# ELYSIUM - 1952 





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## FOREWORD

With the passing of time, the memories of our school life will grow fainter $\}$ and fainter, and then die away. Gone forever will be the routine of school life, the fun we had, and the friends we made. It is the hope of the 1952 Elysium Staff that, as you glance through this book in the years to come, you will recapture those moments--and the memories will begin again.


## DEMCATION



We, the members of the class of 1952 of Blissfield High School dedicate this, our annual, to the spirit of international friendship and cooperation. Never in the history of mankind has friendship and understanding between peoples of the world been more necessary. Because of the terrible increase in the destructiveness of the implements of war, another international conflict could easily mean the end of our civilization and a return to barbarianism.

We feel that every member of this class should and will make every effort to promote friendliness and cooperation between nations and that each one of us will strive to respect the rights, privileges, and opinions of other peoples, to understand their viewpoints, and to be tolerant of their desires and aspirations.

We ask that you the readers of the dedication, join with us in order that wars may vanish from the earth and that "Peace on earth and good will toward all men" may be the watchword of the future.

## ADMINISTRATION



STANDING: J. T. Carpenter, Trustee; Dr. Charles Bradstrum, Treasurer; Parker Tagsold, Trustee. SEA TED: Harold Rohrback, Secretary; Dr, R. B. Tubbs, President.

Confronted by problems of finance, and the need for new buildings the Board of Education has consistently tried to give the people of Blissfield and the surrounded community the best possible schools. The Board has been as progressive as sound business practices and established educational policies would permit, keeping always in mind the needs of the community and the students the school serves. The school and the community owe much to their efforts and the time they have spent.

The Board and their wives were guest at the Teachers Club Christmas dinner, and with the faculty at the buffet supper served by the third year home economics class. They in turn entertained the teachers at a party in February.

FLOYD STRAYER
Superintendent


MISS VADA LUKE Office Secretary


BURDETT PEEBLES
Principal



MR. BLANKS Band, Music


MISS YODER Commercial


MR. HASSEN
Study Hall, Coach

## FACLITY



MISS BURGHARDT Junior High


MISS SNYDER
Grade Principal
Junior High


MRS. MCCOLL
English, Spanish


MISS MCKINLEY
Girls Physical Education World History


MISS FOSTER
Home Making


MR. MORTON Science


MR. RUPP
Junior High


MR. WILLIAMS Industrial Arts

## FACLITY



MRS. PHELPS
English, Latin


MR. ARN
Social Studies


MR. LEW
Coach, Mathematics


MRS. ELSEA
English, Librarian


MRS. CULHANE
Mathematics, Commercial

## SENIORS




## CLASS OF 1952

MARILYN ROTHFUSS
F. H. A. 1, 2, 3; Chorus 1, 2, 3; Boosters Club V. Pres. 1; School Paper 4; Editor 4; Student Council 1, 4; Senior Play 4; Class V. Pres. 2, Pres. 4; Intra-Mural sports 4.

## DA VID ROHRBACK

Football 1, 2, 3, 4; Baseball 2, 3, 4; Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4; Track 2; Boosters Club 1, School Paper 4; Senior
 Play 4 ; Annual Staff 4 ; Class V. Pres. 4.

THELMA SHELDON
F. H. A. 1, 2, 3; Operetta 3; Band 2, 3, 4; All-

County Band 3, 4; Junior Play 3; Senior Play 4; Class Sec'y, 4.

## JAMES McCLENATHEN

Football 2, 3, 4; School Paper 4; Class V. Pres. 3. Treasurer 4; Senior Play 4; Annual Staff 4.

## Class Advisors



Mr. Strayer


Mrs. Phelps


Mr. Blanks


## CLASS OF 1952

DOROTHY AHLEMAN
Band 2,3,4; Chorus I; All-County Band 4.

## RICHARD BAILEY

F.F.A. I, 2, 3, 4, V. Pres. 3, Pres. 4; Chorus 3; School Paper 4; Student Council 2, 4; Basketball 3, 4; Track 2, 3, 4; Annual Staff 4; Operetta 3.

## PATRICIA BARTHOLOMEW

F.H,A. 1, 2; Chorus 1, 2, 3; Band 1, 2, 3; Boosters Club 1; Cheerleader 2; School Paper 4; Student Council 2; Junior Play 3; Class Secretary 3; Operetta 3; All-County Band 3.

## CAROLYN BERRY

F.H.A. I, 2, 3; Chorus 1, 2, 3; Band I, 2, 3, 4; Boosters Club I; Spanish Club 1, 2, 3; Cheerleader 3, 4; Junior Play 3; Senior Play 4; Annual Staff 4; Class Secretary 1; Operetta 3; All-County Band 3, 4; Intra-mural Sports 4 .

AUDREY BRUCE
F.H.A. 1, 2, 3; Chorus 1, 2, 3; School Paper 3; Senior Play 4.

## BETTY COCHRAN

F.H.A. 1, 2; Chorus 1, 2, 3; School Paper 3; Operetta 3.

## ELEANOR COWDREY

Burnham High School; Sylvania, Ohio 1, 2, 3; F.H.A. 1, 2, 3; Intra-mural Sports 1, 2, 3; Drama Club 3; Choric Speech Club 2; Future Business Leaders of America 3; Blissfield High School 4.

CAROLYN EDWARDS
F.H.A. I, 2; Chorus I, 2, 3, 4; Operetta 3 .



JA Y FISHER
F.F.A. 2, 3, 4; Junior Play 3; Senior Play 4.

WILLA JEAN FREDERICK Operetta 3.


LaVERN GOETZ
Baseball 3, 4; Basketball 2, 3, 4; Track 3 .

BESS HARRINGTON
F. H. A. 1, 2, 3; Chorus 1, 2, 3; Boosters Club I; School Paper 3, 4; Senior Play 4; Annual Staff; Operetta 3; Intra-mural sports 4 .
SALLY FISCHER
F. H. A. 2, 3, 4, Pres. 3; Chorus 4; Band 1, 2, 3, 4; Student Council 4; Junior Play 3; Senior Play 4; Annual Staff Ass't Editor; All-County Band 3, 4; D. A. R. Good Citizen 4.

## CLASS OF 1952

LOIS ANN FATCHETT
F. H. A. 1, 2, 3, 4, Sec. 4; Chorus I; Band 1, 2, 3, 4; Boosters Club I; Spanish Club I, 2, 3; Student Council 4; Junior Play 3; Senior Play 4; Annual Staff 4; AllCounty Band 3, 4; Intra-mural sports 4 .



CHRISTINE FREDERICK
Operetta 3 .

BETTY GANUN
F. H, A, 1; Chorus 1, 2, 3; Annual Sta ff 4 .



## CLASS OF 1952

LOIS JACOBS
Chorus I, 2.

## DALE KASTEL

F.F.A. 1, 2, 3, 4; Boosters Club 1; Football 1, 2, 3, 4; Baseball 1, 2, 3; Track 1, 2, 3 .


CAROLYN KELLEY
Chorus 3; Intra-mural sports 4 .

VIRGINIA KREMNETZ
Whitmer High School, Toledo, Ohio 1, 2, 3; Junior Play 3; YTeens; Blissfield High School 4.


ELAINE KLEINDINST
F.H.A. I; Band 3,4.

PAULINE LIEVENS
F.H.A. 2; Spanish Club 1; Chorus 1,3; Band 1, 2, 3, 4; Junior Play 3; Student Council 3, 4, Treas. 3: 4; Annual Staff 4; Operetta 3; All-County Band 4 .

## JULLAN LIPPENS, JR.

Football I, 2, 3, 4; Baseball I, 2, 3, 4; Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4; Track 2, 3, 4; Senior Play 4; Class Pres. 3; School Paper 3,4; Student Council 3.

## VERNON LUSE

Football $1,2,3,4$, Capt, 4; All-League Football Team 3, 4; Baseball I, 2, 4; Senior Play 4; Annual Staff Bus. Mgr. ; Class Sec'y. 1, Pres. 2; F.F.A 1, 2, 3, 4, Reporter 3, Sec'y. 4; Student Council 2, 3, 4, V. Pres. 3, Pres. 4.


## CLASS

ROBERT LYCANS
Decatuer-Washington High School, Black Fork, Ohio 1, 2; Football 1, 2, 3, 4; Baseball 3; Basketball 1, 2, 3; Track 3; Chorus 3, 4: Junior Play 3; Operetta 3; Blissfield High School 3. 4.

ELAINE McCARTY
F. H. A. $1,2$.

PAT MARKS
F. H. A. 1, 2, 3; Chorus 1, 2, 3, 4; Boosters Club 1; Senior Play 4.

GEORGE MASON
Spanish Club; Student Council, V. Pres. 4 .


OF 1952

CARL MacBETH
Football 1 .

ROBERT MALLORY
Boosters Club 1; Football 1, 2; Baseball 3, 4; Basketball I, 2, 3, 4; Track 3, 4; School Paper 4; Student Council I; Junior Play 3; Senior Play 4; Annual Staff 4; Class Treas. 3 .

JIMMIE MARTINEZ
Baseball 2, 3, 4.

## VIOLET PHILLIPS

F. H. A. 2, 3, 4; Chorus 1, 2, 3. 4; School Paper 3; Student Council, Sec'y 4; Junior Play 3; Senior Play 4; Annual Staff Editor; Operetta 3.

## CLASS

VELMA POTTER
F.H.A. 1, 2; Chorus 1, 2, 3, 4 .

DOROTHY SHAFFER
Chorus 1, 2, 4; Boosters Club I;
F.H.A. I, 2; Intra-mural sports 4 .

MARY LOU STAUP
F.H.A. I; Chorus I, 2, 3, 4 .

BELVA WALTERS
F.H.A. 1, 2; Chorus I, 3; Intramural sports 4 .


RICHARD SIERING
Baseball I, 2, 3, 4; Track 3, 4; Senior Play.

DORIS THOMPSON
F.H.A. 1, 2, 3, 4, V. Pres. 3 ,

Pres. 4; Chorus 1, 2, 3; Band I,
$2,3,4$; Senior Play; Annual
Staff 4; Intra-mural sports 4; Operetta 3 .

VIRGINIA WINKLEMAN
Chorus I, 3; Band I, 2, 3, 4; Spanish Club 1; Operetta 3; AllCounty Band 3,4 .


## WHO'S WHO

MOST LIKELY TO SUCCEED
Vernon Luse, Sally Fischer

MOST ATHLETIC Elaine Kleindinest David Rohrback


MOST DEPENDABLE
Jay Fisher, Lois Ann Fatchett


The Senior Class chose this year the most out standing members of their class and rated them on the basis of: Best Dressed, Most Dependable, Best-All-Around, and Most Athletic. These were nominated and voted upon by their classmates. A boy and a girl were selected for each honor. The students selected for the other six classifications were chosen by the Annual Staff.

## IN <br> "'52"



BEST DRESSED
Pat Bartholomew


BEST DANCERS
Pauline Lievens Jim McClenathan MOST MUSICAL Virginia Winkelman Phillip Saxton CLASS CUT-UP
Bess Harrington
Bob Lycans
MOST PRACTICAL
Lois Jacob
Dick Siering
CLASS WIT
Doris Thompson
Dick Bailey
BEST NATURED
Dorothy Ahleman LaVern Goetz

Junior Lippens

MOST POPULAR
Bob Mallory
Marilyn Rothfuss

BEST ALL ROUND Violet Phillips George Mason


## SENIOR DOLLARS




Senior Roller Skating Party


Homecoming Football Queen

Taking Group Pictures


Jim McClenathen Selling Annual Advertising.

The Senior Class was very busy throughout the year raising funds to finance their traditional Senior Trip. At the beginning of the year it was decided at a class meeting that each Senior should contribute $\$ 4.00$ for the year in the form of dues.

The first event staged by the class of ' 52 was the annual Sponge Week followed by a hard times dance.

On November 9, Blissfield played host to the Tecumseh football team. On that night the Senior Class sold refreshments during the game. They also sponsored the Homecoming Dance during which the Blissfield and Tecumseh football queens were crowned.

The Senior Play, "The Brain Storm" given on November 28 and 29, contributed greatly to the treasury.

The class proved to be good salesmen. We sold white sweatshirts with purple " B 's" and Blissfield on the front. Also, annual subscriptions, advertisments for the Elysium, and both individual and group pictures taken for the annual went well. A baked food sale was put on at the Joy Shop. Each member of the class donated a food item or $\$ 1.00$. At the Tecumseh basketball game the class did well selling refreshments. Then the last of February the Seniors sponsored a roller skating party at Hilltop. On the 18th of March we served a chile supper.

These activities with others planned later in the year made it possible to greatly reduce the cost of the trip to the individual members of the class.

Seniors Selling Sweat Shirts


UNDERCLASSMEN
 '57


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JUNIORS
SOPHOMORES
FRESHMEN
EIGHTH GRADE
SEVENTH GRADE



Robert Bartholomew Roger Beck
Sharon Bell
Mary Jane Berry Nelson Berry John Bettis Ronald Betz

Russell Bierley Barbara Billington Barbara Bradstrum Shirley Braun Ruth Brieschke James Briggs Kenneth Briggs

Dean Brubaker Phyllis Bushrow Donald Clement Albert Clements Eldon Clingaman Darleen Cochran Glenda Corbett

## CLASS OF '53



LaVern Henricks Duane Holtz Lois Jacob Beverly Kerbawy Luella Knierim Joyce Lehman Joyce Lidster

Dorothy Loar Thomas Mallory Beverly Marks Donna McFarland Bruce McCormick Bob Miller Gordon Milner

Arden Neuman Patricia O'Bryan Helen Petree Harold Pixley Marilyn Prielipp Marvin Prie lipp Ronald Raymond


## CLASS OF "53

Mina Rodesiler Frederick Rost Barbara Routson Mary Ann Schnieder Richard Seegert Marvin Sell

JUNIOR CLASS ADVISORS
Mr. Hassen, Miss Foster,
Mr. Venema.
Margaret Sieler Dale Sinclair Parker Tagsold Harold Thompson Judy Travis

ABSENT


Robert Burgermeister Donna Harsh
Willard Hockin
Barbara Howard
Jerald Lippens
Dale Richardson
Joan Roenick
John Schmidt

Norma Wells Marion Westgate Tom Williams

Jean Wilson
George Wingerd



Gary Adrian Allison Anteau Bonnie Anteau Dorothy Anteau Robert Bakus Donald Bailey Nancy Bakowski

Bruce Berger Donna Berry Phyllis Berry Kirk Bettis Arlene Bierley Joyce Bierley Shirley Brooks

Marjorie Brown Bob Bussing Catherine Carpenter Sherwood Colyer Roger Coopshaw Howard Driggs Hugh Driggs

## CLASS OF '54



Marjorie LaSotta Ralph Lehman, Jr. Marilyn Love Donna McKenzie Kenneth Mitchell Betty Miller Melvin Miller

Noel Miller Claudia Myers Sharon Nichols Loretta Olrich Donna Jean Osborn Duane Oswald Patsy Payden

Marvel Petee James Peters Betty Pieplow Mary Ries Leslie Robertson David Rosenbrock Nancy Rost

Dorothy Saxton Dolores Sayers Richard Sayers Evelyn Schebella Shirley Sebring Lois Setzler Albert Sheldon

James Shook
James Siering Margaret Sliker Ena Soss Anna Soss Charles Southward

SOPHOMORE CLASS ADVISORS Mr. Williams Miss McKinlay Mrs. McColl


# CLASS OF `54 




Neomi Adrian Carma Behm Jane Bell Arthur Berry Marion Berry John Bierley Franklyn Bierman

Shirley Bierman Gordon Bischoff Madalyn Bischoff Richard Blackford Sally Blake David Bevoe Richard Boyer

Donald Brown Loretta Brown Richard Brubaker Shirley Brubaker Carolyn Buehrer Marilyn Cline Patricia Cline

## CLASS OF "55



Ann Hoadley James Hoenig Gerald Hoffman Hubert Holtz Rita Horky Gordon Hull Irene Isley

Ronald Jacob Roy Jones Carolyn Karl Marlo Karl John Kuhl Patricia Lintner Gerald Long

Marilyn Luse Robert Mason Ted Mason Herbert McCarty Norma McCarty Thomas McBeth Marvin Nine


# CLASS OF "55 

Gene Orel Gilbert Olrich Willis Potter Janet Porter Susan Phillips Catherine Philbee Erma Prielipp


Violet Redlinger Richard Reynolds Lorna Richardson Jean Roenick Joanne Rohrback Vanda Ruhl

FRESHMAN CLASS ADVISORS Mr. Morton Miss Yoder

Mr. Lew


Carole Russell Betty Sallows Dale Schulte Janet Schneider


Donald Sigers Wyona Snyder Dorothy Sprunk


## CLASS OF `56



Mary Goble
Cora Jean Goetz Gerald Hall Betty Handy Carol Harsh Gene Hartman JoAnn Henning

Carolyn Hull David Jacob Lee Keller Alan King Delight Klump Dwight Klump Edward Knisel

Jane Komsteller Richard Krahn Arlene LaSotta Robert Lombard Marvin Long Gene Luce
Raymond Martinez


## CLASS OF "36

Wendall Mason James McColl Beverly McVicker Donald Nine Barry Peebles Sharon Porter Tommy Romsek


Able Sanchez Shirley Schwartzwalder Sally Seeger Mary Lou Seegert Richard Setzler Charlotte Southward

EIGHTH GRADE ADVISORS
Miss Snyder Miss Burghardt


DuWaine Spiegel Roscoe Stetten Shirley VanLoocke Charles Westgate

ABSENT: Lee McCormick


Meredith Wilson Arthur Wingerd


Carol Abner Jacqueline Adrian Johnny Bangerter Marilyn Boyer Peggy Brooks Judith Browneller

Charleen Buehrer Betty Cowdrey Billy Crist John Derthick Cyril DeSeranno Charles Everett Sandra Fairbank

Clark Frohnapfel Gary Good Lauren Grínage Margaret Henning Mildred Hoffman Janet Ikle Glen Jennings

## CLASS OF '57



## ORGANIZATIONS



## F. H. A.



FOURTH ROW: B. Marks, N. Wells, P. Lintner, J. Bierley, L. Isley, C. Carpenter, P. Fuhrman, S. Braun, L. Goetz, S. Bierman, H. Petee, B. Davis, D. Sprunk, L. Brown, M. Klump. THIRD ROW: J. Bell, C. Russell, D. Klump, B. Pieplow, L Eisenman, M. Rodesiler, B. Iffland, B. Bradstrum, M. Colyer, P. Wilt, V. Ruhl, M. Gentz, D. Berry. SECOND ROW: Miss Foster, S. Blake, L. Richardson, N. Rost, D. Saxton, D. Thompson, J. Ford, A. Bierley, C. Demlow, L. Setzler, J. Wilson. FIRST ROW: J. Wilson, M. Knisel, L. Knierim, M. Snyder, B. Routson, S. Thompson, V. Phillips, C. Karl, L. Fatchett, S. Fischer, M. Berry.

The Future Homemakers of America is an organization of high school girls in the Home Economics department. The motto is "Toward New Horizons.' The flower is the red rose, chosen because it can be grown in every State. To raise money to finance the activities the F.H. A. continued to sell milk and ice cream during the lunch hour throughout the year. Some annual affairs were the formal and informal initiation of new members, a boy-girl relations panel discussion, Christmas caroling, a family night pot luck supper, and a dance. This year we had a Valentine dance with a King and Queen of Hearts chosen from the high school classes, grades 9-12.

A State convention is held each year in the Spring with a delegate from each chapter attending. The president and one other member are selected to attend a Leadership Training Camp each summer. Regular meetings were held once a month in the gymnasium.

## F. F. A.



THIRD ROW: R. Jacobs, J. Walters, M. Sell, R. Beck, R. Bailey, D. Clements, D. Kastel, J. Schmidt, L. Robertson, A. Sheldon. SECOND ROW: G. Adrian, P. Hottenstein, L. Crots, D. Brubaker, L. Bell, R. Bartholomew, Mr. Venema. FIRST ROW: H. Thompson, N. Berry, D. Goetz, D. Eisenmann, V. Luse, D. Bailey, J. Fisher.

The Future Farmers of America, or "F. F. A." as it is commonly known, is the national organization of, by, and for boys studying vocational agriculture. No national student organization enjoys greater freedom of self-government under adult counsel and guidance, than the Future Farmers of America.

Organized in November 1928, it has served to motivate and vitalize the systematic instruction offered to students of vocational agriculture, and to provide further training in farmer-citizenship. As always the chapter competed in the District Parliamentary Demonstration Contest. Three of the officers attend Leadership Training Camp every summer. The president, Dick Bailey and secretary, Vernon Luse were delegates to the State Convention at Lansing.

## SCHOOL DAZE



THIRD ROW: R. Bartholomew, B. McCormick, D. Rohrback, B. Mallory, E. Crane, P. Saxton, D. Bailey. SECOND ROW: L. Jacob, B. Billington, A. Babo, M. Knoll, J. Lehman, M. Rodesiler, P. Bartholomew, P. Hammons. FIRST ROW: J. McClenathen, M. Rothfuss, Mrs. Phelps, B. Harrington, F. Rost,
Editor
Editor-in-Chief
Inquiring Reporters
Special News

Under the direction of Mrs. Phelps the "School Daze" staff published a paper once a month. The staff worked hard and the paper was well received by the students. It provided experience in writing and also a medium for the expression of student opinion. The paper was stenciled and mimeographed on school machines by the staff then sold for a nickel a copy.

## ANNUAL STAFF



STANDING: Mr. Peebles, B. Harrington, J. McClenathen, P. Saxton, L. Fatchett, D. Rohrback, B. Mallory, D. Thompson, C. Berry, D. Bailey. SEATED: V. Luse, S. Fischer, V. Phillips, P. Lievens, B. Ganun.
Editor
Assistant
Business Manager
Advertising
Write-up
Class Editor
Art \& Lay-out
Sports

Photographer $\quad$| Violet Phillips |
| ---: |
| Sally Fischer |
| Vernon Luse |

The Elysium Staff this year combined both work and play to produce a complete as well as an enjoyable and memorable annual.

The Staff did its best to present an interesting roundup with both pictures and write-ups of the various organizations and activities of the school. It tried to have pictures of both students and organizations in action whenever possible. A constant effort was made to present a complete and interesting record of the events and happenings of the year.

To complete the record of the year the staff decided to publish a twelve page supplement covering the activities from March lst to the end of the year making it possible to include the spring sports, Senior trip, the Junior-Senior banquet, and other spring activities.

## STUDENT COUNCLL



THIRD ROW: J. Schmidt, K. Mitchell, J. Zimmerman, J. Siering, D. Sinclair, R. Bailey, R. Beck. SECOND ROW: Mr. Peebles, B. Peebles, M. Luse, L. Fatchett, S. Fischer, M. Rothfuss, M. Rost. FIRST ROW: G. Mason, V. Pres., P. Lievens, Treas., V. Luse, Pres., V. Phillips, Sec., J. Fritz, R. Williams.


Sally Fischer leads a discussion at Citizenship Conference.
P. Lievens, V. Phillips, V. Luse, G. Mason and S. Fischer at Citizenship Conference sponsored by the University of Michigan.


The Blissfield High School Student Council was established with the knowledge of the importance of high school years as a means of learning the fundamentals of self-government. Its goal is to create better citizens for tomorrow. This year, as in the past, the Student Council carried on several projects and sponsored various activities. A few of these were the bettering of the appearance of the school and its grounds, a student handbook, and a carnival. It also helped to pay for the new public address system recently installed in the school. One of the most important functions of the student council was to provide a means by which student opinion could be expressed.
P. Livens and V. Phillips take part in a discussion at Citizenship Conference.


## MUSIC

## Seventh Hour Chorus



FOURTH ROW: M. Berry, E. Prielipp, S. Bierman, C. Russell, L. Jacob, J. Rohrback, J. Porter, B. Pieplow, B. Sallows, S. Zeizert, M. Cline, L. Brown, P. Bushrow. THIRD ROW: C. Yurnikl, M. Gentz, W. Snyder, N. Adrian, M. Luse, S. Kilchenman, B. Billington, D. Cochran, B. Davis, N. McCarty, D. Shaffer, V. Potter. SECOND ROW: S. Brooks, P. Fuhrman, A. Babo, L. Eisenman, S. Blake, A. Haas, V. Phillips, J. Bell, C. Demlow, M. Staup, Mr. Blanks. FIRST ROW: S. Phillips, M. Knisel, J. Lehman, M. Knoll, M. Brown, B. Routson, L. Goetz, J. Travis, M. Schneider.

## Bighth Hour Chorus



THIRD ROW: P. Berry, D. Sayers, L. Goetz, B. Marks, H. Petee, C. Edwards, N. Hamann, D. Isley, C. Carpenter, A. Swift, M. Klump, S. Kilchenman, A. Anteau, D. Anteau, D. Fish. SECOND ROW: K. Tiede, J. Jacobs, M. Sliker, M. Ries, S. Fischer, W. Fisher, J. Lidster, M. LaSota, J. Sprunk, D. McFarland, P. Payden, Mr. Blanks. FIRST ROW: F. Hall, N. Miller, R. Lehman, R. Lycans, J. Shook, J. Fourman, C. Fischer, S. Thompson, M. Prielipp, P. Marks.

## Junior High Chorus



Eighth Grade
THIRD ROW: S. VanLoocke, A. Brubaker, A. LaSotta, S. Secger, S. Schwartzwalder, C. Hull, Y. Bussing, N. Fashbaugh, C. Southward, R. Stetten. SECOND ROW: C. Goetz, C. Bettis, Dwight Klump, R. Billington, B. Peebles, I. Brown, J. Clement, D. Klump, Miss Wendt. FIRST ROW: G. Hall, W. Mason, A. Sanchez, J. McColl, M. Seegert, C. Harsh, D. Bierley, C. Curnow, M. Goble.


## Seventh Grade

THIRD ROW: N. Kelley, J. Wingerd, K. Williams, M. Henning, J. Derthick, J. Ikle, L. Miller, C. Abner, S. Mann, L. Mason, B. Luce, M. Hoffman, G. Jennings. SECOND ROW: J. Rittner, B. Cowdrey, J. Martinez, C. . Buehrer, B. Roberts, J. Strobel, B. Crist, R. Sayers, M. Rost, Miss Wendr. FIRST ROW: K. Phillips, L.
Grinage, J. Strayer, R. Miller, J. Adrain, P. Brooks, A. Karl, D. Never, J. Browneller, J. Staup.


FIFTH ROW: B. Kerbawy, J. Hoenig, P. O’Brien, S. Fischer, A. Haas, J. Tagsold, M. Berry, J. Bierley, B. Iffland, P. Saxton, N. Berry, J. Peters, D. Saxton, M. Brown, C. Curnow, D. Berry, Mr, Blanks, FOURTH ROW: B. Mason, J. Komsteller, D. Reynolds, D. Sayers, M. Colyer, G. Hall, M. Wilson, P. Hammond, S. Seizert, D. Setzler, A. Bierley, L. Davis, B. Miller, J. Lehman, S. Thompson, P. Lievens, M. Rost, J. Ford, P. Tagsold, G. Goetz, M. Sliker, A. Anteau, J. Zimmerman. THIRD ROW: S. Bell, L. Goetz, J. Sprunk, C. Demlow, W. Snyder, E. Kleindinest, H. Petee, L. Brown, D. Goble, H. Thompson, D. Thompson, J. Jacobs, G. Corbett, P. Hall, G. Goll, N. Adrian, T. Sheldon, D. Staver, B. McCormick. SECOND ROW: V. Winkelman, C. Berry, D. Ahleman, J. Porter, T. Williams, L. Setzler, L. Fatchett, F. Hall, B. Davis, M. Luse, M. Rodesiler, B. Bradstrum, S. Brubaker, N. Rost, FIRST ROW: S. Kilchenman, M. Love, L. Jacob, N. Richardson, J. Roback, W. Fisher, S. Blake.

This year the 81 piece band was brightly arrayed for the round of activities that accompany any top band.

The band attended the Michigan State Fair and the Lenawee County Fair. They played at all the home football games, adding color and sparkle to the evening's activities. They took part in the Annual Band Day in Ann Arbor. The band was chosen with 4 other bands to lead the other 93 on the field at the gala half-time ceremonies.

Among the festivities which the band participated in were the Tecumseh Marching Band Festival, The Metomora Marching Band Festival, and the Armistice Day Parade in Adrain.

The band attended the annual District Band Festival in Lansing on March 23. Several members were selected from the band to play with the Lenawee All County Band which is composed of the best musicians from every band in the County.


## MAJORETTES

FRONT ROW, LEFT TO RIGHT: M, Berry, B. Kerbawy, P. Lievens, B. Bradstrum, J. Bierley, B. Iffland. BACK Row: D. Saxton, M. Brown, D. Berty, C. Curnow, J. Lehman.


## SPORTS

## Varsity Football squad


front Row: D. Jacobs, Mgr., H. Driggs, Mgr., D. Sinclair, R. Lycans, J. Lippens, V. Luce, D. Rohrback, J. McClenathen, D. Kastel, D. Clement, B. Derthick, Mgr. MIDDLE ROW: Mr. Lew, Ass't. Coach, N. Miller, D. Stucker, F. Hall, R. Bierley, W. Hockin, J. Siering, R. Karl, Mr. Hassen, Coach. BACK ROW: K. Mitchell, J. Lippens, B. Tubbs, H. Driggs, G. Wingerd, R. Bartholomew, J. Fourman, R. Burgermeister.

VARSITY SCHEDULE FOR 1951


VERNON LUSE, CAPTAIN
Center - Varsity 4 years All L.C.A.A. First Team.

| Blissfield | 46 | 6 | St. Mary's |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | :--- |
| Blissfield* | 0 | 39 | Morenci |
| Blissfield* | 26 | 0 | Clinton |
| Blissfield | 27 | 13 | Addison |
| Blissfield | 32 | 0 | Summerfield |
| Blissfield* | 13 | 20 | Hudson |
| Blissfield | 14 | 26 | Pittsford |
| Blissfield | 27 | 6 | Onsted |
| Blissfield | 12 | 7 | Tecumseh |



## 1951 FOOTBALL SEASON



Under coach Tion Hassen, the football team was much improved over last year, winning 6 and losing 3 .

The first game with St. Mary's was a non-league game. Blissfield won by a score 46-6.

The following Friday Blissfield traveled to Morenci. The boys played hard ball breaking through the line for gains on play after play but lacking scoring punch when they neared the goal line. Blissfield's fumble helped Morenci win 39-0.

The next game with Clinton, a smooth operating Blissfield eleven, won 26-0.
Addison was next on the list for the Sugarboys. In a thrill a minute game the fighting spirit of the team brought Blissfield out ahead 27-13.

The following Friday Blissfield was host to Summerfield. After a slow first half, which ended with score of 6-0 in favor of Blissfield, the Sugarboys outplayed the Bulldogs winning 32-0.

Blissfield then traveled to Hudson. After scoring the first touchdown, the team let down and didn't revive until the last quarter which was too late. Hudson won 20-13.

Blissfield's next encounter was with a non-league Onsted team. The Sugarboys won easily 27-6.

The last game of the year was with the Tecumseh Indians, who were in second place in the L.C.A.A. It was Blissfield's Homecoming game and was played in a sea of mud. A fighting Blissfield eleven outplayed the Indians throughout the entire game and won 12-7. Tecumseh's lone score came in the last seconds of the game on a pass interception.

The team ended the season in the L. C. A. A. tied with Pittsford for third place with 4 wins and 3 losses. Blissfield also won two non-league games for a season's record of 6 wins and 3 losses.

Vernon Luse was awarded a place on the L. C. A. A. first team. Bob Lycans, Russell Bierley, Don Clement, and Dave Gobel were placed on the League second team.

## RESERVE SCHEDULE FOR 1951

| Blissfield | 14 | 6 | Tecumseh |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | :--- |
| Blissfield | 12 | 7 | Clinton |
| Blissfield | 6 | 7 | Tecumseh |
| Blissfield | 30 | 27 | Deerfield |

FIRST ROW: G. Long, D. Brown, R. Lehman, J. Zimmerman, D. Bovie, R. Mason. SECOND ROW: L. Davis, J. Schmidt, D. Schulte, N. Figy, T. Mallory.


Dale Kassel Back


DeArle Stacker Back


Fred Hall End


Dale Sinclair
Back


Dave Rohrback End

Vernon Luce



Russell Bierley Back


George Wingerd Back


Bob Lycans Back



Jim McClenathen Guard


Bob Bartholomew
Guard

David Goble Tackle

Bob Karl
End

## VARSITY



BACK ROW: Mr. Lew, Coach; A. Clements, G. Goll, K. Briggs, P. Tagsold, T. Mallory, R. Burgermeister, R. Lombard, Mgr.; J. Tubbs, Mgr. FRONT ROW: T. Williams, D. Rohrback, R, Mallory, R. Bierley, J. Lippens, D. Sinclair, R. Bailey.

## Season's Record

First Round

| Blissfield | 54 | Summerfield | 28 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Blissfield | 60 | Pittsford | 37 |
| Blissfield | 58 | Addison | 48 |
| Blissfield | 75 | Morenci | 57 |
| Blissfield | 30 | Tecumseh | 47 |
| Blissfield | 70 | Clinton | 29 |
| Blissfield | 52 | Hudson | 27 |

Second Round

| Blissfield | 69 | Summerfield | 61 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Blissfield | 44 | Bedford | 35 |
| Blissfield | 52 | Pittsford | 26 |
| Blissfield | 46 | Addison | 47 |
| Blissfield | 57 | Tecumseh | 49 |
| Blissfield | 36 | Morenci | 53 |
| Blissfield | 63 | Clinton | 43 |
| Blissfield | 47 | Hudson | 46 |

## 1951-52 BASKETBALL SEASON

The 1951-1952 Varsity Basketball Team had a good record, finishing the season in second place in the L. C. A. A. with 11 wins and 3 losses. The first game of the season, at Summerfield, was exciting with Blissfield winning 54 to 28. Russ Bierley was high point man with 18 points to his credit. Blissfield tallied another victory when they played Pittsford. The final score was 60-37.

The first home game was thrilling with Blissfield beating Addison 58-48. Dave Rohrback led the scoring with 18 points. Blissfield was host to Morenci for the next game and won easily 75 - 57.

The Tecumseh team caught Blissfield off guard and gave the Sugarboys their first defeat of the year. Although Blissfield tied it up in the first half 19 to 19 , that was the best they could do. Tecumseh won 47-30.

The Blissfield team out-scored Clinton all the way in the next game, winning 70-29.

In their third home game Blissfield played smart ball and pulled another win for themselves. After Hudson tied it up at the half, 15-15, the Sugarboys took over from there and lead for the rest of the game. The final score was 52-27.

Blissfield played a very close game with Summerfield which ended 69.-61 in Blissfield's favor. Bob Mallory and Junior Lippens shared the spotlight with 29 21 points respectively.

Blissfield played Bedford next and for the first time in three years the Sugarboys defeated the Mules, winning 44-35.

Blissfield again took on Pittsford and it proved to be a most exciting game, Blissfield having a 5 point advantage at the half time. But a rally in the third quarter gave Blissfield a decided edge and victory. The Sugarboys won by a score of $52-26$. The Addison boys upset Blissfield at Addison, winning 47-46. This was Blissfield's second loss of the season.

Blissfield got revenge on Tecumseh at Blissfield in the second game against the Indians. Tecumseh tied it up in the third quarter, but the Sugarboys pulled back into the lead. The game ended 57-49.

Morenci's rushing tactics brought the taste of defeat once more to the Blissfield Varsity. The score was $53-46$. Blissfield and

David Goble goes up.



Russ Bierley gets the jum


## VARSITY LETTERMEN

David
Rohrback

Russell
Bierley


Robert Mallory

Junior
Lippens

Dale
Sinclair


Zimmerman



## VARSITY LETTERUEN

Thomas
Mallory

Thomas
Williams

Basketball Action


Gerald Goll

Parker
Tagsold

Managers:
Robert Lombard
John Tubbs



TOP ROW: G. Hull, D. Goble, D. Brown, F. Hall, N. Welsh, R. Bakus, D. Stucker, J. Siering. SECOND ROW: Mgr. R. Lombard, J. Hoening, D. Staver, R. Welsh, R. Lehman, D. Schulte, T. MacBeth, P. Hall, J. Tubbs, Mgr.; Mr. Hassen, Coach. FIRST ROW: H. Driggs, J. Zimmerman, N. Miller, J. Fourman, J. Peters, D. Bailey, R. Williams.

Seasons Record

The 1951-52 Second Team had a fair season with 8 wins and 7 losses Most of the games lost were lost in the second half and by very close margins. Only two teams, Summerfield and Pittsford were able to defeat them twice. The team was well coached by Mr. Hassen. All of the games were hard fought and as wellliked as the first team games.

Blissfield 29
Blissfield 25
Blissfield 52
Blissfield 48
Blissfield 46
Blissfield 31
Blissfield 36
Blissfield 51
Blissfield 17
Blissfield 42
Blissfield 26
Blissfield 43
Blissfield 35
Blissfield 38
Blissfield 46
Summerfield ..... 33
Pittsford ..... 29
Addison ..... 23
Morenci ..... 41
Tecumseh ..... 26
Clinton ..... 26
Hudson ..... 33
Summerfield ..... 52
Bedford ..... 38
Pittsford ..... 44
Addison ..... 25
Tecumseh ..... 34
Morenci ..... 51
Clinton ..... 43
Hudson ..... 36


FIRST ROW: G. Good, J. Bangerter, K. Bilkey, B. Blakley, R. Lipp. SECOND ROW: B. Peebles, D. Klump, J. McColl, G. Hall, E. Knisel, R. Lombard, L. Keller, R. Billington, J. Derthick. THIRD ROW: R. Krahn, L. Miller, J. Strayer, T. Romsek, W. Derthick, L. McCormick, L. Grinage, M. Rost, Mr. Rupp, Coach.

The 1951-52 Junior High Team had a very good season this year. The seventh grade record for the season was seven wins and three lossess and for the eighth grade, nine wins and one loss. The teams were well coached by Mr. Rupp. Their playing promises some good ball players in the future from these teams.

7th Grade

| Blissfield | $30-19$ | Hudson |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Blissfield | 26 | -19 | Morenci |
| Blissfield | $24-21$ | Tecumseh |  |
| Blissfield | $16-19$ | Clinton |  |
| Blissfield $25-10$ | Hudson |  |  |
| Blissfield $20-12$ | Clayton |  |  |
| Blissfield | 18 | -26 | Tecumseh |
| Blissfield | 29 | -23 | Morenci |
| Blissfield | 18 | -20 | Clinton |
| Blissfield 33 | -19 | Clayton |  |

8th Grade

| Blissfield | $37-19$ | Hudson |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Blissfield | $27-37$ | Morenci |
| Blissfield | $29-16$ | Tecumseh |
| Blissfield | $33-16$ | Clinton |
| Blissfield | $35-14$ | Hudson |
| Blissfield $58-18$ | Clayton |  |
| Blissfield $28-19$ | Tecumseh |  |
| Blissfield | $32-21$ | Morenci |
| Blissfield | $51-25$ | Clinton |
| Blissfield $69-12$ | Clayton |  |

## CHEERLEADERS


C. Berry, S. Kilchenman, P. Saxton, L. Goetz, B. Davis.

The Cheerleaders have been behind our athletic teams whole heartedly throughout the year.

The group was outfitted with all new uniforms which added color and zest to our games. The uniforms consisted of gold blouses and purple skirts for the girls and white shirts and purple trousers for the boys. "Sugarboy's" was written in purple on the back of the blouses and shirts.

The attended the Cheerleading Clinic at the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor and along with 2400 other cheerleaders and the U . of M . band performed at the half time on October 6 th.

This year a contest was sponsored by the Student Council to obtain some new yells. The prizes were tickets to the remaining home basketball games. The first prize went to Pat Bartholomew and Lois Ann Fatchett, the second to Christine Frederick and the third to Dennis Burger.

## ACTIVITIES




## FRESHMAN INITIATION



Peeling Onions

Aren't they sweet?

Soon after school started the student body assembled in the gymnasium for the traditional initiation of the Freshmen and other new members of the student body. At the same time we took this opportunity to initiate the new teachers. The new students were called to the stage in groups of 2 to 6 . They were asked to do a stunt or perform in some manner. Some of the things they

Is it good?


## FRESHMAN INITIATION



The line up
Farmer and his wife.


Hmmmmmmmm
were asked to do were; count the boards in the gym floor, dress as farmers (the girls), some boys were made up as babies, others had to fish for pennies in a pan of flour. After this was done each, boy went through the traditional paddle mill. The fellows then were told to roll up their pant legs and have their faces painted with lipstick and the girls were asked to put their clothes on backwards. It was all in fun and was enjoyed by the Freshmen as well as the upper classmen.



Watch out, boys!!


## HOMECOMING



Vernon Luce crowns the queen.


Blissfield's queens.

Betty Ganun receives her flowers.

This year for the first time the Senior Class sponsored a Homecoming Dance after our last football game which was with Tecumseh. Each class, grades 9 through 12 , selected a queen and a campaign manager. Votes were sold at a penny apiece. The candidate receiving the most votes was elected Football Queen. The Senior candidate was chosen


## HOMECOMING



Tecumseh's Queen and Captain
to rule at the Homecoming Dance with the other three candidates as her court. Tecumseh brought their Homecoming Queen and her court to the game and to the dance. Each of the queens received a boquet of red roses at the football game. The queens were crowned by their respective Football Captains at the dance.


A cute car load!
"Swing your pardner'"


Beginners? -- Allemande left

The Seniors again planned Sponge Week. During the week the girls wore blue jeans, suspenders, bow ties, and white shirts. The boys wore scarfs, hair ribbons, and suspenders. The general custom of the fellows asking the girls for a date was reversed, the girls asked the boys, paid their way, and furnished transportation. At the end of the week the Seniors held a hard times dance which went over with a bang!
J. Bierley, B. Iffland, M. J. Berry, L. Goetz

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No boys - girls?



STANDING: Carolyn Berry, Thelma Sheldon, Bob Mallory, Doris Thompson, Marilyn Rothfuss, Audrey Bruce, Bess Harrington, Richard Siering, Pat Marks, Vernon Luce, Jay Fisher, David Rohrback, Jim McClenathen, Philip Saxton, SITTING: Violet Phillips, Lois Anne Fatcherr, Sally Fischer, and Mrs. Phelps.


Aging fast!

The Senior play, " The Brain Storm', was given on November 28-29. It was a sequel to the one given a year before, "The Inner Willy', by the Junior class.

Willie's three aunts
Inner Willy and Willoughby


## ATHLETIC BANQUET



Al Dorow, speaker from Michigan State College.


Coach Lew introducing the basketball team.


Autograph please.

Cheerleaders receiving letters.



Vernon Luse, this years' captain receiving his captain's trophy.

Don Clement, next years captain, receiving his letter.


## ASSEMBLY PROGRAMS



Mr. Patterson


Lois Ann Fatchett and Nutchuk



Mrs. Patterson


Mr. Dallavaux



Junior basketball team


Winners of Round dance Contest


## NOON PRoGRAMS



Mr. Hassen--Director

Square Dancing

Faculty vs. Seniors in Volley ball game


8 th grade volley ball
Eddie Knisel serves volley ball




Chemistry Lab-- L. Goetz, J. Lehman, J. Lippens, H. Thompson.

L. McCormick receives drum lesson.


R. Williams, L. Wilkins and J. Walters receive shop instructions.


Home Economics girls in Lab.


Office Typing--B. Billington

" A stitch in time saves nine" $--M$. Sliker.


Jr. High decorating show case.

I. Isley, student librarian, helps
G. Mason and R. Raymond find a book.


Instruction in driver education.


Experiement in Agriculture.
D. Sinclair, K. Briggs and G. Crane take a test in Advanced Algebra.


Seventh grade geography class with a Nubian goat.
M. Rost with a Nubian goat.

C. Kelly takes roll in study hall.



R K


M. Nine works earnestly in shop.


Shop display: K. Mitchell, L. Fogel, D. Goble.


Driver's training: Mr. Rupp, D. Schaffer, D. Harsh, R. Bussing, B. Hiedel.
J. Harrington uses microscope in biology.

## EXCHANGE STUDENTS



Ann Babo, Bill Heidel, Marianne Knoll

Three German high school students entered B. H. S. in the fall when school resumed. They were Ann Babo, Marianne Knoll, and
 Wilhelm Horst (Bill) Heidel.

Ann came from Kulmbach, Germany. She was very active in chorus, sports club, school paper, school play, and church affairs at home. Here she took part in the chorus, our intra-mural sport program, and was a member of the paper staff. Her favorite sport is swimming. She stayed with the J. T. Carpenter, Jr. family while in America.

Marianne came from Wiesbaden, Germany. The activities she participated in at home were chorus, Latin club, student council, and she was also class president. She took part in our chorus, intra-mural sports, and the paper staff. She spent her stay in the United States with Mr. and Mrs. Parker Tagsold and family.

Bill, as he is known to us, came from Duesseldorf, Germany. He was interested in basketball, hand ball, soccor, pingpong. He was a member of a basketball team at home. He acted as Sophomore class treasurer here in B. H. S. Bill lived with Mr. and Mrs. Charles Newcomb the first half of the year and the remainder of his stay was with Mr. and Mrs. Wade Lora.

These three students were accepted into our midst quite readily. All of us enjoyed their company and learned a great deal from their stories of Germany. It was wonderful having them with us this year.

The Rotary club sponsored these people and all of their expenses were paid by the Rotary. We felt this was a generous gesture of good will. We only wish Ann, Marianne, and Bill could have prolonged their stay.

## CALENDAR

## SEPTEMBER

5 School Opened
6 Band Played at State Fair
14 St. Mary's Football Game (here)
21 County Fair
21 Morenci Football Game (there)
24 Assembly Program
28 Clinton Football Game (there)

## OCTOBER

5 Addison Football Game (here)
9 Metamora Band Festival
12 Summerfield Football Game (here)
15 Assembly Program
17 Tecumseh Marching Festival
19 Hudson Football Game (there)
20 Sponge Week Dance
23 Roller Skating Party
26 Pittsford Football Game (here)
31 Assembly Program
NOVEMBER
2 Onsted Football Game (here)
3 Sophomore Party
6 F.F. A., F. H. A. Pheasant Supper
8 Eighth Grade Skating Party
9 Tecumseh Football Game and Homecoming Dance
15 Open House
16 Seventh Grade Hayride
22-26 Thanksgiving Vacation
27 Roller Skating Party
28-29 Senior Play
30 Junior Class Party

## DECEMBER

F.F.A., F. H. A. Hayride

6 Senior Government Day
7 Summerfield Basketball Game (there)
11 Band Concert
13 Chorus Concert
14 Pittsford Basketball Game (there)
21 Christmas Vacation Starts
JANUARY
2 School Resumes
4 Morenci Basketball Game (here)
8 Tecumseh Basketball Game (there)
10 Assembly Program
II Clinton Basketball Game (there)


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## SALUTATORY

Parents, Faculty, Administration and Friends
On behalf of the Class of 1952, I wish you a hearty welcome.
For four years we, as a class, have worked and played together. Our high school life has been one of happiness, as well as being educational. When we first entered school we were afraid, but after a day or two we soon became accustomed to school life and made friends many of whom we still have today. We could compare our school life to the saying "A House Built on a Rock Will Never Wash Away." If we as Seniors, build our house of knowledge on a solid foundation, it will never perish in the flood of life. We have set a goal which we have tried to achieve. We may have fallen short, but at least we have tried; and it is more praiseworthy to have tried and failed than not to have tried at all. When we were born we did not differ greatly from one another, it is the way we moulded ourselves that made us what we are today.

Now we leave to enter the vast school of experience in the workaday world, with no guide but our own intelligence and no teacher but our own experience which we are about to acquire.

We are nearing the end of our high school career, and soon each of us will be working at our own careers. Now as we are gathered together as a group, it seems like a "Last Rehearsal" --the last rehearsal before the first performance of life. We have been preparing oursleves all through school to face the world with our heads held high and our minds unafraid. Now as the time comes, we must not turn back, but go boldly on with confidence. Of course, there are some of us who must work hard to gain a foothold, but we must never give up for we must remember that we don't walk alone.

Henry Thoreau once said: "It is something to be able to paint a particular picture, or to carve a statue, and so to make a few objects beautiful; but it is far more glorious to carve and paint the very atmosphere and medium through which we look. . . To affect the quality of the day--that is the highest of arts." He is trying to remind us that great art is not restricted to painting, music, sculpture and writing; but there is an art of living, too. There are many people who carry with them the kindness and generosity of their lives. People like Helen Keller and her teacher, who gave everything they had to help other people to get along better in the world. We shouldn't merely live for ourselves, but should think of the other people that are worse off than we and help them. These kind, helpful individuals, it seems to me, are the greatest artists, for they practice the highest of arts--the art of life itself.

As we take our place in this world, we must remember these three magic words: To smile, to work, and to trust in God and ourselves.

Sally Fischer

## VALEDICTORY

Faculty, Parents, Classmates and friends:
Tonight, we the Class of '52, draw the curtain on our high school life. We have made friends, who will long be remembered, and lived many happy moments which will not be forgotten.

Farewell is the hardest of all words to say, yet tonight, it is with mixed feelings that this word is viewed for it also brings a hope; a hope of the opportunity, the friends and new responsibilities which await us as we take the train into the future. Where each of us will be found in a score of years, only God knows and yet, we must set ourselves a goal toward which to work for we are entering an atomic world--a world of speeding wheels, seven hundred miles per hour jet air travel, and news from half way around the world in seconds. Speed that has apparently caused many adults to become confused and even whole countries live in fear.

The Apostle Paul said, "Forgetting those things which are behind I press towards the mark".

There are many joys in school life but we would not wish to stay there forever. In life, as it is with an athlete, ones ability cannot stand still; it either improves or back-slides and then one finds himself on the sidelines watching the other man play the game. "You cannot turn the mill with water that is past," therefore, we must forget the past accomplishments and likes of school days and look into the future and set ourselves a goal.

A few of our class have plans, some to enter college, army, business or marriage. Whether these present plans are to become his life's workarefor him to decide.

Why is it that so many young people set out upon their graduation day with high hopes and golden promises, yet fail to make even a feeble mark upon life's pages? Is it not because they turn hither and thither into by-paths of pleasure or ease and become dabblers or dreamers? It is not only in the religious life that the way is straight and narrow, but this is the nature of every path which leads to success. A proverb for true American men and women is "make to thyself fame and then increase that fame."

Classmates, we will always cherish the memories of Blissfield High School. This hour of parting will be gilted with the hope of a glorious future if we carry away with us this thought: "Forgetting those things which are behind I press toward the mark."

Kind friends, parents and teachers,
Our gratitiude is yours,
For all your care and sympathy
We've walked together side by side,
Along the strand where beats the angry tide;
But now upon its waters dark and blue
We must embark-life's journey to pursue,
Yet "ever onward" we will bravely steer.
With God as our pilot we have naught to fear;
All trials we will meet nor wear a frown
Tho' life's waters may be ever surging round.
And now may we in memory dwell as the Class of 152 bids you farewell.
Vernon Luse


## SENIOR



The class voted in the early part of their Senior year to take a train trip to Washington D. C. from May if - 16 .

When the IIth of May came the seniors had their bags packed and got aboard the C \& O for Charlottesville, Virginia. From Charlottesville we went by bus over the Skyline Drive to Washington D . C.

We arrived in Washington on May 12 at about 9:00 p. m. Upon entering the nation's capitol we could see in the distance the dome of the Capitol and the Washington Monument beautifully lighted up.

The next two days we spent the larger part of the time sightseeing. We visited such places as: the Jefferson Memorial, the National Bureau of Printing and Engraving, the Lincoln Memorial, the Washington Monument, Mount Vernon, Montecello, Arlington

I. Dave Rohrback on the steps of the capitol. 2. Mount Vernon. 3. Bob Mallory and Phil Saxton enjoying the view on the Skyline Drive. 4. Our sightseeing conductor and bus driver Fred Jenkins. 5. The Washington Monument. 6. The beautiful Jefferson Memorial. 7. Jr. Lippens, Marilyn Rothfuss, Dave Rohrback.


## TRIP



National Cemetery, the United States Capitol building, the White House, and the Supreme Court Building.

We stayed at the Annapolis Hotel. Here we did about everything but sleep. The class kept the advisors, Mrs. Phelps, Mr. Strayer, and Mr. Blanks, busy, both day and night, with the telephone, parties between rooms, and all of the usual pranks played.

We wound up our stay in Washington by singing songs in the hotel lobby Thursday Morning May 15 th to a "uke" accompaniment.

After boarding the train at the Union Station we ate, slept, and played on the $C \& O$.

With the help of Mr. Blanks we put on a ta lent show Thrusday night.

Upon awaking Friday morning we left the train tired but full of vivid memories and glad to be home once more.
I. Audrey Bruce and Betty Cochran in front of the entrance to the Washington monument. 2. Marilyn Rothfuss and Thelma Sheldon caught napping on the train. 3. Beautiful view from the Skyline Drive. 4. The Capitol-the hub of national affairs. 5. Legs? Wow 16. Bob and Violet on the steps of the Congressional Library. 7. Jr. Lippens and Dave Rohrback. 8. Headed Home.



## CLASS HISTORY

A condensation of the History of the Class of 1952 given on Class Night，June 3， 1952.

The Class of 1952 didn＇t jump into the Freshman Train after it had started． We helped lay the track and were aboard as this feat of engineering had its begin－ ning．We were able to get a good start because we had such a wise and under－ standing conductor，Mr．Blanks，to guide us．With the help of our other Fresh－ man advisors we chose a fine train crew who did so much to help keep the wheels turning．Those chosen were Lee Maloney as president，Carl Roback as vice pres－ ident，Vernon Luse as secretary，and Burt Wright as treasurer．

While the Freshman trip was sometimes uphill it was lots of fun。 We had to study to keep in our berths，but the studying was counter－balanced by the fun we had．Participation in various activities cemented friendships that will be going strong when pep meetings and detention halls are long forgotten．

When we boarded our Sophomore train our crew had changed．Our newly chosen advisors Mr．Lew，Mr．Rodda，Mrs．Suydam were made conductors and Vernon Luse，Marilyn Rothfuss，Carolyn Berry，and Neal Komsteller formed a faithful crew．

Our Sophomore train ran more smoothly than ever because so many people worked so hard at so many different things．

Although a few jumped off before the train stopped，the Junior year started with a better force than ever before．Led by Mr．Lew，Mrs．Richardson，Mr． Greene，and Mrs．Phelps as conductors of the Junior train．The group who so successfully ran the train that year were Junior Lippens as president，Jim McClen－ athen as vice president，Pat Bartholomew as secretary，and Bob Mallory as treas－ urer．

Many a Junior Thespian was a $\operatorname{cog}$ in the wheels which ever turning brought ＂The Inner Willy，＂our Junior Play．

Perhaps the most outstanding and most anticipated event of the Junior year was the Junior－Senior Banquet．

With more members joining the crew and responsibilities increased we at long last were ready to board our＂Senior Train。＂With Mrs。 Phelps，Mr．Strayer， and Mr．Blanks as advisors and Marilyn Rothfuss，Dave Rohrback，Thelma Sheldon， and Jim McClenathen as Senior class officers we were ready to round out the last miles of our high school journey．

Our annual Senior Play was presented as a sequel to our Junior Play．This year we presented＂The Brain Storm．＂

Many of our members have brought credit and distinction to our class．Vernon Luse，George Mason，Violet Phillips，and Dick Bailey were Student Council officers and Sally Fischer，Marilyn Rothfuss，and Lois Ann Fatchett won places on the Student Council．Betty Ganun was chosen Football Queen and Vernon Luse received All－League recognition for Blissfield High in football and Bob Mallory and Junior Lippens in basketball because each had played his part well．

The highlight of the Senior year to which everyone eagerly looked forward was the selection of the Senior Honor Students．This year＇s list included Vernon Luse as Valedictorian and Sally Fischer as Salutatorian，George Mason，Thelma Sheldon， Carolyn Berry，Dorothy Ahleman，Betty Ganun，Lois Anne Fatchett，Jay Fischer， and Willa Jean Frederick．

The best time the class had was on their Senior Trip which they took from May 11－16．During this time they spent the larger part in Washington $D$ ．C．Here we saw such things as the Capitol building，Washington Monument，Lincoln Me－ morial，and Arlington Cemetery．A highlight of the trip in evening entertainment was a moonlight cruise on the Potomac River．It was a wonderful experience and lots of fun for the whole class．

The Senior farewell was given by the Juniors in the form of the Annual Junior－ Senior Banquet held May 23.

Our four years have been crowded with so many events that it has been hard to select the most important ones．This was indeed an outstanding class．

## CLASS PROPHECY

The magic curtain is parting, the fog is lifting and now prepare yourself for your fate.
It is the year 1962. Flashl Latest News is that Mr. and Mrs. RICHARD SIERING have won the pennant baseball game, and with their own baseball team.

If you happen to turn on TV's Granddad Godfrey one of these nights you'll see these old favorites CHRISTINE and WILLA JEAN FREFERICK. They are posing for which twin has the "Toni", and are lovely models indeed.

The big news from Broadway is the grand opening of Gilbert Blank's Musical Revue with VIRGINIA WINKELMAN taking the leading part.

LOIS ANN FATCHETT is an English teacher, now. She enjoyed substituting for Miss Synder so much that she couldn't give it up.

JAY FISHER, RICHARD BAILEY, and JIM McCLENATHEN are still trying to see who can get the best gas milage from their tractors.

Down on the coast you'll find a cool little vacation place operated by BESS HARRINGTON and MARILYN ROTHFUSS.

BETTY GANUN and CAROLYN KELLEY are two of the models at Helen Mallory's store of women's latest style. All design are sent to her directly from Paris by CAROLYN BERRY, one of our top designers.

We just received a bulletin from the great metropolis of Blissfield. VERNON LUSE was awarded the National Farmer's of America Medal.

BELVA WALTERS is still slingin' hash in one of our downtown restaurants.
ELAINE KLEINDINEST can be seen every Saturday night on W.O. W. -TV. The lady wrestler with muscles like rocks to go with that heart of gold.

What's this we hear about CAROLYN EDWARDS living in a swank apartment at the Commodore Perry Hotel? Must be her job for Kasco Dog Food brings home the bacon.

DOROTHY AHLEMAN is now the State $4-\mathrm{H}$ leader of Michigan.
DAVID ROHRBACK has now replaced Ed Sullivan on his "Toast to the Town." Tune in on Sunday nights for one of his rare smiles.

ELAINE MCCARTY may now be seen posing for Pepsodent tooth paste ads in some of our leading magazines.
GEORGE MASON has been graduated from law school and is Chief Justice of the Supreme Court.
BOB MALLORY and PHILIP SAXTON are now those top comedians who have replaced Amos 'an Andy and are broadcasting on a coast to coast hook-up.

VIOLET PHILLIPS is busy with the various chores that come with raising her basketball team.
SALLY FISCHER and THELMA SHELDON are secretaries after mastering shorthand at Jack Allbritten's Accounting Agency.

DOROTHY SHAFFER is now happily married and making her home in the hills of Kentucky.
JIMMIE MARTINEZ is a starting pitcher for the Palmyra Polecats.
BETTY COCHRAN and AUDREY BRUCE have found their recognition in the theater. Both are excellent usherettes.
ANN BABO is directing a swimming class at Jones Beach, Long Island, and we hear that the new M. G. M. director,
LA VERN GOETZ has spotted her as a replacement for Esther Williams.
JULIAN LIPPENS, JR, is owner and operator of a chain of clothing stores patronized by LOIS JACOBS, PAT MARKS, and PAT BARTHOLOMEW, a few of our better housewives.

DALE KATSEL is running Sonno's Pool Room at the corner of Rega and Cemetery roads.
Three of our representatives at the United Nations are taking a trip to China, VIRGINIA KREMNETZ, ELEANOR COWDREY, and VELMA POTTER. To minister first aid if they should become sick is MARY LOU STAUP, an airline stewardess.

DORIS THOMPSON has replaced Minnie Pearl on the TV show "The Grand Old Op'rey."
The leading bass in the quartette now appearing at Heilman's Night Club is CARL MacBETH. He is also sports announcer for WBRC.

Did you know that Lana DeLamour was the one time MARIANNE KNOLL of Blissfield High School? She keeps right on winning oodles of cups for her grace and beauty.

Our most famous male celebrity is BOB LYCANS, Blissfield's answer to Johnnie Ray, who sings to "standing room only" crowds at Radio City Music Hall.

I have tried to bring you up to date on the Class of 1952 of Blissfield High School.


BACK ROW: A. Sheldon, R. Burgermeister, T. Mallory, W. Hockin, J. Harrington, D. Staver. SECOND ROW: Mr. Lew, coach, P. Hottenstein, F. Van Loocke, D. Eisenman, T. Williams, N. Miller, R. Coopshaw, D. Schulte, J. Tubbs, Manager. FRONT ROW: K. Mitchell, L. Fogel, J. Siering, R. Bailey, F. Hall, B. Tubbs, D. Helzer.

After a poor start the Blissfield track team improved rapidly and ended the season by winning the L. C. A. A. Track Meet.

In the first meet of the season Blissfield placed third in a triangular meet with Morenci and Archibold, Ohio. Showing much improvement the team easily outscored Tecumseh and Clinton in their performance. The totals wete Blissfield $871 / 2$ points, Tecumseh $32 \mathrm{I} / 2$, and Clinton 16 . Strength was shown in the hurdles, mile run an pole vault as three out of four places in each of those events were taken by Blissfield.

Team balance paid off as the Purple and Gold won the 47 th L.C.A.A. Track Meet with 128 points to Morenci's, last year's champion, 97 points. Most of the points came from second, third and fourth places. Russell Bierley won the shot put for the only undisputed first place for Blissfield. Dick Bailey tied for first in the pole vault for the only other first place points. The Sugar Boys placed at least one man in each event to pick up the points necessary to win the meet.

With only three members of the team lost by graduation the prospects for the 1953 team appear to be very bright.

R. Bierley places second to Cisco of Morenci in 220.
D. Bailey ties for first in pole vault at the L.C.A.A. Track Meet.



BACK ROW: G. Goetz, R. Jacob, H. Driggs, G. Orel, T. Mason, J. Bierley, G. Long, L. Crots, B. Williams. SECOND ROW: Mr. Hassen, coach, J. Fourman, D. Sinclair, R. Karl, B. Bakus, T. Mallory, J. Siering, K. Mitchell, D. Krahn, Manager. FRONT ROW: J. Peters. V. Luse, F. Hall, R. Bierley, W. Hockins, A. Neuman, R. Burgermeister.


Bob Burgremeister is out at first.

Jim Peters takes takes a low throw at first.


The Blissfield High School baseball team started off the 1952 season in good style by winning from Summerfield by the score of 3 to 2 . The next game was a different story, however, as the team lost to Morenci by a 13 to 3 score. A win from Pittsford and a loss to Tecumseh followed. Holland, an Ohio school, was defeated 9 to 0 as Russell Bierley allowed only two hits.

The easy win over Holland did not help the team as in the next game they were defeated 13 to 1 by Addison. In the next game, previously undefeated Hudson was beaten 9 to 6 and knocked out of the league leadership. In the last league game of the season the Sugar Boys were defeated by the Clinton Redskins 3 to 1 .

In a game which was arranged as part of the Memorial Day program Onsted was beaten by a score of 5 to 4 . In two pre-season practice games Adrian was defeated 5 to 0 and Holland 5 to 3. In league play Blissfield had a record of 5 wins and 4 losses to tie for third place with five other teams.

Russell Bierley, the leading Blissfield hitter, also lofad the League with a batting average of .536 . Only three seniors, Vernon Luse, Dick Siering, and Dick Bailey, will be lost to the team for the 1953 season which should improve the chances for an even more successful season next year.

## CLASS WILL

We, the Senior Class of Blissfield High School, Class of 1952 , being of sound mind and body do hereby bequeath the following items:

To our principal, Mr. Peebles, we give and bequeath a sense of relief that we have at last been graduated, pleasant memories of our four years together, and a feeling of pride in any great deeds of noteworthy achievements that our future may contain, realizing that such glories--if any--will be the outcome of his example and counsel.

To our advisors; Mr. Blanks, Mrs. Phelps, and Mr. Strayer we bequeath our very kindest regards and our sincere gratitude for their unfailing kindness and aid.

To all the teachers we bequeath our valuable sense of humor, without which we should have found school life painful indeed and which will do much to make it endurable for them.

To the Junior Class we leave our good luck. It made us what we are today, and it should satisfy them. In addition to this all our privileges and rights as Seniors in classroom will revert to them, as well as any notebooks, pencils, fountain pens, unfinished lollypops, or unfinished business.

To our friends, the Sophomore Class, we leave our patience. It will be found useful as the only means by which they can endure the Juniors.

To the young and unsophisticated Freshmen we leave a map of the school building, so that they will not get lost and roam about in everybody's way looking for their classrooms.

To our dear old school building itself, we leave the peaceful quiet caused by our absence and any apple cores, wads of gum or crumpled notes we may have left about.

DOROTHY AHLEMAN leaves her innocence to Darlene Cochran. RICHARD BAILEY wills his "safe driving habits" to Parker Tagsold. PAT BARTHOLOMEW wills her whistles from the boys to Catherine Philbee. CAROLYN BERRY wills her asparagus bed to Mr. Venema. AUDREY BRUCE leaves her pierced ears to Barbara Billington. BETTY COCHRAN bequeaths her giggle to Mr. Blank. ELEANOR COWDREY leaves her red hair to Mary Schneider. CAROLYN EDWARDS leaves her ability to guess the answer to Eugene Crane. LOIS ANN FATCHETT wills her ability to get along with the teachers to Bruce McCormick. SALLY FISCHER bequeaths her studious ways to Eldon Clingaman. JAY FISHER leaves his " 49 " Chevrolet to Gary Adrian. CHRISTINE FREDERICK leaves her cute accent to Norman Figy. WILLA JEAN FREDERICK bequeaths her grace and poise to Pat Wilt. BETTY GANUN leaves her quiet ways to Pat Fuhrman. LA VERN GOETZ leaves his ability to wash dishes to Noel Miller, BESS HARRINGTON wills her "gift of gab" to Janet Porter. LOIS JACOBS wills her engagement ring to Betty Pieplow. DALE KASTEL wills his slow way of getting around to Ralph Lehman. CAROLYN KELLEY leaves her job at Crist's to the first person to apply. ELAINE KLEINDINEST wills her roller skating ability to Jean Wilson. VIRGINIA KREMNETZ, wills her freckles to Nancy Rost. JUNIOR LIPPENS wills his basketball letters to David Rosenbrock. VERNON LUSE wills his brains to Mickey Fairbank. ROBERT LYCANS wills his mustache to Fred Rost. CARL MAC BETH leaves his car to"Smith Junk Yard". ELAINE McCARTY wills her winning smile to Joan Roenick. JIM McCLEANTHEN wills his quick blushes to Bob Burgermeister. ROBERT MALLORY leaves a bottle of Blissfield Dairy Milk to the Driggs boys. PAT MARKS wills her future farm on the Ohio line to Mr. Arn. JIMMIE MARTINEZ wills his butch haircut to Bob Bartholomew. GEORGE MASON wills his wheel chair to anyone who loves to live dangerously. VIOLET PHILLIPS bec,ueaths her voice to Barbara Routson. VELMA POTTER wills her appetite to Richard Seegert. DAVE ROHBRACK leaves--and he figures he is pretty lucky to get out. MARILYN ROTHFUSS leaves her soldier to the draft board. PHILLIP SAXTON leaves his corny jokes to Roger Beck. DOROTHY SHAFFER bequeaths her poodle hair cut to Joyce Bierley. THELMA SHELDON wills her height to Russell Bierley. RICHARD SIERING leaves his chickens to Blissfield Hatchery. MARY LOU STAUP wills her love stories to Marla Colyer. DORIS THOMPSON wills the gold in her teeth to Barbara Bradstrum. BELVA WALTERS wills her forthcoming marriage to no-one--she wants it herself. VIRGINIA WINLKEMAN leaves her clarinet to Jo Fourman. ANN BABO leaves her ability to adapt herself to new situations to Anna Mae Swift. MARIANNE KNOLL wills her personality to Dorothy Saxton.

Witness our hand on this third day of June, nineteen hundred and fifty-two in the presence of: Dagmar
Hopalong Cassidy
Elmer Fudd

## JUNIOR-SENIOR BANQUET



Mrs. Hassen, Mrs, Phelps, Mrs. Rupp, and Mrs. Arn.


Mr. and Mrs. Hassen.

The Senior farewell was this year, as in the past, the annual Junior-Senior Banquet. This whole evening was sponsored, financed, and arranged entirely by the Junior Class.

The Juniors chose for their theme the phrase "Hitch Your Wagon to a Star, They decorated the gymnasium in keeping with the theme. A false ceiling representing clouds was constructed, among the clouds were aluminum stars and hitched to one huge star in the far corner was a small foil covered wagon.

Two of the after-dinner speakers were the Junior class president, Roger Beck, who welcomed the Seniors and Marilyn Rothfuss, the Senior class president, who extended the note of appreciation to the Juniors. The main speaker was from the Monroe Evening News, Mr. D. N. Roberts. He delivered his speech with the evenings theme well in mind. To close the program Mr. Peebles, our principal, spoke briefly.

After the banquet we danced to the music of the Tecumseh Products Chieftans.


Dancing under the stars.


Mr. D. N. Roberts, main

What shall
we do now?

Patiently waiting for the dance to start.



SEATED: Jim Briggs, Lois Jacob, Barbara Bradstrum, Annette Haas, Joyce Lehman, Pat Fuhrman. STANDING: John Schmidt, Don Clement, Tom Williams, Fred Rost, Ken Briggs, Don Helzer, Bob Bartholomew, Bruce McCormick, Phyllis Bushrow, and Marian Westgate.


The Junior Class of Blissfield High School presented the play "Cheaper by the Dozen" April 3-4. The play was an adaption of the movie of the same name. The fun and experience made up for the hard work and time spent in practicing, and those big butterflies in the cast's stomachs before the first curtain went up. Under the direction of Mrs. J. J. Phelps the play was a success the first night and the cast gained confidence for the following night's performance. The second night the cast did an even better job. After the play the cast was entertained at the home of Don Helzer.

Mrs. Phelps, Director

Mr. Gilbreth . . . . Fred Rost (Dad)
Mrs. Gilbreth . . Annette Haas (Mother)
Ernestine . . . Barbara Bradstrum Frank . . . . . Kenneth Briggs Jackie . . . . Donald Helzer Dan . . . . . John Schmidt Bill . . . . . . James Briggs Fred . . . . Donald Clement Anne . . . . . Joyce Lehman Lillian . . . . . .Lois Jacob

Martha . . . . Patsy Fuhrman (Part of their dozen)
Mrs. Fitzgerald . Phyllis Bushrow (The housekeeper)
Dr. Burton . . . Tom Williams (The family doctor) Joe Scales . Robert Bartholomew (A cheerleader)
Miss Brill . . Marion Westgate (A teacher)
Larry . . . . Bruce McCormick (Someone "special")

Myers



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