

THE 1954** ELYSIUM

The water tower and the River Raisin-Two Blissfield landmarks that will long be remembered

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Junior and Senior
Classes
of
Blissfield High School
Blissfield, Michigan

FOREWORD

Someday in the future some members of the 1954 student body of Blissfield High will thumb through this book and reminisce about their high school days. It is the hope of the 1954 Elysium Staff that we have accomplished our purpose of making it possible for them to recall vividly and with pleasure the year 1953-1954 which they spent at B. H. S. They will not only recall the work they did, the books they read, the speeches they gave, but also the fun they had, the dances, the parties, the football games, and the friendships made.

The staff has tried to record in pictures and words school life as it was in Blissfield. We trust that we have succeeded and that memories will forever be fresh because of what we have done.





Our school as seen from the corner of Giles and Jefferson.

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DEDICATION





We, the Elysium staff of 1954, dedicate this book to Sally Sue Kilchenman who lost her life in an automobile accident in late December of 1953.

Sally, a classmate through our high school years, was a student leader. She participated in chorus four years as pianist, was a member of the band six years and the Spanish Club for two years. Sally was secretary of the Student Council in her senior year and was secretary of our class her sophomore year. Sally was elected a cheerleader four times and was chosen captain in her senior year.

As organist and member of youth groups Sally also took an active part in the activities of her church. She entertained at P. T. A. meeting and other events in the community with her musical talents.

Sally was outstanding in her scholastic achievements being very close to the top of our class. She was elected D. A. R. Good Citizen by the seniors and faculty.

The student body and faculty will always remember her pleasing way and happy smile.













LEFT TO RIGHT: J. T. Carpenter, Herbert Hoenig, Cleon Mason.





Mr. H. Nevers.

ADMINISTRATION

In addition to the operation of the school the Board of Education still had the problem of overcrowding confronting them. A beginning was made toward a solution by the construction of a new elementary school. They also worked with a committee studying the reorganization of the school districts in the Blissfield area into one large district. Additions to the faculty also aided in overcoming the problem. The Board spent much time and effort in an attempt to better conditions.

Dr. Tubbs, Pres.



LEFT TO RIGHT: Miss Luke, Miss Sheldon, Sec'ys; Mr. Strayer and Mr. Peebles.







BLISSFIELD HIGH SCHOOL FACULTY



TOP ROW: Mr. Walter Garey, Mr. Tion Hassen, Mr. William Arn, Mr. Adrian Williams, Mr. Jacob Venema, Mr. Thomas Murray, Mr. John Axelson. MIDDLE ROW: Miss Doris Downer, Mr. Robert Luce, Mrs. Mary Culhane, Miss Marjorie Yoder, Mr. Philip Fulton, Mr. Robert Lew, Mrs. Daphne Onofrio, Miss Luella Burghardt, Mr. Howard Bond, Mr. C. L. Rupp. FRONT ROW: Mrs. Mary Jane McColl, Mr. Burdett Peebles, Mr. Floyd Strayer, Mrs. Rita Miller. ABSENT: Mrs. Mildred Kellerman.

We believe that the teaching profession is well represented in our school. These instructors have not only prepared us academically for the future, but have also paved the way to a greater enjoyment of any activity that we may undertake. In addition to having a mastery of information in their specific fields, these teachers are at all times interested in the well-being of the individual student. Their guidance has been of constant help to each of us in planning our future work. As we leave this school to go into our various fields of endeavor we have a secure feeling that we have been adequately equipped to meet the problems of this changing world.



MR. JOHN AXELSON, B. S.

Bowling Green University

Social Studies

MR. FLOYD J. STRAYER, M. A. University of Michigan Superintendent

MR. BURDETT PEEBLES, M. A. University of Michigan Principal



FACULTY TURNS INTERESTS

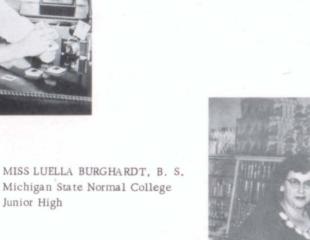


MR. WILLIAM ARN, B. S. Ohio Northern College Social Studies, Chemistry, and Mechanical Drawing





MR. HOWARD BOND, A. B. Bowling Green University Chorus and Band



Junior High

MRS. MARY CULHANE, B.S. Central Mississippi State Commercial



MISS DOROTHY DOWNER, B. S. Michigan State College Homemaking



MR. PHILIP FULTON, B. S. Ohio State University Social Studies, Junior High Asst. Basketball Coach

MR. ROBERT GAREY, B. S. Ohio State University Biology Reserve Football Coach



TO VARIOUS FOR RELAXATION



MRS. MILDRED KELLERMAN, M. A. Siena Heights College Elementary Supervising Principal - English



MR, TION HASSEN, B. S. Michigan State College Coach and Physical Education



MR. ROBERT LEW, B. S. University of Toledo Mathematics and Athletic Director



MR. ROBERT LUCE, B. S. Adrian College Social Studies and Science Asst. Football Coach



MRS. MARY JANE McCOLL, A. B. Hillsdale College English and Spanish



MRS. RITA MILLER, A. B. Mary Manse College Mathematics and English





MR. THOMAS MURRAY, A. B. University of Michigan English and Public Speaking

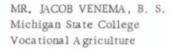


MRS, DAPHNE ONOFRIO, A. B. University of Indiana Latin and Librarian



MR. C. L. RUPP, B. S. Taylor University Junior High Driver Education

MR. WILLIAMS ELECTED PRESIDENT OF TEACHERS' CLUB







MR. ADRIAN WILLIAMS, B. S. Western Michigan College Industrial Arts



MISS MARJORIE YODER, B. S. Bowling Green University Commercial

SENIORS



A diploma is

presented--a never

to be forgotten

moment,





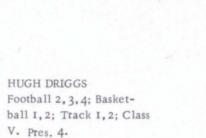
CLASS ADVISORS Mrs. McColl Mr. Williams Mr. Strayer





DE ARLE STUCKER
Student Council 4; School
Paper 3,4; Annual Staff 4;
Football 1,2,3; Basketball
2,3; Track 2,3; Class Pres.





ARLENE BIERLEY
F.H.A. I.2,3,4, V.
Pres. 3; F.T.A. V. Pres.
4; Band I,2,3,4; School
Paper 3,4; Annual Staff;
Class Secy. 4.



NANCY BAKOWSKI Band 3.

ALLISON ANTEAU F.T.A. 4 Hist. 4; F.H.A. I; Band I,2,3,4; Annual Staff 4, Ed.

BONNIE ANTEAU F.H.A. I; Band 2,3,4; School Paper 3,4.

GARY ADRIAN
F.F.A. 1,2,3; Football
1.











DON BAILEY F.F.A. I,2,3,4; Basketball I,2,3,4; Track I,3,4.



ROBERT BAKUS Basketball 2,4; Baseball I, 2,3,4.

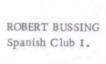


DONNA JEAN BERRY F.H.A. I,2,3; Band I,2,3, 4; Junior Play; Cheerleader 4; Student Council I.

TO LEAD CLASS OF 1954



DONNA KLUMP F.H.A. I,2,3,4; Class Treas. 4.





KIRK BETTIS

JOYCE BIERLEY
F.H.A. 1,2; Band 1,2,3,4;
Student Council 4, Treas. 4;
School Paper 4; Annual Staff

LORAIN BELL F.F.A. I,2,3,4; Junior Play; Senior Play; School Paper 4; Football 3,4; Track 2,3,4; Annual Staff 4.

SHIRLEY BROOKS











CATHERINE CARPENTER F.H.A. I.2,3,4, Pres. 4; Junior Play; F.T.A. 4, Parl. 4, Songleader 4.



SHERWOOD COLYER F.F.A. 3,4.

MARIA GEBHARDT AUSTRIAN GIRL IS MEMBER OF CLASS

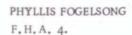
HOWARD DRIGGS Football 2, 3, 4; Basketball 2; Baseball 1, 2. WILMA FISHER
Band 2, 3, 4; School Paper
4.

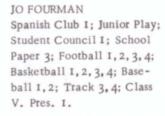


JEAN CREGER Adrian High I, 2, 3; Latin Club 2, 3; School Paper 2; Band 3; Cheerleader 4; Band 4.



LARRY FOGEL Band 3, 4; Junior Play; Senior Play; Annual Staff 4; Track 2, 3, 4.





MARIA GEBHARDT Austria I, 2, 3; Exchange Stud. 4; F.H.A. 4.











DAVID GOBLE Band I,2,3,4; Student Council I,4; Football I, 2,3,4; Basketball I,2.



LUCILLE GOETZ F.H.A. I,2.



FRED HALL Band I, 2, 3, 4; Junior Play; Senior Play; Student Council 3, 4; School Paper 3, 4; Football 2, 3, 4; Basketball I, 2, 3; Track 2, 3, 4; Class Pres. 3.



"STATE FAIR"
SENIOR PLAY
GIVEN TWICE

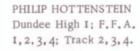
NANCY HAMANN

LOU ANN ISLEY F.H.A. 1,2,3,4; Junior Play; Annual Staff 4.



DORIS ISLEY Junior Play.





JOHN HARRINGTON Football 3, 4; Track 2, 4.











ROBERT KARL Student Council 4; Football 2, 3, 4; Baseball 2, 3, 4; Class Treas. 3.



MARVIN KASTEL Football I,2,3,4; Baseball I,2,3,4; Track 4.



RALPH LEHMAN
Junior Play; Football I, 2, 3;
Basketball I, 2, 3, 4; Baseball I; Track I, 3, 4.



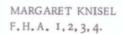
CLASS OF 1954

MARILYN KLUMP F.H.A. I.2.

JOAN KASTEL F.H.A. I, 2.



MARJORIE LA SOTTA F.H.A. I.

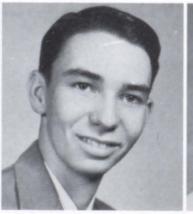


WAYNE McDOWELL Monroe High I, 2, 3; Senior Play; Spanish Club Pres. 4; School Paper 4.

BETTY MILLER Band 1,2,3,4; Junior Play.



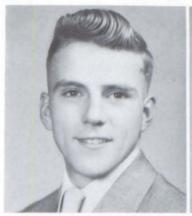








HENRY NEWLIN
Hudson High I, 2; School
Paper I, 2; Spanish Club
3, 4, V. Pres. 3; Junior
Play; Senior Play; Baseball 3, 4; Track 4.



KENNETH MITCHELL Junior Play; School Paper 3; Class Secretary I; Class Pres. 2; Student Council 2,3,4, Pres. 4; Football I,2,3,4; Baseball I,2,3,4; Track I,2.



SHARON NICHOLS



CLASS OF 1954

LORETTA OLRICH
Burnham High I; F.H.A.

CLAUDIA MEYERS F.H.A. I; Junior Play; Senior Play.

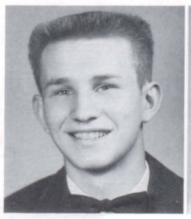


NOEL MILLER Senior Play; School Paper 4; Football I, 2, 3, 4; Basketball I, 2, 3, 4; Track 2, 3, 4.

PATSY PAYDEN Student Council I; Senior Play; Class Pres. I.



JAMES PETERS
Band I, 2, 3, 4; School Paper
I; Basketball I, 2, 3; Baseball I, 2, 3, 4; Track I.











MARY RIES F.H.A. 1,3,4; Junior Play; Senior Play; School Paper 4.



LESLIE ROBERTSON F.F.A. I,2,3,4, Pres 4; Baseball 3,4.



NANCY ROST F.H.A. I,2,3,4, Pres. 3; Band I,2,3,4; Junior Play; School Paper 3,4.

WASHINGTON D. C. CHOSEN B



JAMES SIERING
Junior Play; Student Council 2; School Paper 3, 4;
Annual Staff 4; Football
2, 3, 4; Basketball 2; Baseball 2, 3, 4; Track 2;
Class V. Pres. 3.

DOLORES SAYERS F.H.A. 3.4, Treas. 4; Band 2,3,4; Junior Play; School Paper 4.



SHIRLEY SEBRING Adrian High I; Cheerleader 3,4.

ALBERT SHELDON

LOIS SETZLER
F.H.A. I,2,3,4, Treas.
2, Sec. 4; Band I,2,3,4;
Junior Play; Annual Staff
4.

MARGARET SLIKER Band 1, 2, 3.











CHARLES SOUTHWARD



ANNA MAE SWIFT



DONALD STAVER
Band I,2,3,4; Basketball
I,2; Track 2,3,4.

SENIORS FOR ANNUAL TRIP

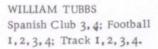


SANDRA THOMPSON
F.H.A. I,2,3,4, V. Pres.
2,4, Parl 3; Band I,2,3,4;
Junior Play; Student Council
4, Secy. 4; School Paper 4;
Annual Staff 4.

JOANNE SPRUNK
F. H. A. I, 3, 4; Band I, 2,
3, 4; Junior Play; Senior
Play; Student Council I;
Annual Staff 4; Class Secy.
3; F. T. A. 4, Pres. 4.



FRANK VAN LOOCKE Band 2, 3, 4; Junior Play; Student Council; School Paper 4; Track 2, 3; Class V. Pres. 2.



DOROTHY SAXTON F.H.A. I,2,3; Band I,2,3, 4; Junior Play; Senior Play; School Paper.

MARILYNN LOVE Band I,2,3,4; Spanish Club I,2; Junior Play; School Paper 3,4; Annual Staff 4.













MONEY!

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UPPER LEFT: Seniors working hard at the car wash on Ellis Playground.
UPPER RIGHT: Serving at the chili supper. LEFT CENTER: Hot dogs or pop, buy 'em here! RIGHT CENTER: David Goble strummin' the uke while rehearsing for the Variety Show.
LOWER LEFT: Selling Blissfield Advance subscriptions.





Dollars for the Senior Trip to Washington. There being no 'Pennies from Heaven' the Seniors got busy and earned a good share of the cost.

The first big project was a car wash in September. McDowell's Ford Agency helped greatly by furnishing some twenty used cars to be washed.

January 25 was another big night for the Seniors. With the help of their advisors they put on a chili supper which added to their treasury considerably.

In March the Seniors started to sell Blissfield Advance subscriptions.

Besides these activities, the class sold refreshments at games, held baked food sales and put on an "Arthur Godfrey Variety Show."

CLASSES

As the Seniors leave the scene of their high school days they will remember how they entered as underclassmen and advanced through the years to graduation.

Joe Adkins Naomi Adrian

Janice Barkenquest Carma Behm

Jane Bell Arthur Berry Marian Berry John Bierley Franklyn Bierman Shirley Bierman

Gordon Bischoff Madalyn Bischoff Richard Blackford Sally Blake Donald Brown Loretta Brown

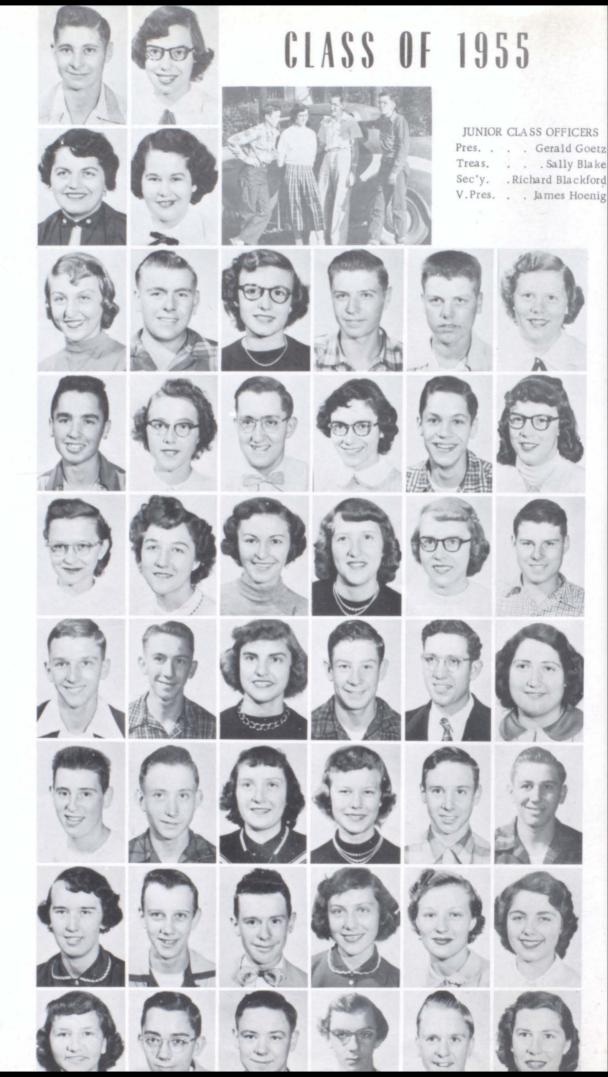
Shirley Brubaker Carolyn Buehrer Hazel Carrico Marilyn Cline Marla Colyer Raymond Cousino

Lyle Crots Larry Davis Carol Demlow Walter Dickerson Dale Eisenman Lois Eisenman

Norman Figy Norman Fisher Janet Fritz Marjorie Gentz Gerald Goetz Richard Governo

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

Ann Hoadley Janes Hoenig Gerald Hoffman Rita Horky Gordon Hull Irene Isley



CLASS OF 1955

Junior Class Advisors Miss Yoder Mr. Arn Miss Downer Mr. Lew



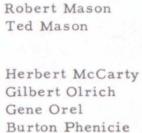












Betty Pieplow Gordon Pirkl

Patricia Lintner

Ronald Jacob Carolyn Karl

Marlo Karl

Gerald Long

Marilyn Luse

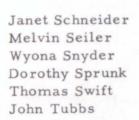
John Kuhl



Janet Porter Erma Prelipp Violet Redlinger Lester Rendel Richard Reynolds Lorna Richardson



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



Marjorie Wahl Dale Walters Dale Welsh Norman Welsh Robert Williams Joan Wilson

Patricia Wilt Barbara Yount Shirley Yount Carmen Yurnickl Sally Zeizert James Zimmerman



CLASS OF 1956

SOPHOMORE CLASS OFFICERS

V.Pres. . . . Dennis Travis
Sec'y. . . . Sally Seeger
Treas. . . . Carolyn Hull
Pres. . . . John Ganun



Judy Adkins James Adrian Edward Bakowski Joseph Bakus Ronald Bateson

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

Hazel Bierman Suzann Bierman Robert Billington Joann Bischoff Rosemary Bischoff James Blackford

Albert Briskey
Irving Brown (Jack)
Macklin Brown Jr.
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

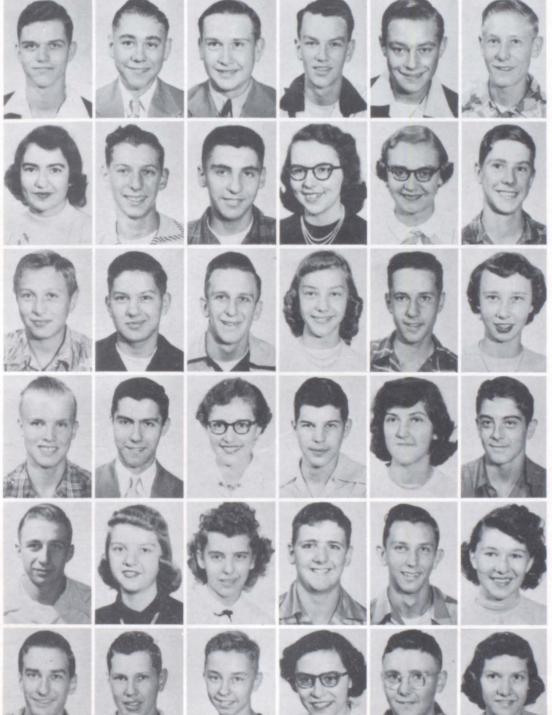


CLASS OF 1956



SOPHOMORE CLASS ADVISORS

Mr. Axelson Mr. Hassen Mr. Fulton Mrs. Culhane



Raymond Crots Orin Daniels Richard Delker Bill Derthick Robert Daniels Donald Dettman

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 Gene Hartman Joann Henning Pat Hilton

Hubert Holtz
Carolyn Hull
Carolyn Isley
Loren Isley
David Jacobs
Melanie Jacques

Norman Johnson Lee Keller Alan King Janis Kleindenist Melvin Klock

CLASS

OF 1956

Dwight Klump Marlene Knierim

Edward Knisel Janet Knoblauch Jane Komsteller Richard Krahn Joe Kuhl Arlene LaSotta

Franklin Lemley Hubert Lennard Mary Lips Robert Lombard Marvin Long Sharon Love

Gene Luce
Duane McCarty
James McColl
Lee McCormick
Beverly McVicker
Jacqueline Marsh

Raymond Martinez Wendell Mason Doris Miller Syliva Murbach Ned Newlin Gerald Neyrinck

Howard Nichols Marvin Nine Thomas Olsen Barry Peebles Vivian Perry Milo Philips

Willis Potter Leroy Prelipp Bernita Roberts Alton Robertson Tom Romsek Eugene Rouston



A typical scene



CLASS OF 1956

June Sailer Able Sanchez

Elaine Schmitz Shirley Schwartzwalder Jane Sebring Sally Seeger Mary Lou Seegert Mary Louise Seegert

Garry Seizert Richard Setzler Solon Sheldon Carolyn Sigers Gene Silberhorn Michael Sisson

Dean Sommers George Soneff Charlotte Southward William Snyder Duane Speigel Thomas Speigel

Roscoe Stetten Robert Stock Joe Svestka Dennis Travis Lou Ann VanLoocke Shirley VanLoocke

Susann VanLoocke La Vern Viers Bobbie Wagner Lila Walters Margaret Webster Charles Westgate

Barbara Wilkins Kent Wilson Meredith Wilson Noama Wilson Norma Wilson Arther Wingerd

Carol Abner Jacqueline Adrian

Johnie Bangerter Clarence Bates

Marlene Belman Robert Belman William Bierman Ronald Bowman Melvin Briskey Charline Broadwater

Peggy Brooks David Brown Judy Browneller Charleen Buehrer Clifford Buehrer Janet Clark

Yvonne Cousino Betty Cowdrey Gordon Crane Darlene Creque Billy Crist Joan Daniels

Lanny Dean Dennis DeMille John Derthick Cyril DeSeranno Betty Lou Dickerson Shelby Jean Doerfler

Charles Everett Sandy Fairbank Patsy Fatchett Robert Fatchett Charles Filipek Lawrence Fisher

Arden Ford Clark Frohnapfel Patricia Frost Gerald Frye Kimball Frye Lawrence Gallaten



CLASS OF 1957

CLASS ADVISORS

Mrs. Miller Mrs. Onofrio Mr. Venema



Janet Geib Gary Good

William Governo Wilma Grasley

Cynthia Greene Sandra Greene Loren Grinage Richard Heiser Margaret Henning Merlyn Hilton

Rudy Hilton Harold Hockin Mildred Hoffman James Hottenstein Janet Ikle Marilee Jacob

Alice Karl Nancy Kelley Lauralie King Robert Kleindienst Charles Knepper Elona Knoblauch

Sharon Koester Marie Kuhl Ruth Kuhl Jeanette Lidster Roaney Lipp Barbara Luce

Willian MacBeth Serge Mann Patricia Marks Lee Mason Sharon Mason Donald Miller

Larry Miller Ruth Miller Dathel Never Donald Papenhagen Merle Payden Isabel Pieplow

CLASS

OF 1957

A typical Blissfield street scene.



Eugene Porter James Pfeifer Robert Pfeifer Alfred Price Jr.

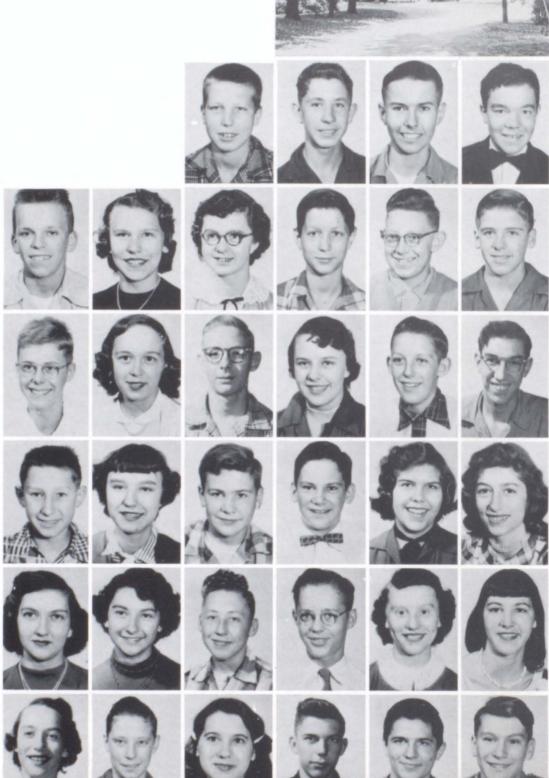
Willian Prielipp Joanne Rittner Barbara Roberts Richard Rosenbrock Michael Rost Russell Ruhl

Ralph Sayers Minetta Sayler Robert Schall Charlene Schmidt Allan Sebring Orra Sheldon

Donald Spiegel Janet Staup Terry Stock John Strayer Joyce Strobel Nancy Stucker

Janis Tagsold Marjorie Thompson Jerald VanBuren Merlin Wahl Ruth Walper Rachel Walters

Kay Willians Richard Wilkens Janet Wingert Norman Winter Marlin Worstell Gerald Zeager



CLASS OF 1958



EIGHTH GRADE CLASS OFFICERS AND ADVISORS

Pres. . . . Daniel Bettis
V. Pres. . . . Beverly Lora
Sec. . . . James Mason
Treas. . . . Shirley Miller
Miss Burghardt
Mr. Rupp



Elona Adrian Carolyn Baird Daniel Bettis Judith Bierley Linda Bischoff

Rolland Brooks Daniel Brown Richard Bunting Carol Christensen Shirley Clampitt Harold Clements

Betty Clough Alice Coopshaw Charles Creger Giles'De Loach Vincent De Loach Linda Derthick

Beverly Fick Janice Hall Roger Hall Fred Hasen Allen Hoag Bruce June

Sharon Landis Angeline La Sotta Arthur Liewert Beverly Lora Henry Martinez James Mason

Robert Mason Myra Mason Susan Mc Coll Michael McCullough Gerald Miller Shirley Miller



Thomas Paulson Margaret Roenick Carl Schwartzwalder Linda Seegert Carolyn Setzler Marcia Smith













ABOVE - CLASS CF 1958

CLASS OF 1959

Sherree Adrian Eileen Berger Jeffrey Brown

Kaye Browneller David Brubaker Rosemary Burgermeister Linda Clough Richard Coopshaw Sherree Cory

Carl Cowdrey
Clarence Cowdrey
Ronald Crist
Raymond De Nudt
Duke Ebright
Connie Fick

Michael Flaherty Albert Garcia Richard Glaser Julia Gonzales Salvador Gonzales Harry Gunning

Carl Howard Haas Charles Hahn Floyd Handy Sharlene Horky Larry Iffland Ronald Iffland















ABOVE - CLASS OF 1958

Larry Snyder Larry Spiegel Charlotte Trinka William Uekele Colleen Vershum Marilyn Weiss

Mary Lee Jacobson

Leonicia Martinez Gerald Mason Sharon Mc Michael Ronald Mc Vicker Douglas Miller Paul Never

Gail Knisel Marvin Lehman Linda Lips

CLASS OF 1959



SEVENTH GRADE CLASS ADVISORS

Mr. Luse Miss Ham









Dick Price Rebecca Raseley Gerald Raymond Eva Sanchez Carolee Sayers James Schaedler

George Schroeder Linda Schwartzwalder Karen Stock William Westgate Robert Wilson Emalie Ybarra





Both working hard?



Champions 1931-1954

The long and short of it.



CONTRASTS

Have you ever given much thought to the contrasts that are encountered daily? If not lend us your eyes. For only throught them can we show you the various differences which are plentiful throughout our school. Come with us as we ride in Ronny Jacob's hot rod or in Hugh Driggs' sleek new Mercury, as we inspect our trophies, small and large, won in hard fair play. Finally, let us close with the scene of a freshman and a senior, the beginning and the end. We hope that through our pictures we have imparted to you a small part of life as it runs at our school, Blissfield High.



They'll do it everytime

A senior boy and a freshman girl.



Twenty years apart.



SCHOOL LIFE

Students will remember the many activities, the organizations, and the class work in which they participated.







"Your next, Sandy"

Many hands make light work

Mr. Axelson proposes

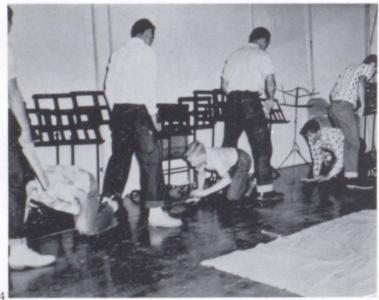
FRESHMAN INITIATION

It wasn't as bad as the Freshmen feared or as bad as the upperclassmen threatened. Of course we are speaking of the Freshman Initiation which occurred September 16. Following the traditions of past years all newcomers had lipstick smeared on their faces, girls wore their clothes backwards and the boys rolled their jeans above their knees. The boys looked forward to the paddle line which hurt their pride more than their posteriors. The Freshmen will long remember their experiences of sweeping buses, putting up bleachers, and eating watermelon. In the tug of war between Mr. Luce and Mr. Garey the blindfolds were removed to reveal that the rope was tied to a post.

After all this the Freshmen felt they were now fullfledged members of B.H.S.



It still isn't curly







Penny Pushers





STUDENTS INTERESTED IN VARIED ACTIVITIES

These are a few of the activities that interest our students. Upper Left: Representative from Albion College mentioning the wide range of subjects offered. Upper right: One of the many drills the boys in physical Education classes do. Middle right: A scene that takes place every Tues. and Fri. before home basketball games. Boys from shop class putting up the bleachers. Lower left: Drivers Education offered for those who want to learn to drive. Lower right: Representative from a hospital talking to girls interested in nursing.







ATHLETES HONORED AT BANQUET



Les Bingamen--Guest Speaker



J. Long and R. Governo next years co-captains awarded football letters.



Cheerleaders receive letters.



Hugh Driggs received most valuable award.



Nick Kerbawy introduces speaker.

Les Bingaman, colorful guard of the national champion, Detroit Lions professional football team and Nick Kerbawy, general manager of the Lions, were guests at the annual athletic banquet. Members of the football, baseball, basketball, track teams and the cheerleaders were honored as was Hugh Driggs, football co-captain and most valuable player.

The Rotary and Kiwanis Clubs jointly sponsored the banquet which was served by the Band Boosters Club.

VARIETY--THE SPICE OF LIFE

toy cannon



Sergeant Coykendall demonstrated fire arms.



They pulled the strings.



The Highlanders --Sword Dance



H. Driggs and K. Mitchell assisted the Great Magrum.

Variety is the best word to describe the assembly programs presented this year. Our first program was brought to us by the Highlanders, a trio who did Scottish dances and explained many traditions of old Scotland. Valentine's Birds and Tom Magrum, the magician, brought a little spice into the daily routine of school life. Sergeant Lester Coykendall of the State Police gave a lecture of fire arms and their use. "Cinderella" was presented by the Coleman Marionettes to the high school and grades.



Future orators



AROUND THE CLOCK

Tick, tock goes the clock! And in a similar rhythm runs the schedule of our day. From English to band to math the heart-beat of our school can be heard. As the hands move around on their endless cycle many scenes are depicted in the different classrooms.



4:00 and all is well



The past come to life



Practice and more practice



Study of living things

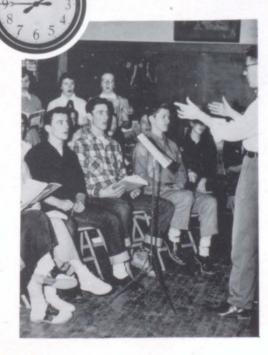
AT BLISSFIELD HIGH

The time-keepers of Blissfield High help to regulate the many activities which take place here daily. So what could be more appropriate than the story of these clocks and the way in which they govern our day.





High Noon



Drawing boards and T-Squares

KENNY MITCHELL LEADS COUNCIL

The Student Council's primary objective was to represent student opinion and to undertake those projects which would be of special benefit to all students. The '54 Student Council completed the work of their predecessors by painting and finishing work on the chain fence. Janina Bundulis, a war-displaced Latvian girl which the Council has been supporting for several years was readopted for another year. A small type fire extinguisher and plastic purple and gold book covers were sold to finance her support. School supplies were sold throughout the year. Student Council Representatives led many discussions on topics of school wide interest.



Top salesmen receive prizes. L. TO R.: C. Yurnikl, J. VanBuren, S. Fairbanks, C. Russell, M. Gentz, J. Barkenquest, D. Peebles.



SENIOR PLAY "STATE FAIR" IS WELL RECEIVED



November 19 and 20 were two very eventful days for eleven Seniors who presented the annual Senior Play which was entitled "State Fair."

The play was about an average American family going to the State Fair and the troubles they had with "Blueboy," the prize pig and Mother Frake's pickles.

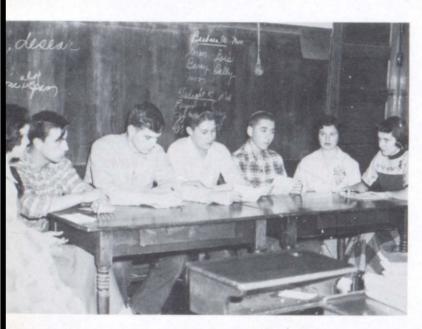
Mr. Murray, our new speech and English teacher, directed the play. Everyone seemed to think the play was a success.







TRAINING RECEIVED



These are all pictures of students interested in their work. Upper Left: A group of Home Making III girls discussing the fruits of their labor. Upper Right: Physics students studying heat. Center: English students participating in a class discussion on the farm problem. Lower Left: Bookkeeping students completing practice set. Lower Right: Latin students examining items made by students as home projects. Classwork can be made fun if you take part in all activities.







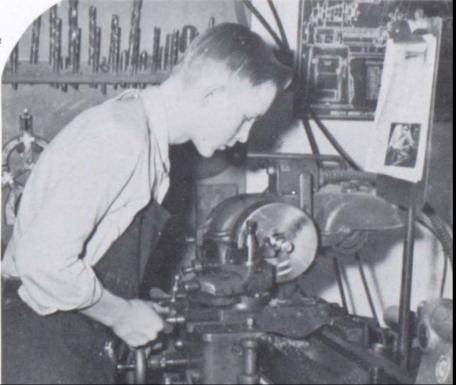


FOR THE FUTURE

Our students will long remember the classroom projects in which they participated. The following is a glimpse of the projects being carried out. Upper Left: Farm Crops students testing seed in the germinator. Upper Right: Agriculture students purchased and raised this pig as a class project. They have named her Miss Blissfield. Center: Chemistry students assembling equipment in preparation for laboratory experiments. Lower Left: Mechanical Drawing students working out problems as class work. Lower Right: Joe Svestka using the metal working lathe in shop class. As we look at these pictures we find a few of our friends hard at work.









FOURTH ROW: J. Adkins, L. Caswell, K. Kuhl, M. Kuhl, J. Wingerd, P. Fatchett, C. Carpenter, L. Isley, K. Williams, I. Pieplow, C. Sigers, D. Sayers, M. Berry. THRD ROW: M. Jacobs, J. Geib, M. Hoffman, B. Pieplow, S. Seeger, L. Eisenman, C. Abner, S. Brubaker, M. Kneriam, V. Ruhl, M. Belman, S. Brown, S. Betz, J. Ikle, B. Roberts, C. Urnickle. SECOND ROW: B. Cowdry, J. Komstellar, R. Miller, J. Staup, N. Wilson, I. Isley, D. Klump, M. Ries, M. Gebhardt, L. Setzler, J. Sprunk, D. Creque, J. Strobel, J. Adrian, J. Rettner, M. Thompson, FIRST ROW: S. Fairbanks, J. Brownellar, D. Bierley, L. Richardon, C. Karl, D. Never, M. Knisel, A. Bierley, S. Thompson, P. Fogelsong, S. Blake, M. Gentz, C. Breher, V. Redlinger.

FUTURE HOMEMAKERS TRAIN FOR THE

Better, happier living was the goal of the Future Homemakers, and is symbolized by the motto "Toward New Horizons" and the flower, the red rose. This organization is composed of high school girls interested in home economics.

The year began with a "mixer" to help the freshman girls get acquainted. Twenty-six new members were initiated both formally and informally.

This year, as in past years, the girls sold milk and ice-cream during the noon hour. As a Christmas project, fruit boxes were distributed to shut-ins. Other activities included an ice-skating party, an FHA-FFA dinner, Family Night, and Senior Send-off.

The local chapter was greatly honored this year. Two members, Carmen Yurnickle and Carolyn Karl were elected to Regional Offices.

Cathrine Carpenter President of F. H. A.





FOURTH ROW: A. Robertson, A. Sheldon, J. Adkins, G. Crane, M. Wahl, R. Fatchett, D. Brown, S. Sheldon, R. Ruhl. THIRD ROW: R. Bateson, L. Fisher, R. Belman, C. Bueher, K. Goetz, O. Sheldon, L. Crots, K. Frye, A. Ford, L. Isley, R. Cline, O. Daniels. SECOND ROW: G. Gruber, R. Pifer, D. DeMille, R. Bowman, D. Bailey, L. Kuhl, B. Phencie, J. Bakus, L. Crots, J. Kuhl, J. Hottenstine, FIRST ROW: P. Hottenstine, R. Daniels, S. Cloyer, L. Bell, D. Eisenman, G. Bischoff, E. Routson, L. Robertson, R. Jacob.

FUTURE AS DO FUTURE FARMERS

Leslie Robertson President of F. F. A.



Leadership, co-operation, and citizenship are the qualities which the Future Farmers of America strive for. Since its organization in 1928 it has helped many high school boys choose the type of farming career most suitable for them.

The local chapter was organized in 1933 and since then has participated in many state and local projects. Five chapter officers attended the 1953-54 State Leadership Training Camp during the summer. Two delegates were sent to the state convention in Lansing. Local activities included the annual garden seed sale, magazine subscription drive, a broiler program, and the annual parent and son banquet.

Sixteen new members were initiated which brought the total membership to forty-five.

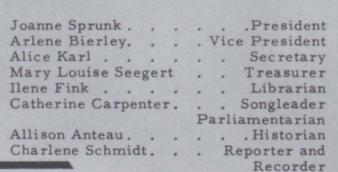


SECOND ROW: Miss Donalson, J. Barkenquest, A. Karl, S. Love, G. Cowdry, H. Newlin, E. Fink, M. Wilson, J. Kastel, Mrs. Kellerman. FIRST ROW: D. Cousino, A. Anteau, C. Carpenter, J. Sprunk, A. Bierley, P. Marks, M. Seegert, M. Webster, N. Kelley.

F.T.A. PROMOTES INTEREST IN TEACHING



Something new was added to Blissfield High School's activity program. A Future Teachers of America Club was organized. The club selected for its name, The Kellerman Future Teachers of America in honor of Mrs. Mildred Kellerman. Mrs. Kellerman taught at Blissfield for thirteen years and for several years has been the grade supervising prinicpal. The club was formed for those interested in a teaching career. At the first formal meeting Miss Dorothy Donaldson, co-sponsor of the club, presented the charter and Mr. Strayer installed the first officers who were:





F. T. A. OFFICERS-LEFT TO RIGHT: A. Bierley, A. Karl, J. Sprunk, M. Seegert.

J. Sprunk receives charter from Miss Donaldson.





OFFICERS: W. McDowell, N. Adrian, N. Newlin, M. Gobel-lead club to better understanding of Spanish culture.



W. McDowell, B. Peebles, P. Hall, D. Sommers, play traditional Christmas game, "The Pinata".

"LOS

CONQUISTADORES"

A better understanding of the language and customs of Spanish and Latin-American peoples was the purpose of the Spanish Club.

Townspeople were asked to show slides of their trips into Latin-American countries. From these slides students could see how the people lived thus creating a better understanding of the peoples of those countries.

Meetings were opened with the members repeating Padre Nuestro (The Lord's Prayer) in Spanish and the business meetings were conducted in the same language. Recreation was also a part of every meeting. All Spanish classes subscribed to the "La Luy" a newspaper written in Spanish.

A supper at which only Spanish foods were served was planned to give the students more of a feeling for the life of the peoples who live in the Spanish speaking countries.



THIRD ROW: C. Hull, N. Adrian, B. Peebles, P. Hall, C. Behm, D. Sommers, M. Goble, J. Porter. SECOND ROW: J. McColl, N. Figy, W. Tubbs, T. Romsek, W. McDowell, H. Newlin, D. Gray, Mrs. McColl. FIRST ROW: N. Fashbaugh, J. March, S. Schwartzwalder, E. Schmidt, C. Bettis, A. Brubaker, M. Wilson, L. Caswell.



"WE WILL REMEMBER" ELYSIUM THEME

L. Fogel.



Editor and Advisor



M.S.C. Journalism Day

A completely new plan of organization of the Elysium Staff was tried this year. For the first time both Juniors and Seniors were appointed, with each Senior having a Junior assistant. This plan was adopted with the thought that it would give the Juniors valuable experience for the '55 Elysium.

Mason, R. Blackford, G. Goetz, R. Williams, S. Ziezert, L. Isley, M. Love. SEATED: J. Hoenig, J. Zimmerman, S. Thompson, J. Siering, A. Anteau, L. Bell, S. Kilchenman, D. Stucker,

The staff was well organized and functioned very smoothly although there was the usual last minute frantic rush at deadline time to get copy to the publishers. However, with a larger staff than was customary in previous years all material was sent on time.

Mr. Peebles, our advisor, was very helpful and added inspiration to our work. Although many hours of work were put into this Elysium it was fun for all.

Staff works to meet deadline.

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SCHOOL DAZE - NEWS, FEATURES, SPORTS



THIRD ROW: J. Tubbs, F. Van Loocke, D. Stucker, J. Siering, Mr. Murray, N. Miller, J. Hoenig. SECOND ROW: D. Sayers, M. Love, V. Ruhl, J. Rohrback, J. Bierley, L. Bell, A. Bierley, M. Ries, B. Anteau. SEATED: R. Mason, W. Fisher, B. Peebles, S. Thompson, F. Hall, W. McDowell, D. Saxton, N. Figy, P. Hall.

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The School Daze, our school newspaper, operated under a revised organization this year. Fred Hall, Editor-in-chief, was very ably assisted by Sandra Thompson, News Editor; Wayne McDowell, Feature Editor; Barry Peebles, Sports Editor; and DeArle Stucker, production chief. Mr. Murray, in his first year as advisor to the School Daze, offered many new ideas pertaining to make-up, production methods, and available article material. He also started the paper on its regular schedule of one publication per month.

M. Sliker and B. Anteau stenciling copy for mimeographing.

D. Stucker, J. Siering run off January issue.



MARIA GEBHARDT NAMED HOMECOMING QUEEN









Maria Gebhart, an exchange student from St. Andrse-Woerdern. Austria, was chosen by the student body to reign over the annual Homecoming football game. Although this was her first year at Blissfield, she was selected as the Senior candidate and elected Queen.

In her court were Charlotte Henricks, Junior; Jane Sebring, Sophomore; Peggy Brooks, Freshman. During the halftime Maria was presented with a sheaf of roses by Hugh Driggs, cocaptain of the Blissfield team. She was officially crowned at the dance following the game.

Hugh Driggs presents roses to the Queen



Maria crowned by co-captains, Driggs and Fourman

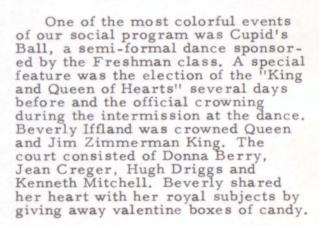


CUPID'S BALL - GALA EVENT OF THE SEASON

BEV AND JIM REIGN AS KING AND QUEEN



Hugh Driggs received candy from "her royal highness"





Freshmen have fun decorating gym in Valentine colors



Serge Mann hangs Cupid

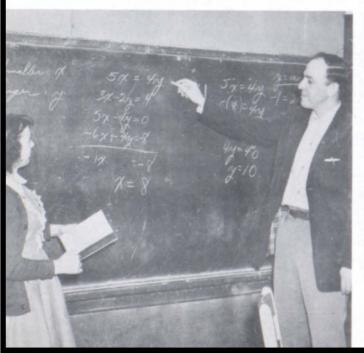


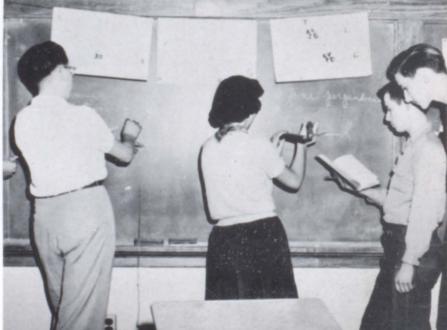


STUDENTS STUDY MANY SUBJECTS

Many and varied are the subjects taught at Blissfield High. A few of them are represented on this page. In the upper left Mr. Axelson, Sherwood Colyer and Bob Bussing study a map in a social science class. In the upper right Nancy Fashbaugh, Jim McColl, Meredith Wilson and Bill Tubbs examine a group of Mexican articles displayed for a Spanish Class. At the right some girls in a Homemaking class prepare a skirt for hemming. In the lower left an algebra student receives individual attention from Mr. Lew. Some geometry students solve a construction problem in the lower left.







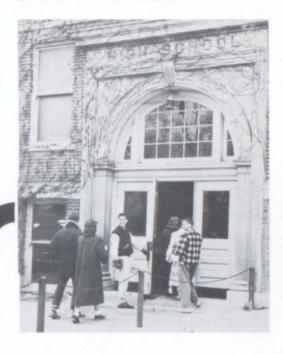
IF DOOR WAYS COULD ONLY TALK!

These doorways are witnesses to many interesting and exciting happenings each day. They make up a part of our high school life as through these doorways we pass to our various activities and studies. In the past, present, and future the many doorways of our school have been, are, and will continue to be gateways to opportunity and enjoyment. That is why we think that a page in our book should depict them as we will remember them.



Gym class, next1





This is where the day begins.

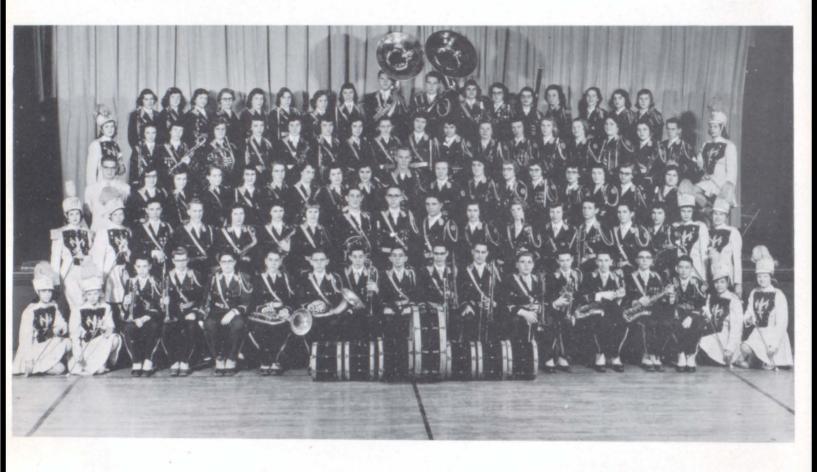


Science lab.



Time for study.

THE 1954 BLISSFIELD HIGH SCHOOL BAND



FIFTH ROW: B. Hammons, C. Baird, A. Hoadley, D. Sayers, L. Brown, M. Love, A. Anteau, S. Kilchenman, J. Peters, C. Everett, C. Demlow, J. Porter, B. Palmer, B. Anteau, K. Williams, C. Henricks, S. Mason. FOURTH ROW: J. Bierley, L. Bischoff, M. Wilson, M. L. Seegert, D. Miller, B. Miller, L. Setzler, S. Ziesert, S. Brubaker, L. Richardson, M. Thompson, S. Bierman, J. Sprunk, J. Komstellar, S. Bierman, L. Eisenman, W. Snyder, G. Seizert, D. Berry. THIRD ROW: Howard Bond, Director, N. Adrian, S. Miller, S. Love, J. Rhorback, M. Bischoff, L. Seegert, S. Doerfler, L. Van Loocke, E. Knisel, J. Browneller, J. Henning, M. Colyer, S. Blake, C. Russell, J. Fritz, E. Fink, M. Jacob. SECOND ROW: B. Iffland, D. Saxton, G. Goetz, G. Hull, A. Bierley, S. Thompson, D. Bierley, F. Hall, R. Reynolds, D. Goble, J. Tagsold, D. Never, W. Fisher, G. Luce, D. Staver, S. Van Loocke, C. Curnow, J. Creger. FIRST ROW: R. Burgermeister, B. Clough, D. Miller, L. Fogel, R. Mason, O. Daniels, M. Rost, F. Van Loocke, J. Hoenig, L. Grinage, J. Zimmerman, R. Jacob, P. Hall, L. Davis, R. Setzler, M. McCollough, S. Cory, C. Hull.

BAND RECORDS ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL YEAR

The 90 piece Blissfield High School Band under the direction of Howard Bond began their full schedule of events by participating in the 104th Annual Michigan State Fair on September 4th. Our band was asked to provide the music and lead the parade for the opening ceremonies of the fair. In the afternoon at the band shell we were presented with a large trophy by Nick Kerbawy, General Manager of the Detroit Lions.

Early in September the band began practicing for the festivals and football games to come. The Annual Tecumseh Band Festival was held September 29th with Blissfield presenting a Buffalo Bill Show. October 3rd found the band participating in the University of Michigan Band Day at Ann Arbor. The second band festival was held October 14th at Metamora, Ohio with the band presenting a "Stephen Foster Show."

Halloween saw the band leading the Halloweeners through town and down to the park for the judging of costumes, games and refreshments. November 5th the band participated in the dedication of the new highway through town.

During the remainder of the year these events will be held. Band Concert on February 24, District Band Festival on March 13 at Hillsdale, and to end the full year of events the band will lead the Annual Memorial Day Parade on May 30.

Much of the success of the band was due to the leadership of Mr. Bond who is completing his first year at Blissfield.

LEFT TO RIGHT: C. Curnow, D. Saxton, J. Creger, D. Berry, C. Hull, J. Bierley, B. Clough, S. Cory, R. Burgermeister. FRONT: B. Iffland.





Donna Berry Shirley Sebring
Sally Kilchenman

Delight Klump Jean Creger Jane Sebring

PEP! YELLS! COLOR!

These morale lifters were enthusiasticly provided for us by our cheerleaders this year. Donna Berry, Sally Kilchenman, Shirley Sebring, Jean Creger, Delight Klump, and Jane Sebring worked together as a team to boost the morale of the student body as well as the teams. Many, many days after school they devoted their free time to the hard work of practicing their yells and developing new ones. The girls new uniforms, white sweaters and purple skirts, added color to our athletic events.



LEFT - Cheerleading Clinic at U. of M.

BELOW - Our girls in action



JANUARY STREET, STREET

The athletic achievements of Blissfield High as symbolized by these trophies will not soon be forgotten.

> L.C.A.A CHAMPS 1940

BLISSFIELD ENDS L.C.A.A.



Hugh Driggs Co-Captain

Blissfield 18 Addison 0

Blissfield completely dominated play in their third LCAA game to defeat Addison.



Below R. Karl End

Right

G. Long

Tackle









Blissfield lost its opening game to Dundee, a nonleague team. This was the first opening game lost under Coach Hassen.

Blissfield 13 Pittsford 0

Blissfield won its first LCAA encounter from Pittsford, a very stubborn eleven.

A forty five yard run by Dave Goble high-lighted the game.

Blissfield 13 Clinton 0

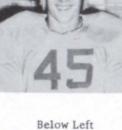
Blissfield won their second LCAA victory from Clinton. This was a bruising and hard fought battle.



Right R. Governo Guard

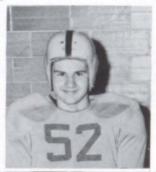


Left D. Travis Back



D. Klump Back

Below F. Hall End







Above K. Mitchell Back

Left J. Siering Tackle



Left W. Tubbs Center

Below Left N. Miller Back

Below D. Goble Tackle



SEASON IN THIRD PLACE



Blissfield 6 Morenci 13

The Blissfield-Morenci game was played at Morenci before a crowd of 4,000 fans. It was a thrilling game from whistle to whistle with neither team able to gain consistently. The Morenci Bulldogs took advantage of the breaks and went on to their 49th consecutive win. The high light of the game was a 97 yard run by Kenneth Mitchell.



Blissfield 0 Hudson 26

Blissfield lost its second LCAA game to a strong and determined Hudson eleven.



Blissfield jumped to an early lead by scoring 20 points in the first quarter.



Jo Fourman Co-Captain







Left L. Crots

Right G. Gruber Back



Blissfield 33 Tecumseh 0

Blissfield, playing their last game of the season, defeated Tecumseh for their fifth victory as against three defeats. The starting line-up was made up of eleven seniors who were playing their last game for BHS.



E. Knisel End

Below



G. Neyrinck Tackle



Below Left M. Kastel Back

Below L. Keller End





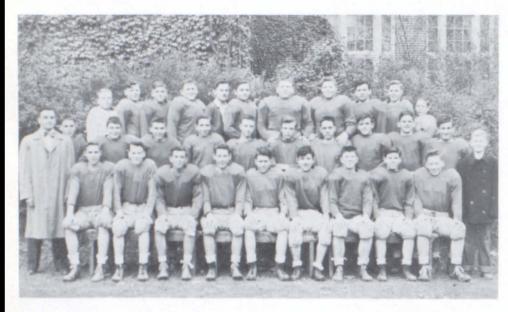
Left H. Driggs Tackle

Below Left B. Peebles Guard

Below J. McColl Center



BLISSFIELD WINS FIVE LOSES THREE



Reserve Squad



Mr. Garey Reserve Coach

FRONT ROW: G. Silberhorn, B. Derthick, D. Jacobs, L. Grinage, R. Pfeifer, L. Miller, J. Brown, R. Billington, J. VanBuren. MIDDLE ROW: Mr. Garey, Coach, R. Heiser, B. Crist, M. Payden, C. Buehrer, E. Rouston, L. Prelipp, K. Geotz, E. Bakowski, J. Strayer, N. Johnson, L. Mason, Mgr. BACK ROW: B. Bierman, W. MacBeth, R. Ruhl, M. Long, R. Fatchett, D. Brown, R. Jacobs, R. Cline, D. Summers, L. Fisher, R. Wilkins.

The 1953 reserves were coached by the new biology teacher Mr. Garey. Composed mostly of freshmen and sophomores the team had a hard time getting their plays to work and ended the season with no wins and five losses.

Mr. Hassen Varsity Coach



L. Bell Tackle



T. Olsen Guard



J. Adrian Tackle



J. Harrington Guard



FOURMAN AND DRIGGS LEAD TEAM IN '53



H. Hockin Back



H. Lennard Back



Mr. Lew Jr. High Coach



B. Lombard Guard



J. Hottenstien Back

Mr. Lew again coached the Junior High team for the second year. As they played no outside teams their only competition came in a inter-squad game between the halves of the Summerfield vs. Blissfield game.

(FRONT ROW): L. Iffland, W. Uckele, R. Bunting, T. Paulson, D. Bettis, A. Liewert, R. Hall. (MIDDLE ROW): R. Coopshaw, C. Creger, J. Brown, A. Garcia, J. Mason, V. DeLoach, D. Nine, D. Peebles, B. Westgate. (BACK ROW): G. Mason, C. Hahn, R. Crist, H. Haas, R. DeNudt, R. Iffland, M. Flaherty, D. Glaser.

Mr. Luce Asst. Varsity Coach



Junior High Squad



BLISSFIELD IN ACTION



Knisel stops Lenz at Morenci



Miller gains against Tecumseh



Mgr. A. Price and J. Derthick



Team gets equipment

Brown breaks up pass against Summerfield



Four Blissfield, One Pittsford



BLISSFIELD TAKES TO THE HARDWOODS

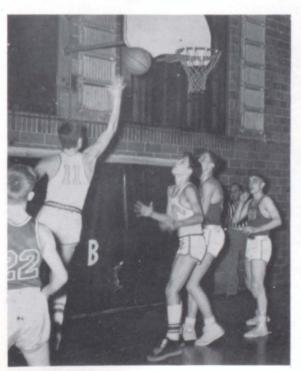




Above. Coach Lew gives team last minute instructions.

Managers J. Brown and R. Bowman.

Below. Zimmerman scores against Clinton.



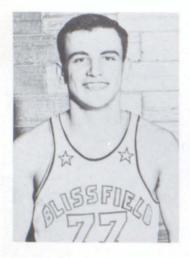


Bailey rebounds against Tecumseh.

Crots tips in two points for Blissfield.



BLISSFIELD WINS 11 LOSES 8



J. Fourman

Blissfield finished the '53-'54 season in a tie (with Hudson) for fourth place in the L.C.A.A. standing.

Lee Keller was high scorer for the season for Blissfield with a total 219. Don Bailey was second high scorer and was elected captain for the season.

Blissfield 48 Tecumseh 31

Blissfield opened its season by defeating Tecumseh a non-league school.

Blissfield 40 Morenci 55

Morenci defeated Blissfield in their L.C.A.A. opener.

Blissfield 45 Hudson 44

Blissfield although scoring only four points in the fourth quarter edged Hudson by one point.



Coach Lew



J. Zimmerman

D. Klump

Blissfield 41 Summerfield

Blissfield not being able to find the range lost by twenty points.

Blissfield 60 Pittsford 55

The Sugar Boys coming from behing beat Pittsford in a hard fought battle.

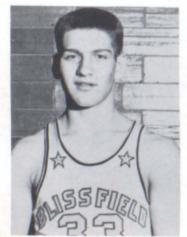
Blissfield 79 Addison 66

Blissfield completely out-classed Addison for their third L.C.A.A. win.

Blissfield 49 Tecumseh 21

After a slow first half the Sugar Boys came back to post their second win over Tecumseh.

R. Crots



L. Keller



KELLER 3RD IN COUNTY SCORING



D. Bailey

Blissfield 53

Blissfield 70 Monroe Catholic 67
Blissfield defeated Monroe in the first meeting of these two schools.

Blissfield 54 Bedford 49
Blissfield defeated the Kicking Mules
of Bedford in a non-league tilt.

Blissfield 32 Clinton 50
Clinton out-classed the Sugar Boys in the second round of L.C.A.A. play.

Blissfield 45 Hudson 48
After leading for three quarters, the
Hudson Tigers outscored the Sugar Boys
in the final quarter to post a win.



Blissfield gained revenge over Summerfield for an earlier defeat.

Blissfield 55 Pittsford 44
Blissfield defeated Pittsford despite a twenty-two point splurge in the third quarter by the Wild Cats.

Blissfield 50 Addison 54

Blissfield lost their final L.C.A.A. game of the season to a stubborn Addison quintet.

Blissfield won the District Class B. Tournament by defeating Adrian and Tecumseh. Although behind with three seconds to go, Blissfield beat Adrian by one point. The Sugar Boys easily defeated Tecumseh for the district championship.

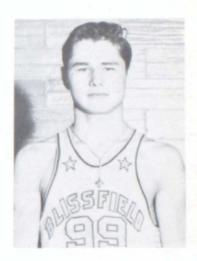
Lowell defeated Blissfield in the regionals 65 to 41.

D. Brown

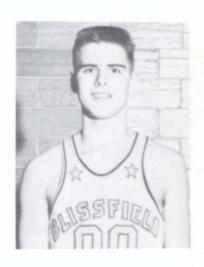


R. Williams



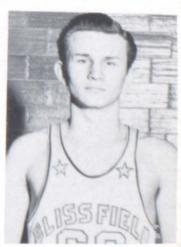


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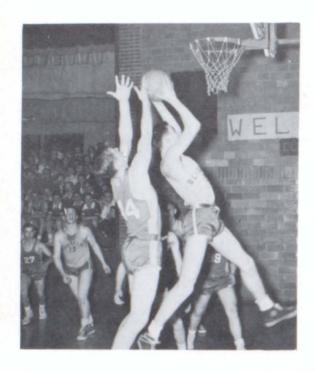


R. Lehman

N. Miller



BLISSFIELD WINS



Blissfield	43	Tecumseh	21
Blissfield	51	Morenci	54
Blissfield	26	Clinton	42
Blissfield	41	Hudson	51
Blissfield	50	Summerfield	35
Blissfield	52	Pittsford	42
Blissfield	38	Addison	35
Blissfield	30	Tecumseh	50
Blissfield	45	Morenci	43
Blissfield	60	Monroe Cath. Cen.	38
Blissfield	41	Clinton	42
Blissfield	41	Bedford	35
Blissfield	43	Hudson	25
Blissfield	67	Summerfield	50
Blissfield	72	Pittsford	30
Blissfield	38	Addison	40

McCormick rebounds against Clinton.

FRONT ROW: J. Ganun, L. McCormick, J. McColl, E. Knisel, J. Hall, B. Peebles. MIDDLE ROW: Mgr. J. Brown, J. Hottenstein, B. Derthick, T. Romsek, M. Sisson, L. Grinage, G. Hull, Coach Fulton. BACK ROW: J. Derthick, L. Miller, C. Frohnapfel, J. Strayer, R. Heiser, A. Price.

RESERVES WIN 10 LOSE 6



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The Blissfield Reserves had quite a successful season this year and ended up with a ten won-six lost record. The reserves had several good games, the best being the Addison game in which they downed the undefeated Panthers 38-35 for their first defeat of the season. Twenty boys received training which will help them in the future years. The reserves were coached by Philip Fulton.

The Jr. High teams had a full schedule this year after a years lay-off. The teams being inexperienced and small were unable to post a victory. They were coached by Walter Garey.

Hahn goes up for a tip.



THE DAYS WENT BY

SEPTEMBER

- 4 Band Played at State Fair
- 9 School Opened
- 18 Dundee Football Game (here)
- 25 Pittsford Football Game (here)
- 29 Tecumseh Band Festival

OCTOBER

- 2 Clinton Football Game (there)
- 3 University of Michigan Band Day
- 5 Assembly Program
- 6 Metamora Band Festival
- 9 Addison Football Game (here)
- 9-10 Teachers Institute
 - 16 Morenci Football Game (there)
 - 17 Cheerleaders Clinic at U. of M.
 - 21 Journalism Day at Michigan State
 - 23 Hudson Football Game (there)
 - 28 Citizenship Conference at U. of M.
 - 30 Summerfield Football Game (here)

NOVEMBER

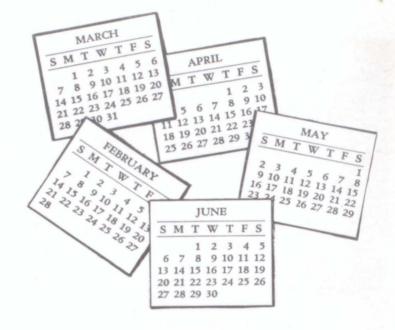
- 5 Assembly Program
- 6 Tecumseh Football Game (here)
- 19-20 Senior Play
- 25-28 Thanksgiving Vacation

DECEMBER

- 3 Assembly Program
- 4 Tecumseh Basketball Game (here)
- 8 Senior Government Day
- 11 Morenci Basketball Game (here)
- 15 Clinton Basketball Game (there)
- 18 Hudson Basketball Game (here)
- 22-4 Christmas Vacation

JANUARY

- 5 School Resumed
- 8 Summerfield Basketball Game (there)
- 9 Freshman Class Party
- 14 Senior Chili Supper
- 15 Pittsford Basketball Game (there)
- 19 Addison Basketball Game (here)
- 21-22 Semester Exams
 - 22 Junior All School Party
 - 26 Tecumseh Basketball Game (there)
 - 29 Morenci Basketball Game (there)



FEBRUARY

- 2 Monroe Catholic Central Basketball Game (here)
- 3 Athletic Banquet
- 5 Clinton Basketball Game (here)
- 9 Bedford Basketball Game (there)
- 12 Hudson Basketball Game (there)
- 13 Freshman All School Party
- 16 Summerfield Basketball Game (here)
- 19 Pittsford Basketball Game (here)
- 24 Band Concert
- 26 Addison Basketball Game (there)

MARCH

- 4 District Tournament at Adrian
- 6 District Tournament at Adrian
- 10 Regional Tournament at Albion
- 11 Assembly Program
- 13 District Band Contest
- 19 Sophomore All School Party

APRIL

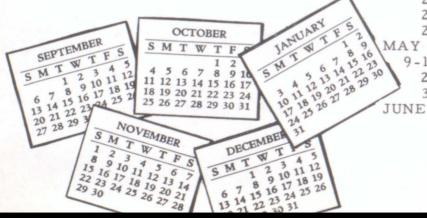
- 2 Senior Sponge Week Dance
- 8-9 Junior Play
- 16-19 Easter Vacation
 - 20 School Resumed
 - 22 Career Day at Morenci
 - 23 Senior Variety Show

9-14 Senior Trip

- 21 Junior and Senior Banquet
- 30 Baccalaureate

UNE

- 1 Class Night 3 Commencement
- 4 School Closed





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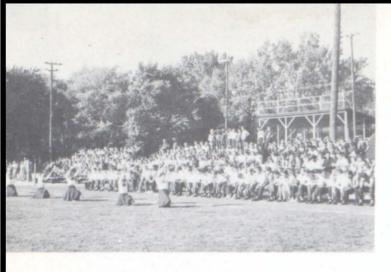
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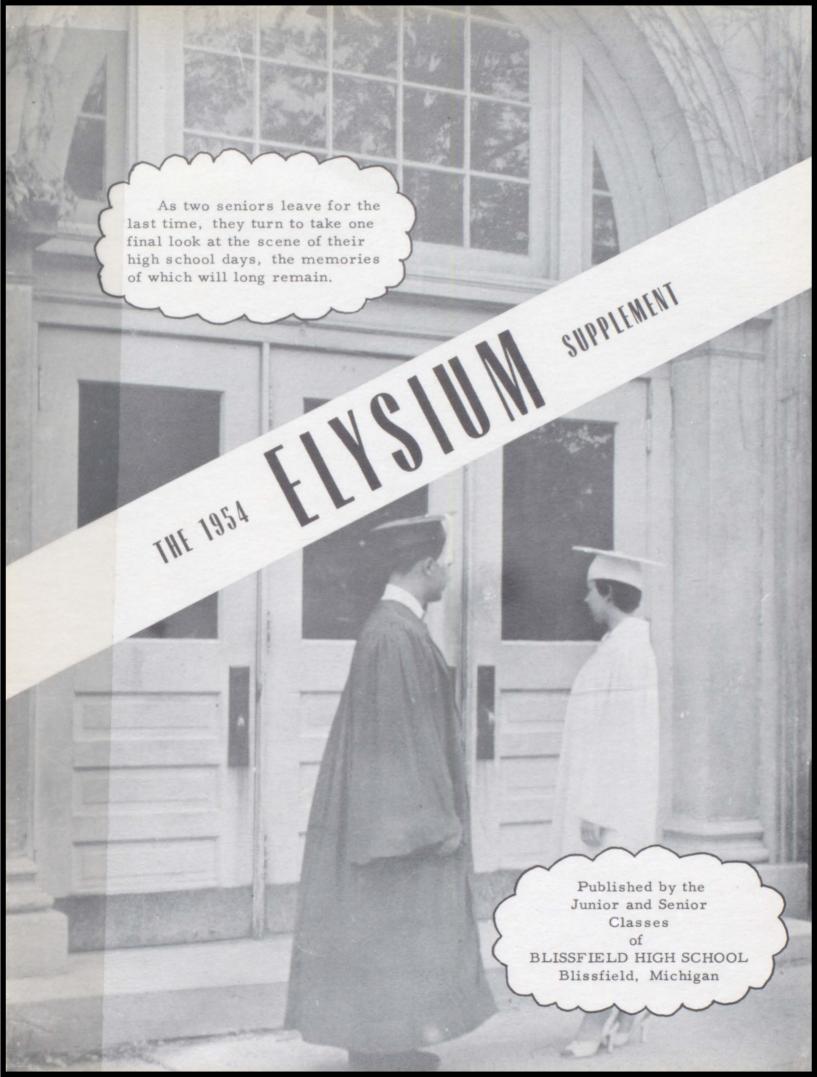
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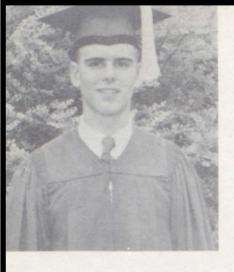
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Hold it. Flash. It's taken









VALEDICTORY

Parents, Classmates, Faculty, and Friends:

It is fascinating to me how time flies. It seems only yesterday that we were entering high school as freshmen and, in a few short hours, the class of '54 will be history in the annals of Blissfield High.

Much credit has been bestowed upon our number for our work in school, but really the credit should go to the faculty, our friends, and many others, especially to our parents.

There have been times, I am sure, when many of us have been down and out, ready to give up. Who gave us the will to do our best? Our parents!

As we look back on our four years together, we recall not only study, but also the good times we have had together. We have built friendships, many of which will last a lifetime.

Now, our days of preparing are nearing an end. Some of us will go on to college, but the rest will go out to earn their way in the world. For these, the real value of their schooling will become evident. No longer will they have a teacher to turn to for the answer. Their training and God's help will furnish tools to solve their problems. I believe that if they remember these words from the Bible, "They that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength"--they shall surely find their places in the world and be credits to mankind.

For those of us who are going to further our education by going to college our schooling will be equally important. It is quite a stride to go from high school to college. How well we have learned the fundamentals of concentration and study will mean a great deal towards success.

Whatever be your troubles, classmates, even if it seems everything is against you, I am quite sure it will benefit all of you if you try to recall this verse.

Do what your conscience says is right, Don't lie or cheat or swear. You'll find you're the one who suffers most By your being unfair. If you have doubts, turn to the Lord, He'll tell you what to do. I'm sure classmates if anyone can, He'll find the best in you. Admit mistakes, pay heed advice, Set your goals up high, Don't be content to just sit back, And let your life slip by. Just do your utmost always Whatever be your task, Trust in God, be fair to all, That's all that life will ask,

Ralph Lehman, Jr.

VALEDICTORY

Faculty, Parents, Friends, and Fellow Classmates:

We see only dimly what is small and what is great. We look to the future for our role in life, yet we must quell the fear of something of which we know little, yet desire to experience.

Graduation from high school, is to us, the epitome of learning, wisdom, and education. Yet, we must still realize that we have overcome only one obstacle in a lifetime of disappointment and happiness, and are only on the doorstep of the greatest school of all, experience: the principal of which is Mother Nature, and the teachers, the everyday happenings encountered therein.

Shakespeare once said, "All the world is a stage, and all the men and women merely players. They have their exits and their entrances, and one man in his time plays many parts."

Many of us will go on to college, others may enter the field of industry, both in labor and management, some of us will be executives, and some will be professional people. We will all play a role in life, and for some of us, our destiny lies within our own grasp.

"We are not here to dream, to drift.
We have hard work to do, and loads to lift."

Through opportunities in our own country we are able to shape our own future and, by virtue of this mould ourselves into the type of good citizen expected of us in these trying times of our United States. "Lives of great men all remind us, we can make our lives sublime." We are leaving in Blissfield High, a part of us and of our lives. We forge onward and promise to carry its good name to far and distant parts of the earth. We shall never forget our high school alma mater.

As a whole, we have wide and varied interests, but to be a success, each and every one of us must develop the same kind of drive. We shall always remember that "A winner never quits, and a quitter never wins."

Let us join with William Hensley's "Invictus":

"It matters not how straight the gate, How charged with punishments, the scroll, I am the master of my fate, I am the captain of my soul."

Nancy Hamann



SALUTATORY

Parents, Friends, Faculty, Classmates:

On behalf of the class of 1954 I would like to welcome you to our class night activities. This is a night we will remember for many years. Adam N. Reiter has said:

Nothing is dearer than mem'ry, And nothing more precious than hope.

We seniors are in the perfect position to appreciate this for we have all the memories of our high school days and many hopes for our future life. Each member of the class will remember something different. Many memories will include our teachers, our studies and the extra-curricular activities in which we participated. One of the most lasting memories we all will have are the friends we have made. Many of these friendships will be lifelong. Of course, there will be some sad memories, but many pleasant ones.

The purpose of our four years in high school has been to teach us to be useful adults in our community and in our country. What we make of ourselves after graduation depends a great deal on how much we put to work the knowledge we have obtained in high school. We can apply our education or let it lie dormant forever. If we expect any of our hopes for our future life to materialize, we must use our knowledge to the best of our ability.

Another equally important factor in making hopes materialize is our own personal character traits. I would like to mention six more important ones. First, consideration of others. Unless we make it a habit to think of others, we will become self-centered. A self-centered person is usually unpopular and as a result finds it difficult to succeed. The second trait is honesty. There are some well known stories told about heroes of our country praising their honesty. Some of the greatest men in the world have had their greatness attributed to their honesty. A third trait a graduating Senior must have to make his dreams come to realities is respect for his superiors. Respect is a state of mind which is developed early in childhood. It is an invaluable virtue for a young person to have. And a person who respects others will be respected himself. Initiative, the fourth quality, is that "get up and go" that makes young people really get ahead. This is probably the first thing an employer will notice about his employees. And to be sure, the promotions and raises are given to those with initiative. After a person starts, he must stick to it. Stick-to-itiveness or perserverance is usually a born quality but it can be developed if we make up our minds to it. Lastly, we must be trustworthy. Any other good qualities we have will lose much of their value if we are not trustworthy. This is of utmost importance in any field, whether we continue our education or begin our career.

Combining the first letter of each of these qualities, spells Christ. First, Consideration, then, Honesty, Respect, Initiative, Stick-to-itiveness, and Trustworthiness. If we let Christ be our guide and always follow Him, we may be sure that our precious hopes for the future will materialize to the fullest extent.

Sandra Thompson

SENIORS COVER WASHINGTON



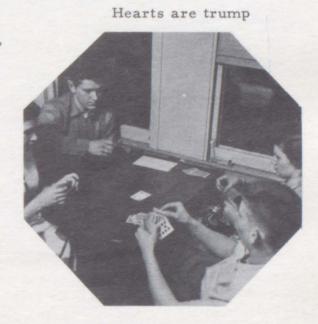
The starting point.



All set to go.

The Seniors began their trip at the Union Depot at Toledo on the Chesapeake and Ohio Railway, Sunday night, May 9th, where they joined 15 boys and girls from Pentwater, Michigan. By seventhirty, the students were in their seats and the train was pulling away from the station toward a four day trip filled with fun and excitement. They traveled all night and on until the next noon. This time was filled with singing, playing cards, a birthday party, water fights, and some sleep. Upon arriving at Charlottesville, the Seniors left the train to find a wonderful lunch awaiting them. After lunch, they visited Monticello and the University of Virginia, then proceded to their buses for the Skyline Drive through the Blue Ridge Mountains and Shenandoah National Park.







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The next day was filled and over flowing with things to see and do. The Seniors saw the Washington Monument, the Jefferson and Lincoln Memorials, Arlington Cemetery, and the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. Then they went on to Alexandria where they visited Christ Church, the Washington Masonic Memorial, Lee's Mansion, The Old Club, and Washington's home, Mount Vernon. That night, they went on a beautiful moon-light cruise down the Potomac River.

High on a rock



TRIP PROVIDES VARIETY OF ACTIVITIES



Texans from Blissfield



With souvenirs, bags are full

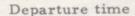
The following day, Wednesday, the Seniors left early in the morning to go through the various government buildings of Washington. They saw The Bureau of Printing and Engraving, Pan-American Union, The White House, Smithsonian Institution, The United States Capitol, and The Congressional Library. While at the Capitol, the Seniors had a group picture taken. That night the Seniors went to the Casino Royal for dinner and a floor show.

Thursday noon, the students were packed and off to the train depot for their trip home. They returned home early that Friday morning, tired but very pleased with the wonderful trip they had had.

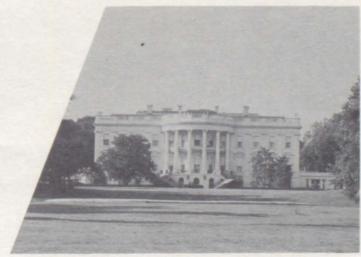
Custodians of the luggage



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"UNCLE FRED FLITS BY"

The traditional Junior Play was held April 8 and 9, 1954. This year's cast presented a laugh studded comedy entitled "Uncle Fred Flits By." James Hoenig took the part of Uncle Fred, a rather unconventional, but domineering English gentleman and Robert Williams portrayed Pongo, his rather timorous nephew who fled to South America with Julia, played by Carole Russell. Mr. Murray, our English and speech teacher, did a fine job of directing this play.

Sh-h. Now bash him!

Ugh! What a mess.





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Roses Everywhere

JUNIOR-SENIOR BANQUET IS GALA AFFAIR

The breathless rush of last minute details was over and at 6:30 the 1954 Junior Senior Banquet began with the traditional parade to the gymnasium.

The theme "Moonlight and Roses" was well carried out. The room was decorated with roses on white trellises, spring flowers and a big harvest moon shining from above.

Jim Hoenig, acting as toastmaster, introduced Gerold Goetz, the Junior Class president, who gave a welcome to the Senior Class. DeArle Stucker, Senior Class president, responded. The speaker, Dr. William C. Jordan of Bowling Green University, gave a talk, "Life Can Be Happy".

During the intermission the dancers were entertained by an orchestra composed of junior boys. The boys entertained with music and comedy.

The last number played by the Tecumseh Chieftains brought another Junior-Senior Banquet to an end.

The Speaker's Table



BLISSFIELD WINS THIRD L.C.A.A. TITLE



TRACK

BACK ROW: L. Fogel, M. Kastel, D. Klump, H. Newlin, D. Travis, G. Hall, H. Lennard, Coach Lew. MIDDLE ROW: J. Tubbs, Lyle Crots, D. Stucker, R. Crots, L. Keller, D. Jacobs, N. Miller. FRONT ROW: D. Staver, W. Tubbs, L. Bell, F. Hall, D. Bailey, J. Long.

Blissfield started the track season by winning a dual meet at Hillsdale, 58 to 54. The second meet was a triangular meet held at Delta. Blissfield came out on top again with 56 4/10 points to Anthony Wayne's 48 4/10 points and Delta's 43 points. For the third meet Blissfield's cindermen traveled to Monroe where they outscored a determined Monroe Catholic team 55 to 54. After scoring well in the first three meets Blissfield lost to a powerful Adrian team, 64 to 45. The fifth meet was held at Morenci. In spite of the fact they lacked the support of the seniors, who were on their trip, the underclassmen defeated Morenci easily, 67 points to Morenci's 35 points.

The valuable experience Blissfield gained from the track meets they had during the season proved to be the determining factor in the team's winning their third consecutive L.C.A.A. track title. Blissfield scored 64 2/3 points to second place Hudson's 45 points. Blissfield won only two first places, one by L. Crots in the 440 yard run and the other by F. Hall in the high jump. Second places went to D. Staver-220 and 100 yard dashes, H. Newlin-440, J. Ganun-880, L. Keller-shot put, F. Hall-broad jump, and D. Klump, H. Lennard, and D. Bailey tied for second in the pole vault. Third places went to L. Fogel-mile, H. Lennard-high jump, and the 880 yard relay team. L. Bell and D. Jacobs finished fourth in the 880 yard run and 120 yard low hurdles respectively. D. Staver placed fifth in the broad jump and D. Bailey and R. Crots tied for fifth place in the high jump. The decisive factor in the winning of the track meet was the team balance. The seniors who were lost by graduation contributed much to the winning the Championship.

BACK ROW: R. Wilkins, G. Seizert, D. Dettman, G.Good, D. Sommers, J. Ganun. MIDDLE ROW: E. Bakowski, M. Briskey, G. Gruber, G. Silberhorn, A. Briskey, Lynn Crots, R. Bateson. FRONT ROW: J. McColl, L. Miller, L. McCormick, L. Grinage, K. Goetz.



SUGARBOYS WIN TWO LOSE FIVE

BASEBALL

BACK ROW: J. Ganun, R. Bateson, T. Mason, D. Klump, B. Derthick, D. Travis, J. Hottenstein, M. Phipps, D. Krahn. MIDDLE ROW: C. Creger, Mgr.; T. Paulson, Mgr.; G. Long, J. Bakus, B. Karl, D. Bailey, D. Brown, R. Crots, H. Lennard, Coach Hassen. FRONT ROW: K. Mitchell, H. Newlin, J. Peters, F. Hall, B. Bakus, J. Siering, M. Kastel.



The Blissfield baseball team failed to retain the championship they won last year as they finished sixth with one win and four losses in league play this season. In two non-league games Blissfield split, beating Tecumseh four to three and losing to Adrian seventeen to two. Losing two of their star hurlers by graduation the Sugarboys were weak in that department.

PITTSFORD 5 BLISSFIELD 2 Blissfield was beaten by the Wildcats in a muddy

game. Lyle Sparr was the winner over Hubert Lennard.

CLINTON 10 BLISSFIELD 4 Poor hitting and pitching by the Sugarboys and a good pitching performance by Larry Hartman added up to an easy victory for the Redskins.

HUDSON 3 BLISSFIELD 4 Blissfield won its first game of the season over the Tigers by a close decision. Ken Mitchell and Henry Newlin stole home on successive pitches to gain the victory for Ted Mason.

SUMMERFIELD 8 BLISSFIELD 6 In a close game the Bulldogs defeated the Sugarboys. The leading hitters for Blissfield were Fred Hall and Jack Ganun. Blessing

was the winning pitcher and Peters the loser.

ADDISON 3 BLISSFIELD 1 In the final game of the season, Blissfield lost a close game to the league champion Panthers. The Sugarboys lone tally came when Jack Ganun drove in Don Bailey who had doubled. Strong received credit for the game.

The final game of the season with Morenci was not played after being rescheduled three times, because of rainy weather.





FAR LEFT: Ball one! is called on J. Peters.

LEFT: B. Karl at bat in Hudson game.

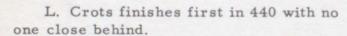
TRACKMEN PLACE IN L.C.A.A. MEET



J. Ganun finishes second in 880.



F. Hall clears the bar for first place in the high jump.







L. Fogel tries hard for third place in the mile.

D. Jacobs gets fourth place in 120 yard low hurdles.



Staver and Cisco start 100 yard dash.



