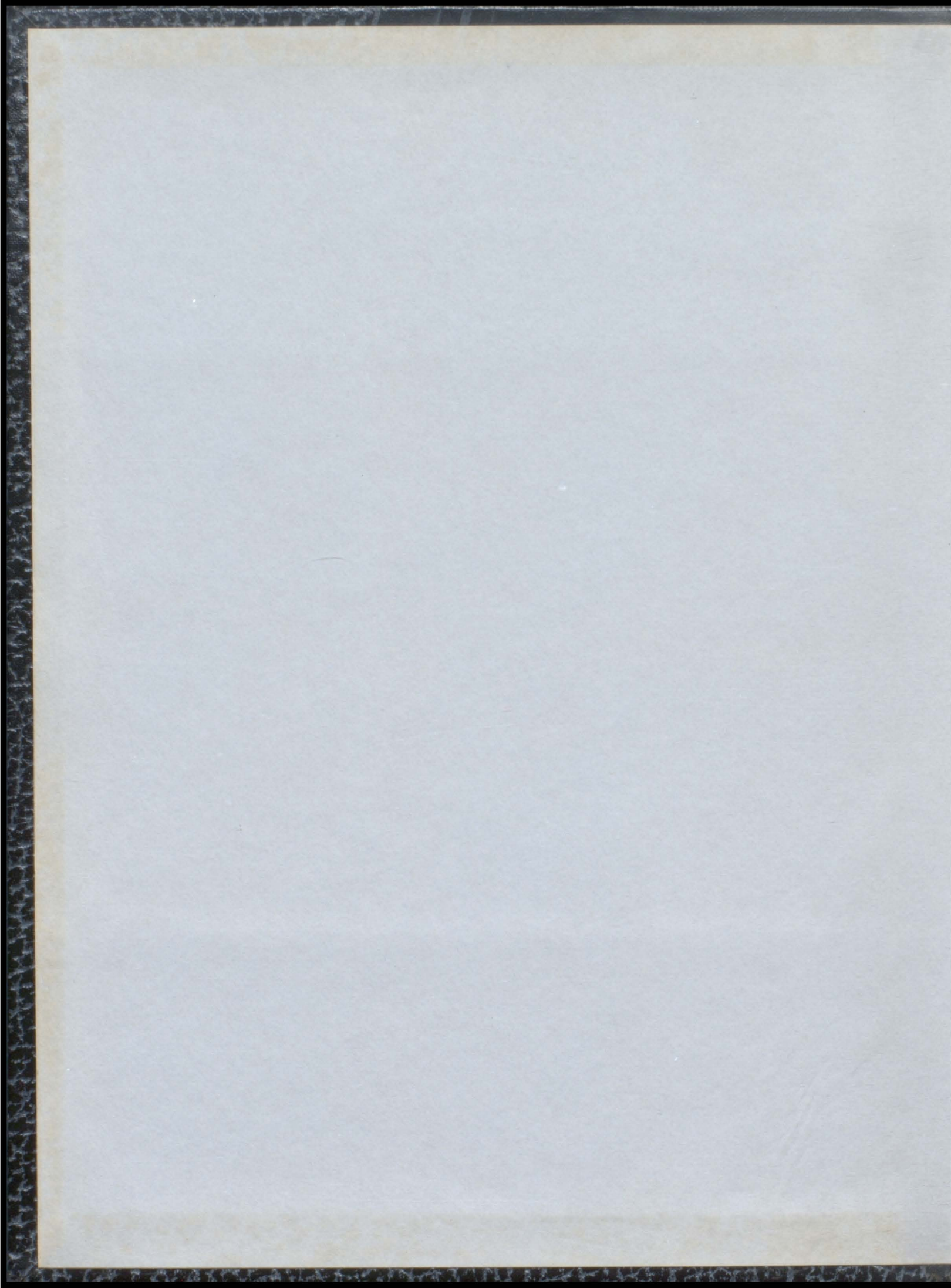
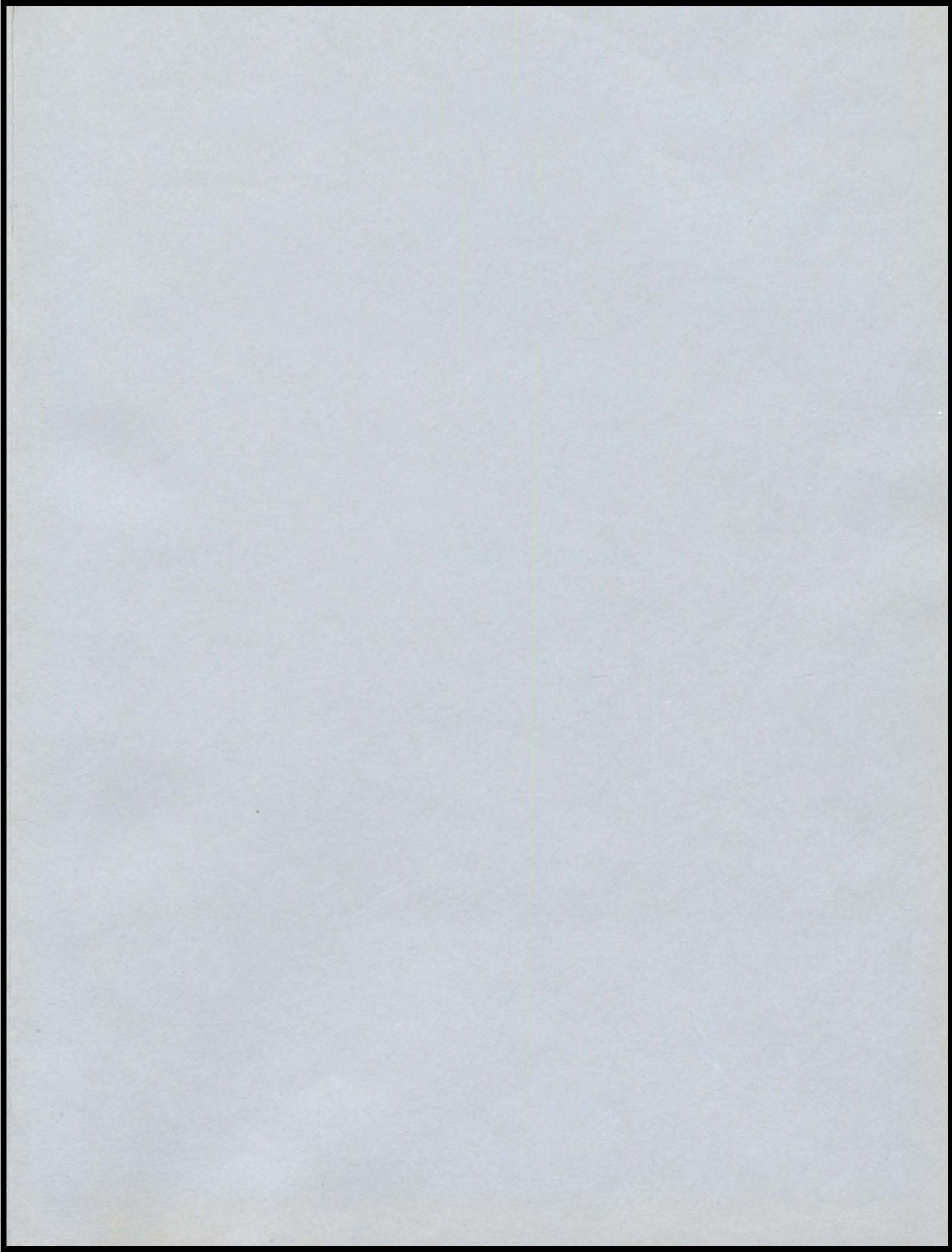


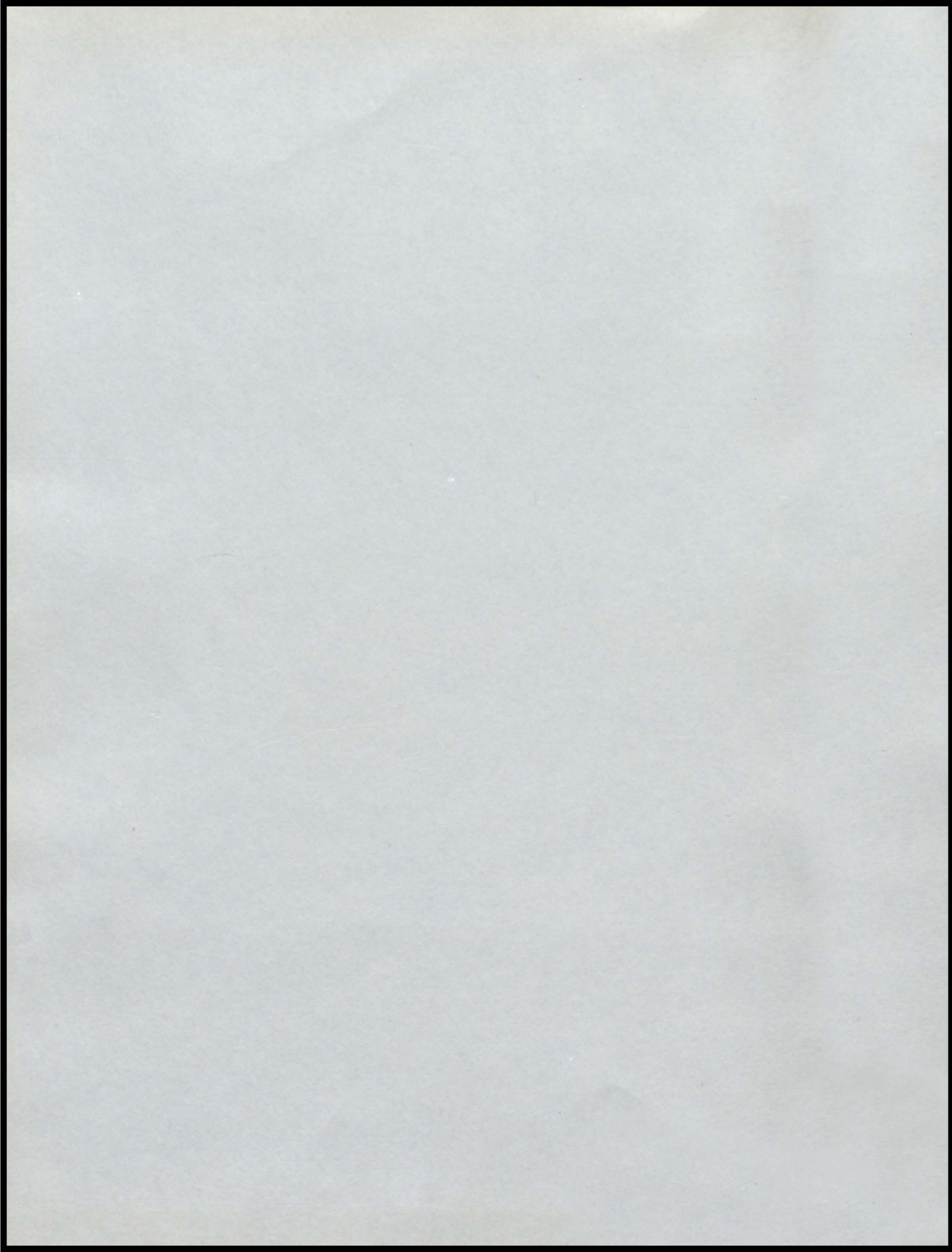


1
9
5
3

ELYSIUM







The 1953

Yearbook

Published by the
SENIOR CLASS
of
BLISSFIELD HIGH SCHOOL,
Blissfield, Michigan

THE RECORD BOOK IS OPEN.....

The Senior Class of 1953 invites you to look through it with us. In this book, the Elysium, is our record as a Senior Class. Come with us as we study Spanish, chemistry, English and other subjects from which we gain knowledge and skills with which to cope with the future. Let us not give the impression that all we have done is work for we have also had fun. Our participation in music groups, sports, class and other group affairs will help us to find and participate in recreational activities in the days to come.

From our associations with the faculty we gain inspiration, counsel and training for our present tasks and for the work of the future.

The activities of our "Todays" as a Senior Class lay the foundation for our "Tomorrows". So with our heads up and our eyes forward, we look into the future with great expectations and high hopes.

CONTENTS.....



Introduction . . Pages 1-6
Activities . . . Pages 7-22



Sports Pages 23-32



At Work Pages 33-40



Seniors. . . . Pages 41-52



Classes Pages 53-63
Calender. . . . Page 64
Advertisements . Pages 65-68

DEDICATION



We, the Senior Class of 1953, wish to dedicate this book to Gilbert W. Blanks who died early in the fall of 1952 as the result of an automobile accident.

During the eight years that he and his family made Blissfield their home he did his best to build up the band and to make it one of the best bands in the state.

The memories of his constant effort to instill in the students and townspeople of Blissfield an appreciation of music brings to mind his many achievements with the Band and musical organizations in Blissfield. His efforts inspire us to work to our fullest capacity in all our undertakings.

ADMINISTRATION



LEFT TO RIGHT: Mr. Mason, Secretary; Dr. Bradstrum, Treasurer; Mr. Uckele, Trustee, Mr. Carpenter, Trustee; Dr. Tubbs, President.

Confronted by overcrowded conditions the Board of Education has been beset by many problems. The need for a new high school building to relieve these conditions has become acute. The only solution to the problem has seemed to be a reorganization which would unite the Blissfield district and the surrounding areas into one large district. The members of the board have given much time and thought to the problem. What results their efforts will have will become evident sometime in the future.

The Board has done everything within it's power to give the students and the people of the surrounding community the best possible schools.



Mr. Strayer, Supt.
Miss Luke, Sec'y
Mr. Peebles, Prin.



TOP ROW: Mr. Philip Fulton, Mr. Arthur Berg, Mr. Jacob Venema, Mr. William Arn, Mr. Adrian Williams, Mr. Robert Lew, Mr. Tion Hassen. MIDDLE ROW: Mrs. Grace Elsea, Mrs. Dorothy Morton, Mr. Montell Morton, Mr. Burdett Peebles, Mr. Floyd Strayer, Mr. C.L. Rupp, Miss Shirley Wendt. FRONT ROW: Miss Marilyn McKinlay, Mrs. Mary Jane McColl, Mrs. Mildred Kellerman, Mrs. Mary Culhane, Miss Luella Burghardt, Miss Marjorie Yoder, Mrs. Betty Phelps.

FACULTY INSPIRES STUDENTS TO PREPARE FOR THEIR TOMORROWS.

NAME	SUBJECTS	DEGREE	COLLEGE	HOBBY
Mr. Arn	Social Studies	B. S.	Ohio Northern	Sports
Mr. Berg	Band and Chorus	M. A.	Univ. of Mich.	Swimming
Miss Burghardt	Junior High	B. S.	Mich. State Normal	Reading
Mrs. Culhane	Math. --Comm.	B. S.	Central Miss. State	Music
Mrs. Elsea	English-Library	B. S.	Bowling Green	Reading
Mr. Fulton	Jr. High --Coach	B. S.	Ohio State	Sports
Mr. Hassen	Coach-Phy. Ed	B. S.	Mich. State	Photography
Mrs. Kellerman	Supervising Prin. --Junior High	M. A.	Siena Heights	Collections
Mr. Lew	Coach--Math.	B. S.	Toledo Univ.	Fishing
Mrs. McColl	Eng. --Spanish	B. A.	Hillsdale	Reading
Miss McKinlay	Social Science	B. S.	Bowling Green	Books
Mrs. Morton	Homemaking	B. S.	Bowling Green	Music
Mr. Morton	Science	A. B.	Western Mich.	Hunting
Mr. Peebles	Prin. --Math.	M. A.	Univ. of Mich.	Photography
Mrs. Phelps	Eng. --Latin	B. A.	Siena Heights	Books
Mr. Rupp	Junior High	B. S.	Taylor Univ.	Reading
Mr. Strayer	Superintendent	M. A.	Univ. of Mich.	Photography
Mr. Venema	Agriculture	B. S.	Michigan State	Hunting
Miss Wendt	Jr. High Chorus	B. S.	Bowling Green	Reading
Mr. Williams	Industrial Arts	B. S.	Western Mich.	Hunting
Miss Yoder	Commercial	B. S.	Bowling Green	Reading



Mr. Arn, Mrs. Phelps, Mr. Lew, Miss Wendt



Mr. Berg, Mr. Hassen, Mr. Venema

OUR TEACHERS--AT EASE.....



Miss McKinlay and
Mrs. Culhane

Mrs. Morton and
Mr. Morton



Mrs. Elsea and
Miss Burghardt



Mrs. Kellerman, Miss
Luke, Mr. Strayer

LEFT: Miss Yoder, Mr. Williams, Mr. Peebles
RIGHT: Mr. Fulton, Mrs. McColl, Miss McKinlay, Mr. Rupp



A C T I V I T I E S



Taking part in extra curricular activities adds to the enjoyment of school life and will lead to further participation in similar activities in the future.



FRESHMEN INITIATED

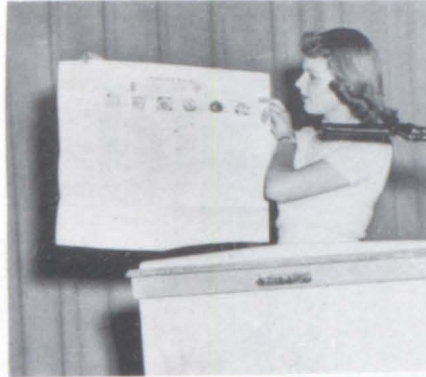
The Freshmen Initiation started the traditional activities of the school year. The members of the initiation committee were veiled in secrecy; no one in the Freshmen class knew their identity. But on the morning of that day, they soon learned what was to be their part in the ceremonies. Before the initiation lipstick was being stock-piled and paddles checked. At the end of the ceremonies the lipstick was used and the supply of spaghetti used as worms and fed the blind-folded Freshmen was consumed. Our eggs were stepped on and our watermelons were eaten. When all was over, the Freshmen felt that they were now members of the school.

1. Those starchy worms
2. Watch him Don
3. The next victim will be-
4. You'll never be a bubble gum champ that way.
5. Promising new recruits
6. Ah! The traditional mill!
7. That's fine. 15 more now Mr. Fulton
8. It may be funny to you boys, but Jim looks sick.

WE LIKED IKE

A Mock Election was held on November 4, 1952. All the students in grades 7 through 12 registered before voting. Preceding the election the school staged a big political campaign. One of the features of the campaign was a big rally at which there were several speakers who spoke for the two presidential candidates. Each home room was named after a state and each room had the same number of electoral votes as the state for which it was named. Students cast their votes on printed ballots in booths similar to the regular election booths. The electoral college met the day after the election and cast the state votes. The Republican candidate Dwight D. Eisenhower won by an overwhelming majority.

AT RIGHT: J. Lehman explains presidential ballot. R. Horky speaks for the Democrats. BELOW: J. Fourmon speaks for Democrats. S. Kilchenman casts electoral ballot. Counting ballots of electoral college.



AT RIGHT: K. Mitchell speaks for Republicans. BELOW: E. Crane and J. Tubbs count ballots. The voting booths. Eisenhower wins and Republicans rejoice.





Report cards are small things to cause this fuss,
But small as they are, they make us or break us.

S H O R T S T O R I E S

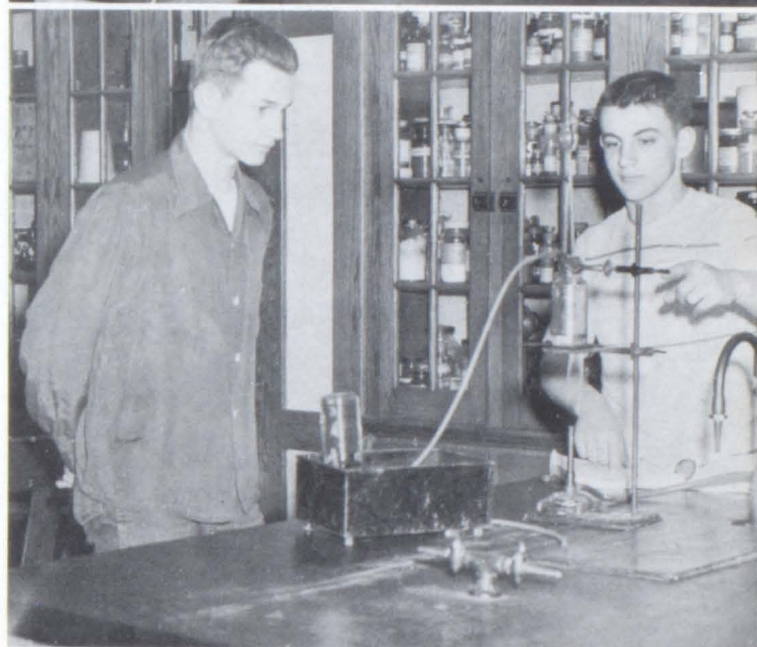
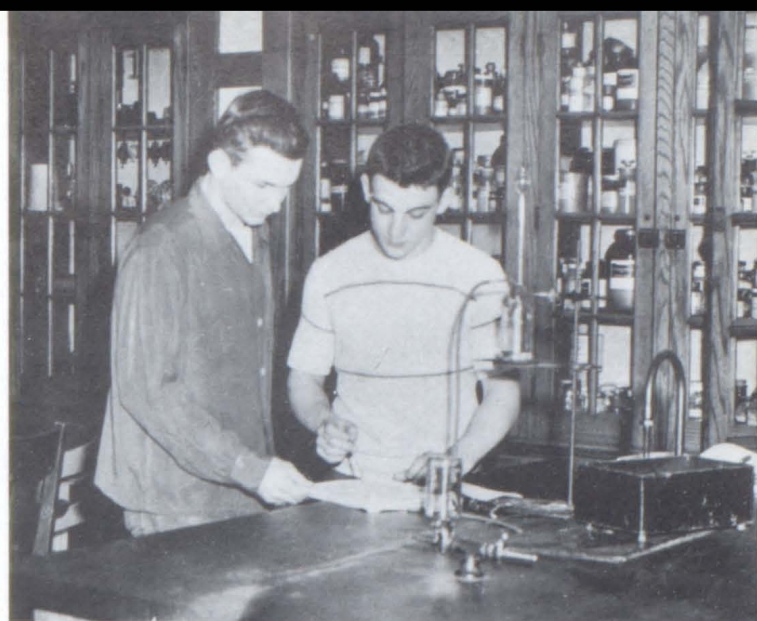


Well, here I am but where is she?
Why can't she get here same as me?



The final bell has rung; alas!
Now Jim is late for his first class.

S
H
O
R
T
S
H
O
R
T
S
T
O
R
I
E
S



Who needs to read a caution?
See--Oh, oh, now look what I've done.



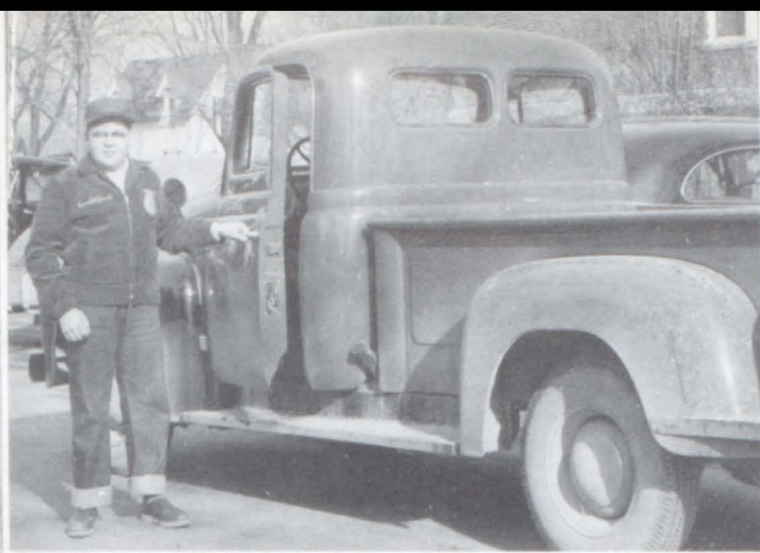
STANDING: N. Berry - Mr. Hathaway, J. Bettis - Tom, B. McCormick - David Loring, D. Goetz - Fred, P. Agsold - Dr. Bob, K. Briggs - Frank, B. Bartholomew - Mr. Crawford, Mr. Strayer - Director. SITTING: Corbett - Aunt Leora, M. Westgate - Lillian, P. Fuhrman - Martha, L. Jacobs - Lillian, J. Lehman - Anne, Routson - Ernestine, A. Haas - Mrs. Gilbreth. FOREGROUND: J. Briggs - Bill, R. Beck, - Dan, J. Schmidt - Bob, D. Helzer - Jack, G. Wingerd - Al Lynch.

SENIORS PRESENT "BELLES ON THEIR TOES"

The Senior Class of B.H.S. presented "Belles On Their Toes" Feb. 3rd and 4th. It was a sequel to the play "Cheaper by the Dozen" given last year. Under the direction of Mr. Strayer the play was a great success both nights, although they tell me the cod-liver oil was awful and I understand Pat Fuhrman has taken a course in going through curtained doorways.

After the play Mr. Strayer entertained the cast at his home.





Transportation is a necessary part of school life. Students drive many cars ranging from Lee Keller's 1929 Ford to Parker Tag-sold's 1940 Chevie to Don Staver's Ford Hardtop Convertible. Dave Goble walks and Jim Hoenig rides his bicycle as both live in town. Lorain Bell has several times chosen very picturesque transportation--his tractor; while Ronald Jacob often drives his "fire engine red" truck to school. Many students from the country come to school in one of the five buses.



THIS IS THE WAY WE GO TO SCHOOL





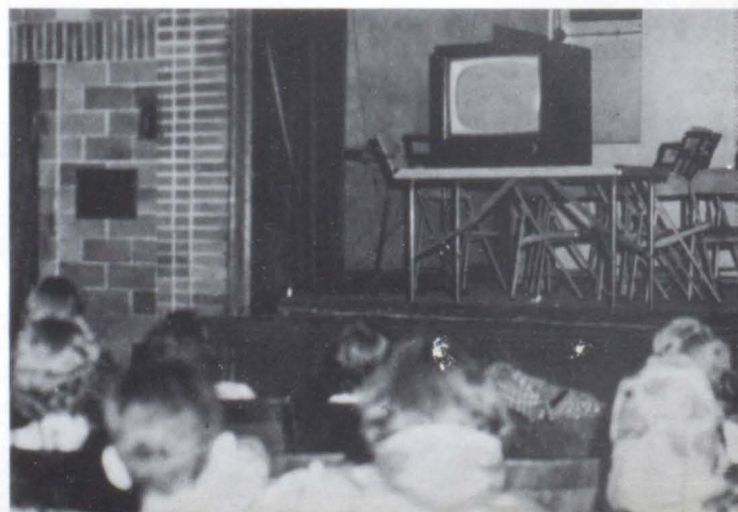
COACH HASSEN DIRECTS NOON ACTIVITY PROGRAM.



For the benefit of those students who ate lunch in the gym, a noon activities program was arranged. The activities proved to be very popular among students this year as in previous years.

Activities such as basketball in upper right, and upper center, and volleyball in lower left met with the approval of the boys. Two leagues were formed in both basketball, and volleyball, one of which included the seventh, eighth, and ninth grades, and the other was made up of tenth, eleventh, and twelfth grades students.

Square dancing, another feature of the activities, is shown at the left. On inaguration day school was dismissed early, and a television set was installed in the gym so that the students could view the inaguration proceedings. Early in February a Faculty-Senior Volleyball game was arranged. A picture of this contest which was won by the Faculty by a score of 15-13 is shown in the upper left.





Hedley Hepworth



E.C. Ramsey



Annette Haas
Christmas Program

VARIED GROUP OF ASSEMBLY PROGRAMS PRESENTED.

A diversified group of numbers was selected by a Student Council committee from those offered by booking agencies for this year's assembly programs. These with several other programs put on by students and outside organizations gave a well-rounded program. The numbers were selected for their entertainment as well as for their educational values.

The first program was presented by Pruth McFarlin, a negro tenor, who gave a program of ballads, folk songs and spirituals. This was followed by E.C. Ramsey who spoke on international affairs with particular reference to those having to do with Russia.

Next a interesting science program was presented by a former student of Blissfield High School through the courtesy of General Motors. This program was arranged for by the P.T.A.

On Jan. 29, Carl Thorson presented an unique program of balancing and juggling. Following this Hedley Hepworth was seen in a program of impersonations with particular emphasis on characters from Dicken's works. Later in the year Ted Parkinson presented an illustrated lecture on the wild life and natural wonders of Yellowstone National Park.

The student Christmas program was outstanding.



Carl Thorson

Pruth McFarlin



GM'S "Preview of Progress"





FOURTH ROW: V. Redlinger, S. Blake, S. Thompson, D. Bierly, J. Ford, B. Routson, L. Knierim, M. Knisel, C. Karl, A. Bierley, B. Iffland, C. Beuhrer. THIRD ROW: J. Bell, P. Lintner, N. Rost, J. Sprunk, D. Klump, L. Eisernmann, M. Ries, M. Schnieder, L. Setzler, J. Wilson, D. Berry, D. Klump. SECOND ROW: Mrs. Morton, R. Brieschke, C. Hull, J. Komsteller, S. Brown, C. Carpenter, I. Isley, M. Gentz, L. Isley, S. Brubaker, P. Fuhrman, S. Braun, Y. Bussing. FIRST ROW: N. Wilson, D. Loar, D. Sprunk, M. Berry, C. Yurnikl, S. Seeger, V. Ruhl, N. Fashbaugh, N. Wells, B. Marks, D. Sayers.

FOURTH ROW: Lynn Crots, H. Leonard, E. Routson, Lyle Crots, N. Berry, D. Clement, R. Bateson, M. Sell, R. Jacob, O. Daniels, THIRD ROW: John Kuhl, D. Goetz, D. Bailey, D. Eisenmann, D. Brubaker, Joe Kuhl, L. Bell, G. Adrain, R. Bartholomew. SECOND ROW: Mr. Venema, J. Walters, E. Bakowski, S. Colyer, R. Beck, J. Bakus, G. Bishoff, P. Hottenstein, K. Goetz, L. Robertson. FIRST ROW: S. Sheldon, J. Adrain, L. Isley, A. Sheldon, R. Cline, G. Seizert, J. Adkins, A. Robertson.





F. H. A. STRESSES HOMEMAKING.

The purpose of the FHA is to interest the girls in homemaking. With this training they should be able to go into their own homes with new ideas with which to run their home and family life.

The group this year had a get-together tea late in August, where they decided to have all business meetings at noon and all other activities during the evening. During the year they had a Boy-Girl Panel discussion. Fifteen members went to Alma to a Regional Conference in October. The formal initiation of new members was held in November. During December they went Caroling and also undertook a Hospital Project.

In February they planned a Sadie Hawkins Dance and during March a Taffy Pull with the FFA. They also planned an FHA family night to bring together the parents of the girls. In May an Ice Cream Social was planned and June brought the annual Send Off for the Senior girls of FHA.



F. F. A. DOUBLES MEMBERSHIP

The Future Farmers of America as an organization strives to develop leadership and responsibility in the student. The training received from this organization helps the student choose the type of farming career most suitable for him in the future.

During the year 1952-53, the FFA participated in a Parliamentary Procedure Contest in which they placed second. Some of the boys also attended the State Convention at Michigan State College for 3 days. From the group of FFA members delegates were chosen to attend the National Convention, at Kansas City, which had an attendance of 250 FFA boys.

The FFA co-operated with the churches during the early part of this winter to collect for "CROP." They collected well over \$500. In June the group observes National FFA Week at Michigan State College.

The organization had a successful year having doubled their membership over that of the year 1951-52.



F.H.A. President, N. Rost, pins ribbon on new member, D. Bierley.

Girls at Formal Initiation.

F.F.A. sponsor, Mr. Venema, at Christmas party.

F.F.A. Parliamentary Team, L. to R., D. Clement, M. Sell, R. Beck, J. Schmidt, L. Robertson.



STANDING: B. Peebles, J. Kastel, B. Bartholomew, J. Siering, P. Tagsold, B. McCormick, F. Rost, G. Wingerd, A. Bierley, N. Rost, P. Hammons. SEATED: Mrs. Phelps, B. Anteau, B. Billington, F. Hall, J. Lehman, E. Crane, K. Mitchell, M. Love.

"SCHOOL DAZE" EXPRESSES STUDENT OPINION

Editor	Joyce Lehman
Editor-in-Chief	Fred Hall
Feature	Jo Fourman, Bruce McCormick
.	Parker Tagsold, Kenneth Mitchell
Inquiring Reporter	Phyllis Hammons, Bonnie Anteau
Social Editor	Arlene Bierley, Nancy Rost
The Grape Vine	Fred Rost
Sports	Barry Peebles, Eugene Crane
Art	George Wingerd
Birthdays	Sharon Bell
Personalities	Marilyn Love, Joan Kastel
Jokes	Lorain Bell
Production	DeArle Stucker
Typists	James Siering, Bob Bartholomew
.	Barbara Billington
Advisor	Mrs. Phelps

The proof of this product is in the reading. In the case of the paper, "SCHOOL DAZE", the product is very good if you judge by the amount of papers sold. The paper is distributed once a month and shows fine talent and good direction.

Editor and Advisor Criticize December Issue.

Mrs. Phelps discusses distribution with Ralph Lehman and Shirley Sebring.

Parker Tagsold operates mimeograph.





Mrs. Phelps, B. Bradstrum, D. Sinclair, J. Lehman, F. Rost attend Journalism meeting at Michigan State College. B. Kerbawy, purchases Elysium as A. Haas and B. Davis wait their turn.

Co-Editors . . . Barbara Bradstrum, Fred Rost
 Business Manager . . . Dale Sinclair
 Advertising . . . Carmen Governo
 Art . . . Patricia Fuhrman
 Features . . . Annette Haas
 Photographer . . . John Bettis

Activities Barbara Billington, Bettydeane Davis
 Classes . . . Roger Beck, Joanne Ford
 Sports . . . Ken Briggs, Tom Williams
 At Work . . . Phyllis Hammons
 Typists . . . Joyce Lehman
 Advisor . . . Mr. Peebles



F. Rost helps J. McColl and D. Sinclair identify student pictures.

This years Elysium Staff has striven to show the spirit of Blissfield High, the friendliness and comradeship, the fun and good times, the serious purpose and hard work which are a very definite part of B. H. S.

The staff has endeavored to carry out the them "Our Todays Determine Our Tomorrows" through the liberal use of pictures, short write ups and full size pictures for division pages. It has been hard work but nevertheless fun.

ELYSIUM THEME "TODAY AND TOMORROW"

STANDING: P. Hammons, J. Ford, T. Williams, K. Briggs, D. Sinclair, C. Governo, A. Haas, B. Bliesner. SEATED: Mr. Peebles, J. Lidster, J. Lehman, B. Bradstrum, F. Rost, P. Fuhrman, J. Bettis, R. Beck.





THIRD ROW: J. Briggs, J. Zimmerman, F. Rost, F. Hall, T. Williams, N. Berry, D. Sinclair, SECOND ROW: Mr. Peebles, L. Goetz, O. Daniels, R. Beck, J. McColl, D. Clement, K. Mitchell, B. Bradstrum, FIRST ROW: H. Clements, B. Hammons, R. Williams, J. Sebring, J. Rittner, S. Seeger, P. Hammons.

COUNCIL SUPPORTS WAR DISPLACED LATVIAN GIRL.

The Student Council is the student government of our high school speaking for the students, who's opinions are expressed by the organization through the representatives choosen by the students.

This year the Student Council undertook a number of projects, some of which were the continuation of the adoption of Janina Bundulis, a war displaced Latvian girl, erecting a chain fence around the school grounds, and the beginning of the preliminary steps for student self-dicipline.



LEFT: J. Sebring brings up discussion question before the Student Council. BOTTOM LEFT: R. Beck, F. Rost, J. Sebring, B. Bradstrum, L. Goetz at Student Government Day in Ann Arbor. RIGHT: Representatives from Morenci High, part of the student exchange program, arrive the day before the big game.





Mrs. McColl tries to break the Pinata as her son Jim pulls it out of her reach. Henry Newlin tips over the Pinata as Bill Tubbs and Phil Hall get ready to get some of the Christmas candy.

"LOS CONQUISTADORES" INTEREST SPANISH STUDENTS

The Spanish Club was organized to further interest in the study of Spanish, Spain and our Latin-American neighbors. Students taking first or second year Spanish are invited to join and participate in the monthly meetings. At these meetings Spanish games are played and Spanish songs are sung. Spanish customs are observed and Spanish food is served.

During the Christmas season the meeting is centered around Spanish Christmas customs, especially the pinata. The pinata is the highlight of their parties. It is broken with a stick by a person who is blindfolded. When the pinata is broken the candies and favors spill out for everyone to enjoy.

This year's club with Barry Peebles, as president, Henry Newlin, vice-president, Carolyn Hull secretary, and Jim McColl as treasurer has a membership of thirty-two.

FOURTH ROW: N. Adrain, T. Romsek, W. Tubbs, D. Brown, E. Crane, H. Newlin, J. McColl, C. Behm, THIRD ROW: D. Gray, J. Barkenquest, M. Goble, N. Figy, J. Porter, M. Wilson, I. Brown, B. Peebles, SECOND ROW: N. Wilson, J. Marsh, S. Kilchenman, D. Sommers, N. Newlin, C. Hull, C. Bettis, S. Schwartzwalder, Mrs. McColl, FIRST ROW: M. Long, P. Garcia, L. Caswell, A. Brubaker, N. Fashbaugh, C. Sigers, P. Hall.





Jim Briggs, Buddy Lehman, Hugh Driggs,
Dale Goetz, Mick Fairbank.



John Schmidt, Hugh Driggs, Parker Tagsold, Dale Goetz,
Tom Mallory.



STYLES AND FADS

Styles and fads were many and varied in 1953. Many boys in school sported crew cuts while the girls wore their hair in bangs. One of the fads for the boys was wool jackets with leather sleeves worn with red or green wool caps. The customary wearing apparel for the boys was blue jeans or levi's and shirts or sweaters. A common sight during the school day was girls in skirts and sweaters with madelions or chokers. One of the styles that started in the colleges was white bucks for both girls and boys.



Sally Sue Kilchenman, Jane Berry, Joanne Ford, Beverly Kerbawy.

Nelson Berry, Larry Davis, DeArle Stucker, Don Bailey, Bob Bartholomew.



Ruth Brieschke, Joyce Bierley, Charlotte Fischer, Loretta Ulrich.





SPORTS

A member of one of Blissfield's trophy winning basketball teams shows the trophy he helped to win to an aspiring athlete who, perhaps, will one day help to win another trophy for Blissfield.

Please do not turn down
the corners of the pages



B. Peebles-Guard



N. Miller-Back



J. Ganun-Back



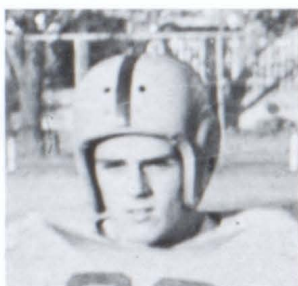
D. Sinclair-Back

BLISSFIELD TIES FOR SECOND



W. Hockin-Back

Asst. Coach Robert
Luce, Capt. Donald
Clement, and Coach
Tion Hassen



K. Mitchell-Back



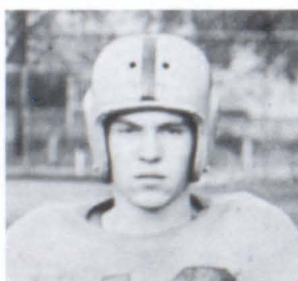
J. McColl-Tackle



G. Neyrinck-Tackle



F. Hall-End



R. Bartholomew-Guard



J. Schmidt-Back



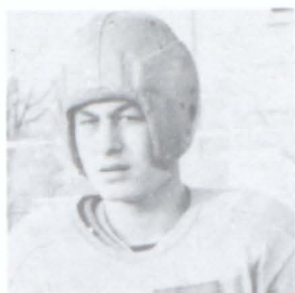
T. Mallory-End



G. Long-Tackle



D. Stucker-Back



J. Zimmerman-End



J. Siering-Tackle

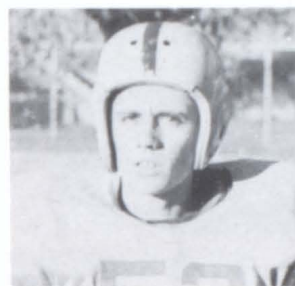


R. Governo-Tackle

PLACE IN L. C. A. A. PLAY



R. Lehman-Guard



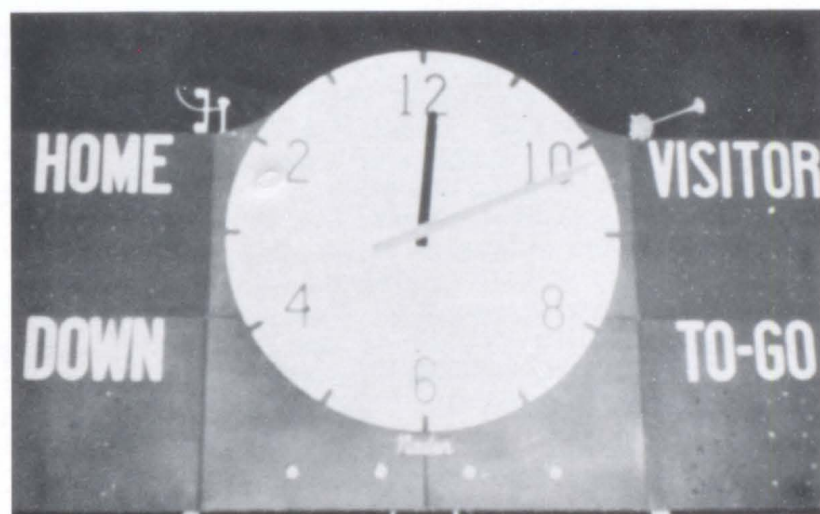
R. Burgermeister-Back



R. Karl-End



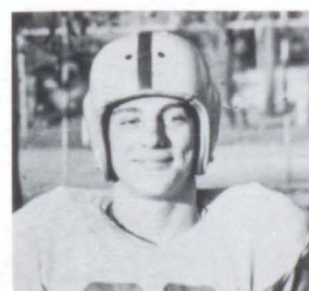
D. Goble-Tackle



What's the score



H. Driggs-Center



J. Fourman-Guard



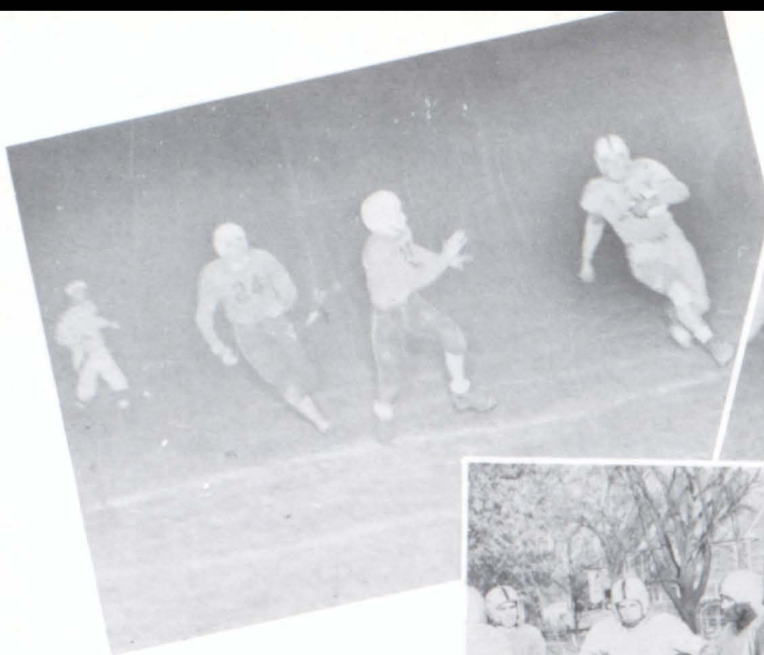
D. Travis-Back



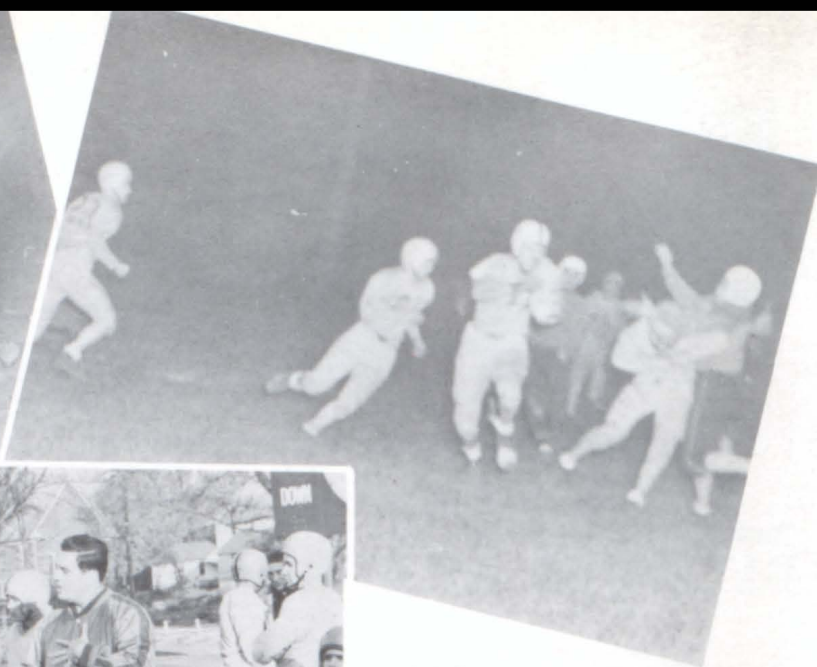
W. Tubbs-Center



M. Kastel-Back



Hockins gains
against Summerfield



ABOVE: Key block
LEFT: Defensive signals



SEVEN SENIORS LOST

Blissfield tied with Hudson for second place in the LCAA with four wins, one loss, and two ties.

Four men were placed on the All-League Team. Willard Hockins, half-back, received first team honors. Don Clement, tackle, Jim Siering, and Joe Fourman, guards, gained Second Team positions.

The Reserve Team, composed mostly of Freshmen and Sophmores, won two, lost two, and tied one. They were coached by Robert Luse. For the first time, Junior High boys were given football coaching. They were coached by Robert Lew.

Blissfield played all five of their home games with the use of the new electric scoreboard, which had been donated by Howard Driggs Sr.

Blissfield 37 St. Mary's 0

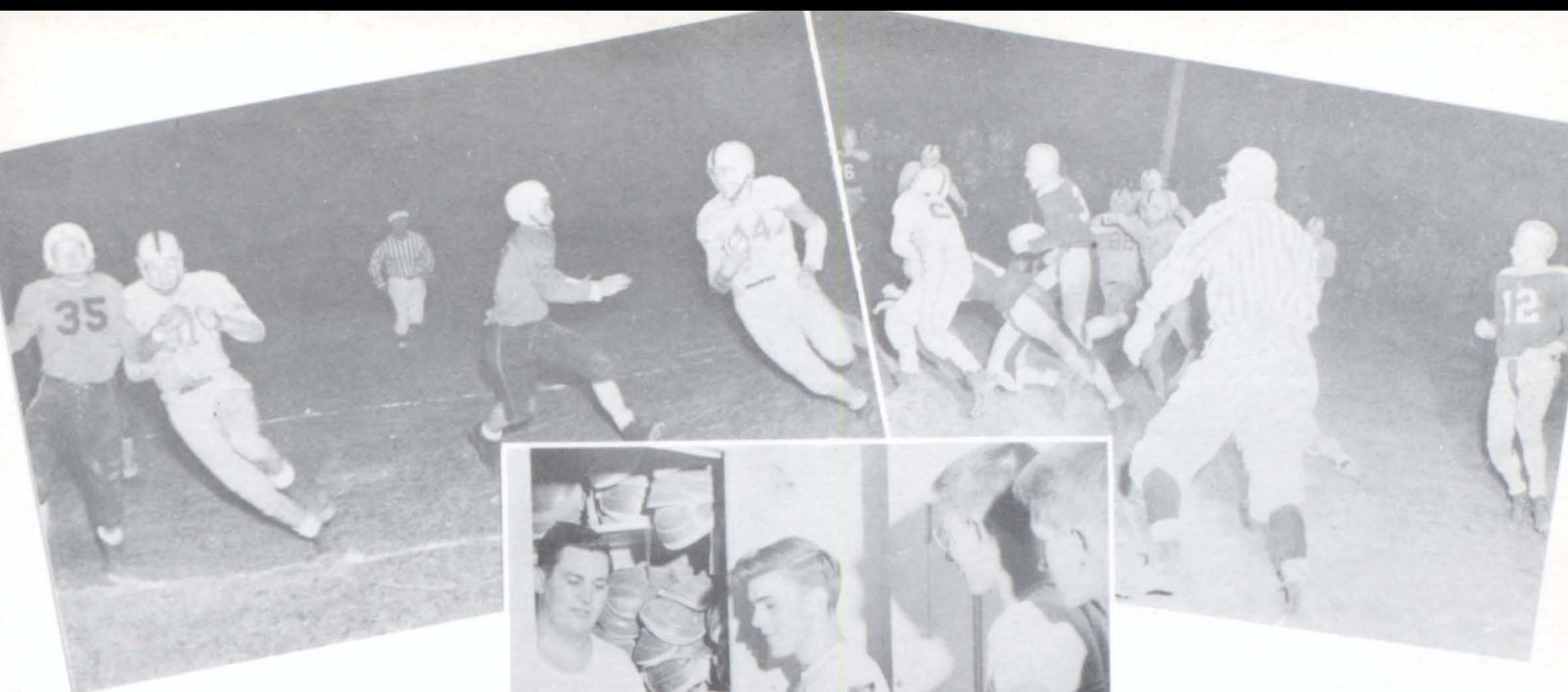
This non-league game was played on the Blissfield gridiron. The Blissfield Sugar Boys showed a strong offensive and defensive team.

Blissfield 32 Hudson 13

Blissfield won their first LCAA victory of the season against Hudson. It was Dad's night at Blissfield, and the Boys made their fathers proud of them.

FRONT ROW: G. Hall, R. Williams, L. Prielipp, G. Luse, T. Romsek, T. Olson, R. Billington, R. Mason, M. Long, H. Lennard. MIDDLE ROW: J. Adrain, D. Klump, D. Schulte, G. Gruber, E. Knisel, D. Brown, L. Keller, R. Lombard, R. Batson, J. Harrington. TOP ROW: Coach Luse, R. Krahn, C. Westgate, K. Goetz, L. Crots, L. Bell, E. Routson, D. Sommers, G. Soneff.





Stucker picks up yardage



ABOVE: Hit him hard.
LEFT: "It don't fit, Coach."

PROSPECTS BRIGHT FOR '53

Blissfield 13 Pittsford 13
Blissfield came from behind to tie Pittsford in their second LCAA game.

Blissfield 14 Addison 6
Blissfield won their third victory in an LCAA game at Addison.

Blissfield 32 Summerfield 12
On the Summerfield gridiron, Blissfield easily won their fourth LCAA victory.

Blissfield 12 Clinton 12
Blissfield played their fifth LCAA game with Clinton on the Blissfield gridiron, and again came from behind to tie the score.

Blissfield 13 Morenici 14

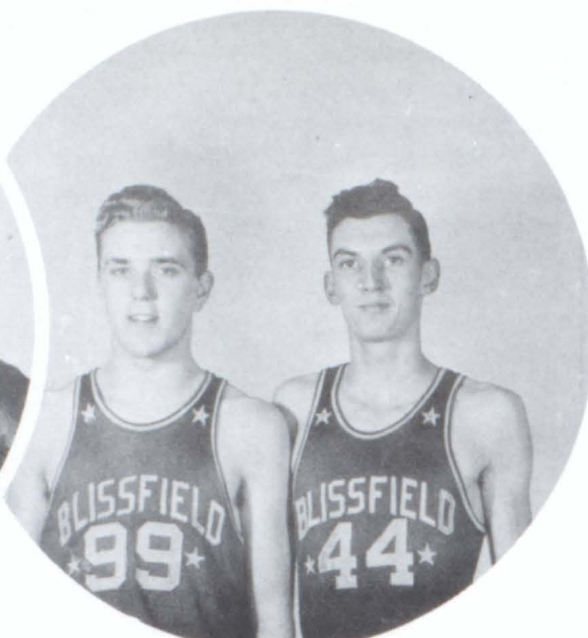
The Blissfield-Morenci game was acclaimed by leading newspapers as the high school game of the week. It was played on the Blissfield gridiron, Halloween night. Blissfield tried hard to turn the Morenci Bulldogs back and break their 40 game winning streak. Their try was almost successful.

Blissfield 35 Onsted 0
Blissfield upset Onsted in a non-league game on the Blissfield playing field.

Blissfield 27 Tecumseh 6
It was a non-league game, but it meant a great deal to the Sugar Boys to win from their traditional rivals.



FRONT ROW: R. Hall, A. Hoag, J. Mason, D. Bunting, J. Derthick, A. Liewert, G. DeLoach. MIDDLE ROW: Coach Lew, A. Price, W. Uckele, T. Paulson, L. Grinage, W. Hockin, R. Lipp, H. Newlin, Mgr. TOP ROW: B. DeLoach, S. Mann, M. Rost, W. Crist, K. Donaldson.



Reserve Coach
Mr. Fulton
Varsity Coach
Mr. Lew
Co-Captains
Russell Bierley
Parker Tagsold

BLISSFIELD TIES FOR THIRD IN L.C.A.A.

Blissfield finished the 1952-53 season in a tie for third place with Pittsford in the L.C.A.A. standings with six wins, and six losses. Morenci and Tecumseh were the only teams able to defeat the Sugar Boys twice during the season.

Russell Bierley finished the season with a 20.5 average in the twelve league games to set a new league scoring record with 241 points and was chosen co-captain along with Parker Tagsold. He was also put on the All-County first team for the second consecutive year.

Ralph Lehman
Fred Hall

BLISSFIELD 47 CLINTON 36

Blissfield opened the season by defeating Clinton for its first L.C.A.A. win.

BLISSFIELD 51 HUDSON 48

Blissfield's thirteen point margin proved to much for Hudson to overcome in a second half rally. Parker Tagsold scored eighteen points.

BLISSFIELD 56 SUMMERFIELD 46

After an even first half Blissfield took command and won their third victory.

Gerald Goll
DeArle Stucker

Neol Miller
Don Bailey



BLISSFIELD 46 PITTSFORD 40

The Sugar Boys took the lead early in the game and maintained it to win their fourth L.C.A.A. game.

BLISSFIELD 44 ADDISON 49

Addison, taking advantage of their home floor, knocked the Sugar Boys from the undefeated ranks.

BLISSFIELD 44 TECUMSEH 61

Tecumseh, keeping their undefeated streak unbroken, defeated Blissfield in a non-league contest.

BLISSFIELD 40 MORENCI 50

Unable to break their losing streak Blissfield lost their third consecutive game.

BLISSFIELD 50 CLINTON 54

After leading for three periods the Sugar Boys slumped badly and allowed Clinton to score twenty three points in the last quarter to hand Blissfield their fourth loss.

BLISSFIELD 65 HUDSON 62

Trailing at the end of the first period Blissfield scored twenty three points in the second period and went on to hand Hudson a defeat.

BLISSFIELD 53 BEDFORD 51

After building up a lead in the first three periods the Sugar Boys absorbed a last quarter rally to post a non-league win.

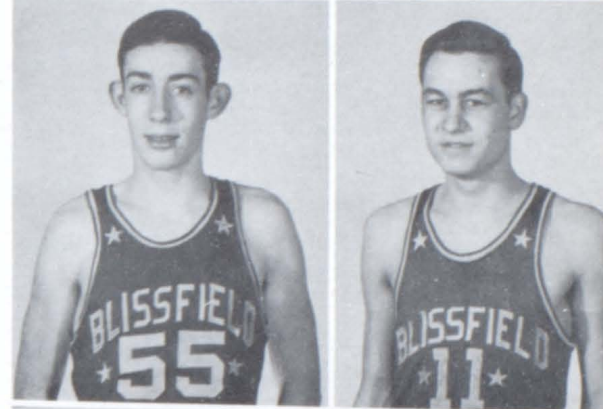
BLISSFIELD 44 SUMMERFIELD 48

Summerfield surprised the Sugar Boys by taking the lead at the very beginning and holding it to the final whistle.

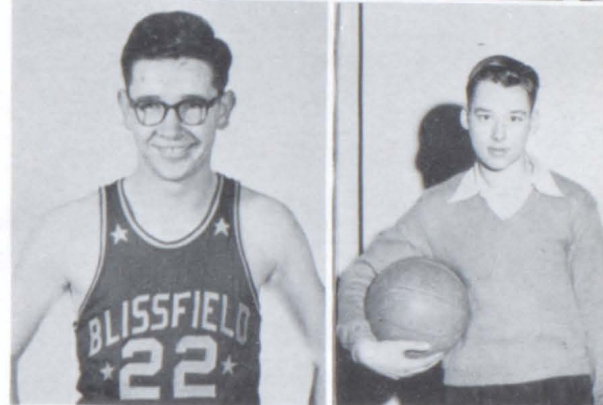
BLISSFIELD 45 PITTSFORD 60

After overcoming a Blissfield six point lead in the first period, the Pittsford Wildcats stayed in front the rest of the game and won easily.

Tom Williams
Jim Zimmerman



Dale Sinclair
Lee McCormick



BLISSFIELD 58 ADDISON 42

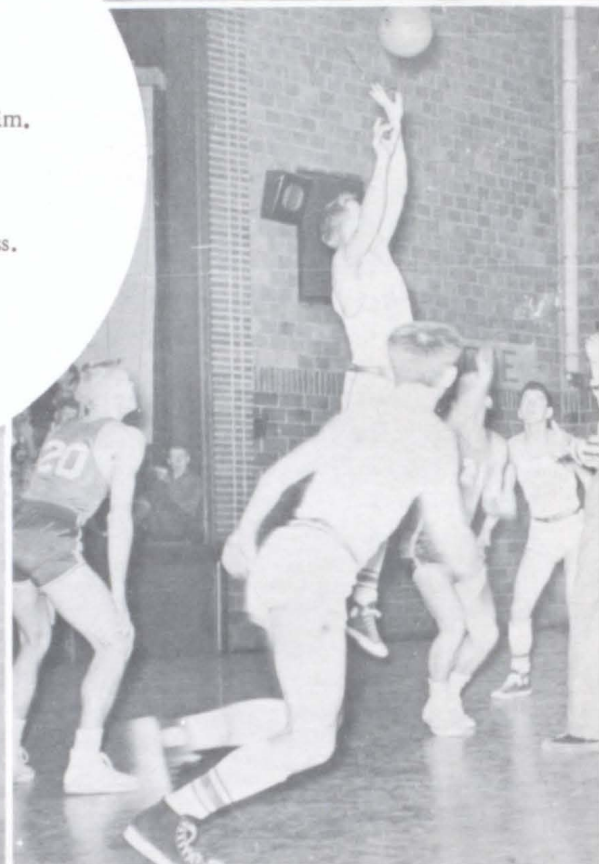
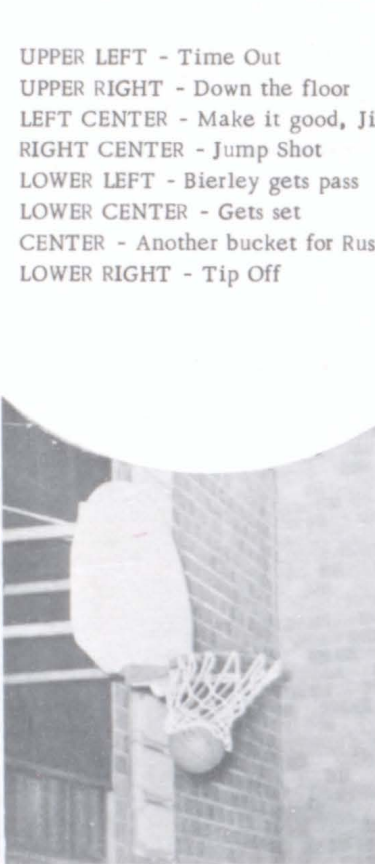
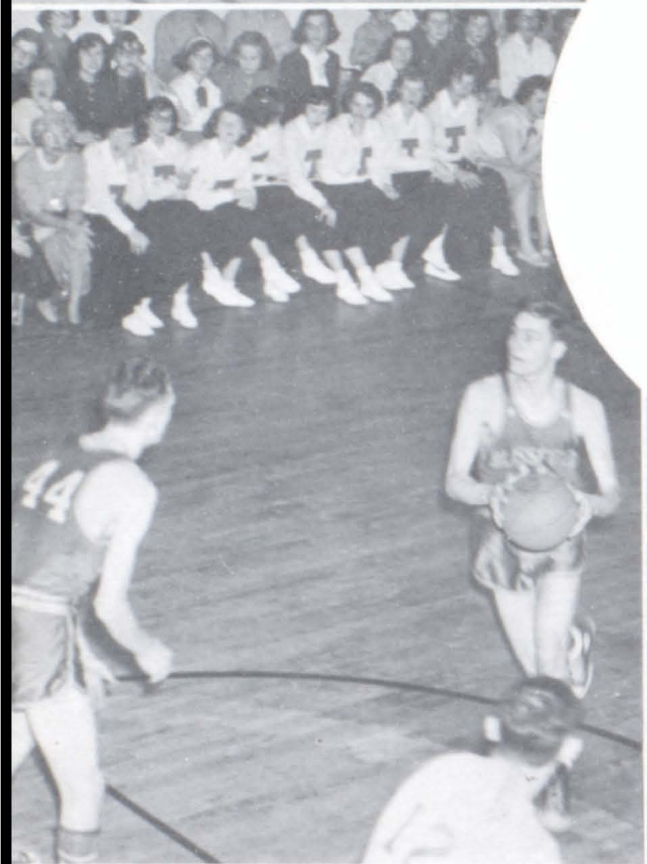
Taking the lead early in the game Blissfield stayed in front as McCullum, Addison's scoring ace was held to eight points. Russell Bierley scored twenty five points.

BLISSFIELD 44 TECUMSEH 61

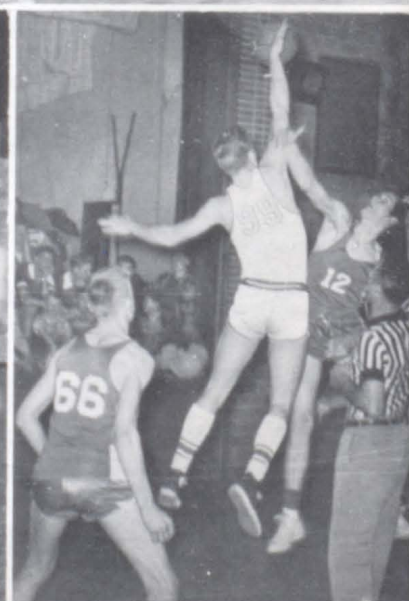
After leading for the first eight minutes the Sugar Boys lost their scoring punch and Tecumseh defeated Blissfield for the second time.

BLISSFIELD 62 MORENCI 65

In the last game of the season Morenci and Blissfield staged a thriller which required an overtime period to decide. Morenci outscored Blissfield seven to four in the extra period to win and clinch their first L.C.A.A. basketball title.



UPPER LEFT - Time Out
 UPPER RIGHT - Down the floor
 LEFT CENTER - Make it good, Jim.
 RIGHT CENTER - Jump Shot
 LOWER LEFT - Bierley gets pass
 LOWER CENTER - Gets set
 CENTER - Another bucket for Russ.
 LOWER RIGHT - Tip Off



RESERVES

WIN 9

LOSE 6

LOWER LEFT: Don Brown dribbles down the floor.
CENTER: Raymond Crots sinks a much needed free throw during the Morenci game. RIGHT: That's the way we like it--Swish!



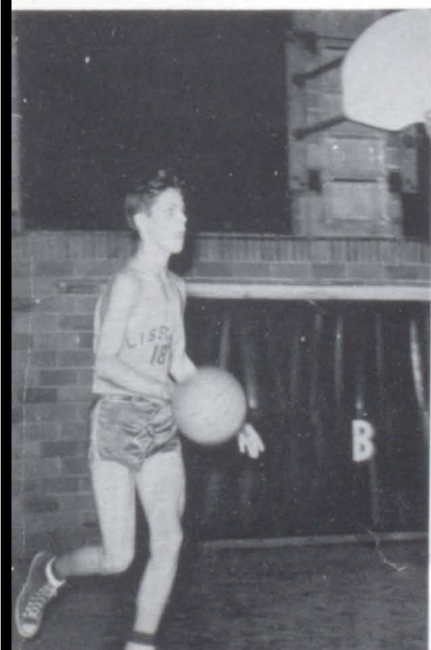
BACK ROW, LEFT TO RIGHT: R. Krahn, J. Tubbs, H. Lennard, J. McColl, T. Mason, T. Romsek, E. Knisel, D. Schulte, A. Sanchez, D. Travis, G. Hull, R. Billington, Coach Fulton. FRONT ROW, LEFT TO RIGHT: R. Williams, B. Peebles, G. Hall, R. Crots, D. Brown, R. Lombard, D. Klump, J. Ganun.

Blissfield 45
Blissfield 21
Blissfield 53
Blissfield 40
Blissfield 41
Blissfield 56
Blissfield 40

Clinton 59
Hudson 33
Summerfield 34
Pittsford 50
Addison 24
Tecumseh 31
Clinton 45

Blissfield 46
Blissfield 51
Blissfield 41
Blissfield 38
Blissfield 51
Blissfield 48
Blissfield 52

Hudson 51
Bedford 49
Summerfield 34
Pittsford 29
Addison 44
Tecumseh 42
Morenci 51





Shirley Sebring

Delight Klump

Jane Sebring

CHEERLEADERS BOOST MORALE

The cheerleaders were elected after try-outs were held early in the year. Betty Davis and Laura Goetz, seniors, have been cheerleaders for three years, Sally Kilchenman, a junior, for three years. Shirley Sebring, a junior, and her sister Jane Sebring a freshman, were elected for their first year. Delight Klump, a freshman, is also new on the squad. Their uniforms of gold blouses and purple skirts with Sugar Boys written across the back of the blouses were very colorful.

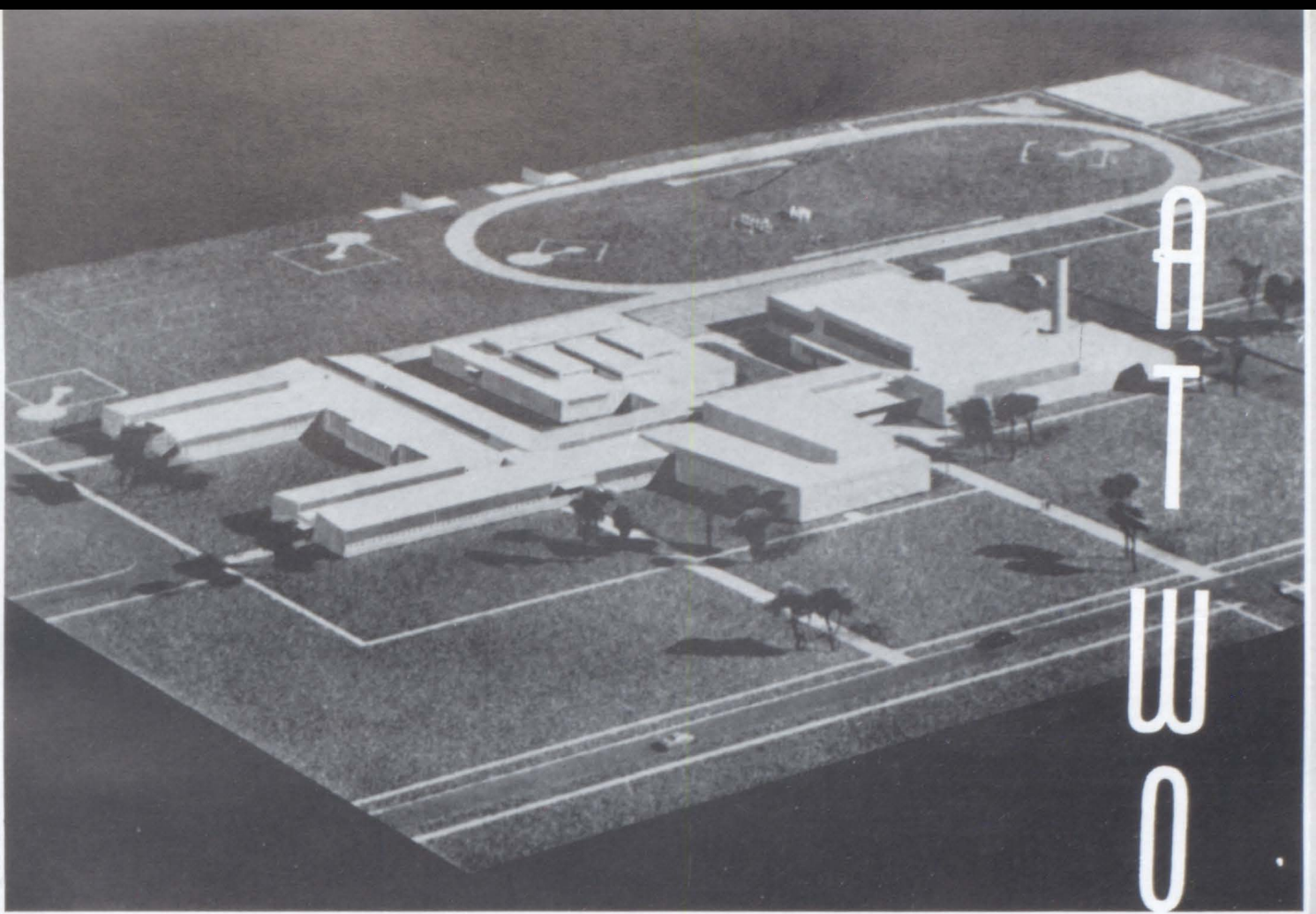
The cheerleaders endeavored to keep sportmanship high and strived to improve school spirit.

Sally Kilchenman

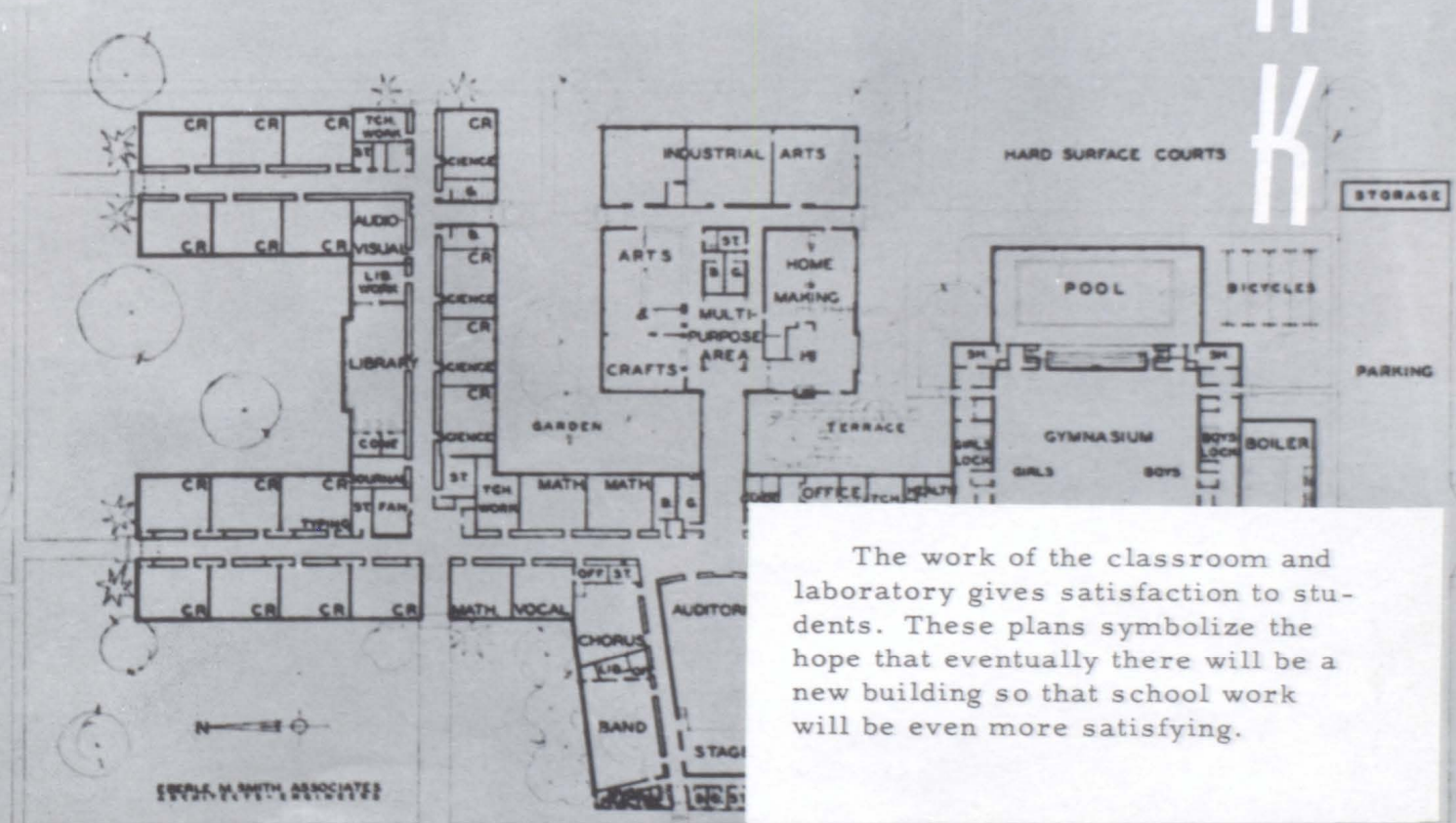
Betty Davis

Laura Goetz





AT WORK



The work of the classroom and laboratory gives satisfaction to students. These plans symbolize the hope that eventually there will be a new building so that school work will be even more satisfying.



Ken and Jim Briggs do a Pantomine
for Public Speaking



FFA making tape recording for radio broadcast.

TODAY'S SCHOOL WORK PREPARES

Blissfield High School offers a wide variety of courses from which students may chose the sixteen subjects they will take during their four years at B.H.S., their preparation for the future. Several courses, among which are three years of English, one year of mathematics, one year of science, one year of American History and one semester of civics, are required for graduation. The remaining credits may be selected from the fields of social studies, foreign languages, agriculture, industrial arts, homemaking, commercial, science or mathematics.

Typing, shorthand and bookkeeping are offered in preparation for a business career. Four courses are given for those boys who wish to make farming their life work. Three years of homemaking may be taken by girls. Two years of shop are offered for freshmen and sophomore boys.

Students interested in science may take general science, biology, chemistry or physics. Spanish is given for two years for those interest-



Mechanical Drawing

Marvin Long has Mr. Williams inspect his lamp.



Miss Yoder checks Bev. Kerbawy's accuracy
in Typing I





Cathrine Carpenter takes roll in Study Hall.



Tom Williams talks with M.S.C. representative.

STUDENTS FOR THEIR ADULT LIFE.

ed in a language as in Latin.

There are two history courses in addition to civics, economics, sociology and Family Relations in the social science field. Three years of mathematics help to prepare students for careers in engineering and allied fields.

Drivers Education has proved to be a valuable course. The students have the use of a car with which to practice the theory taught in class. Much interest has also been shown in a course called Family Relations which is given for seniors to prepare them for marriage and family living. Public Speaking is also given for Juniors and Seniors.

Physical education is required of all boys in all grades excepting the seniors for whom it is elective. It is also elective for girls.

In addition to the above students gain valuable experience by working in the library, helping in the principal's office, typing for teachers, taking roll in study halls, operating movie and slide projectors and acting as managers for athletic teams.

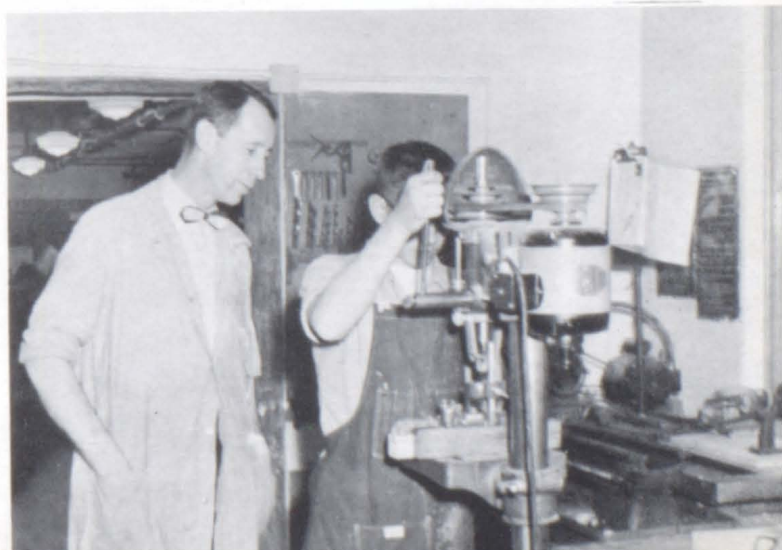


Bob Bussing threading movie projector.

Joan Ford does office typing.



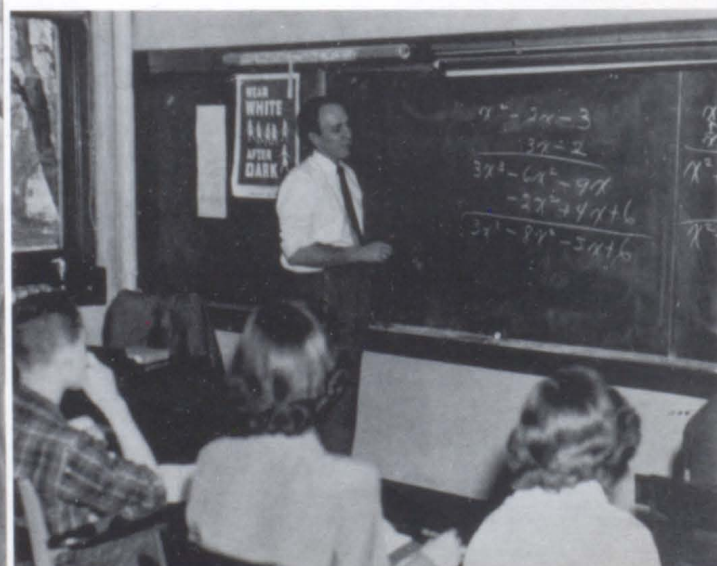
Mr. Williams watches Jim McColl use the drill press.

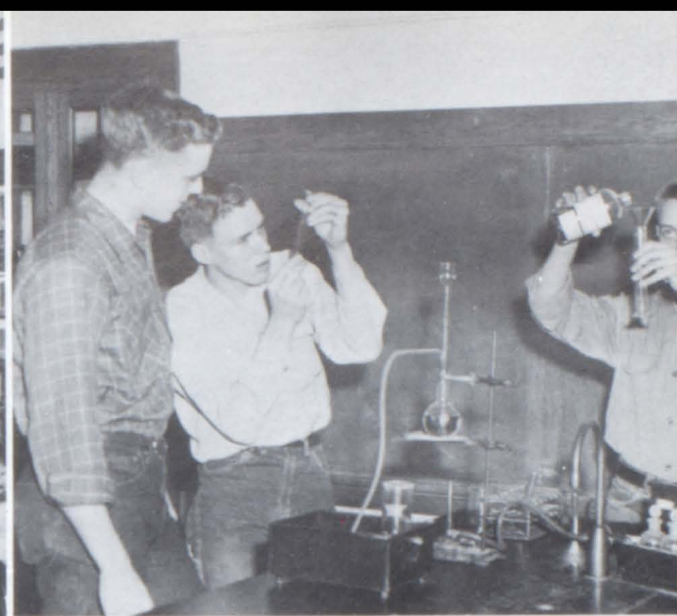




SCHOOL WORK IS FUN AND PROFITABLE.

UPPER LEFT: Mrs. Phelps and Parker Tagsold inspect Mick Fairbank's Globe Theater. UPPER RIGHT: John Tubbs operated the slide projector for English Class. CENTER LEFT: Sharon Bell states her point in a Public Speaking Panel Discussion. CENTER RIGHT: Red Williams obtains student opinion after a Student Council report. LOWER LEFT: Don't look so dubious. Meridith can drive it all right. LOWER RIGHT: There is positively nothing like algebra.





STUDENTS TRAINED MENTALLY AND PHYSICALLY

UPPER RIGHT: Write the equation for it now boys! UPPER LEFT: We "Hit the books" in Mr. Hassen's S.H. CENTER RIGHT: Fine! Three laps around the gym and then get to work! CENTER LEFT: Peck Burgermeister, Carmen Yurnickl, and Shirley Yount receive report cards. Study expressions for further information. LOWER RIGHT: Let's have one off the backboard. LOWER LEFT: "So you see" says Miss McKinlay, "Income tax reports are complicated."





FIFTH ROW: N. Berry, L. Van Looke, R. Jacob, G. Goetz, G. Luce, L. Grinage, F. Hall, J. Peters, P. Tagsold, J. Ford, M. Sliker, B. Anteau, J. Zimmerman, T. Williams, Q. Woome. FOURTH ROW: Arthur Berg, Director, E. Knisel, S. Thompson, P. Hall, D. Staver, B. McCormick, D. Goble, G. Goll, N. Adrian, G. Corbet, L. Brown, F. Van Looke, L. Fogle, M. Rodesiler, M. Luce, B. Davis, R. Reynolds. THIRD ROW: G. Hull, D. Miller, J. Komsteller, C. Hendricks, A. Hoadly, A. Bierley, S. Van Looke, B. Miller, L. Davis, R. Setzler, N. Bakowski, S. Bierman, K. Williams, S. Zierzert, M. Bischoff, P. Hammons, D. Never, M. Colyer. SECOND ROW: C. Curnow, D. Berry, M. Berry, S. Kilchenman, M. Love, S. Blake, W. Fisher, J. Rohrback, L. Jacob, N. Rost, S. Brubaker, J. Sprunk, J. Porter, L. Setzler, L. Goetz, B. Iffland, J. Lehman, J. Bierley. FIRST ROW: B. Kerbawy, R. Mason, D. Loar, C. Demlow, H. Petee, B. Hammons, D. Bierley, A. Haas, J. Tagsold, J. Hoenig, P. O'Bryan, S. Bell, D. Sayers, M. Wilson, L. Troxel, B. Bradstrum.

B. H. S. BAND INCREASES STUDENT APPRECIATION OF MUSIC.

The band, 87 strong this year, began school with a full schedule of appearances. September 4th the band traveled to the Michigan State Fair to give a concert in the afternoon and was invited to enjoy the professional intertainment in the evening. The 16th of the month began a busy week for the band. Without the assistance of a director the band marched in the parade which opened the Lenawee County Fair and on the 19th it played in the grandstand at the fairgrounds.

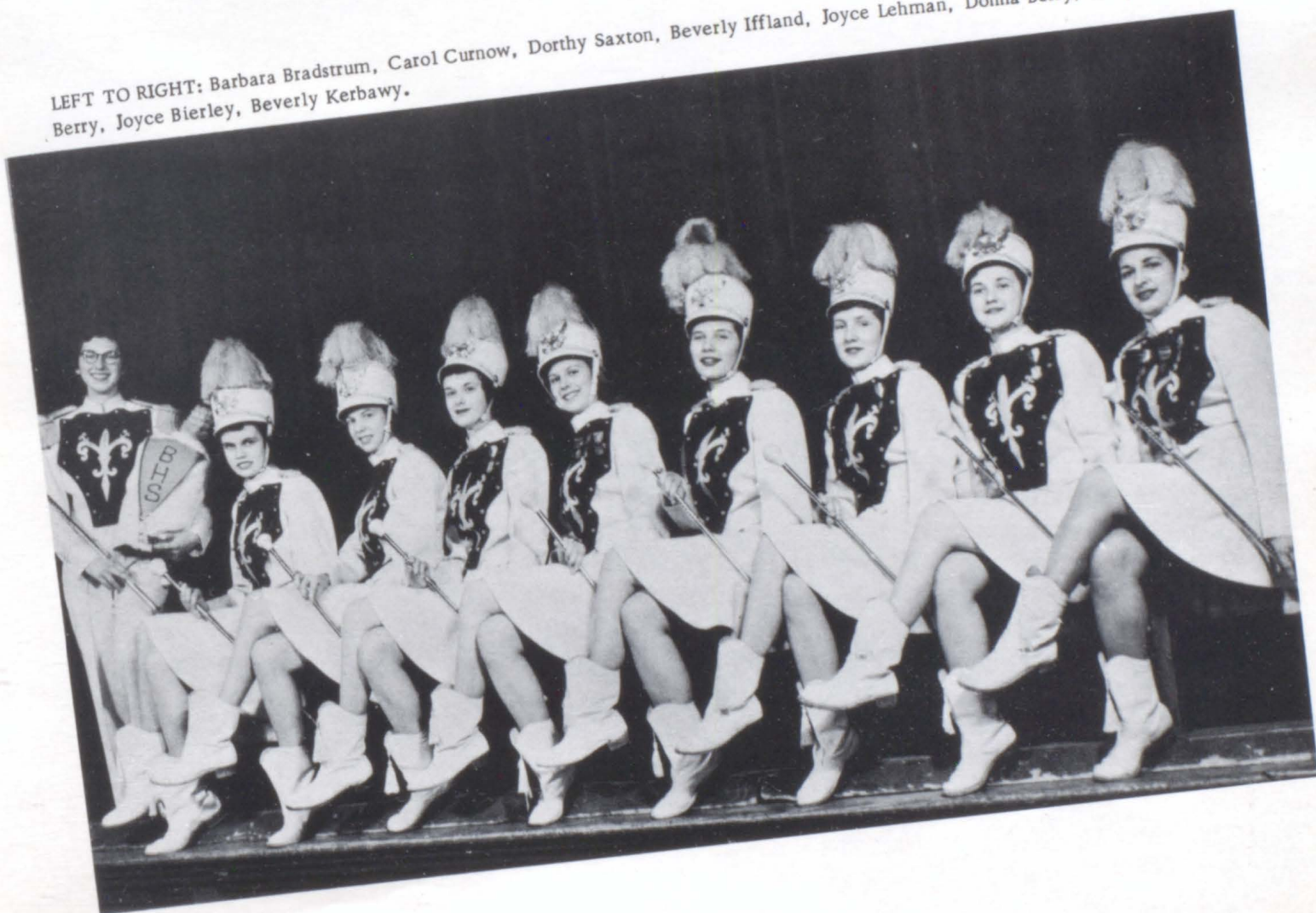
That night the band gave their first football game half-time performance of the year using precision marching as a theme, thus completing a week of good performances. Before the Hudson game the band played a brief memorial service for Mr. Blanks, our director for many years who died September 22 as a result of an automobile accident. For the Morenci game, October 31, the band presented a Halloween show complete with pumpkin, witch, fiddle, and the farmer and his wife winding the grandfather clock and dancing to "Turkey in the Straw."

October 7 the band traveled to Metamora for the annual Band Festival and presented the theme "Sky Rides". The tour into space was directed by "Elmer", our man from Mars. On the 11th of the month the band attended the fourth annual University of Michigan Band Day at Ann Arbor. 6127 bandsmen were on the field at half-time. The well known composer and arranger Paul Yoder was guest conductor.

October 15 the band participated in the Tecumseh Band Festival. The theme of the festival this year was the holidays of the year. Blissfield presented their interpretation of Easter with a visit from "Bugs Bunny" a showing of the latest creations in hats and ending on a religious note. The massed band performance was dedicated to Mr. Blanks.

February 14 a record number of bandsmen competed in the District Solo and Ensemble Festival at Jackson. The state festival was held March 28 at Ann Arbor. March 21 the band entered the district festival at Hillsdale. The State Band Festival was held at Ann Arbor April 18.

LEFT TO RIGHT: Barbara Bradstrum, Carol Curnow, Dorthy Saxton, Beverly Iffland, Joyce Lehman, Donna Berry, Mary Jane Berry, Joyce Bierley, Beverly Kerbawy.





TOP LEFT: The trombone trio, L. Grinage, J. Goetz, and G. Luce competed in the Senior High Division. TOP RIGHT: The woodwind trio gets their pitch from the 80 and 8. LEFT CENTER: The clarinet trio practices for the State Festival, March 28. RIGHT CENTER: Quentin Woomer - He not only plays it but he can walk with it. LOWER LEFT: Carolyn Baird received first division rating for her first try in competition.

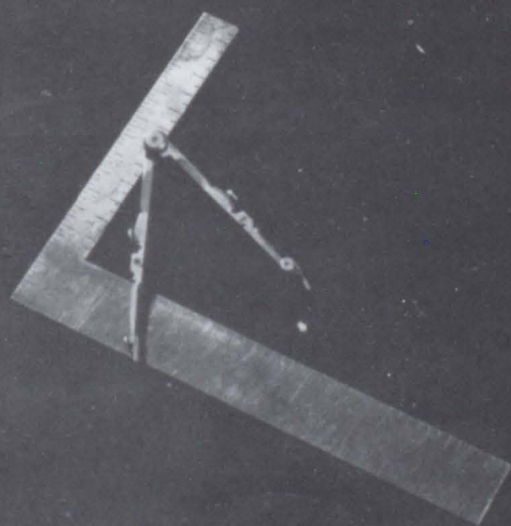
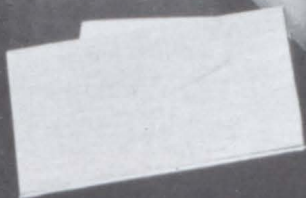
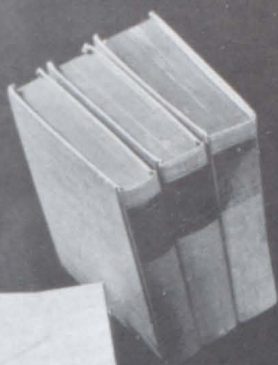


Thirty five, a record number of Blissfield High music students participated in the District Solo and Ensemble Festival held Feb. 14 at Jackson. The group returned with five first division, nine second division and six third division ratings. Those winning first division ratings are pictured above and will complete in the State Festival at Ann Arbor, March 28.

Seniors



Occupations and professions are much in the thoughts of seniors. The knowledge and skills we have gained will serve us well in the future.





ROBERT BARTHOLOMEW
F.F.A. 2, 3, 4; Band 1, 2; Student
Council 1; Junior Play 3; School Paper
3, 4; Football 1, 2, 3, 4; Track 1, 2, 3, 4;
Class Pres. 1.



ROGER BECK
F.F.A. 1, 2, 3, 4; V. Pres. 3, 4; Student
Council 3, 4, Pres. 4; Baseball 1; Class
Pres. 3; Annual Staff 4.



CLASS OFFICERS

DALE SINCLAIR, Pres.
Student Council 3, 4; Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4; Football
1, 3, 4; Baseball 2, 3, 4; Class Pres. 4; Annual Staff 4.

DARLENE COCHRAN, Sec.
F.H.A. 1; Chorus 1, 2, 3; Class Sec. 4.

DONALD CLEMENT, V. Pres.
F.F.A. 1, 2, 3, 4; Student Council 4; Junior Play 3;
Football 1, 2, 3, 4, Capt. 4; Track 1, 2, 3, 4; Baseball
1, 2.

PHYLLIS HAMMONS, Treas.
Band 3, 4; Student Council 4; Spanish Club 1, 2;
School Paper 3, 4; Annual Staff 4.

CLASS OF 1953 ELECTS

CLASS ADVISORS
Mr. Strayer
Mr. Venema
Miss McKinlay



BARBARA BILLINGTON
F.H.A. 1, 2; Chorus 1, 2, 3, 4; Spanish
Club 1, 2; School Paper 3, 4; Annual
Staff 4.





MARY JANE BERRY
F.H.A. 1, 2; Band 1, 2, 3, 4; Chorus 2; Class
Sec. 2;

NELSON BERRY
F.F.A. 1, 2, 3, 4, Sec. 4; Band 2, 3, 4;
Student Council 4; Track 2, 3, 4; Baseball
1, 2; Operetta 2;

SHARON BELL
Band 1, 2, 3, 4; School
Paper 4;

JOHN BETTIS
Band 1, 2; Football 2; Annual Staff 4;

RONALD BETZ



DALE SINCLAIR PRESIDENT



RUSSELL BIERLEY
Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4; Football 1, 3; Track
1, 2, 3, 4; Baseball 1, 2, 3, 4; Class V. Pres. 1;

BARBARA BRADSTRUM
F.H.A. 1, 2, 3; Band 1, 2, 3, 4; Student
Council 1, 2, Sec. 4; Annual Staff 4, Co-
Editor; D.A.R. Good Citizen.

JIM BRIGGS
Student Council 4; Junior
Play 3; Class Treas. 3;



SHIRLEY BRAUN
F.H.A. 1, 2, 3, 4;

RUTH BRIESCHKE
F.H.A. 1, 2, 3, 4, Historian 2, 4; Band 2, 3;
Chorus 1, 4; Class Sec. 1;





KENNETH BRIGGS
Junior Play 3; Basketball 1, 2, 3; Annual
Staff 4;

DEAN BRUBAKER
F.F.A. 1, 2, 3;



ALBERT CLEMENTS
Basketball 3, 4; Baseball 4;



ROBERT BURGERMEISTER
F.F.A. 1, 2; Basketball 2, 3, 4; Football
2, 3, 4; Track 1, 2, 3, 4; Class V. Pres. 2;

PHYLLIS BUSHROW
Dundee High School 1; Chorus 3, 4;
Junior Play 3;

WASHINGTON AND NEW YORK

ELDON CLINGAMAN

GLENDA CORBETT
F.H.A. 1; Band 1, 2, 3, 4; Chorus 1, 2;
Spanish Club 1, 2;

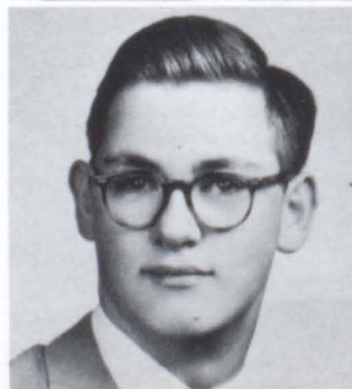
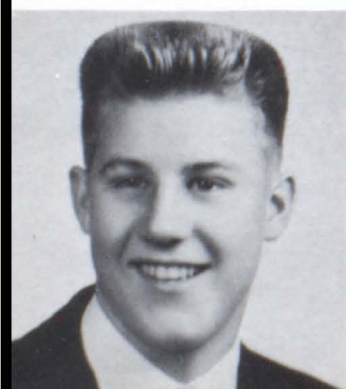
CHARLES FAIRBANK

Perrysburg High School 1;
Projection Club 1; Chorus 1;
Blissfield High School 2, 3, 4;
Football 2;



EUGENE CRANE
Spanish Club 2, 4; School Paper 3, 4;

BETTYDEANE DAVIS
F.H.A. 1, 2, 3; Band 1, 2, 3, 4; Chorus
1, 2, 3, 4; Cheerleader 2, 3, 4; Class Sec.
Operetta 2; Annual Staff 4;





CHARLES FISCHER

CHARLOTTE FISCHER
Chorus 1, 2, 3, 4;

JOANNE FORD
F.H.A. 1, 2, 3, 4; Treas. 4; Band 3, 4;
Chorus 1, 2; Annual Staff 4;



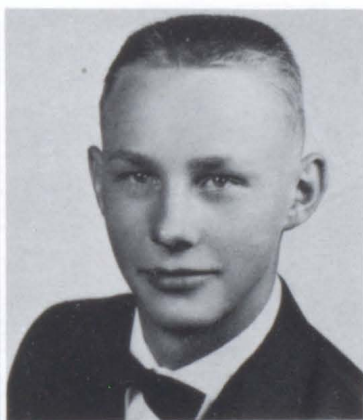
JAMES FRYE



CHOSEN FOR SENIOR TRIP



PATRICIA FUHRMAN
F.H.A. 1, 2, 3, 4; Chorus 1, 2, 3, 4; Junior
Play 3; Annual Staff 4; Operetta 2;



DALE GOETZ
F.F.A. 1, 2, 3, 4; Band 1, 2; Track 3, 4;

CARMEN GOVERNO
Ambridge High School,
Ambridge, Penn. 1, 2;
Blissfield High School 3, 4;
Spanish Club 3; Annual
Staff 4;



LAURA GOETZ
F.H.A. 1, 2; Band 1, 2, 3, 4; Chorus
1, 2, 3, 4; Student Council 3, 4, Treas. 4;
Spanish Club 1, 2; Cheerleader 2, 3, 4;
Class Treas. 2;



GERALD GOLL
Band 1, 2, 3, 4; Basketball 1, 4; Football
3; Track 2; Baseball 1;





ANNETTE HAAS
F.H.A. 1, 2; Band 2, 3, 4; Chorus 2, 3, 4;
Spanish Club 2; Junior Play 3; Operetta
2; Annual Staff 4.

JOHN HADAS
Baseball 1, 2, 3.



DUANE HOLTZ



DONALD HELZER
Junior Play 3; Track 3, 4;

LA VERNE HENRICKS

EUGENE CRANE WINS HONOR A

JOYCE LIDSTER

Deerfield High School 1;
Blissfield High School 2, 3, 4;
Chorus 2, 3, 4; Spanish
Club 2; Annual Staff 4;

LOIS JACOB

Band 2, 3, 4; Chorus 1, 2, 3; Spanish
Club 2; Junior Play 3; School Paper 3;

BEVERLY KERBAWY

F.H.A. 1, 2; Band 2, 3, 4; Chorus 1, 2, 4;
Cheerleader 2; Operetta 2;



LUELLA KNIERIM

F.H.A. 1, 2, 3, 4;

JOYCE LEHMAN

F.H.A. 1, 2; Band 1, 2, 3, 4; Chorus
1, 2, 3, 4; Junior Play 3; School Paper
3, 4; Editor 4; Class Treas. 1; Annual
Staff 4;

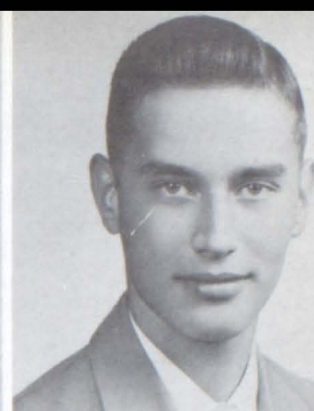




JERALD LIPPENS
Basketball 1, 2, 3; Football
1, 2, 3; Track 1, 2, 3, 4;

DOROTHY LOAR
F.H.A. 1, 2, 3, 4; Band 1, 2, 3, 4;

BRUCE McCORMICK
Band 1, 2, 3, 4; Chorus 2; Junior Play 3;
School Paper 3, 4; Baseball 2; Class
Pres. 2; Operetta 2;



TOM MALLORY
Basketball 2, 3, 4; Football 2, 3, 4; Track
3, 4; Baseball 1, 2, 3, 4;

BEVERLY MARKS
F.H.A. 1, 2, 3, 4; Chorus 1, 3, 4;



VALEDICTORIAN OF CLASS OF '53



ROBERT MILLER



ARDEN NEUMAN
Baseball 1, 2, 3, 4;

HAROLD PIXLEY



PAT O'BRYAN
Band 3, 4;



HELEN PETEE
F.H.A. 1, 2, 3, 4; Chorus 1, 2, 3, 4;





MARILYN PRIELIPP
Chorus 2, 3, 4;



MARVIN PRIELIPP
Track 3, 4;



JOAN ROENICK
Burnham High School,
Sylvania, Ohio 1, 2; Bliss-
field High School 3, 4;



RONALD RAYMOND



MINA RODESILER
F.H.A. 1, 2; Band 1, 2, 3, 4; Chorus 1;
School Paper 3;

"BELLES ON THEIR TOES"

FREDERICK ROST
Student Council 4, V. Pres. 4; Junior
Play 3; School Paper 3, 4; Annual Staff
4; Co-Editor 4;

BARBARA ROUTSON
F.H.A. 1, 2, 3, 4; Chorus 1, 2, 3, 4;

RICHARD SEEGER



JOHN SCHMIDT
F.F.A. 1, 2, 3, 4; Student Council 3;
Junior Play 3; Football 1, 2, 3, 4; Track
1, 2, 3, 4; Baseball 1, 2; Class V. Pres. 3;

MARY ANN SCHNEIDER
F.H.A. 1, 2, 3, 4; Chorus 1, 2, 3, 4;





MARVIN SELL

F.F.A. 1, 2, 3, 4, Treas.
3; Pres. 4; Football 2;

MARGARET SIELER

LOIS SILBERHORN
Chorus 1, 2, 3, 4; Spanish Club 2, 3;
School Paper 3;



PARKER TAGSOLD

Band 1, 2, 3, 4; Chorus 2; School Paper
4; Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4; Football 1, 2, 3;
Track 2, 3; Operetta 2;

JUDY TRAVIS

Chorus 2, 3;



LECTED FOR SENIOR PLAY



NORMA WELLS

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



MARIAN WESTGATE

Tecumseh High School 1; Blissfield
High School 2, 3, 4; Junior Play 3;

GEORGE WINGERD

School Paper 4; Basketball
1; Football 1, 2, 3; Baseball 2;



TOM WILLIAMS

Band 1, 2, 3, 4; Student Council 4;
Junior Play 3; Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4;
Track 3, 4; Annual Staff 4;

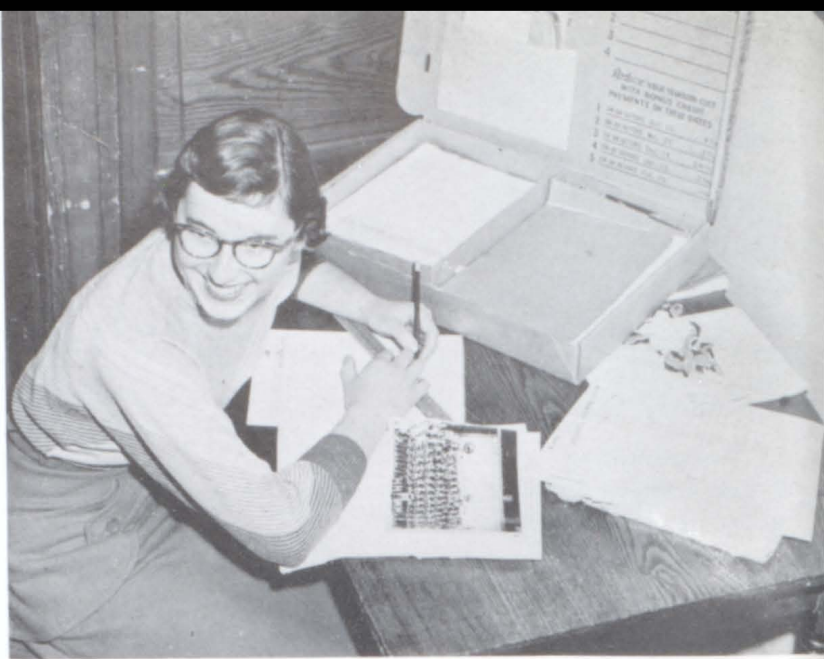
JEAN WILSON

F.H.A. 1, 2, 3, 4;





Don Clement was chosen the most valuable football player for the 1952 team of which he was also captain. He is Senior Class Vice-President and is active in F.F.A.



Barbara Bradstrum who was chosen DAR Good Citizen from Blissfield, has been active in many activities among them Student Council Secretary, Elysium Co-editor, and drum major of the band.

STUDENTS RECEIVE HONORS

Laura Goetz, the 1952 Football Queen, has been active in the Band and Chorus all of her four high school years, was Treasurer of the Sophomore Class, and is Treasurer of the Student Council.

Don Clemen, Jim Siering, and Jo Fourman were chosen on the 1952 LCAA Football 2nd team. Jo, a Junior, played left guard and Jim, also a Junior, played left tackle. Don, a Senior and 1952 captain, played tackle. Jo and Jim have played three years, while Don has been of the squad four years.





Eugene Crane, Valadictorian, has received all A's in High School with the exception of one B. His point average is 2.97. Gene has participated in many activities.



Russell Bierley and Parker Tagsold were elected Co-Captains of the 1953 Basketball Team. Both played four years of high school basketball.

FOR VARIOUS ACTIVITIES

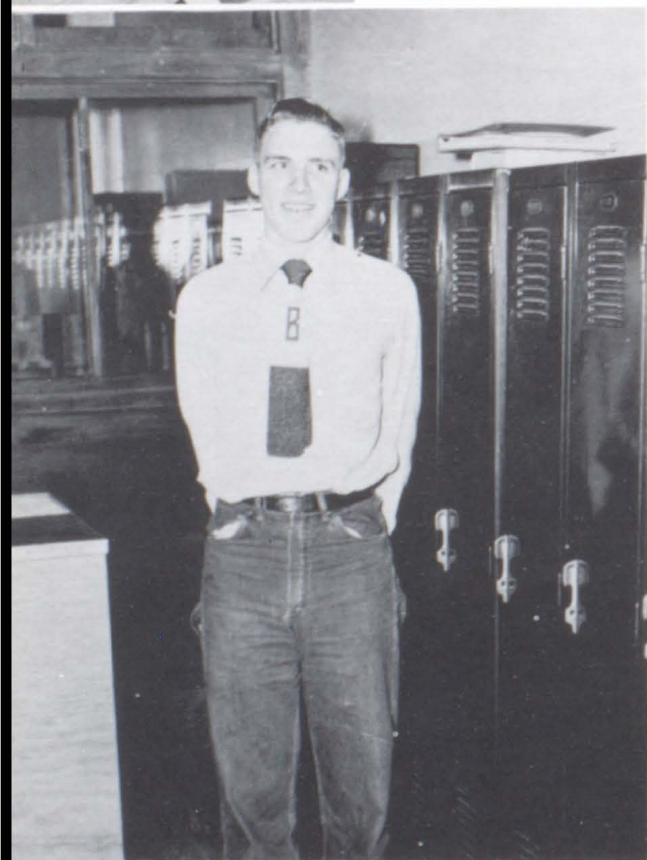
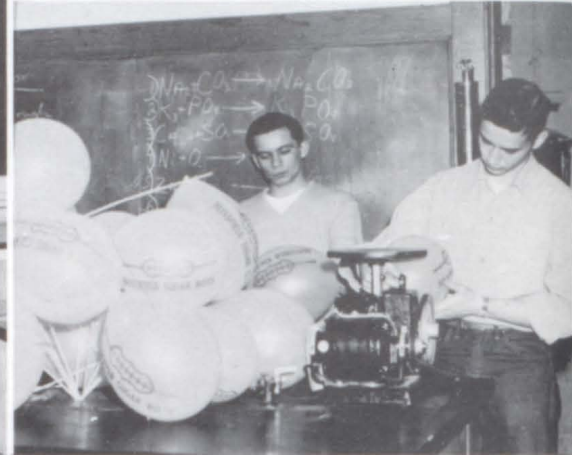
A. Haas, P. Fuhrman, E. Crane, B. McCormick, D. Sinclair, J. Briggs, M. Prielipp, R. Raymond, B. Bradstrum, J. Ford.

These students are the top ten scholastically in the Senior Class of 1953.



Marvin Prielipp, the Salutatorian, has received seventeen A's and eleven B's in his high school years. He participated in track in his Junior and Senior years.





UPPER LEFT: Our business managers do their stuff. UPPER RIGHT: Ready for business. LEFT CENTER: Betty Davis arrives in style with a cake for the bake food sale. CENTER: Chili pepper anyone? RIGHT: Anyone have a pin handy? LOWER LEFT: Ken Briggs displays his purple and gold tie.

HIGH FINANCE

One of the problems which all Senior Classes have to face is the financing of their Senior Trip. The Class of 1953 has been no exception. Having decided on a trip which included going to both Washington and New York the need for funds was acute.

Many and varied were the suggestions for raising at least part of the money. Members of the class cooperated in selling purple and gold neckties, gold balloons inscribed with "Sugar-boys", pen and pencil sets and other articles. A chili supper was success financially and otherwise. Money was also received from baked food sales and dances.

The Senior Play brought in the largest lump sum and increased the balance in the class treasurer's book greatly.



CLASSES

The underclassmen look forward to the day when they will wear the cap and gown and receive their diplomas as these seniors are almost ready to do.

CLASS

Gary Adrian
Allison Anteau
Bonnie Anteau



Robert Bakus
Donald Bailey
Nancy Bakowski
Lorain Bell
Donna Berry
Phyllis Berry



Kirk Bettis
Arlene Bierley



Joyce Bierley
Shirley Brooks

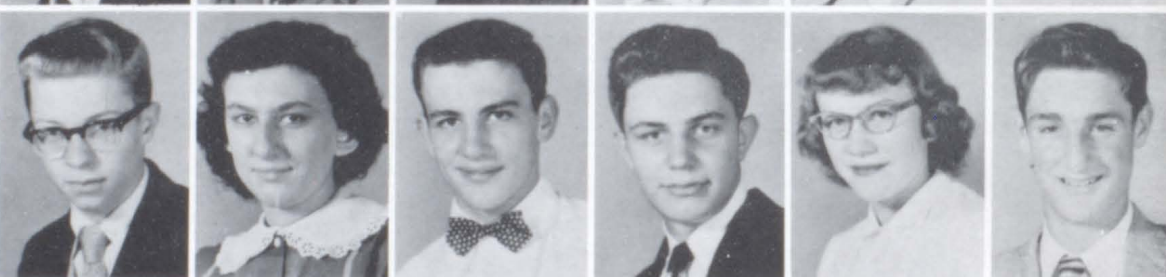


JUNIOR OFFICERS: Jim Siering, Vice President;
Robert Karl, Treasurer; Fred Hall, President;
Joanne Sprunk, Secretary.

Robert Bussing
Catherine Carpenter
Sherwood Colyer
Howard Driggs
Hugh Driggs
Wilma Fisher



Larry Fogel
Phyllis Fogelsong
Jo Fourman
David Goble
Lucille Goetz
Fred Hall



Nancy Hamann
John Harrington
Luella Harris
Phillip Hottenstein
Beverly Iffland
Doris Isley



Lou Ann Isley
Robert Karl
Joan Kastel
Marvin Kastel
Sally Kilchenman
Margaret Kinsel



of 1954



Donna Klump
Marilyn Klump



Marjorie La Sotta
Ralph Lehman
Marilyn Love
Betty Miller
Noel Miller
Kenneth Mitchell



JUNIOR ADVISORS: Mrs. McColl, Mr. Williams,
Mrs. Morton.



Claudia Meyers
Henry Newlin



Loretta Olrich
Donna Osborn



Patsy Payden
Marvel Petee
James Peters
Betty Pieplow
Darlene Porter
Mary Ries



Leslie Robertson
Nancy Rost
Dorothy Saxton
Delores Sayers
Evelyn Schebella
Shirley Sebring



Lois Setzler
Albert Sheldon
James Siering
Margarte Sliker
Charles Southward
Joanne Sprunk



Donald Straver
De Arle Stucker
Anna Mae Swift
Sandra Thompson
William Tubbs
Francis Van Looke

CLASS

Joe Adkins
Noami Adrian
Janice Barkenquest

Carma Behm
Jane Bell
Arthur Berry
Marian Berry
John Bierley
Franklin Bierman

Shirley Bierman
Gordon Bischoff
Madalyn Bischoff

Richard Blackford
Sally Blake
Donald Brown

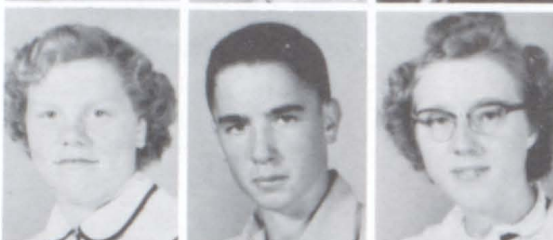
Loretta Brown
Shirley Brubaker
Carolyn Buehrer
Marilyn Cline
Patricia Cline
Marla Colyer

Raymond Cousino
Lyle Crots
Larry Davis
Carol Demlow
Walter Dickerson
Dale Eisenman

Lois Eisenman
Norman Figy
Norman Fisher
Janet Fritz
Marjorie Gentz
Gerald Goetz

Betty Grasley
David Gray
Philip Hall
Barbara Hammons
Nancy Handy
Charlotte Hendricks

Harry Hicks
Ann Hoadley
Janes Hoenig
Gerald Hoffman
Hubert Holtz
Rita Horkey
Gordon Hull



SOPHOMORE OFFICERS: Barbara Hammons, Treasurer; James Zimmerman, President; Rita Horkey, Vice President; Janet Porter, Secretary.

of 1955



Irene Isley
Ronald Jacobs
Carolyn Karl

Marlo Karl
John Kuhl
Pat Lintner
Gerald Long
Marilyn Luse
Robert Mason

Ted Mason
Herbert McCarty
Thomas MacBeth

Marvin Nine
Gene Orel
Gilbert Olrich

Janet Porter
Susan Phillips
Gordon Pirk
Erma Prelipp
Violet Redlinger
Richard Reynolds

Jean Roenick
Joanne Rohrbach
Vanda Ruhl
Carol Russell
Betty Sallows
Richard Sayers

Janet Schneider
Dale Schulte
Melvin Seiler
Wyona Snyder
Dorothy Sprunk
Thomas Swift

John Tubbs
Marjorie Wahl
Dale Walters
Jack Walters
Dale Welsh
Norman Welsh

Robert Williams
Joan Wilson
Kent Wilson
Pat Wilt
Carmen Yurnick
Sally Zeizert
James Zimmerman



SOPHOMORE ADVISORS: Mr. Arn, Mr. Morton,
Miss Yoder, Mr. Lew.



CLASS

Judy Adkins
James Adrian
Delores Alcock

Edward Bakowski
Joseph Bakus
Ronald Bateson

Sharon Beck
Dennis Berger
Carolyn Bettis
Sally Betz
Susie Betz
Donna Bierley

Hazel Bierman
Suzann Bierman

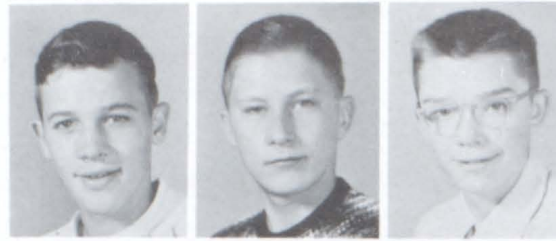
Kenneth Bilkey
Robert Billington

Joann Bischoff
Rosemary Bischoff
James Blackford
Vencil Blanton
Albert Briskey
Beryl Brown

Jack Brown
Macklin Brown
Sally Brown
Arlene Brubaker
Yvonne Bussing
Donna Campbell

Ronald Capron
Lois Caswell
Josephine Clements
Marlin Cline
Ray Cline
Charles Coopshaw

Dolores Cousino
George Cowdrey
Nelson Cowdrey
Lynn Crots
Raymond Crots



FRESHMAN OFFICERS: Barry Peebles, Treasurer;
James McColl, President; John Ganun, Vice President;
Nancy Fashbaugh, Secretary.

of 1956



FRESHMAN ADVISERS: Mrs. Phelps, Mr. Berg, Mr. Fulton, Mrs. Culhane.



Carol Curnow
Orin Daniels
Robert Daniels

Richard Delker
Bill Derthick
Janet Dressel

La Vern Ehlert
Gregory Ellcey
Nancy Fashbaugh
Eileen Fink
Larry Fink
Frank Fisher

Earl Gafner
John Ganun

Mary Gobel
Kenneth Goetz

Cora Goetz
George Gruber
Gerald Hall
Betty Handy
Alfred Harris
Carol Harsh

Gene Hartman
Joann Henning
Pat Hilton
Carolyn Hull
Carolyn Isley
Loren Isley

David Jacobs
Melanie Jacques
Norman Johnson
Lee Keller
Alan King
Janis Kleindenist

Melvin Klock
Delight Klump
Dwight Klump
Paul Knepper

CLASS

Marlene Knierim
Edward Knisel
Janet Knoblauch



Jane Komsteller
Richard Krahn
Joe Kuhl
Allene Lambert
Duane Larkin
Arlene La Sota



Hubert Lennard
Mary Lipps



Robert Lombard
Marvin Long



Sharon Love
Gene Luce
Duane McCarty
James McColl
Lee McCormick
Beverly McVicker



"FROST BITTEN IVY"

Jacqueline Marsh
Raymond Martinez
Wendell Mason
Doris Miller
Ned Newlin
Gerald Neyrinck



Howard Nichols
Thomas Olsen
Barry Peebles
Milo Philips
Leroy Prelipp
Bernita Roberts



Alton Robertson
Tom Romsek
Eugene Rouston
George Sailer
June Sailer
Able Sanchez



of 1956



Elaine Schmitz
Shirley Schwartzwalder
Jane Sebring



Sally Seeger
Mary Lou Seegert
Mary Louise Seegert
Garry Seizert
Richard Setzler
Solon Sheldon



"WINTER SCENE"



Carolyn Siegers
Gene Silberhorn



William Snyder
Dean Sommers



George Soneff
Charlotte Southward
Duane Speigel
Thomas Speigel
Roscoe Stetten
Robert Stock



Joe Svestka
Dennis Travis
Larry Troxel
Lou Ann Van Loocke
Shirley Van Loocke
Susann Van Loocke



La Vern Viers
Lila Walters
Margaret Webster
Dan Wellnitz
Charles Westgate
Barbara Wilkins



Meredith Wilson
Noama Wilson
Norma Wilson
Aruther Wingard
Wayne Wright

CLASS OF 1957

Carol Abner
Jacqueline Adrian
John Bangerter

Marilyn Boyer
Peggy Brooks
Judy Browneller
Charleen Buehrer
Betty Cowdrey
William Crist

John Derthick
Cryl De Serrano

Charles Everett
Sandra Fairbank

Clark Frohnapfel
Gary Good
Loren Grinage
Margaret Henning
Merlin Hilton
Rudy Hilton

Mildred Hoffman
Janet Ikle
Glen Jennings
Alice Karl
Nancy Kelley
Rodney Lipp

Barbara Luce
Serge Mann
Lee Mason
Larry Miller
Ruth Miller
Dathel Never

Keith Phillips
Alfred Price
Joann Rittner
Barbara Roberts
Michael Rost
Ralph Sayers

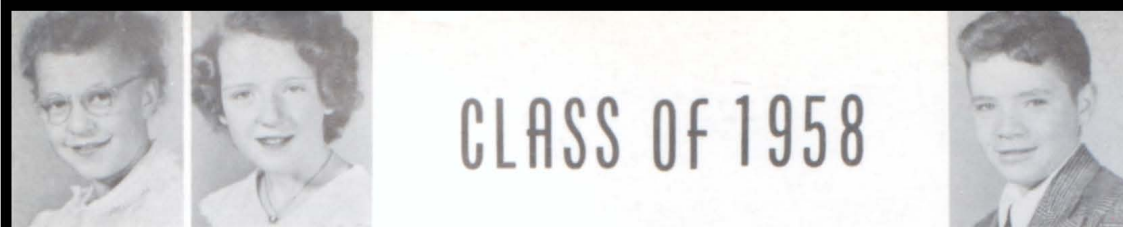
Janet Staup
Terry Stock
Joyce Strobel
John Strayer
Janis Tagsold
Kay Williams
Janet Wingerd



EIGHTH GRADE OFFICERS AND ADVISERS: Keith Phillips, Treasurer; Janis Tagsold, Vice President; Mrs. Elsea, Mr. Rupp, Joann Rittner, President; Kay Williams, Secretary.



CLASS OF 1958



SEVENTH GRADE OFFICERS AND ADVISERS: Daniel Bettis, Secretary; Harold Clements, President; Beverly Lora, Vice President; Shirley Miller, Treasurer; Miss Burghardt, Miss Wendt.



Elona Adrian
Carolyn Baird
Danny Bettis

Judith Bierley
Linda Bischoff
Rolland Brooks
Daniel Brown
Richard Bunting
Carol Christensen

Shirley Clampitt
Harold Clements

Betty Clough
Alice Coopshaw

Giles De Loach
Vincent De Loach
Kenneth Donaldson
Beverly Fick
Janice Hall
Roger Hall

Allen Hoag
Bruce June
Judith Krause
Sharon Landis
Angelina La Sotta
Arthur Liewert

Beverly Lora
Henry Martinez
James Mason
Myrla Mason
Robert Mason
Susan McColl

Michael McCullough
Gerald Miller
Shirley Miller
Thomas Paulson
Arthur Rodriguez
Margaret Roenick

Carl Schwartzwalde
Linda Seegert
Marsha Smith
Larry Synder
Larry Spiegel
Charlotte Trinka
William Uckele
Quentine Woomer





E
 V
 E
 N
 T
 S
 O
 F
 1
 9
 5
 2
 .
 5
 3

SEPTEMBER

- 3 School Opens
- 4 Band Played at State Fair
- 19 St. Mary's Football Game (here)
- 26 Hudson Football Game (here)

OCTOBER

- 3 Pittsford Football Game (there)
- 6 F.H.A. Panel Discussion
- 7 Metamora Band Festival
- 10 Addison Football Game (there)
- 11 University of Michigan Band Day
- 15 Tecumseh Band Festival
- 17 Summerfield Football Game (there)
- 20 Assembly Program
- 24 Clinton Football Game (here)
- 29 Citizenship Conference at U. of M.
- 31 Morenci Football Game (here)

NOVEMBER

- 7 Onsted Football Game (here)
- 8 Cheerleaders Clinic at U. of M.
- 14 Tecumseh Football Game (there)
- 21 Sophomore Dance
- 27-29 Thanksgiving Vacation

DECEMBER

- 1 Assembly Program
- 5 Clinton Basketball Game (here)
- 9 Senior Government Day
- 12 Hudson Basketball Game (there)
- 16 Summerfield Basketball Game (here)
- 18 Christmas Music Program
- 19 Pittsford Basketball Game (here)
- 20 Junior All School Christmas Dance
- 19-4 Christmas Vacation

JANUARY

- 5 School Resumes

- 9 Addison Basketball Game (there)
- 16 Tecumseh Basketball Game (here)
- 20 Morenci Basketball Game (there)
- 23 Clinton Basketball Game (there)
- 29 Assembly Program
- 30 Hudson Basketball Game (here)
- 31 Freshman Dance

FEBRUARY

- 2 Assembly Program
- 3 Bedford Basketball Game (here)
- 6 Summerfield Basketball Game (there)
- 13 Pittsford Basketball Game (there)
- 17 Addison Basketball Game (here)
- 19 P. T. A. Skating Party
- 20 Tecumseh Basketball Game (there)
- 24-25 Senior Play
- 27 Morenci Basketball Game (here)
- 28 Senior Dance

MARCH

- 20 Sophomore Class Party
- 25-26 Junior Play
- 31 Junior Class Party

APRIL

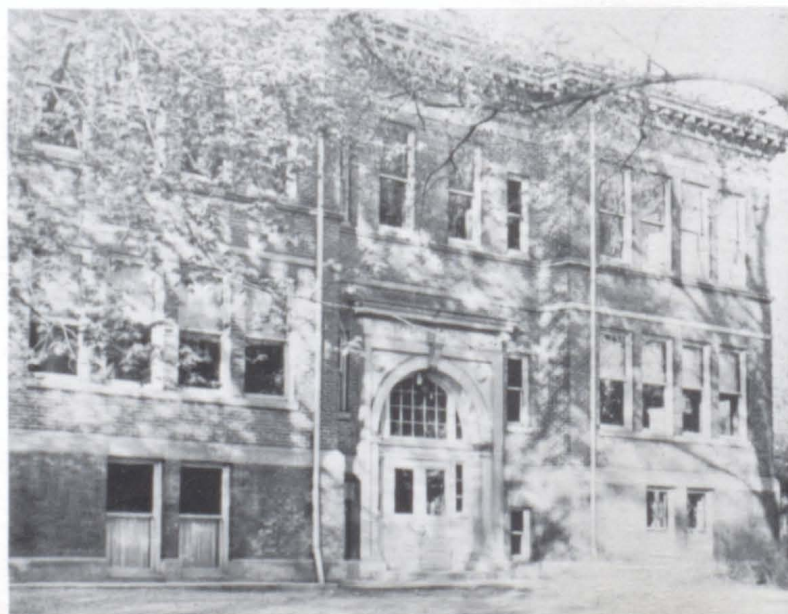
- 1-5 Easter Vacation
- 6 School Resumes
- 10 Sponge Week Dance
- 26 Career Day at Morenci

MAY

- 1 Assembly Program
- 1 Senior Send-Off Dance
- 10-15 Senior Trip
- 22 Junior and Senior Banquet
- 31 Baccalaureate

JUNE

- 2 Class Night
- 4 Commencement
- 5 School Closes



PATRONIZE THESE ADVERTISERS

The Class of 1953 wishes to acknowledge and express their appreciation for the assistance which these advertisers gave in the publishing of the 1953 Elysium. Without the financial help which they gave it would have been impossible for the staff to have put out as complete and as worthwhile an annual.

We sincerely urge that wherever possible you give them your patronage.

THE BLISSFIELD ADVANCE

*Read In More Than 1500
Homes Every Week*

BASSETT RADIO SERVICE

Complete Radio and Television Service

Compliments

BAILEY'S DRUG STORE

BLISSFIELD CO-OPERATIVE CO.

*Grain, Feed, Seed and Coal
Blissfield, Riga, Jasper, Ogden*

*Compliments of
DRIGGS DAIRY*

DINGS AND REAU FURNITURE

Blissfield Community Auction

DR. J. E. CHAPMAN

JOHN B. CLEMENT

*Minneapolis-Moline
Ph. Blissfield 211*

*Compliments
GREAT LAKES SUGAR
Use Beet Sugar*



GLASER'S GREENHOUSE

Corsages of Distinction

HELZER'S GUN SHOP

Motors Repaired

Palmyra, Mich.

Ph. Adrian 7107F-5

J. B. KING

*Groceries and Cold Meats
Ogden Center, Michigan*

KRAUSE PLUMBING AND HEATING

*"Your Interest Is The Heart of Our Business"
Ph. Bliss.-244*

MANN FUNERAL HOME

TINE SHEDLER CHEVROLET

*A ☐ Deal The Year O
Blissfield, Michigan*

WESTERN AUTO ASSOCIATE

*Sporting Goods
Fishing Tackle*



UPPER RIGHT-Senior Pictures
LOWER RIGHT-Swing Your Partner
LOWER LEFT-Hearing Tests



MR. PRESIDENT



Ready-Shift One Two Three

THESE ADVERTISERS HELPED

BLISSFIELD HATCHERY

U. S. Approved Baby Chicks

BLISSFIELD SALES AND SERVICE, INC.

Dodge-Plymouth

Job Rated Dodge Trucks

BLISSFIELD CONCRETE COMPANY

BUSSING'S MARKET

Home of Choice Meats

Fresh or Smoked

Compliments of

CRIST'S PURE FOOD MARKET

Where the Wise Economize

DR. E. G. FROHNAPFEL

GILSON'S GENERAL HARDWARE

Compliments

GOETZ'S SNAK BAR

HADDIX & SONS

MASSEY-HARRIS

Sales & Service

Compliments of

HOME CANNING COMPANY

THE JIPSON CARTER STATE BANK

Congratulations Senior Class

JOY SHOP

KERBAWY'S NEWS

"KIE," "GEN" & "BEV"

DR. E. F. KILCHENMAN

Compliments of

LIPP'S MARKET

Groceries and Meats

Compliments of

NATIONAL BUNDLE TYER COMPANY

PURE-OIL SERVICE STATION

Lubrication Headquarters

Complete Brake Service

ROST DRUG STORE

SPRUNK BROS.

BLISSFIELD'S

Finer Foods

STAVER'S 5c TO \$1.00 STORE

WILT & KNOBLAUGH

McCORMICK DEERING IMPLEMENTS

Blissfield, Michigan

Santa's Helpers-B. Kerbawy B. Bliesner

FHA's Baked Food Handout





Busy, Aren't They



P. Tagsold J. Zimmerman
A. Bierley A. Anteau

TO FINANCE THE ELYSIUM

BANCROFT CLEANERS

Our Reputation is Your Protection

Blissfield Phone 335-R

BAT'S GULF SERVICE

LYNN G. ROUGET

BLISSFIELD HOTEL

THE BLISSFIELD STATE BANK

Complete Banking Service

MEMBER F. D. I. C.

Compliments of

CHARLEY'S PLACE

DANGLER'S JEWELRY

Bliss Theater Building

Blissfield, Michigan

EDWARD GREW REALTOR

Blissfield, Michigan

Phone 64 or 404-M

GAMBLE'S

HARDWARE & AUTO SERVICE

Compliments

GOBLE LUMBER COMPANY

H. J. HOENIG SEED COMPANY

HOUGHTBY'S MACHINE SHOP

JOE'S TEXACO SERVICE

Specialized Washing & Greasing

Phone 9105

ABE KERBAWY

Shoes for Men & Boys

Bicycle Parts

GEORGE KERBAWY

Dry Goods

Clothes & Shoes

LIPPENS CLEANERS & TAILORS

"MARTINIZING"

More than Dry Cleaning

LOARS APPLIANCE SHOP

General Electric Appliances

Admiral Television

PEE WEE'S RESTAURANT

24 Hour Service

RICHLAND FURS

SEEGER'S

Over 50 Years in Blissfield

SPRUNK & LIEWERT

WESTINGHOUSE and RCA VICTOR

Compliments of

TAGSOLD'S

AFTER THE BIG GAME



Students Study Exam Schedule





1. Taking a Break
2. Pep Band
3. Watch The Birdie

Compliments of
BLISSFIELD MANUFACTURING CO.
 Blissfield, Mich.

DR. C. M. BRADSTRUM

BOB'S — RED & WHITE
 SUPER MARKET
 Riga, Mich.

BLISSFIELD DAIRY
All Dairy Products

CHERRY NOOK
 U. S. 223 Palmyra

Compliments of
DR. W. M. HAGENBUCH

KNAPP OLDSMOBILE SALES
 EARL L. KNAPP, PROP.
 Blissfield, Michigan

KEN'S BARBER SHOP
Appointments Accepted
 Phone 349-W

MEYERS & REYNOLDS
 KELVINATOR-EASY-WHIRLPOOL
 Blissfield, Phone 91

PENCE'S MARKET
 Ogden Center, Michigan

PIEHL'S ALFALFA MILLS

Compliments
WOOD'S CLOTHING
 GOLDMAN CLEANERS

ZENK IMPLEMENT COMPANY
 ALLIS CHALMERS
 Sales and Service

Compliments
THE RAMBOS

PALMYRA GROCERY

REX'S CITIES SERVICE
Once — Always
 TOM CLEMENT

RUTH ANN SHOP
 Women's and Children's Wear
 RUTH MALLORY, Owner

GENUINE PFISTER HYBRIDS
 LAWRENCE SELZTER & SONS
 Phone 275

SHELLANE BOTTLED GAS
Gas Appliances
 HOLLIS ICKLE — Ph. 47

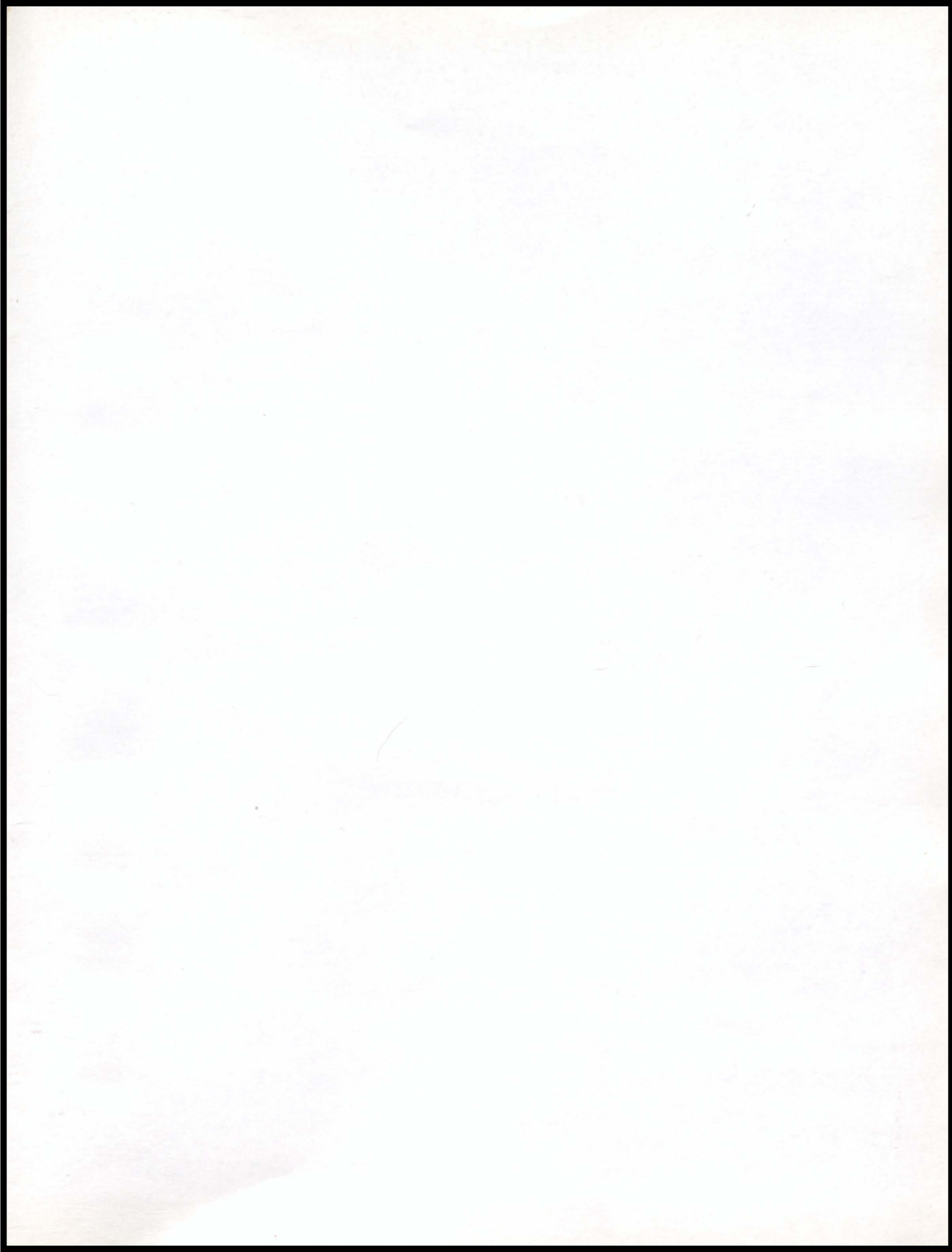
SCHNEIDER FRAME & AXLE
 Blissfield, Mich. — Ph. 141
Complete Wrecker Service

VAN BUREN MOTOR SALES
 Appliances, New & Used Cars
General Repair

J. M. WELLER'S STORE
 Riga, Michigan









Myers

PACEMAKERS
OF QUALITY

YEARBOOKS

in deeptone

MYERS AND CO INC

TOPEKA, KANSAS

