the visit of Cousin Cora and friend Mary, it is discovered that Father has never been baptized. While Vinnie is working on him to be christened, Clarence and his brother John decide to earn a little money by selling a "cure-it-all" medicine, some of which they give to their mother. She becomes deathly sick, and her worried husband promises her that he will be baptized.

Of course when Vinnie is well again, Father stubbornly refuses to do anything about his

promise. In the meantime, Clarence has fallen in love with Mary, who, with Cousin Cora, arrives on a return visit. This is all that Vinnie needs to trick father into being baptized, and in the end she wins.

The following is the cast of the play:

<i>Father</i> .....	Robert Francouer
<i>Vinnie</i> .....	Brenda Porter
<i>Clarence</i> .....	Dale Daniels
<i>John</i> .....	Gary Hizer
<i>Whitney</i> .....	Jim Bowser
<i>Harlan</i> .....	Johnny Naser
<i>Cora</i> .....	Beth McKenzie
<i>Mary Skinner</i> .....	Dulcie Bowen
<i>Rev. Dr. Lloyd</i> .....	Chuck O'Neill
<i>Dr. Humphreys</i> .....	Phil Surratt
<i>Dr. Somers</i> .....	Glenn Haviland
<i>Margaret</i> .....	Betty Greene
<i>Annie</i> .....	Sandra Biederman
<i>Delia</i> .....	Nita Dickenson
<i>Nora</i> .....	Diane Woodward
<i>Maggie</i> .....	Connie Clark



# Senior Play



STANDING: Phil Surrat, Phil Stutesman, Nita Dickinson, Charles O'Neill, Barbara Ousterhout, Carl Henkel, Gary Hizer, Dale Daniels, Brenda Porter, Jim Bowser, John Naser, Sandra Biederman, Fred Buchheimer, Bob Francoeur.

KNEELING: Glenn Haviland, Nancy Schoolmaster, Doris Phillips, Connie Clark, Ruth Boyce, Dulcie Bowen, Jerry Barton.

On November 18 and 19, 1954, "Our Town", a play produced and popularized all over the country, was put to a test in Tecumseh by the class of '55. Written by Thornton Wilder, it is a very serious but warmhearted drama. The Senior presentation of the play, expertly directed by Miss Egan, won the approval of its two audiences with its wholesomeness and simplicity.

The story of the play, its characters, and its warm history are presented by the Stage Manager, as he says, "This is the way we were in our growing-up and in our marrying and in our living and in our dying."

The plot deals with George Gibbs and Emily Webb, who are neighbors in the small New Hampshire village of Grovers Corners. They eventually drift into a state of romance, and one day George proposes to Emily over an ice-cream soda. Later, as they are being married, all their fears and the fears of their parents are revealed to the audience.

After a few years of happiness, Emily dies, and on a rainy, dreary day, she is placed in the village cemetery among the other dead. Death and life are shown to the audience in a dis-

tinctly human way, with the helpful interpretation of the Stage Manager.

## Cast of the play:

Stage Manager.....	Dale Daniels
Dr. Gibbs.....	Phil Surratt
Joe Crowell.....	Glenn Haviland
Howie Newsome.....	Jim Bowser
Mrs. Gibbs.....	Anita Dickinson
Mrs. Webb.....	Sandra Biederman
George Gibbs.....	Gary Hizer
Rebecca Gibbs.....	Barbara Ousterhout
Emily Webb.....	Brenda Porter
Wally Webb.....	John Naser
Professor Willard.....	Jerry Barton
Mr. Webb.....	Bob Francoeur
Woman in the Balcony.....	Dulcie Bowen
Lady in the Box.....	Nancy Schoolmaster
Simon Stimson.....	Carl Henkel
Mrs. Soames.....	Connie Clark
Constable Warren.....	Fred Buchheimer
Si Crowell.....	Phil Stutesman
Sam Craig.....	Chuck O'Neill
Jo Stoddard.....	Jerry Barton
Woman in the Cemetery.....	Doris Phillips
Woman in the Cemetery.....	Ruth Boyce



# Play Snaps





# All-School Party



The first big party to be held in the brand new gym started at 9:00 p.m. on April 30, 1954. This dance was sponsored by the Tecumseh Community Chest Board, assisted by several other local organizations, and was given in place of the 1953 Hallowe'en Party.

The Tecumseh Chieftains Orchestra played until 10:30, when a magician entertained us with tricks, after which door prizes were presented. Shirley Furgason, a Junior High student, won the first prize, a portable radio. Other door prizes, of one dollar each, were won by Ruth Titley, Nita Dickinson, Bill Browne, Richard Johnston, Carolyn LaLonde, and Mary Freshcorn. After the show, there was a short intermission, which was followed by more enjoyable dancing until 12:30.

The party was a great success, and we hope that it will be the forerunner of many more all-school parties.



# Junior-Senior Reception



On the evening of May 15, 1954, at the Tecumseh Products Union Hall, the annual Junior-Senior Reception was given by the class of '55 in honor of the Seniors.

Under the "Big Top" we read the booklets which carried out the circus theme and laughed at the funny clowns and other characters painted on the walls.

After a very delicious swiss steak dinner, which was served by a group of Sophomores in clown outfits, the following program was presented:

Invocation.....	<i>Rev. Alvin Brazee</i>
Ringmaster (Toastmaster).....	<i>Dale Daniels</i>
Barkers Ballyhoo (Welcome).....	<i>Barbara Ousterhout</i>
In The Ring (Response).....	<i>Tom Baldwin</i>
Training Traits (Remarks).....	<i>Mr. Hart, Principal</i>
(Remarks).....	<i>Mr. McDowell, Sup't.</i>
(Remarks).....	<i>Mr. Brazee, Senior Adviser</i>
Benediction.....	<i>Rev. Alvin Brazee</i>

Following the program there was a half hour intermission before the dance for which the Tecumseh Chieftains Orchestra furnished music. This ended an evening which will be pleasantly remembered by all who attended the "Big Top Hop".



# Junior-Senior Reception





# May Dance



About one hundred high school students, faculty members, and guests were on hand to dance to the music of Gary Cutler's Orchestra at the annual May Formal on May 28, 1954. Sponsored by the Student Council, the dance was the first formal party to be held in the new gym. Its theme was "Springtime in Paris", and it featured France's national colors—red, white, and blue.

Located around the edge of the dance floor was a sidewalk cabaret, each table containing a lighted candle; there were also floating candles in the beautiful pool which was in the center of the gym.

At midnight Albert Hart and Cathy Howell, both Seniors, were crowned King and Queen of the May Dance and were presented with gifts by J. J. Walper, the Student Council President. The members of their royal court were Sandra Biederman and Ritchie Davis, Juniors; Sylvia Helzerman and Bob Benham, Sophomores; Judy Whiting and Nicky Touborg, Freshmen.

As the May Dance is a tradition, and this year was the first year that it was held in the new gym, it will long be remembered as a very enjoyable and wonderful evening.





# Christmas Dance



"Winter Wonderland" was the theme of the annual Christmas Dance, which was held in the new high school gym on the evening of December 23, 1954. From nine to twelve music was furnished by the Tecumseh Chieftains, and during intermission punch and cookies were served. Five beautifully decorated Christmas trees and trellises hung with bunches of mistletoe highlighted the gym. At one end there was a picture of Santa Claus with his sleigh and reindeer, and thousands of snowflakes floated overhead.

As usual, the Senior High Christmas Dance brought back to Tecumseh High many Alumni, who were warmly greeted. On the previous evening the Junior High held their party, dancing to the music of Driscoll's Orchestra.

The Student Council once more proved itself successful in holding sparkling parties which provided two evenings of pleasant and gay memories.





# Homecoming



A colorful parade consisting of the high school band, the queen nominees, floats and marching students of the various classes, and faculty members, started the annual festivities of Tecumseh's Homecoming Day on November 5, 1954.

Karolyn Mueller, the Freshman candidate, who was chosen Homecoming Queen, led the parade during halftime of the football game. The Queen's royal court, consisting of Jane Smith, Linda Beck, and Cathy Cornell, followed her on the field, with the floats coming after them. The Juniors took the honors for the best

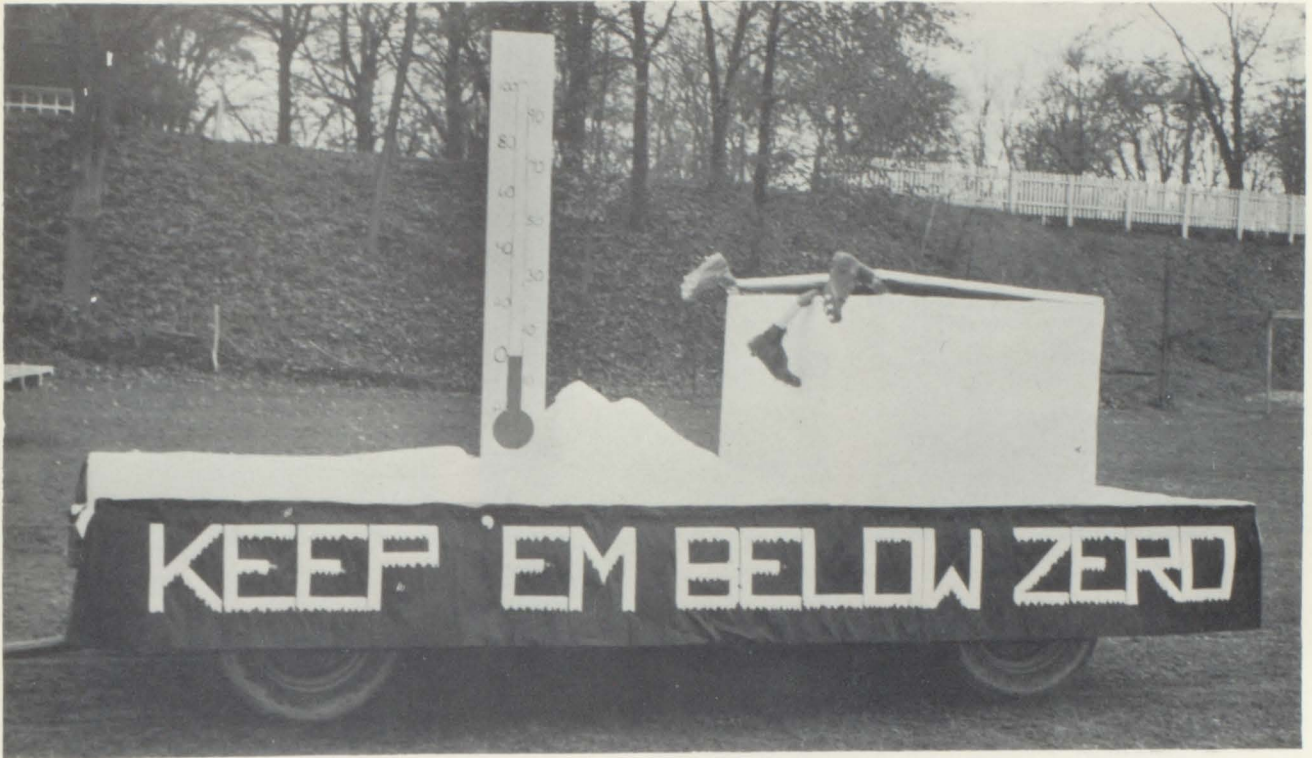
float, and the Seventh Graders placed second. Jim Bowser, the captain of the football team, presented the Queen with a bouquet of roses, also giving corsages to her royal court.

The game played with Hillsdale was an exciting one with both teams well matched; it ended with a victory for Hillsdale. At the dance following the game, Karolyn was formally crowned Queen and presented with a gift by John Cadmus, the Student Council President. This was an exciting evening for all who attended the gala Homecoming activities.





# Homecoming





# Sponge Week



During Sponge Week, which was celebrated from Feb. 7 to Feb. 11, the girls at T. H. S. were found performing all sorts of duties which are usually carried out by boys. In addition to the customary routine of Sponge Week, in which the girls carry books, open doors, and arrange and pay for dates, numerous other activities were entered into.

Monday, Feb. 7, was "Candy and Gum-Chewing Day". The participation in this day was so enthusiastic that many sick students left school at the end of the day. On Tuesday, the student body reverted to their childhood as they participated in "Little Kids' Day". Wednesday was the hardest day for everyone, as on this "Silence Day", boys and girls could not converse. On Thursday everyone relaxed and dressed comfortably for "Old Clothes Day". A few wore costumes that were really "antiques".

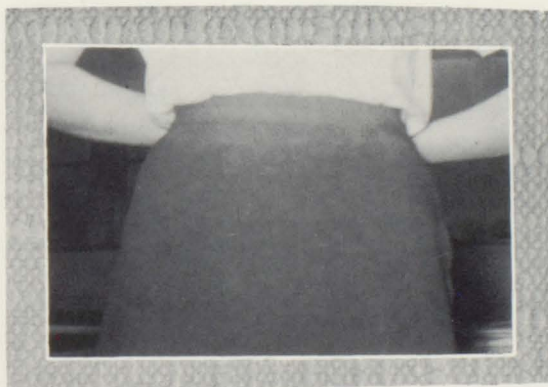
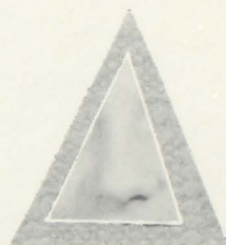
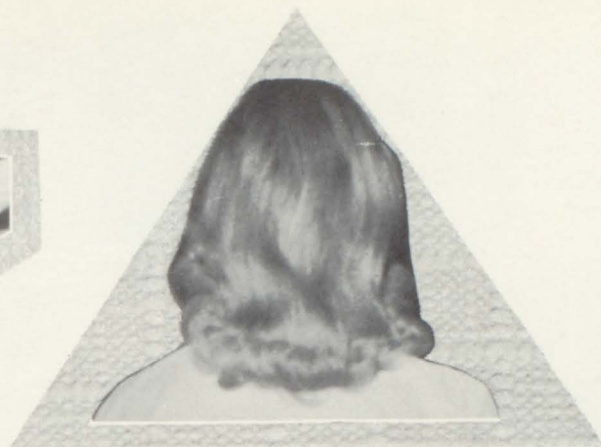
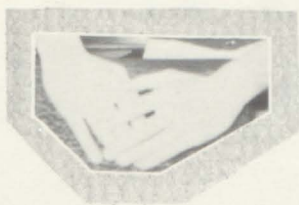
Penalties were handed out by the Student Council to those not conforming to the rules; at an assembly in the gym, a talent show was held in order to serve the sentences.

The Junior High held their Sponge Dance on Thursday evening in the Central gym, dancing to the music of Driscoll's Orchestra. The Student Council also sponsored the Senior High Dance the following evening, with the Tecumseh Chieftains furnishing the music. Valentines provided the decorations used in the gym, and home-made corsages were presented by the girls to their dates. Although Sponge Week was fun for everyone, the girls were mighty glad to get into the normal swing of things the following week.



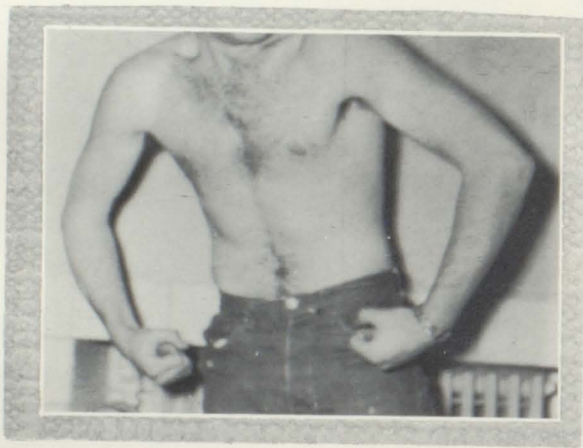
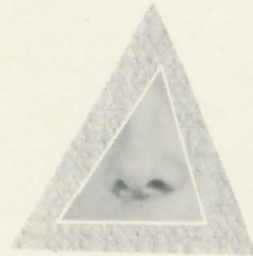
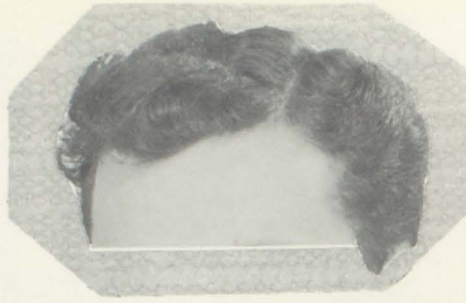


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# Reserve Football



TOP ROW: Mike Ferguson, Tony Scutt, John Elliott, Larry Robison, Gordon LaLonde, Dean Andrews, Bill Newell, Joe Hayden, Ronnie Mikesell, Harold Tilton, Bob Hersh, J. C. Heflin.

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FIRST ROW: Gary Hanna, Bill Lopshire, Carl Bailey, Max Smith, Arlen Fletcher, Bob Long, Gary Crawford, Doug Hoffman, Ron Lewis, John Naser, Eugene Damon, Gerry Greene.



# Football

With a team that showed much improvement over last year's the Tecumseh Indians met the Addison Panthers on the Tecumseh gridiron on Sept. 17, 1954. The Indians won their first game in 19, winning 26-0. Good going, boys!

On Sept. 24 the Indians, who traveled to Monroe, just couldn't get going for some reason, and they lost their first league game, 13-6. Back on the home field, after an open date, the Indians out-played and out-ran a Sophomore team from Taylor Center. The score was 47-6. On Oct. 15 the Indians went to Lambertville, where they were bogged down by rain and mud. They dropped their second straight league game, 26-6.

We played Airport Community on Oct. 22. This was the first time that Tecumseh played, Airport, a newcomer in the league. After a good start, the Indians slowed down and lost their third league game, 19-9. The Indians met Hudson on Oct. 29. The Hudson Tigers played one of their best games of the year and downed the Indians. Score, 19-7. Nov. 5 was Tecumseh's Homecoming game. The Indians played host to Hillsdale. Hillsdale scored first, but missed the extra point. This fired up the Indians, who took the kick and marched 60 yards to score. Tecumseh led, 7-6. Hillsdale waited until the second quarter before scoring again; then they pushed over two touchdowns but missed both extra points. The score was now 18-7. In the fourth quarter Hillsdale scored on a punt return, which increased their lead, 25-7. Then it was Tecumseh's turn, as the Indians scored twice and converted both times. Final score — Hillsdale 25, Tecumseh 21.

For the last game of the season Blissfield came to Tecumseh. It was a hard-fought game. The Sugar Boys scored first and converted. Then Tecumseh scored, but the kick for the extra

point was wide of the uprights, and Blissfield went on to win, 7-6. This year was the start of a comeback for Tecumseh. The Indians should be real threats next year. To the underclassmen, the Seniors want to say, "Good luck in the future; it has been swell being a part of the team."

## The Seniors who were awarded letters in 1954 were:

Jim Bowser (Captain), Leroy Betzoldt, Roger Busche, Dale Daniels, Ritchie Davis, Tom Neitling, Chuck O'Neill, Bill Scutt, Phil Stutesman, George Tilton.

## The other Varsity letter winners were:

Bob Benham, Bill Browne, Allen Dickinson, Jim Jackson, Ray Larned, Bob Manley, Gary Marsh, Marvin Yoakum.

## Managers

Ray Miller, Jon Weakly.

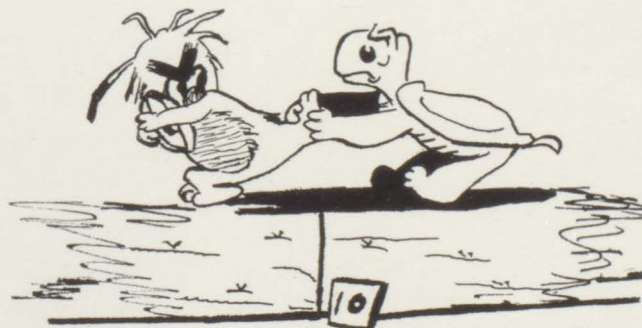
The Junior Varsity, under the direction of Coach Brazee, had a poor season. They won one, tied one, and lost three.

The schedule was:

	WE	THEY
Blissfield	7	6
Hillsdale	6	13
Monroe C. C.	7	19
Airport	6	14
Hudson	7	7

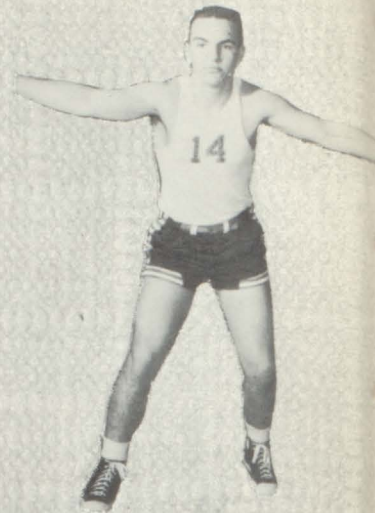
## The Junior Varsity letter winners were as follows:

Dean Andrews, Carl Biale, Edwin Covell, Earl Drummonds, Dave Elliott, Mike Ferguson, Joe Hayden, Gary Hanna, Bill Hansen, Harold Tilton, Gordon LaLonde, Dave Merillot, Ron Mikesell, Bill Newell, Don Partridge, Tony Scutt.





# OUR CHAMPS





# Basketball



## VARSITY BASKETBALL.

TOP ROW: Coach Lawson, Allen Dickinson, Bill Scutt, Ray Larned, Ritchie Davis, Ted Verrier, Glenn Haviland.

FIRST ROW: Jim Bowser, Marvin Yoakum, Earl Drummonds, Tom Neitling, Val Spangler, Kenny Miller, Jerry Barton.

Tecumseh began the 1954-1955 season with three returning lettermen. Playing in our new gym for the first season, the Indians won the Southeastern Michigan League Championship with a six won, two lost performance. The overall season record was eight wins and eight losses.

The squad opened the season against Clinton, and the LCAA champs beat the Indians, 41 to 30.

Meeting the Dundee Vikings for the first time in several seasons failed to bring a victory for Tecumseh, as the boys lost, 64 to 42, on Dundee's court.

Our first two encounters proved to be warm-ups for league play, and we won our first league game, 57-35, over Hillsdale on our court.

Two non-league games with Blissfield and Adrian were too much for us; Blissfield eked out a 54-51 win on their crackerbox floor, and Adrian, the eventual Twin-Valley co-champions, over-powered us, 66 to 51, on our floor.

January 7th saw our Indians move into first place in the league, after handing Monroe Catholic Central an astounding 74 to 34 trouncing on our court.

A trip to Airport Community and a 59 to

54 defeat by the Jets placed the Indians in a three-way tie for first place in the league.

We got back on the victory trail with a 58-38 win over Bedford, at home, for our third league win. With one-half of the season completed, we had a three won, five lost record.

A trip to Hudson gave our boys a breather from league competition, and we downed the Tigers, 56-47, for our first non-league win.

A second encounter with Hillsdale, this time on the Hornets' court, proved near disastrous; we barely squeaked through with a 42-37 win.

Again non-league foes seemed to be a menace. The Indians lost two straight games at home — Monroe High downed us 56-46, and Blissfield handed us a 66-49 trouncing.

Our last non-league game was played on Addison's new court, and we won a low-scoring game from the Panthers, 44 to 37.

In the race for league honors, the Indians had three tough games remaining. When Airport came to town, our boys smashed any league title hopes that the Jets had with a resounding 70-44 victory, which avenged our previous loss to the Jets.



A 78 to 50 beating by Monroe Catholic Central on their court left us tied with Bedford for the league lead.

In the last regular game of the season, the boys were up for the show-down battle with the Bedford Mules on their court, and the Indians won the game, 48 to 39, for our second basketball championship in the League.

#### Southeastern Michigan League Standings

	Won	Lost
Tecumseh	6	2
Bedford	5	3
Monroe CC	5	3
Airport	4	4
Hillsdale	0	8

In the District Tournament, played in our new gymnasium, the Indians met Dundee, the Huron Valley champs, in the first round and were defeated, 59 to 43. Dundee went on to become the District champions.

Tom Neitling was elected honorary captain for the 1954-55 season. The following boys received Varsity letters: Seniors: Jerry Barton, Jim Bowser, Richie Davis, Tom Neitting, Ted Verrier; Juniors: Val Spangler, Marvin Yoakum; Sophomores: Ken Miller; Freshman: Earl Drummonds.

Varsity squad members receiving Junior Varsity awards were Seniors: Glenn Haviland and Bill Scutt; Sophomores: Allen Dickinson and Ray Larned.

The Junior Varsity basketball team, coached by Mr. Murdoch, won six games and lost ten. Inexperience accounted for many of the early season losses, as the boys dropped their first five games. They then won six of the next ten games. Several boys moved up to the Varsity squad late in the season and proved of value there.

#### J. V. SCHEDULE and SCORES

Tecumseh	31	Clinton	35
Tecumseh	9	Dundee	45
Tecumseh	21	Hillsdale	47
Tecumseh	50	Blissfield	64
Tecumseh	39	Adrian	45
Tecumseh	48	Monroe CC	25
Tecumseh	48	Airport	28
Tecumseh	46	Bedford	30
Tecumseh	45	Hudson	46
Tecumseh	24	Hillsdale	42
Tecumseh	37	Monroe	48
Tecumseh	31	Blissfield	49
Tecumseh	54	Addison	47
Tecumseh	36	Airport	32
Tecumseh	56	Monroe CC	41
Tecumseh	37	Bedford	48

Junior Varsity squad members receiving letters were: Bob Manley, Bruce McDowell, Nick Tourborg, Dave and John Elliott.

Merit awards were given to the following boys who did not play enough to earn a letter: Ed Lewis, Terry Holdridge, Jim Mack, Dave Merillat, Bill Newell, and Gary Williams.

Bob Hirsch, Richard Johnston, and Jim Warren received manager awards.



#### JUNIOR VARSITY BASKETBALL

TOP ROW: Jim Warren, Terry Holdridge, Dave Elliott, Nicky Touborg, Bill Newell, Jim Mack, Dave Merillat, Bruce McDowell, Gary Williams, Richard Johnston.

FIRST ROW: Coach Murdoch, John Elliott, William Cooper, Bill Hansen, Harold Weakly, Bob Manley, Ed Lewis, Bob Hirsch.



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## INTRAMURAL TEAMS



### NATIONAL LEAGUE

Ronald Mikesell, Gerry Greene, Tom Harrison,  
Jim Warren, J. C. Heflin.

NOT IN PICTURE: Joe Hayden, Dick Harvey,  
Max Smith, Gary Cameron.

### AMERICAN LEAGUE

TOP ROW: Bob Long, Alfred Dick, Lee Marsh.  
FIRST ROW: Bill Spreeman, Bruce Wright,  
Don Greene, John Wilt.





# Baseball



STANDING: Chuck O'Neill, Bill Spreeman, Lee Marsh, Lowell Kelley, Jim Bowser, Bill Scutt, Mr. Runk.

SITTING: Albert Hart, Russ Hyatt, Joe Gregory, Bill Benham, Ray Larned, Dennis Farley, Harry Withrow.

Tecumseh's Indians had a successful baseball season in 1954, winning seven and losing five games. Of these, four were league wins and two were losses. The four and two record was good enough to win the league championship.

The first game was with Airport, the Indians losing 9-0. (Airport will be in the Southeastern League this year.) The second game was a little better with the Warriors winning 8-3 over Hudson. This was a non-league tilt. The third game, also a non-league game, resulted in the Indians winning over Dundee, 17-8. The fourth contest was the Indian's first league encounter. Monroe Catholic Centrol proved a little bit stronger than the Indians, defeating them, 13-5.

The fifth game was played against Airport again, with the Indians victorious this time, the score being 8-4. The next game was played at Hillsdale. The two teams proved equal as the game went 10 innings, and finally was called because of darkness. The Indians' second league game was played against Bedford, with Bedford coming out on top. The score was 3-0. Once again Tecumseh met Hillsdale, and again the game went into extra innings, but the Indians pulled the game out of

the fire in the ninth inning and won, 2-1. Tecumseh's league record now stood at two losses and one win.

Next, the Indians went to Bedford for the fourth league game of the season. With a win over the Mules of 5-3, they evened up the record, making it two and two. For the fifth league game, Tecumseh traveled to Monroe, and won this one, 5-1. The league record was now three wins and two losses. Tecumseh then played a non-league game but lost to a strong Blissfield team, 4-3. Tecumseh's game with Hillsdale, the game which was to decide the championship was a hard fought battle. The Indians scored four runs in the seventh inning to win the game and the championship, 6-4.

The last game of the season was with Clinton. In a close contest, the Redskins beat the Indians, 1-0. This year's Indians will be without the services of six 1954 seniors — Bill Benham, Joe Gregory, Albert Hart, Russ Hyatt, Lowell Kelley, and Harry Withrow — who contributed greatly to the championship team.

## Letter Winners

Bill Benham, Dennis Farley, Joe Gregory, Albert Hart, Russ Hyatt, Lowell Kelley, Ray Larned, Harry Withrow, Marvin Yoakum. Managers: Chuck O'Neill, Donald Oswald.



# Track



**TOP ROW:** Ray Puffer, Allen Dickinson, Nicky Touborg, Larry Hooton, Donald Partridge, Gary Marsh, Bruce McDowell, Ray Nichols, Ashley Chase, Dick Hubbard, Philip Young, Victor Shandley, John Naser.

**SECOND ROW:** Mr. Lawson, Kenny Miller, Glenn Haviland, Buzz Betzoldt, Ritchie Davis, Jim Bowser, Bill Scutt, George Tilton, Dean Andrews, John Cadmus, Dick Covell.

**FIRST ROW:** Bill Benham, Max McLaury, Tom Baldwin, Albert Hart, Bill Dean, Bud Hoffman, Bruce Packard, Alroy Vanderpool, Edwin Covell, Charles Hand.

The 1954 Indian trackman participated in three dual meets, two triangular meets, the Mt. Pleasant Relays, the Southeastern League meet, the Regional at Ann Arbor, and the State Meet at East Lansing.

The first meet with Bedford was won by the Indians, 62 to 49. A dual meet with Airport Community was lost by the score of 64 to 50. In a triangular meet at Addison, the Indians scored 54 points to finish behind Hudson's 57½ and ahead of Addison's 28½. Tecumseh had a field day in a dual meet with Morenci as the Indians won all 13 events and scored 93 points to Morenci's 16.

The Middle Distance Relay Team of Miller, Betzoldt, Bowser, and Baldwin ran fifth, and Bill Benham broke the "Class B" broadjump record with a leap of 21 feet 6¼ inches at the Mt. Pleasant Relays. Tecumseh placed second in the League meet, scoring 50½ points. Hillsdale won with 75 points, Monroe Catholic Central was third with 36½ points and Bedford scored 22½ points.

In the Regional at Ann Arbor the Indians finished sixth, scoring 21 points. The Medley Relay team of Betzoldt, Davis, Benham, and Bowser won, as did Benham in the broadjump and Baldwin in the 880. Davis qualified for the State meet in the 220. In the State Meet Bill Benham won the broad jump to score six points for the Indians.

Benham and Davis in the dashes and broadjump, Baldwin in the 880, and Packard in the mile were outstanding throughout the season for Tecumseh.

## **The following boys won letters:**

Dean Andrews, Tom Baldwin, Bill Benham, Leroy Betzoldt, Jim Bowser, John Cadmus, Ritchie Davis, Albert Hart, Glenn Haviland, Bud Hoffman, Ken Miller, Bruce Packard, Bill Scutt, George Tilton.

## **Managers**

Ed Covell, Richard Covell, Charles Hand.



# Golf



Val Spangler, Louis Vargo, Ronald Gurtzweiler, Mr. Murdoch, Gary Hizer, Vere Hart.

The 1954 golf team began the season with only experienced player — Louis Vargo. After winning two matches and losing six, the squad journeyed to Brighton's Burrows Farms for the Regionals, where it placed third with a 347 total. Val Spangler placed 2nd in Class B with 77. The State Finals at Port Huron's Black River Country Club was the team's last chance for the season, but the strong competition caught Tecumseh off stride and we failed to place.

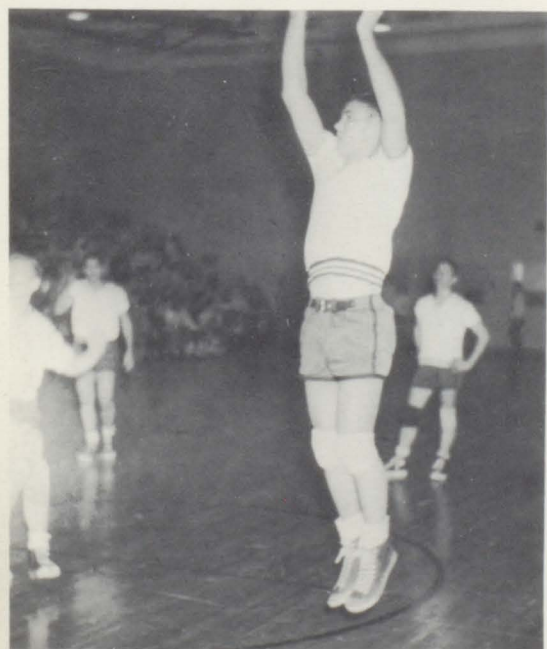
The only loss to the team is Louis Vargo, who alternated in the first man position with Val Spangler. Spangler has two years remaining. The third man, Gary Hizer, has only this year left, and

Ronald Gurtzweiler has three years to play on the team. There are some good golfers in the present ninth grade who should give us a lot of help on the 1955 team.

## Schedule and Scores

15 Hillsdale	Tecumseh	0
9½ Adrian	Tecumseh	6½
16 Hillsdale	Tecumseh	0
0 Monroe C.C.	Tecumseh	16
349 Ann Arbor	Tecumseh	363
(Medal Play)		
4 Monroe C.C.	Tecumseh	12
346 Ann Arbor	Tecumseh	396
(Medal Play)		
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9½ Adrian	Tecumseh	6½









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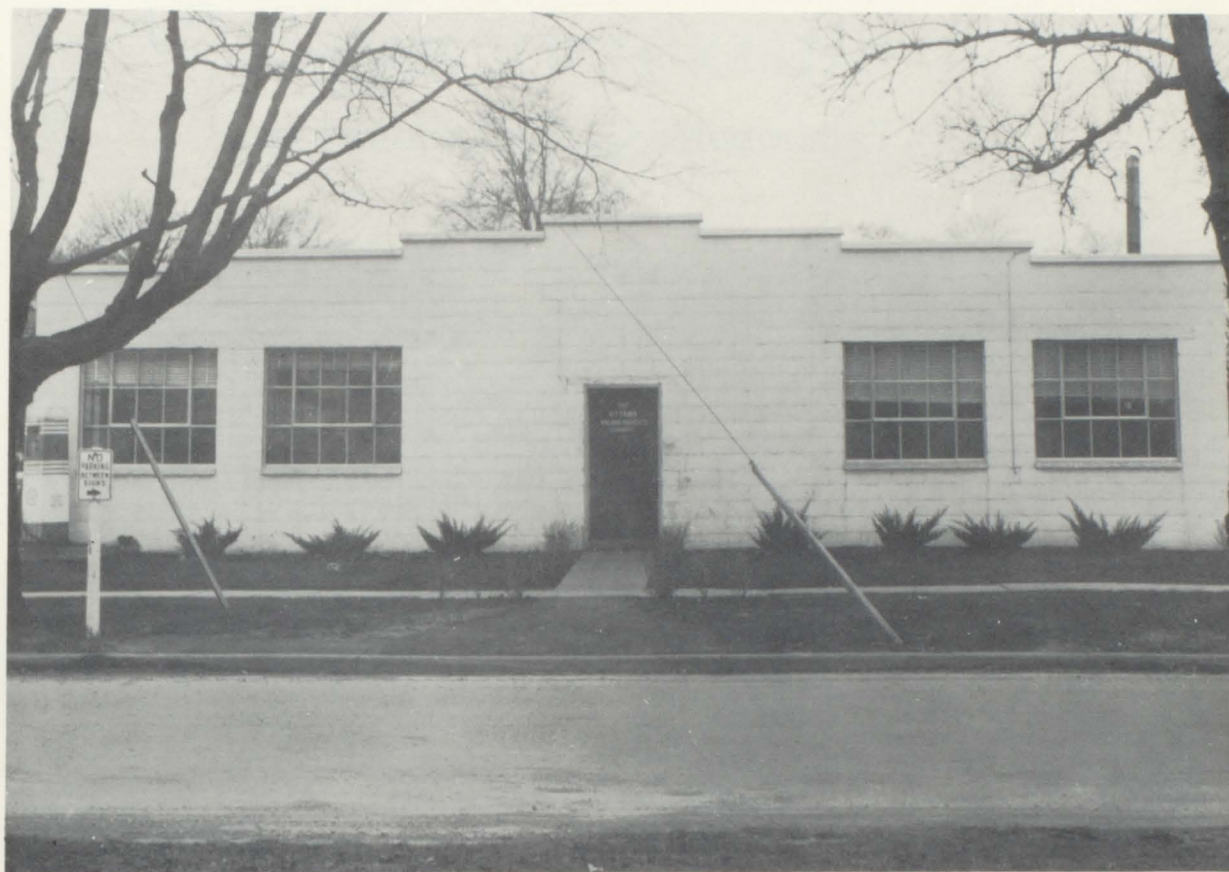


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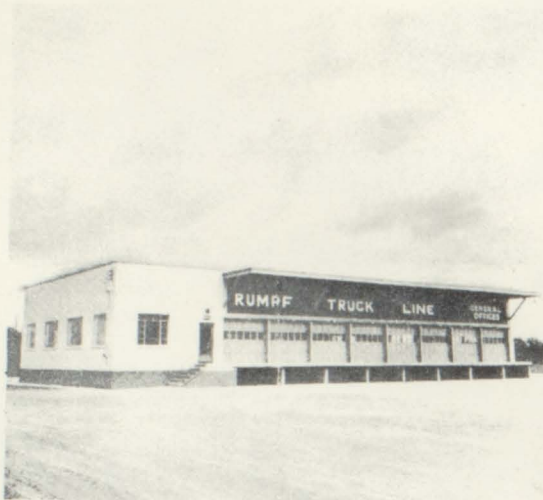
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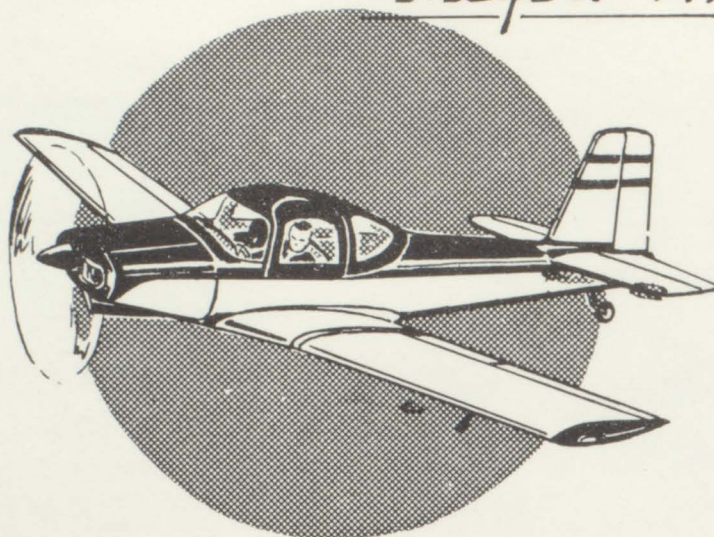
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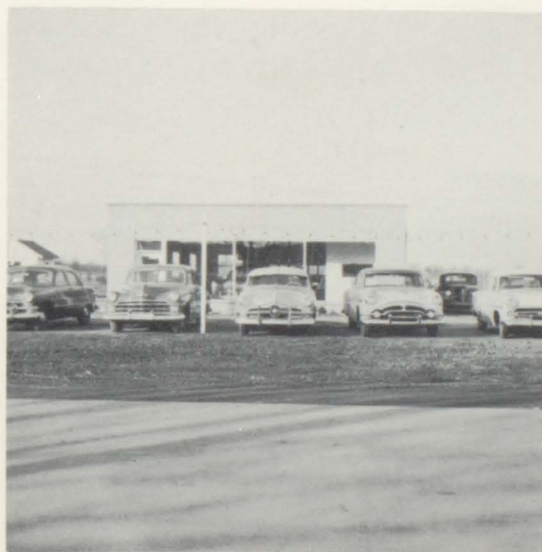
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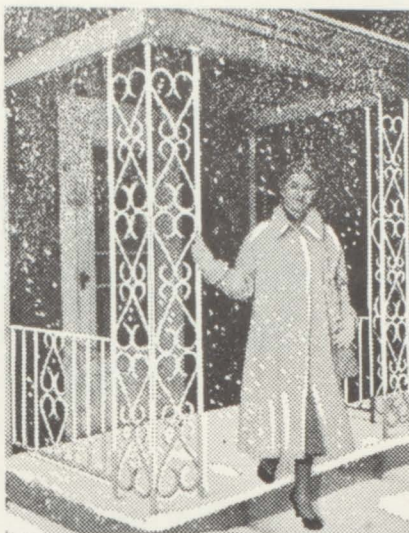
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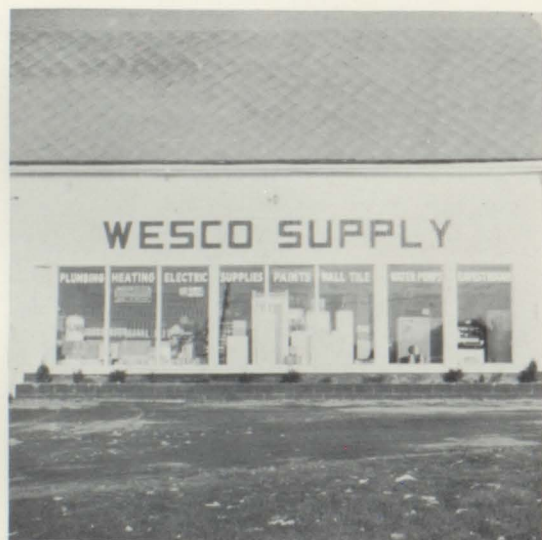
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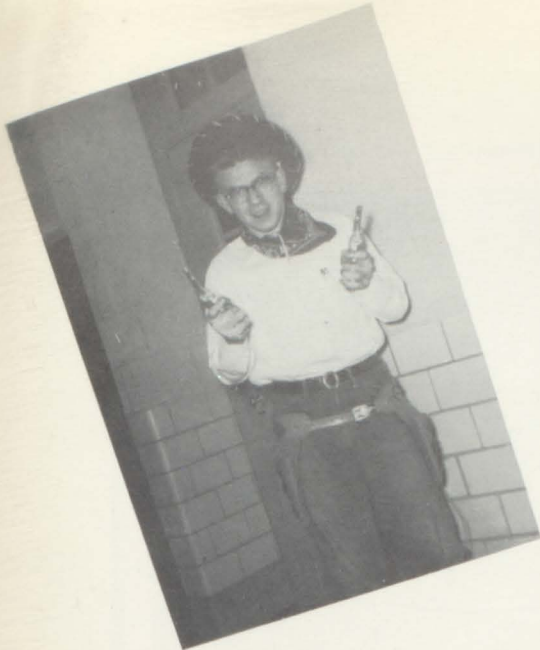
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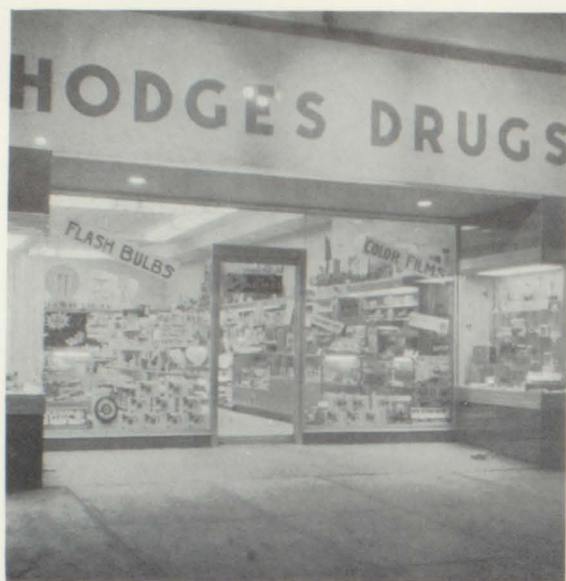
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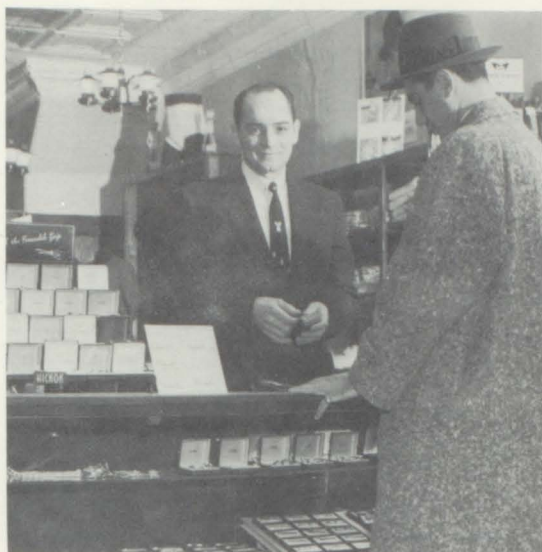
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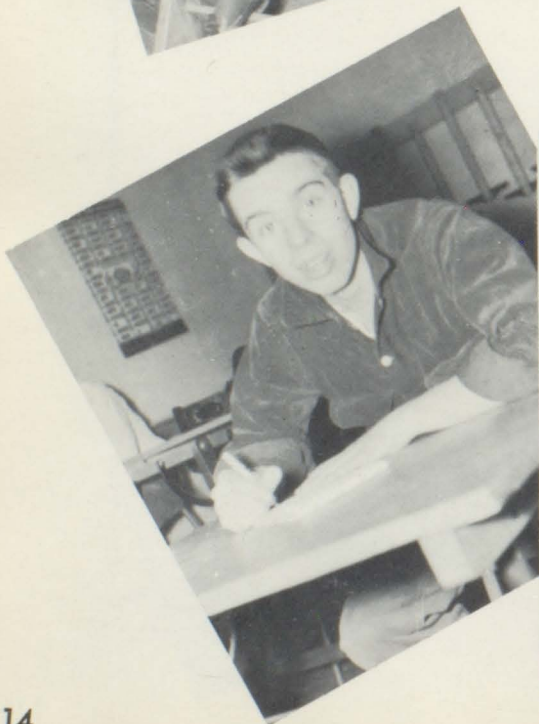
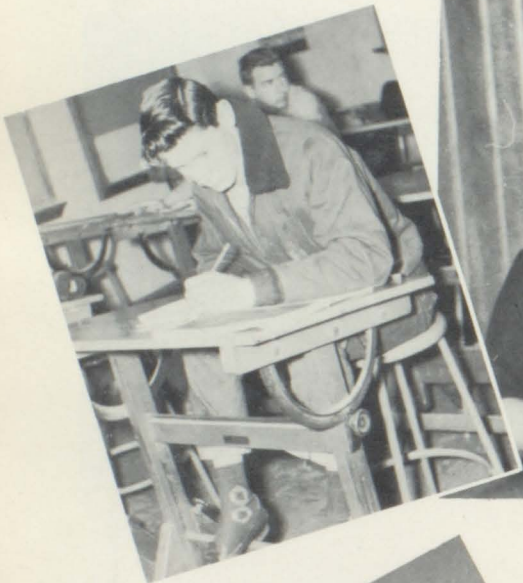
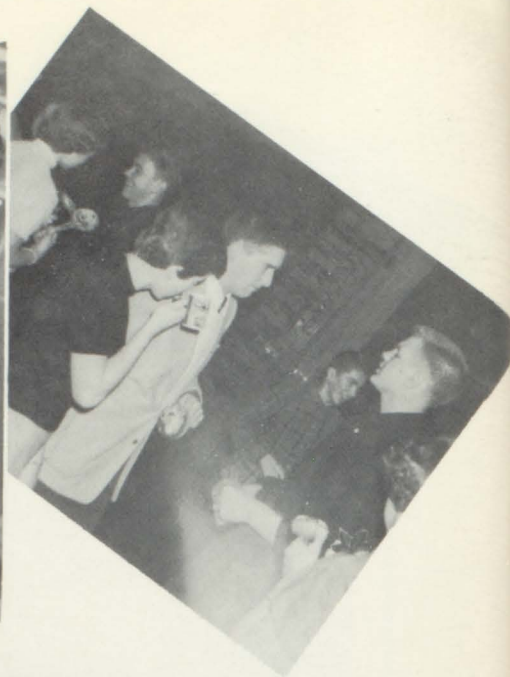
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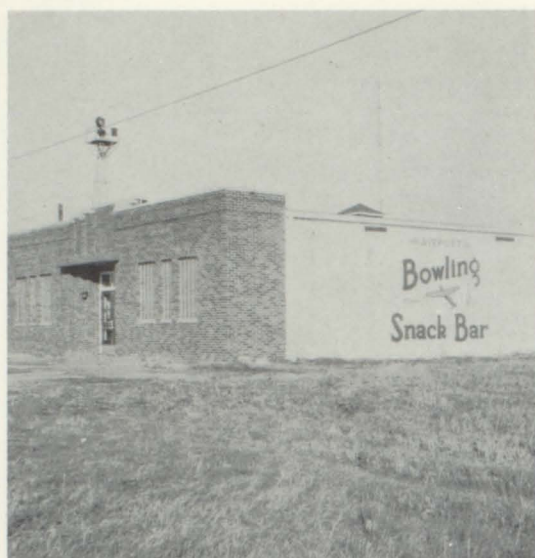




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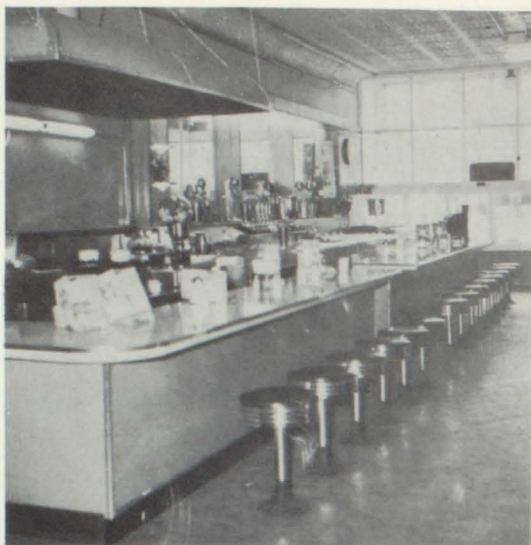
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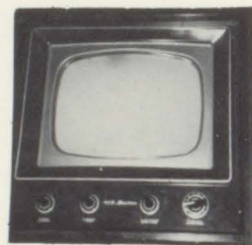
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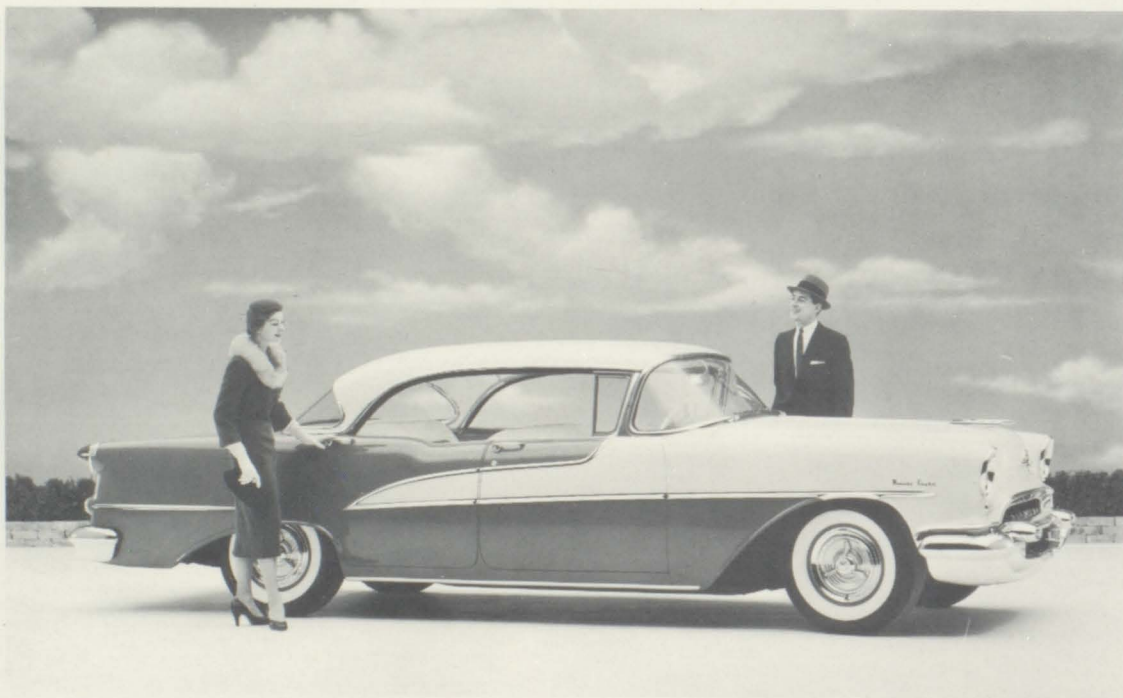
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