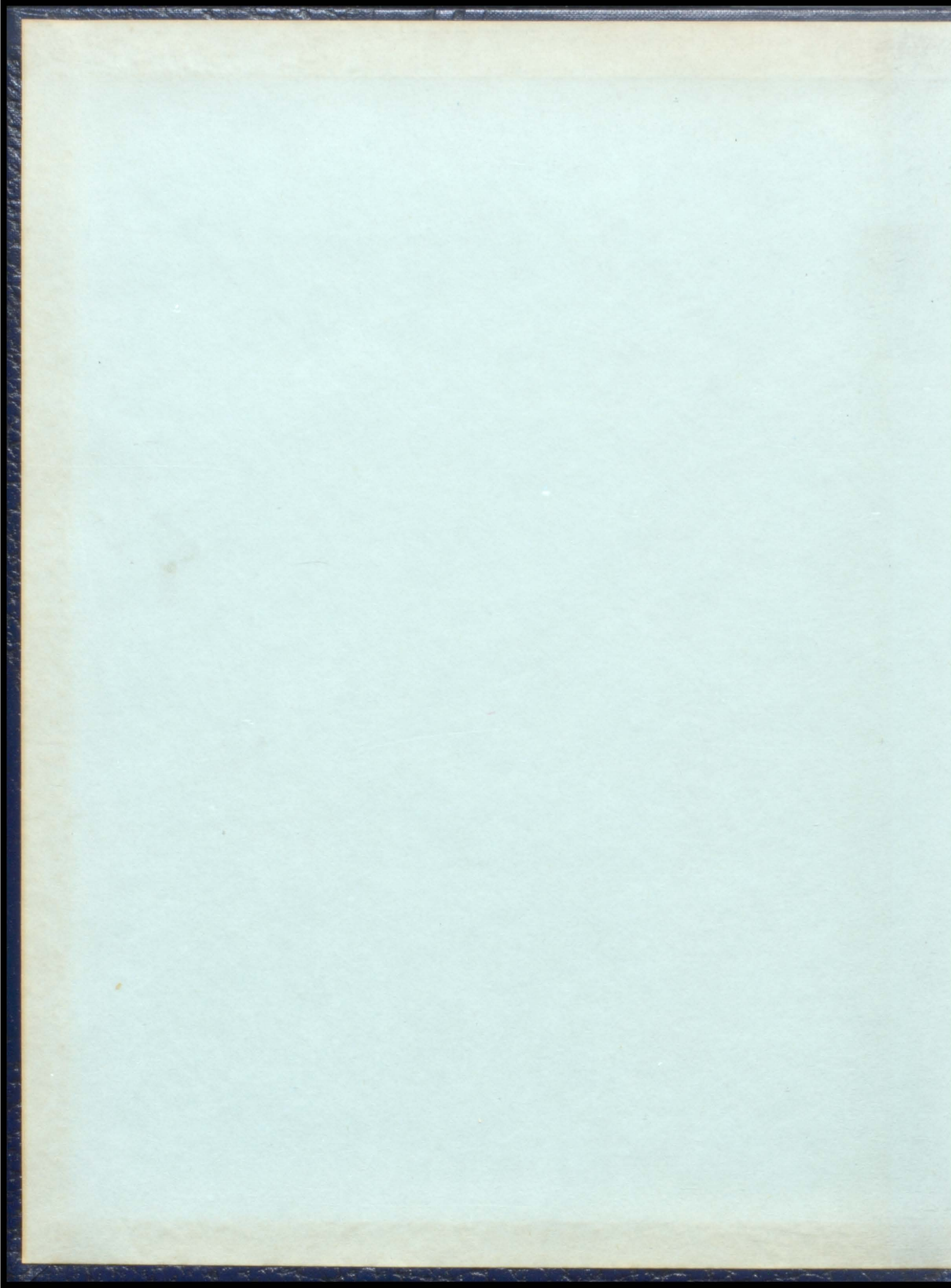
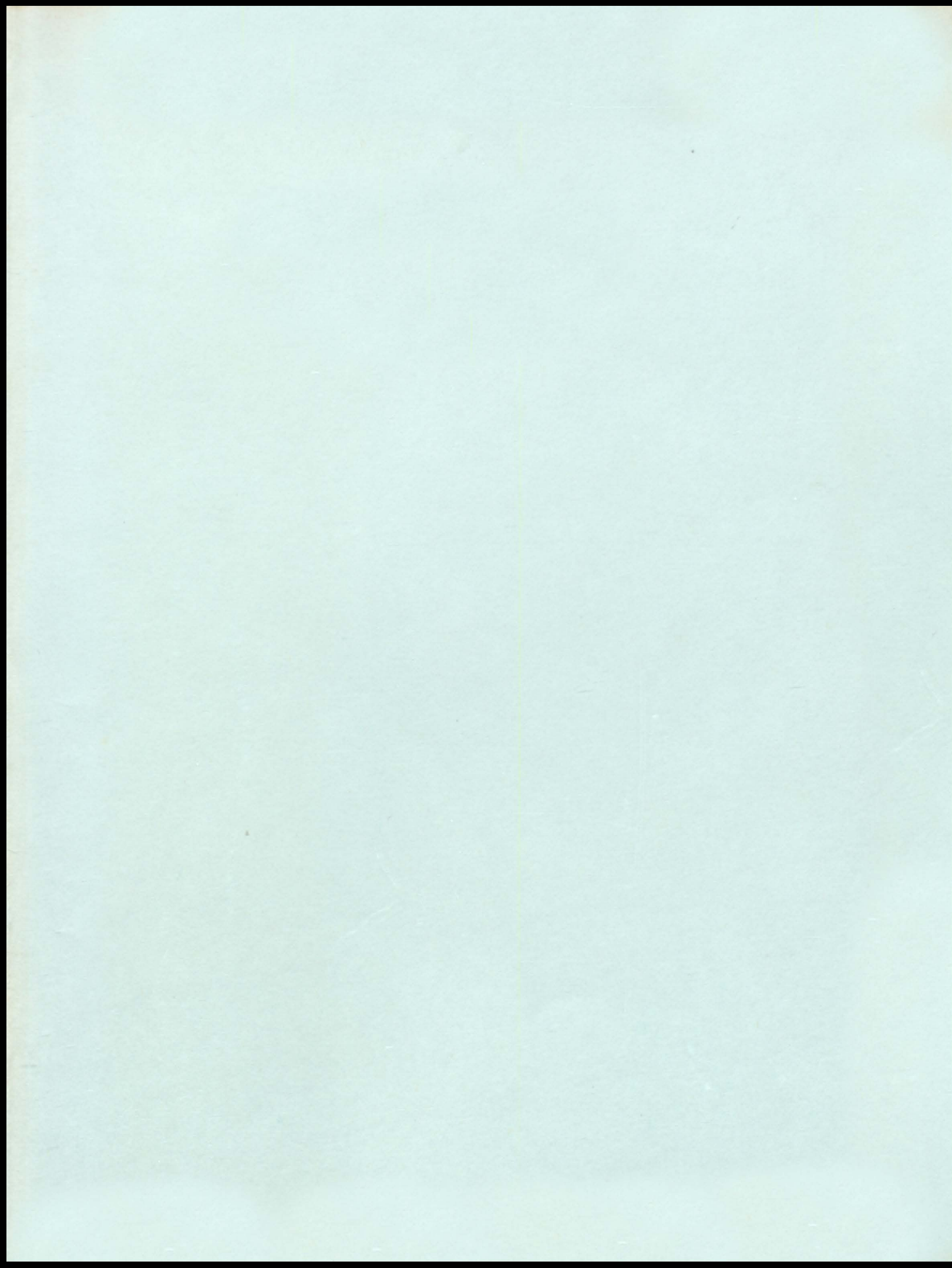
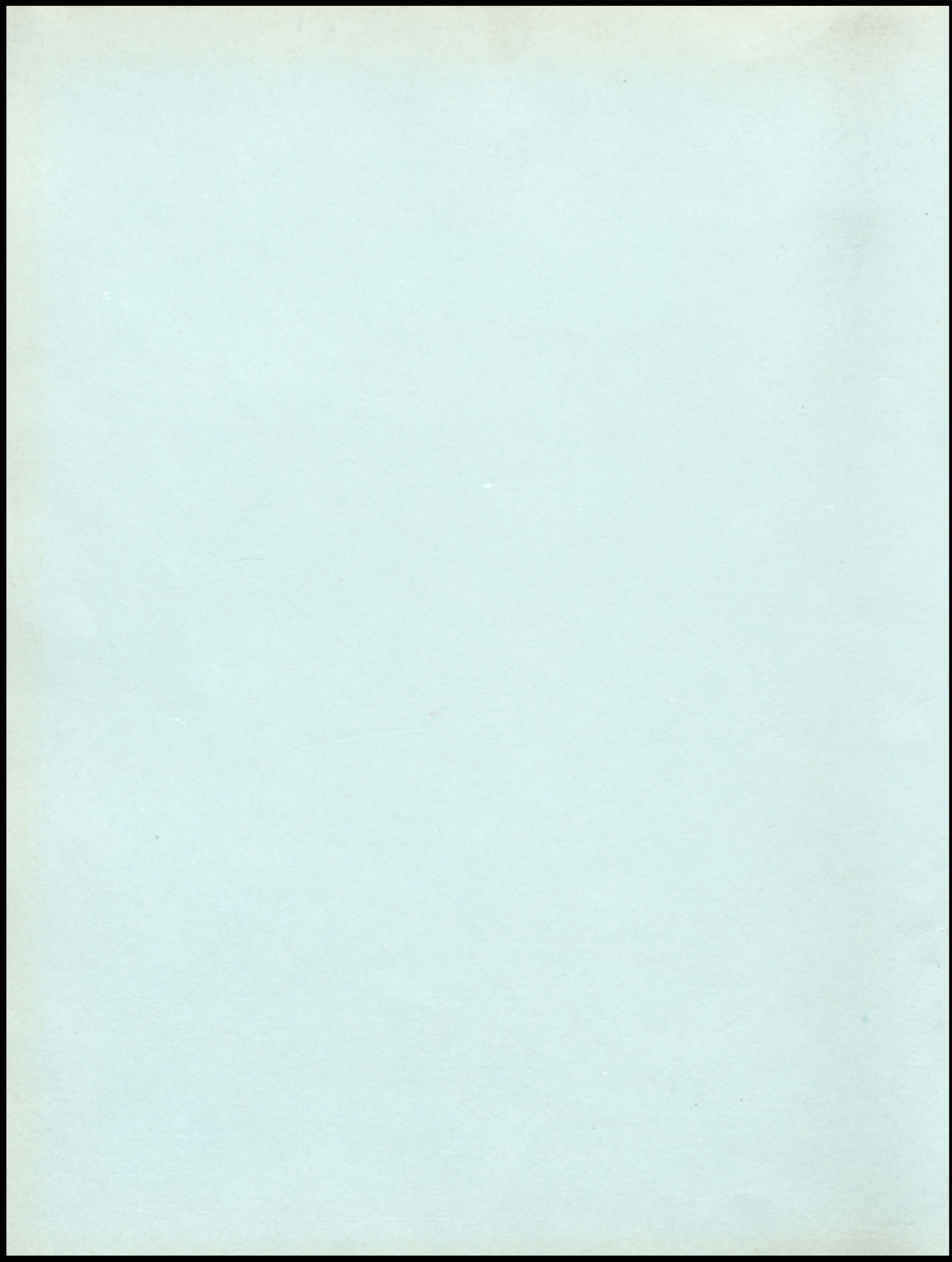


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ELYSIUM







A black and white photograph of the Blissfield High School building. The building is a multi-story brick structure with several windows. In the foreground, two male students are walking on the sidewalk to the left. To the right, a group of students is gathered near the entrance, which features a large arched window above the doors. A rope barrier is visible in front of the entrance area.

THE 1955 ELYSIUM

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Junior and Senior
Classes of
Blissfield High School
Blissfield, Michigan

BLISSFIELD HIGH
SCHOOL
From the corner of
Giles and Cherry
Streets



FOREWORD

The crest, shown below, was adopted many years ago as the crest of Blissfield High. It was originally the coat-of-arms of the Bliss family, which gave Blissfield its name.

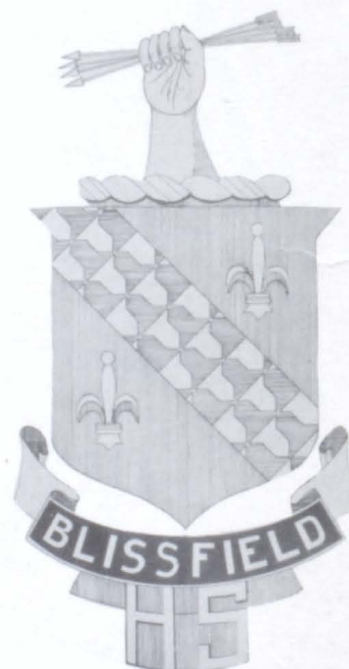
This crest, seen on all class rings, is a symbol to each student of his life at B. H. S. It brings to mind the keen athletic competition, the many clubs and activities of which each can become a part and the

satisfaction that is found in scholastic achievement. This is all a part of the spirit that has always been synonymous with Blissfield High School.

As the crest has played such an important role in the history of the school, it was fitting that the staff decided to use its symbolism as the idea around which this book was built.

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RETIRING SCHOOL BOARD

(left to right)

Treasurer

H. J. Hoenig

Trustee

J. T. Carpenter

Secretary

Cleon Mason

President

Dr. R. V. Tubbs

Absent

Howard Never

NEWLY ELECTED SCHOOL BOARD

(left to right)

Treasurer

Howard Driggs

President

H. J. Hoenig

Trustees

Robert Stutzman

Andrew Thompson

Secretary

Carl Knapp

County Superintendent of
Schools, Milton Porter,
swearing in board members.



ADMINISTRATION



Secretaries: Miss Sheldon, Miss Sliker, and
Miss Luke.



Principal, Mr. Peebles; Superintendent, Mr.
Strayer.

During this term Blissfield had two different school boards. The retiring school board (above) did much to promote and reorganize the twenty-six districts into one unit. After reorganization was completed on December 3, 1954, a new school board was elected. They went into office confronted with many problems having to do with a new and larger district.

BLISSFIELD HIGH SCHOOL FACULTY



FIRST ROW: Mr. Peebles, Mrs. Richardson, Mrs. Culhane, Miss Yoder, Miss White, Miss Acuna, Mrs. McColl, and Mr. Strayer.
 SECOND ROW: Mr. Rupp, Mr. Garey, Mrs. Onofrio, Mrs. Kellerman, Miss Burghardt, Mr. Lew, Mr. Bond, and Mr. Potter.
 THIRD ROW: Mr. Luce, Mr. Engle, Mr. Williams, Mr. Moore, Mr. Venema, Mr. Hassen, and Mr. Thayer.

Upon the faculty rests the responsibility of shaping the personalities of tomorrow's citizens. Each student must be instructed in the many different subjects which are all a part of life in the complicated world of today. Their job is to teach the things that will make each person's life and the lives of those around him more worthwhile. To impart information to others in such a way as to give a general knowledge of the things around them must be a difficult but rewarding task.

This particular faculty ranges in experience from one to thirty-five years, with the average years taught being ten. Five have over twenty years experience in the teaching field.

Five members of the faculty have Master's degrees and nineteen have Bachelor's degrees. Many of the latter have done considerable work on their Master's degrees, however.

The Teachers' Club, formed many years ago at Blissfield High School, is a chapter of the Lenawee District of Region Three of the Michigan Education Association. Mrs. Mildred Kellerman is its president. Meetings are held every month, with some being in the form of parties, and others as discussions of educational topics.

It is believed that this faculty succeeded well in its aim; namely that of preparing students for the life with which they will be concerned after graduation from high school.

FACULTY INTERESTS ARE VARIED



Miss Acuna
Mr. Bond

MISS JEAN ACUNA, B.S.
Western Michigan College
Junior High Mathematics
Geometry
Spanish Club Advisor
Eighth Grade Advisor

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

Mr. Hassen
Mrs. McColl

MR. TION HASSEN, B.S.
Michigan State College
Head Football Coach
Physical Education
Study Hall
Varsity "B" Club Advisor
Senior Class Advisor

MRS. MARY JANE MCCOLL, A.B.
Hillsdale College
Sophomore English
Spanish
Spanish Club Advisor
Freshman Class Advisor

Miss Yoder
Mr. Luce

MISS MARJORIE YODER, B.S.
Bowling Green State University
Typing
Stenography
Senior Class Advisor

MR. ROBERT LUCE, B.S.
Adrian College
Assistant Football Coach
American History
Junior High Science
Varsity "B" Club Advisor
Senior Class Advisor



MRS. ONOFRIO



MISS LUELLA BURGHARDT, M.A. (above)
Michigan State Normal College
Junior High English
History 8
8th Grade Advisor



MRS. CULHANE



MR. ENGLE

MRS. DAPHNE ONOFRIO, A.B.
University of Indiana
Librarian
Latin and Geography 7
Latin Club Advisor
7th Grade Advisor

MR. RICHARD ENGLE, B.A.
Michigan State College
Social Studies
Jr. High Football Coach
Freshman Advisor

MRS. RICHARDSON, M.S.
Columbia University
Home Economics
F.H.A. Advisor
Junior Advisor

MR. ROBERT GAREY, B.S. (below)
Ohio State University
General Science and Biology
Asst. Basketball Coach
Reserve Baseball Coach
Varsity "B" Club Advisor
Junior Advisor

OUR FACULTY

MRS. MARY CULHANE, B.S.
Central Mississippi State College
Commercial
Advisor of Nurses Club
Junior Advisor

MR. RAYMOND MOORE, B.S.
Clarian State Teachers College
Chemistry
Physics
Junior Advisor

MRS. RICHARDSON

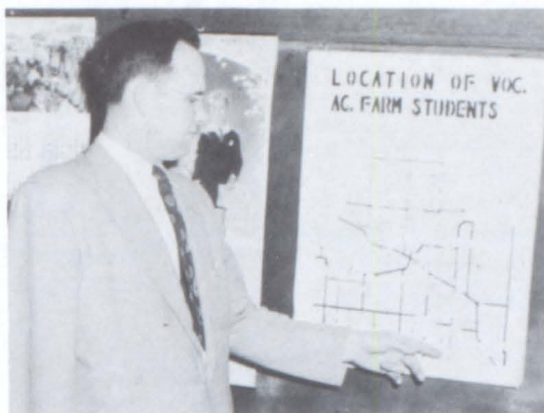


MR. MOORE





MR. POTTER



MR. JACOB VENEMA, B.S. (above)
Michigan State College
Agriculture
F.F.A. Advisor
Senior Advisor



MR. LEW

MR. ROBERT LEW, B.S.
University of Toledo
Head Basketball Coach
Algebra
Physical Education
Varsity "B" Club Advisor
Sophomore Advisor

MISS JACQUELINE WHITE, B.A.
Ball State Teachers College
English III and IV
School Paper Advisor
Bible Club Advisor
Sophomore Advisor

MR. ADRIAN WILLIAMS, B.S.
Western Michigan College
Shop
Freshman Advisor

MR. C. L. RUPP, B.S. (below)
Taylor University
Driver Education
History 7 and Math 7
7th Grade Advisor



MISS WHITE

MR. WILLIAMS



MR. THAYER



WELL TRAINED

MR. EUGENE POTTER, B. PH.
Northland University
World Geography
History
Reserve Football Coach
Sophomore Advisor

MR. FRED THAYER, B.S.
Bowling Green State University
Dramatics Coach
English and Speech
Junior Advisor

FROM DAY TO DAY

SEPTEMBER

- 3 Band Played at State Fair
- 7 Teachers Meeting
- 8 School Opened
- 17 Dundee Football Game (there)
- 24 Clinton (here)
- 28 Tecumseh Band Festival

OCTOBER

- 1 Addison (there)
- 8 Morenci (here)
- 8 Senior Dance
- 9 U. of M. Band Day
- 15 Hudson (here)
- 21-22 M. E. A. Regional Meeting
- 22 Summerfield (there)
- 29 Pittsford (there)
- 30 Sophomore All School Party

NOVEMBER

- 10-11 Senior Play
- 12 Tecumseh (there)
- 17 Senior Chili Supper
- 19 Junior All School Dance
- 25-26 Thanksgiving Vacation

DECEMBER

- 3 Pittsford Basketball Game (there)
- 8 Senior Government Day
- 10 Addison (there)
- 11 Freshman All School Party
- 14 Tecumseh (here)
- 17 Morenci (there)
- 23 Christmas Assembly Program
- 23 Christmas Vacation
- 31 Senior All School Dance

JANUARY

- 3 School Resumed
- 14 Hudson (there)
- 17 Clinton (here)
- 18 Summerfield (here)
- 19-21 Semester Exams
- 21 Pittsford (here)
- 24 Beginning of Second Semester
- 28 Addison (here)

FEBRUARY

- 1 Monroe C. C. (there)
- 4 Tecumseh (there)
- 5 Junior All School Dance
- 7 All County Band, Adrian
- 8 Lyons (there)
- 9 Chorus Concert
- 11 County Teachers Institute
- 11 Morenci (here)
- 12 Solo and Ensemble Festival
- 15 Clinton (there)
- 17 Assembly Program
- 18 Hudson (here)
- 25 Summerfield (there)

MARCH

- 1 Band Concert
- 3 Assembly Program
- 4-5 District Tournament at Adrian
- 12 District Band Festival
- 23 Athletic Banquet
- 29 Speech Contest at Adrian
- 30-31 Junior Play

APRIL

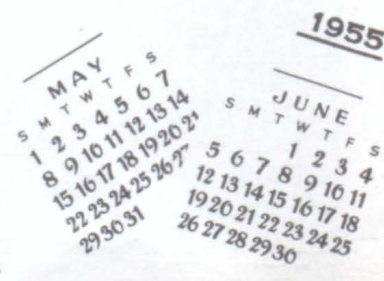
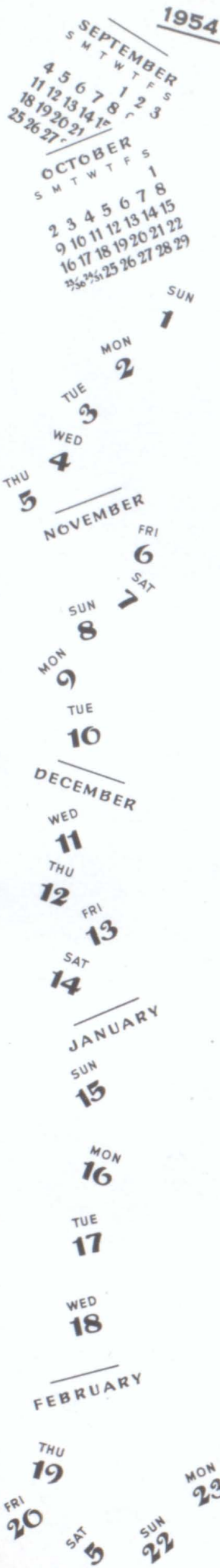
- 1 Senior Sponge Week Dance
- 7 Assembly Program
- 8-11 Easter Vacation
- 12 School Resumes
- 27 F. H. A. Banquet
- 28 Senior Career Day

MAY

- 4 Band Concert
- 0-13 Senior Trip
- 20 Jr. - Sr. Banquet
- 29 Baccalaureate
- 31 Class Night

JUNE

- 2 Commencement
- 3 School Closes





SENIORS

These arrows represent the four years of high school life in which every Senior has, through diligent effort, achieved a feeling of accomplishment and success.



JAMES HOENIG
Elysium 3, 4; Band 1, 2, 3,
4; Baseball 1, 2; Junior
Play; School Paper 3, 4;
Student Council 4; Track
2; Class Pres. 4; V. Pres.
3; Senior Play.



RICHARD BLACKFORD
Elysium 3, 4; Co-editor 4; Class V.
Pres. 4; Class Secy. 3.



NEOMI ADRIAN
Spanish Club 2, 3, 4; Treas. 3; Band
1, 2, 3; Latin Club 4; Class Secy. 4.

JIM HOENIG

MARILYN LUSE

Latin Club Pres. 4; Student Council
1; Elysium 4; F. N. A. 4; Bible Club
3, 4; Band 1, 2, 4; Class Treas. 4.

JOE ADKINS

Clay School 1; F. F. A. 1, 2, 3, 4; V.
Pres. 4; Baseball 1, 2, 4; Football 4.



CLASS ADVISORS
MR. VENEMA
MISS YODER
MR. HASSEN





JANICE BARKENQUEST
Toledo Catholic Central
1; Senior Play; F. T. A. 3, 4.

CARMA BEHM (right)
Spanish Club 2, 3.

JANE BELL (far right)
School Paper 4; F. H. A.
1, 2.



ARTHUR BERRY



MARIAN BERRY
F. H. A. 1, 2, 3, 4; Band 4.

LEADS CLASS



JOHN BIERLEY
Baseball 1, 2.



GORDON BISCHOFF (left)
Baseball 2; F. F. A. 1, 2,
3, 4; Football 3.



SHIRLEY BIERMAN
School Paper 4; F. H. A.
1; Band 2, 3, 4.



FRANKLYN BIERMAN
Baseball 1.



SALLY BLAKE
F. H. A. 1, 2, 3, 4; Hist. 3;
Band 1, 2, 3, 4; Class Treas.
3; F. N. A. V. Pres 4.

MADALYN BISCHOFF
Band 2, 3, 4. (right)

LORETTA BROWN
F. H. A. 1, 2; Band 1, 2,
3, 4; F. N. A. Pres. 4.
(far right)



HAZEL CARRICO
Parsons High School, West
Virginia 1, 2; Student
Council 1; F. H. A. 2.

CAROLYN BEUHRER
F. H. A. 2, 3; Bible Club
3.

DONALD BROWN
Spanish Club 2, 4; Basket-
ball 1, 2, 3, 4; Varsity B.
Club 3, 4; Baseball 2, 3, 4;
Football 1, 2, 3, 4; Track
3, 4; Bible Club 4.

SHIRLEY BRUBAKER
F. H. A. 1, 2, 3, 4; Band
1, 2, 3, 4.



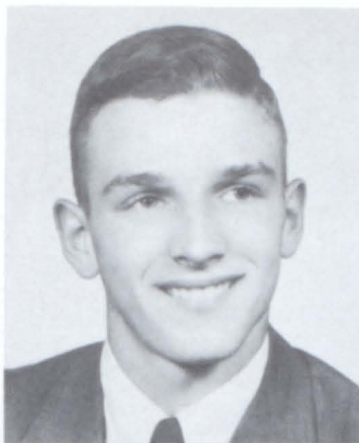
MARLA COLYER
F. H. A. 1, 2; Band 1, 2,
3, 4. (far left)

MARILYN CLINE (left)



RAYMOND COUSINO

MANY ACTIVITIES



LYLE CROTS (far left)
F. F. A. 1, 2, 3; Track 1,
2, 3, 4; Football 2, 3, 4;
Bible Club 4; Varsity B.
Club 3, 4.

LARRY DAVIS (left)
Junior Play; Band 1, 2, 3,
4; Football 1.



JANET FRITZ
Student Council 1; Band 2, 3, 4.



WALTER DICKERSON

MARJORIE GENTZ
F. H. A. 1, 2, 3; Student
Council 4; School Paper 4;
Senior Play.

LOIS EISENMANN
F. H. A. 1, 2, 3, 4; F. T. A. 4; Band
3, 4; Bible Club 3, 4.

DALE EISENMANN
F. F. A. 1, 2, 3, 4; Track 1, 2, 3, 4;
Bible Club 3, 4.

INTEREST SENIORS

NORMAN FISHER



CAROLE DEMLOW
School Paper 4; F. H. A.
1; Band 1, 2, 3, 4; Senior
Play.

NORMAN FIGY
School Paper 3; Spanish
Club 2, 3, 4; Football 1.





GERALD HOFFMAN (far left)



GEROLD GOETZ
Elysium 3, 4; School Paper
4; Junior Play; Baseball 1,
2; Band 1, 2, 3, 4; Student
Council 3, 4; V. Pres. 4;
Class Pres. 3; Senior Play.
(left)



CHARLOTTE HENRICKS
Band 2, 3, 4.



NANCY HANDY
F. H. A. 1.

SENIORS



RICHARD GOVERNO
School Paper 4; Varsity B.
Club 3, 4; Baseball 2, 3;
Football 2, 3, 4; (left)

BARBARA HAMMONS
Elysium 4; Junior Play;
Student Council 1, 4; Band
1, 2, 3, 4; Class Treas. 2;
Bible Club, Secy. 4.
(below left)



RONALD JACOB
Elysium 3, 4; Junior Play;
F. F. A. 1, 2, 3, 4; Secy. 3;
Pres. 4; Baseball 1, 2, 4;
Football 1, 3, 4; Band 2,
3, 4. (right)

PHILIP HALL
School Paper 3; Spanish
Club 1, 2; Band 1, 2, 3, 4;
Bible Club 3, 4. (far right)

BETTY GRASLEY
Bible Club 3, 4.



ANN HOADLEY
Band 2, 3, 4.





DAVID GRAY
Spanish Club 2, 3.

IRENE ISLEY
F. H. A. 2, 3, 4; Junior
Play. (right)

GORDON HULL
School Paper 4; Senior
Play; Baseball 2, 3, 4;
Track 2; Basketball 1, 2,
3, 4; Varsity B. Club 4;
Band 1, 2, 3, 4; Bible Club
4. (far right)



SENIORS

RITA HORKY
Elysium 4; School Paper
4; Latin Club 4; Class V.
Pres. 2.

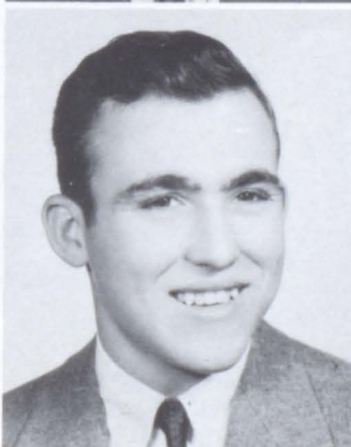


JOHN KUHL
F. F. A. 1, 2, 3, 4; Base-
ball 1.

MARLO JEAN KARL



CAROLYN KARL
School Paper 4; Junior
Play; F. H. A. 1, 2, 3, 4;
Pres. 4; Senior Play. (right)

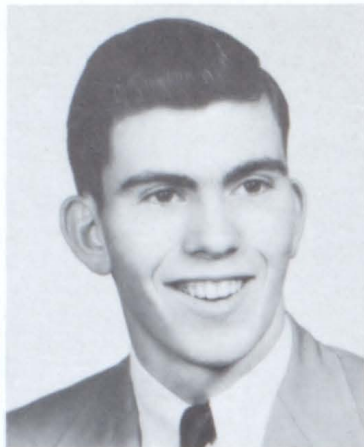


PATRICIA LINTNER
F. H. A. 1, 2, 4; Junior
Play; Bible Club 3.
(below left)

GERALD LONG
School Paper 4; Varsity B.
Club 3, 4; Pres. 4; Base-
ball 1, 2, 3, 4; Football 1,
2, 3, 4; Track 3, 4. (left)

ROBERT MASON
Elysium 3, 4; School Paper
3, 4; Football 1, 2; Band
1, 2, 3, 4; Senior Play. (right)





TED MASON (far left)
Basketball 2; Varsity B.
Club 4; Baseball 1, 2, 3,
4.

HERBERT McCARTY (left)



GORDON PIRKL



GENE OREL



JANET PORTER
Elysium 3, 4; Co-editor 4;
F. T. A. 3, 4; Spanish Club
2, 3, 4; Latin Club 4; Stu-
dent Council 3, 4; Secy. 4;
Band 1, 2, 3, 4; Class Secy.
2.

SENIORS SELECT

LORNA RICHARDSON
F. H. A. 1, 2, 3, 4; Band 1, 2, 3, 4;
Senior Play



RICHARD REYNOLDS (right)
Basketball 2; Band 1, 2,
3, 4.

ERMA PRIELIPP (far right)
Junior Play.



BETTY PIEFLOW
F. H. A. 1, 2, 3, 4.



GILBERT OLRICH
Baseball 1, 2, 3, 4.





JEAN ROENICK

JOANNE ROHRBACK (right)
School Paper 3, 4; Band 1, 2,
3, 4.

VANDA RUHL (far right)
School Paper 3, 4; F. H. A. 1,
2, 3, 4; F. H. A. 1, 2, 3, 4; Sen-
ior Play Student Director.



JOHN TUBBS
School Paper 3, 4; Junior
Play; Track 2, 3, 4; Basket-
ball 2; Baseball 3; Latin Club
4; Senior Play.



WYONA SNYDER
Latin Club 4; Band 1, 2, 3.

WASHINGTON TRIP

BETTY SALLOWS

RICHARD SAYERS



JANET SCHNEIDER (far left)
F. H. A. 1, 2.

THOMAS SWIFT (left)



CAROLE LEE RUSSELL
School Paper 4; F. H. A. 1;
Junior Play; Senior Play; Band
3, 4.





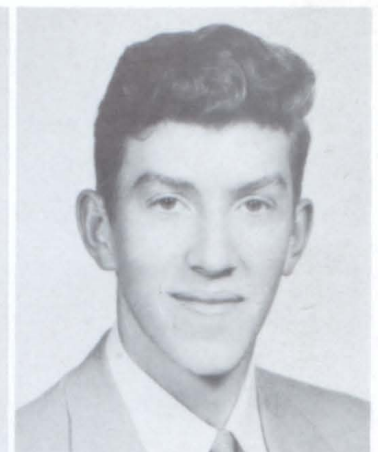
DALE WALTERS



JOAN WILSON
F. H. A. 1, 2.



PAT WILT
F. H. A. 1, 2.



DALE WELSH
Basketball 1.



ROBERT WILLIAMS
Elysium 3, 4; Latin Club
4; Junior Play; Basket-
ball 1, 2, 3, 4; Football 1,
2; Student Council 1, 2, 4;
Varsity B Club 4; Baseball
1, 2; Class Pres. 1.



SALLY ANN ZEIZERT
Elysium 3, 4; Band 1, 2, 3,
4; Class V. Pres. 1.



NORMAN WELSH
Basketball 1, 2; Baseball
1; Football 1; Track 1.



MARJORIE WAHL
School Paper 4.

CLASS OF 1955



CARMEN YURNIKL
School Paper 4; Student
Council 3, 4; Treas. 4;
F. H. A. 2, 3, 4; Secy. 3;
V. Pres. 4; Class Secy.
1; Junior Play

JAMES ZIMMERMAN
Elysium 3, 4; Band 1, 2, 3,
4; Varsity B Club 3, 4; V.
Pres. 4; Football 1, 2; Stu-
dent Council 1, 2, 4; Pres.
4; Junior Play; Basket-
ball 1, 2, 3, 4; Track 1, 2;
Class Pres. 2; Bible Club 4.





SENIORS WITH HIGHEST SCHOLASTIC RECORDS

AT LEFT: Marilyn Luse. FIRST ROW: Gerold Goetz, Neomi Adrian, and Barbara Hammons. SECOND ROW: Richard Blackford, James Hoenig, and Janet Porter. THIRD ROW: Irene Isley, Carole Demlow, and Robert Williams.



Richard Blackford
VALEDICTORIAN

Janet Porter, D. A. R.
Good Citizen

SENIOR HONORS

Among the seniors who were honored were Richard Blackford, valedictorian, and Marilyn Luse, salutatorian. Richard had a point average of 2.97 with only one "B" while Marilyn had a point average of 2.93 with 2 "B's." They both took an active part in student affairs.



Marilyn Luse
SALUTATORIAN

Football Captains: J. Long (R.) and R. Governo (L.)
Basketball Captains: (center) D. Brown and J. Zimmerman.

Carmen Yurnikl, Football
Queen





R. Williams and J. Zimmerman selling 'Advance' subscription to Mrs. Glaser.



K. Goetz, J. Zimmerman, and J. Hoenig look at the display case given to the school by the juniors and seniors.

MONEY!! MONEY!!

\$5600! This was approximately the amount it cost the Class of 1955 to finance their trip to Washington, D. C.

This money was raised in various ways. In November the seniors started their money-raising project by sponsoring a Chili Supper. In February they sold refreshments at the Auto Show and some members of the class helped supply music for this occasion. Then in March Mr. DeLoach, the editor of the Blissfield Advance, helped the Senior Class on its way to Washington by giving them commissions on getting new and renewed subscriptions to his paper. Also, the Senior Play added much to the trip fund, with dances, baked food sales, car washes, class dues, and many other activities undertaken by the class.



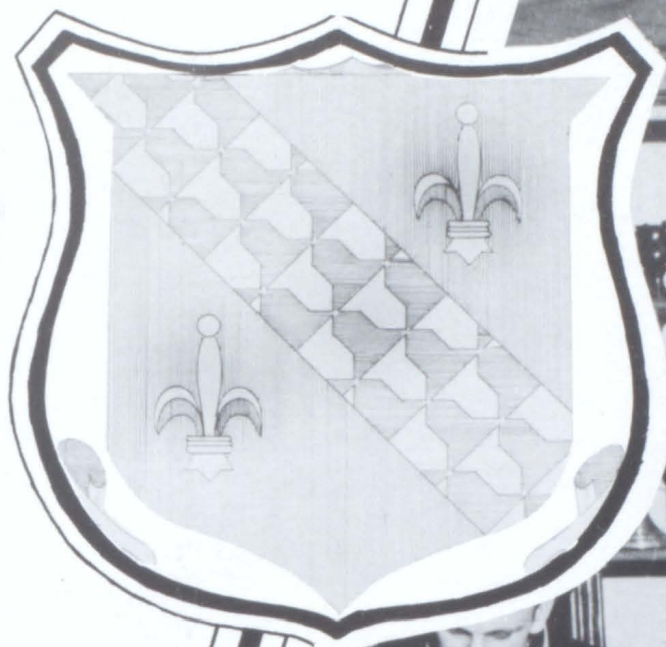
R. Mason selling advertising for the Elysium.

Senior refreshment stand at the Auto Show.



Janet Porter, Carole Demlow, and Loretta Brown, testing the chili for the Chili supper.





SCHOOL LIFE

The fleur-de-lis is the symbol of a student body taking part in various activities. In the many groups and club meetings recreation was combined with worthwhile discussions, resulting in both pleasure and profit for those who participated.



L. Bischoff, N. Buehrer, and other girls make fruit salad.



R. Bushrow, D. Snyder, and K. Lamley work on shop projects.



Thirty words per minute--plus

STUDENTS TRAIN

From the many varied and interesting courses given at Blissfield High School the students can prepare themselves to go on to college, to become a farmer, or a housewife, or to enter into any number of other types of work. The subjects from which the students can choose their sixteen credits needed for graduation, or to prepare them for their future work are: social studies, home economics, mathematics, agriculture, shop, sciences, and business courses.

Five English courses are given which include two years of grammar and two years of literature and one year of speech.

All students are required to take one year of either general mathematics or algebra. Students who wish to go further into mathematics can take plane geometry, solid geometry, and advanced algebra.

One year of science is required for graduation, those given are biology, chemistry, physics, and general science.

Girls, in preparing for their future, usually take from one to three years of



R. Billington in speech class

IN MANY SUBJECTS

home economics while the boys take two years of shop.

Social studies include world history, American history, a half year of civics, economics, sociology, and family relations.

The foreign languages offered are two years of Latin and two years of Spanish.

For training in the commercial field the students may take general business, two years of typing, two years of stenography, and bookkeeping.

The boys who look toward farming as an occupation or are interested in agricultural work can select farm crops, animal husbandry, farm management, and soils.

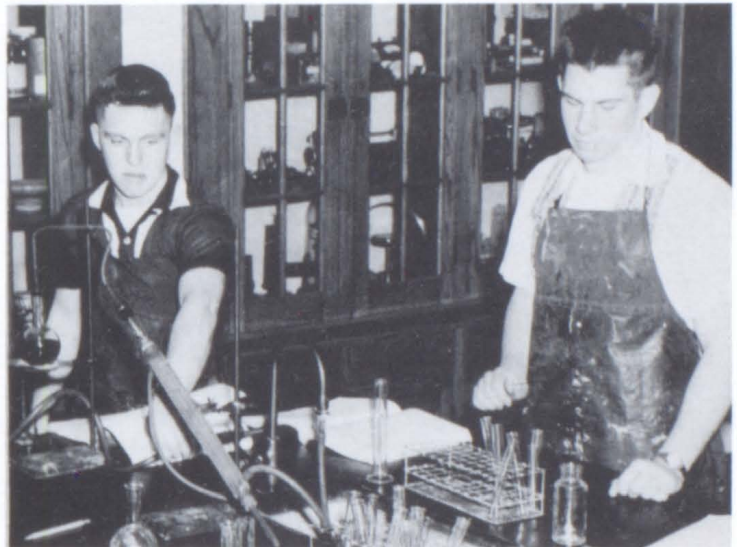
Physical education is required of all boys from the seventh grade through the eleventh grade.

Additional optional courses are band, chorus, and driver education.

Students who graduate from Blissfield High School can feel that they have been given ample opportunity to prepare for what lies ahead of them in life.



Mr. Engle gives helpful information in family relations class.



B. Peebles and J. McColl distill water.



L. Prielipp, O. Daniels, A. Robertson and E. Routson test soil.



Mr. Lew explains the xyz's of algebra.

FRESHMEN OFFICIALLY WELCOMED



But I'm not hungry!



A test for steady nerves.

It happened again. An uninformed observer might have assumed that students were rioting at Blissfield High School. A few students with big clubs were beating some others who had bloody faces. Actually, the "blood" was lipstick and the "big clubs" were paddles being applied at the other ends of the boys of the freshman class. Only their pride was hurt and they had the assurance that others were in the same predicament. The freshmen weren't alone in their afflictions. The new teachers were also initiated. Perhaps the most humorous sight was Mr. Engle, complete with raincoat, shaving a balloon, well covered with shaving cream, with a dull razor.



Gently there, barber Engle.

Up to school with these.



A word from Mr. Potter.



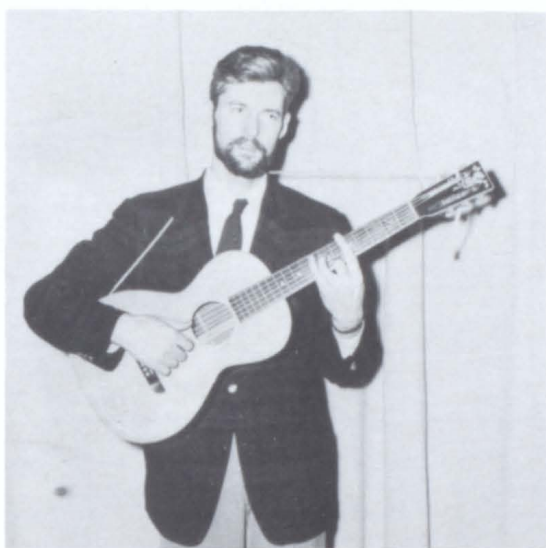
VARIETY OF ASSEMBLIES ENJOYED



Showing off the band's new snare drums.



Ted Parkinson, C. Karl, C. Russell, J. Sebring



Terry Golden

Various types of assemblies were enjoyed by the student body of Blissfield High School. These interesting programs helped vary the routine of classroom schedules.

Melvin Ehrin entertained the students on October 26 by presenting a program of popular and semi-classical piano selections. On February 16, Terry Golden presented a program of American ballads and folk songs. An interesting lecture on India and Pakistan was presented on March 3, by Mr. Ted Parkinson. On April 7, Mr. Robert Donihi spoke on "Wake up America--Be Free."

Thanksgiving and Easter programs were presented by the choruses. The band presented a short afternoon concert on February 28. The band, choruses, and Bible Club combined their efforts to present an inspiring Christmas assembly on December 23.

Melvin Ehrin

"While shepherds sleep,"--Christmas program.



SENIORS PRESENT "BRIDES TO BURN"



SEATED, LEFT TO RIGHT: C. Russell, L. Richardson, C. Karl, C. Demlow, V. Ruhl, J. Barkenquest, M. Gentz. STANDING: Mr. Thayer, G. Goetz, R. Mason, J. Hoenig, G. Hull, B. Williams, J. Tubbs.

A group of seniors turned theatrical on November 10 and 11 and produced the play "Brides to Burn." It took weeks of tiresome rehearsals, but the final result was well worth the effort.

Mr. Fred Thayer, the new speech teacher at Blissfield High School, merited great credit for the success of this

three act comedy.

Margie Gentz, the hillbilly cook, Jim Hoenig, the English butler with a toothache, and the antics of Bob Mason as Princess Boogie Woogie, and Jerry Goetz as Señorita Lolita, provided the comedy that made "Brides to Burn" a lively presentation.

CAST

Aunt Tish	Lorna Richardson
Gilroy Gundy	Gordon Hull
Clarice Borland	Carolyn Karl
Trudi Borland	Carole Russell
"Hap" Hazard	Jerry Goetz
"Fats" Fulton	Bob Mason
Sue Prentis, the maid	Carole Demlow
Hotchkiss, the butler	Jim Hoenig
Sapolia, the cook	Margie Gentz
Madame Gaspirilla	Janice Barkenquest
Doctor Jonesby	John Tubbs
Student Director	Vanda Ruhl
Stage Manager	Bob Williams

Princess Boogie Woogie shows her strength.



COUNCIL REFLECTS STUDENT OPINION



FRONT ROW, LEFT TO RIGHT: J. Hoenig, C. Yurnikl, J. Zimmerman, G. Goetz, J. Porter, K. Goetz. SECOND ROW: J. Bischoff, L. Seegert, M. Payden, R. Williams, R. Crots, J. Hottenstein, G. Bowman, M. Gentz, S. Beck, Mr. Peebles. THIRD ROW: Mr. Moore, J. Ganun, B. Hammons, P. Payden, R. Ruhl, D. Travis, D. Bettis, A. Karl, S. Corey, J. Sisson.

The officers of the 1954-1955 Student Council were:

President . . .	Jim Zimmerman
Vice President. . .	Jerry Goetz
Secretary . . .	Janet Porter
Treasurer . . .	Carmen Yurnikl

Executive board plans next meeting.



The principal objectives of the 1954-1955 Student Council were to provide a channel through which student opinion might be expressed and to promote projects which would result in a more enjoyable and worthwhile year for all students.

The Council sponsored a campaign of cleanliness around the school and safety at all times. The policy of having a daily morning meditation was continued. Money was again contributed toward the support of Janina Bundulis, the war-displaced Latvian girl who was adopted several years ago.

Meetings were held once a week during school hours. It was made a practice to invite students who were not members of the Council. Minutes of the meetings were read over the public address system after which discussions were held in home rooms. Suggestions placed in the suggestion box by students were given careful consideration.

SCHOOL CREST FEATURED IN '55 ELYSIUM



1ST ROW: J. Zimmerman, R. Jacob, J. Porter, D. Blackford, R. Mason, G. Goetz. 2ND ROW: Mr. Peebles, C. Hull, S. Zeizert, B. Hammons, D. Sommers, B. Peebles, M. Luse, M. Webster, M. Goble, S. Seeger. 3RD ROW: S. Murbach, J. Blackford, J. McColl, J. Hoenig, R. Horky, R. Williams, N. Newlin.

The 1954-1955 Elysiium staff decided upon the school crest and the ideas it represents as the unifying idea for this year's book. This crest is a familiar sight to every Junior and Senior at Blissfield High School as it appears on all class rings and on the covers of the last two year-books.

Co-editors Dick Blackford and Janet Porter were advised in the publication of this annual by Mr. Peebles, high school principal. The policy of

selecting junior class members as assistants was continued. This practice was started last year to give the Elysiium staff more experienced members.

The staff worked hard to complete all the pages on time. Despite the last minute furor just before shipments, all the pages were completed as planned. Many hours of work by staff members were spent to make this yearbook a memorable record of the 1954-1955 school year.



28 Co-editors and advisor.



Staff at work.

SCHOOL DAZE ACQUIRES 'NEW LOOK'



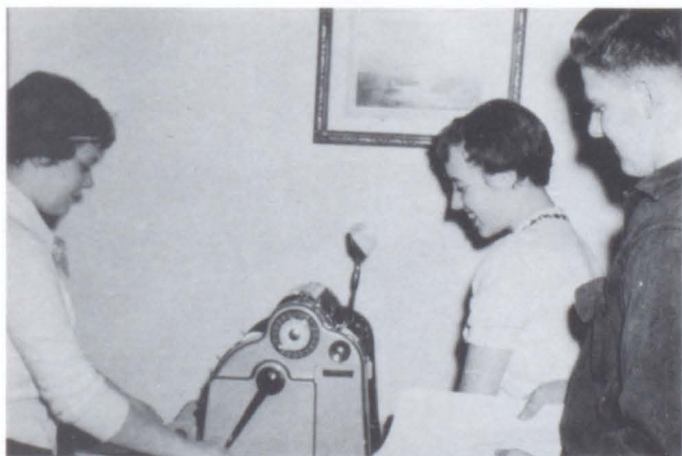
1ST ROW: G. Long, J. Tubbs, J. Hoenig, B. Peebles, R. Governo, G. Goetz. 2ND ROW: M. Wilson, Miss White, J. Sebring, C. Russell, C. Karl, G. Hull, R. Horky, D. Travis, C. Demlow, M. Wahl, D. Bierley, R. Mason, B. Wilkins. 3RD ROW: C. Yurnikl, S. Schwartzwalder, S. Bierman, S. Murbach, J. Bell, E. Fink, J. Brown, R. Schall, D. Miller, M. Gentz, S. Bierman, J. Rohrback, C. Bettis, J. Bischoff.

The 1954-1955 School Daze staff instituted a few changes in the school paper at the beginning of the school year. The front page contained copy instead of a cover drawing and four columns were used instead of three. These changes greatly improved the appearance of the paper.

The school's new mimeograph machine greatly reduced the production time. The editions went

on sale approximately every four weeks.

Editor Barry Peebles with the aid of Miss White, advisor, succeeded in making every issue of the School Daze interesting and entertaining. Features such as "What would you do with it?", "Hillbilly Roving Reporter," and "What would you do if?" created interest in this fast selling school paper.



Production staff at work.



Advisor and editor.



FIRST ROW: W. Grasley, C. Hull, S. Schwartzwalder, C. Bettis, S. Murbach, K. Williams, B. Roberts. SECOND ROW: L. Brown, J. Daniels, A. Brubaker, J. Ikle, P. Smith, R. Walper, E. Adrian, Mrs. Culhane. THIRD ROW: S. Brown, J. Adrian, M. Webster, C. Abner, J. Lintner, B. Barnhart, J. Rohrback, J. Rittner. FOURTH ROW: M. Goble, M. Perry, K. Ries, S. Fairbank, S. Blake, P. Brooks, J. Lidster, D. Miller.

MANY GIRLS SHOW INTEREST IN NURSING

The purpose of this newly organized club was to show those interested in nursing the many different aspects of this profession and to help them decide how to further their education in their chosen field.

Some of the projects of the Future Nurses Club were visiting hospitals, making bandages to send overseas, and helping those who needed help. Regular visits were made to the Cerebral Palsy School in Palmyra to help care for the children there.

Gold membership pins were worn by the senior members and silver pins were worn by the junior members.

Loretta Brown-Pres.



K. Ries, B. Roberts, and W. Grasley help cerebral palsy patients.





FIRST ROW: J. Ganun, D. Klump, J. Zimmerman, D. Brown, E. Knisel, R. Governo, G. Long. SECOND ROW: J. Adrian, D. Sommers, K. Goetz, R. Jacob, R. Williams, M. Long, J. Brown, B. Peebles, Mr. Lew. THIRD ROW: Mr. Potter, J. McColl, T. Mason, L. Crots, G. Neyrinck, R. Lombard, H. Lennard, D. Travis, W. Snyder, Mr. Hassen. FOURTH ROW: Mr. Luce, G. Hull, G. Hall, J. Hottenstein, R. Crots, J. Bakus, G. Van Buren, T. Olson, G. Bowman, Mr. Garey.

LETTERMEN PROMOTE GOOD SPORTSMANSHIP

Jerry Long-Pres.

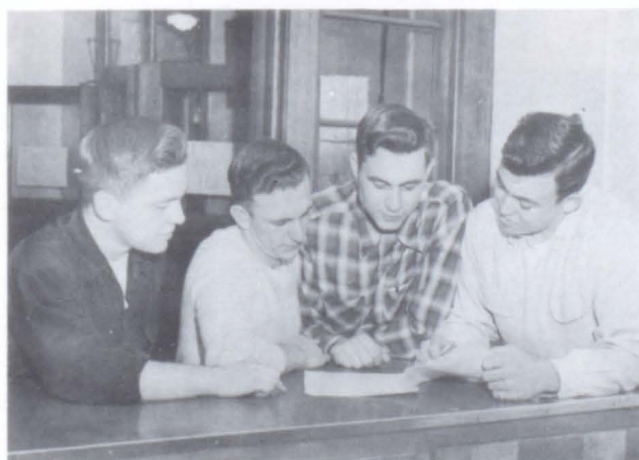


Last spring some of the boys who had won letters decided there was a place at Blissfield for an organization of varsity letter winners whose purpose it would be to create better school spirit, better sportsmanship and to obtain better athletic facilities. The advisors were to be the coaches and physical education instructors of the high school. The idea caught on with the lettermen and the Varsity "B" Club was formed.

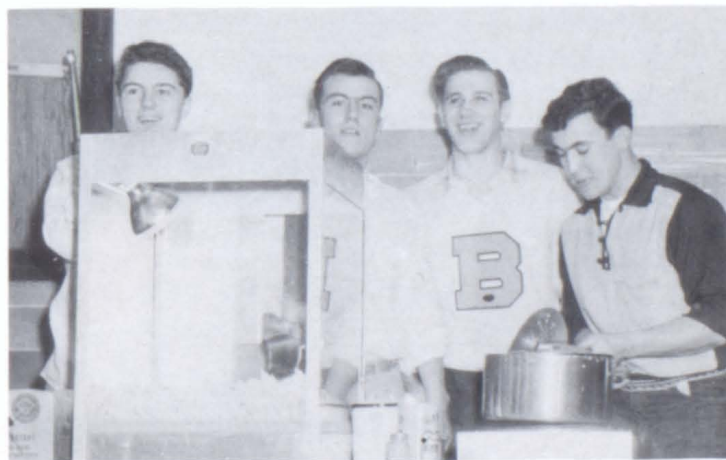
One of their projects was to raise money to help build a track for our track team. The club purchased a popcorn machine for the purpose of making money to finance the club's projects.

The club had a membership of about forty lettermen.

"B" Officers check the constitution.



T. Olson, J. Neyrinck, R. Governo, J. Long.





FIRST ROW: N. Figy, L. Grinage, K. Ries, Mrs. McColl, Miss Acuna, S. Fairbank, G. Cowdrey, T. Romsek, D. Brown.
 SECOND ROW: C. Schmidt, J. Ikle, G. VanAuker, M. Wilson, M. Jacob, J. Marsh, R. Bushrow, K. Williams, L. Caswell, C. Trinka. THIRD ROW: R. Hall, S. Schwartzwalder, S. Bierman, M. Goble, J. Porter, C. Buehrer, C. Hull, C. Bettis, B. Clough, J. Bierley. FOURTH ROW: C. Baird, B. Peebles, C. Creger, D. Bettis, J. Brown, G. DeLoach, A. Liewert, W. Hammann, D. Rosenbrock, J. Mason. FIFTH ROW: M. McCullough, N. Adrian, B. Lora, B. Cowdrey, J. Adrian, M. Smith, C. Christensen, S. McColl, L. Mason, R. Fatchatt. SIXTH ROW: P. Brooks, L. Schroeder, D. Sommers, A. Hoag, H. Martinez, J. McColl, T. Paulson, N. Newlin, P. Marks, L. Seegert.

SPANISH CLUB HAS MEMBERSHIP GROWTH

The purpose of the Spanish Club is to promote a better understanding of the language and customs of the Spanish and Latin American peoples.

At the meetings Spanish games were played and Spanish songs were sung. The business meetings were also conducted in the Spanish language.

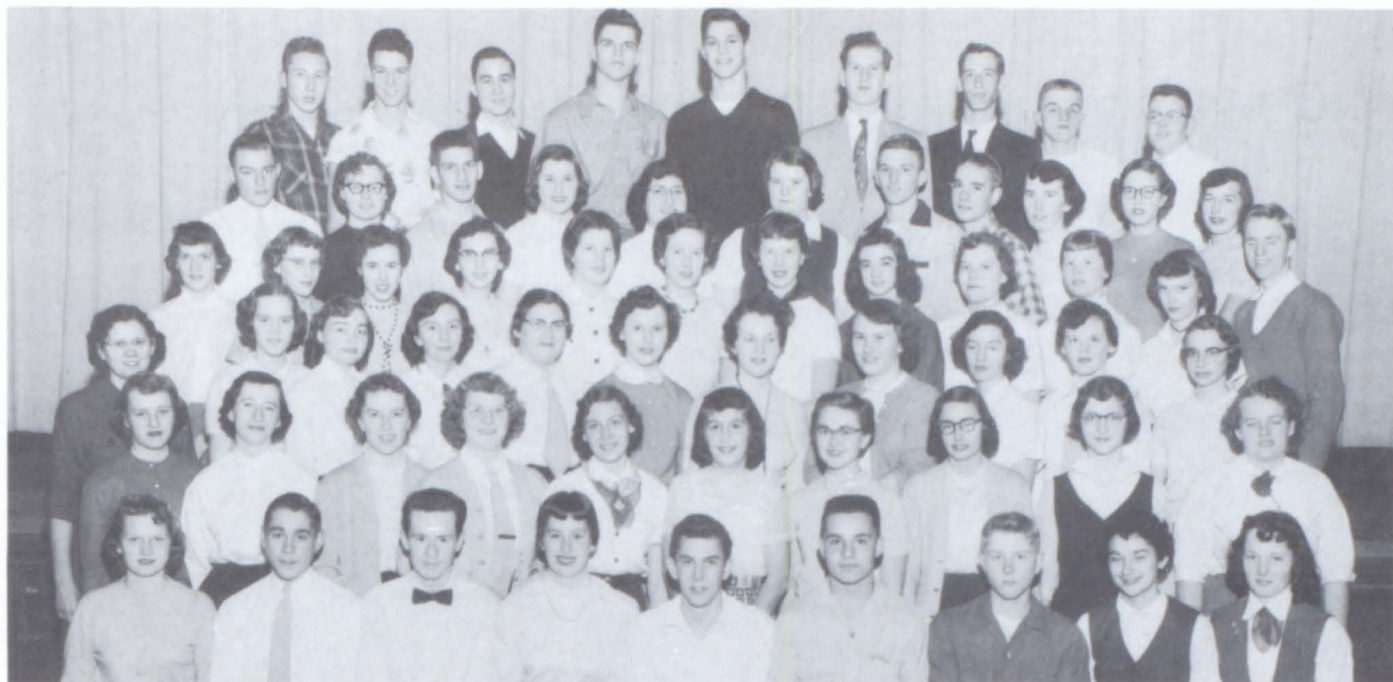
A Christmas party was held with the traditional breaking of the pinata and a gift exchange.



Spanish Club officers in conference.



RIGHT: Members sing Christmas carols in Spanish at the Christmas party.



FIRST ROW: D. Creque, O. Daniels, P. Hall, L. Seegert, J. Brown, D. Brown, R. Daniels, M. Thompson, P. Brooks. SECOND ROW: L. Caswell, M. Wilson, M. Luse, S. Mason, B. Hammons, S. Robertson, J. Beagle, B. Wilkins, J. Ikle, J. Sailer. THIRD ROW: Miss White, L. Derthick, J. Daniels, J. Greene, M. Jacob, J. Geib, P. Frost, W. Grasley, J. Greene, L. Bischoff, C. Sayers. FOURTH ROW: D. Klump, R. Kuhl, S. Schwartzwalder, S. Brown, S. McColl, M. Smith, J. Krause, B. Lora, C. Bettis, S. Bierman, M. Kuhl, G. Hull. FIFTH ROW: R. Daniels, J. Adrian, D. Klump, D. Bierley, L. Eisenmann, K. Ries, L. Crots, L. Smoll, B. Grasley, P. Marks, J. Sebring. SIXTH ROW: G. VanBuren, M. Briskey, J. Zimmerman, R. Crots, D. Brown, W. Mason, G. Cowdrey, L. Crots, R. Jacob.



Bible Club members enjoy singing hymns.



LEFT: Officers R. Crots, J. Ikle, B. Hammons, G. Ellcey, and Miss White.

NEW BIBLE CLUB INTERESTS MANY

Many new clubs have been organized this year, one of them being the Bible Club. The Bible Club was organized for the purpose of emphasizing religion and promoting a better understanding of the Bible. The club membership was open to anyone interested.

Singing, short sermons, games and refreshments were regular features of the monthly meetings.



FIRST ROW: C. Schmidt, L. Caswell, M. Jacob, M. Wilson, S. Goetz. SECOND ROW: S. Doerfler, J. Porter, A. Bell, L. Eisenmann, C. Buehrer. THIRD ROW: Mrs. Kellerman, D. Creque, P. Marks, G. Cowdrey, B. Cowdrey, Miss Dorothy Donaldson.

FUTURE TEACHERS STUDY CHOSEN CAREER

President George Cowdrey
 Vice President Pat Marks
 Treasurer Charlene Schmidt
 Secretary Darlene Creque

BELOW: D. Creque, G. Cowdrey, C. Schmidt.



The F. T. A. which was organized last year was again active. The purpose of this organization was to acquaint students with teaching profession and to help prepare them for this occupation. Mrs. Kellerman, supervising principal, and Miss Donaldson, Ward School principal, were co-advisors. Various members of the club gained experience by helping several grade teachers with their work.

The Latin Club was organized early in the 1954-55 school year. The purpose of the Latin Club was to acquaint its members with Roman customs and with Roman contributions to American life. A banquet was held which resembled those of ancient Rome. Latin crossword puzzles, Latin games, and Latin conundrums were used to stimulate the thought and for recreation at the meetings. The Latin Club enjoyed a successful season under the guidance of Mrs. Onofrio.



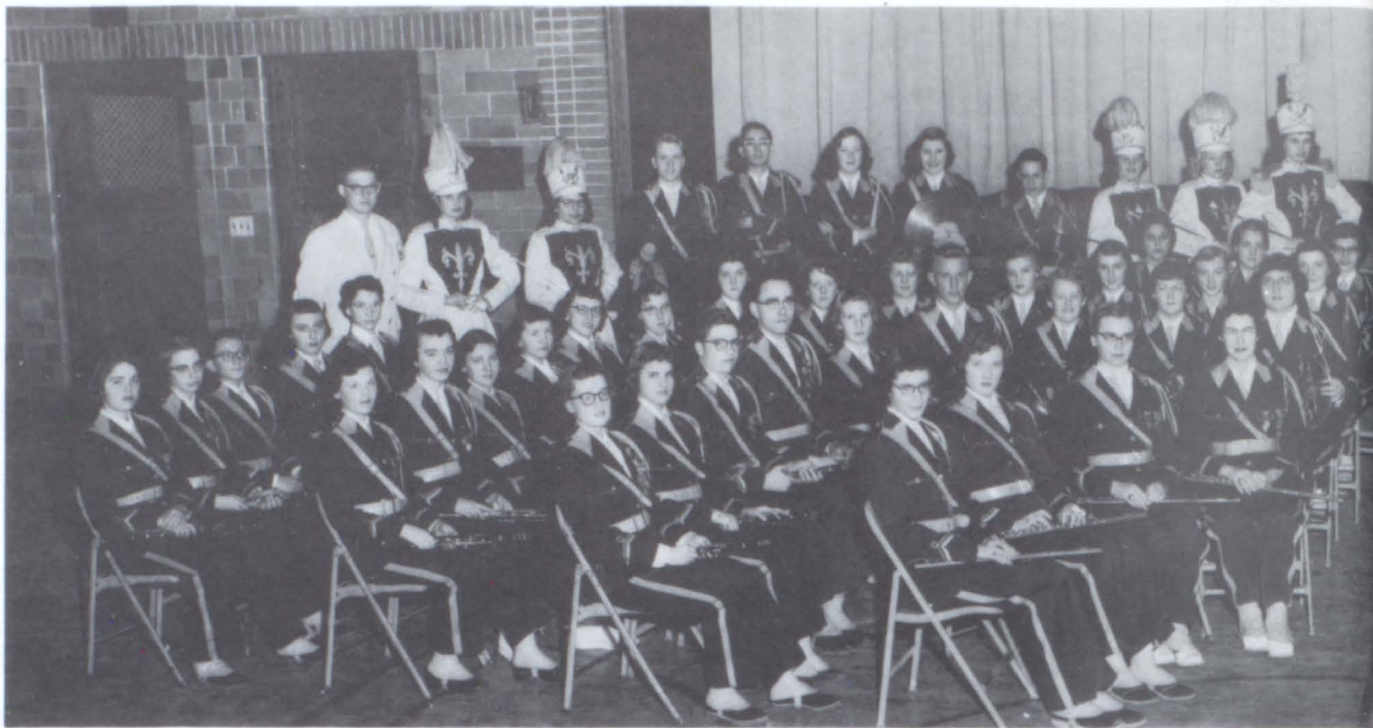
President M. Luse conducts a meeting.

President	Marilyn Luse
Secy. -Treas	Darlene Creque
Advisor	Mrs. Onofrio

"CAESAR'S CONQUERORS" STUDY ANCIENT ROME



FIRST ROW: R. Walper, S. Murbach, J. Bischoff, W. Snyder, M. Luse. SECOND ROW: Mrs. Onofrio, M. Thompson, M. Jacques, N. Adrian, S. Doerfler, J. Porter. THIRD ROW: D. Creque, R. Williams, R. Hor-
ky, J. Tubbs, J. Tagsold.



FIRST ROW: S. Blake, L. Richardson, E. Fink, J. Rohrback. SECOND ROW: J. Porter, C. Demlow, R. Mason, R. Reynolds, J. Komsteller, E. Knisel, P. Smith, M. Seegert, L. Eisenman. THIRD ROW: L. Bischoff, D. Miller, B. Hammons, A. Hoadley, M. Colyer, M. Bischoff, J. Henning, C. Baird, S. Mason, M. Webster, S. Miller, S. Seeger, J. Fritz. FOURTH ROW: C. Henricks, C. Sayers, R. Klauda, P. Fatchett, J. Petee, L. Van Looche, S. Love, C. Russell. FIFTH ROW, STANDING: Mr. Bond, C. Abner, N. Fashbaugh, G. Hull, J. Hoenigh, J. Browneller, D. Bierley, R. Hall, C. Hull, B. Clough, C. Curnow.

BELOW: The B.H.S. Majorettes, STANDING: C. Hull, B. Lora, S. Cory, N. Fashbaugh, R. Burgermeister, B. Clough, J. Bierley. KNEELING: C. Abner, C. Curnow, D. Creque.



B.H.S. BAND HAS

The Blissfield High School Band consisting of eighty-five members was active again under the direction of Howard Bond.

The band had a full schedule of events, the first of which was the State Fair. Next was a series of performances at the home football games, the theme of which included, "A Day at the Fair," "Doodles," and "Virginia." Also in the fall the band participated in the annual Tecumseh Band Festival at which "The Thirteen Colonies" was the theme. Later the band was led, along with numerous others at the University of



FIRST ROW: S. Goetz, S. Brubaker, B. Palmer. SECOND ROW: K. Williams, R. Setzler, S. Zeizert, S. Doerfler, L. Davis, M. Wilson, D. Never, S. Van Loocke. THIRD ROW: S. Bierman, L. Seegert, M. Jacob, L. Peters, D. Price, R. Shaw, S. Bierman, J. Daniels, M. Thompson, D. Miller, M. McCollough, G. Seizert, L. Brown, P. Hall. FOURTH ROW: M. Berry, P. Never, K. Frye, C. Everett, O. Daniels, M. Rost, L. Smoll, R. Daniels, R. Jacob, G. Luce, L. Grinage, G. Goetz, J. Zimmerman. FIFTH ROW, STANDING: D. Creque, J. Bierley, M. Luse, J. Tagsold, B. Loar, R. Burgermeister, S. Cory.

SUCCESSFUL YEAR

Michigan Band Day performances, by the famous Edwin Franko Goldman.

Several members took part in the District Ensemble and Solo Contest which was held February 12 at Hudson. Other events in the school year included a band concert with music ranging from the Flandria Overture to Twinkle Winkle, a variation of Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star, and the District Band Contest.

The success of the band would not have been possible without the guidance of Mr. Bond.

BELOW: The new B.H.S. dance band. FIRST ROW: S. Van Loocke, S. Love, L. Davis, S. Doerfler, L. Van Loocke. SECOND ROW: J. Hoenig, M. Rost, G. Goetz, P. Hall, Mr. Bond, G. Seizert.





FIRST ROW: A. Karl, N. Fashbaugh, A. Brubaker, M. Luse, J. Daniels, S. Mason, C. Yurnikl, B. Hammons, M. Berry, L. Brown. SECOND ROW: Mr. Bond, S. Schwartzwalder, J. Clements, S. Beck, C. Abner, J. Bell, M. Seeger, S. Seeger, C. Bettis, C. Southward, M. Bellman. THIRD ROW: J. Rohrback, J. Komsteller, E. Prelipp, M. Gentz, S. Blake, M. Seegert, L. Eisenmann, S. Betz, C. Demlow, J. Geib, R. Williams. FOURTH ROW: R. Schall, J. Tubbs, S. Mann, G. Goetz, D. Never, C. Karl, D. Bierley, J. Sebring, P. Hall, J. Brown, A. Briskey. FIFTH ROW: M. Rost, L. Grin- age, R. Reynolds, D. Brown, C. Frohnafel, W. Mason, J. Hoenig, J. Zimmerman, R. Mason.

MIXED CHORUS

The mixed chorus consisting of fifty-three members presented two concerts. Some of the songs which were sung were: O Holy Night, The First Noel, Paul Revere's Ride, Rock-A-My-Soul, Skip To My Lou, and Just Another Polka.

A piano solo was played by Alice Karl and solos were sung by J. Zimmerman, R. Williams, and G. Goetz.

The choruses were under the direction of Mr. Howard Bond.



The barbershop quartet.

The chorus winter concert.





FIRST ROW: A. LaSotta, J. Savage, L. Bischoff, S. Goetz, E. Adrian, B. Luce, J. Beagle, P. Payden, S. Robertson.
 SECOND ROW: M. Jacob, J. Hillman, Y. Gritzmaker, L. Hadesh, I. Pieplow, L. Derthick, P. Knisel, S. Pfeifer, J. Ikle.
 THIRD ROW: P. Holtz, L. Murbach, J. Dunning, B. Roberts, J. Lintner, M. Kuhl, C. Baird, N. VanStienkiste, S. Pooley.
 FOURTH ROW: C. Stetzler, S. Miller, C. Buehrer, L. Schroeder, R. Miller, J. Strobel, C. Holtz, S. McColl, R. Kuhl.
 FIFTH ROW: M. Smith, S. Landis, J. Hall, K. Ries, J. Browneller, Mr. Bond, J. Tagsold, P. Brooks, J. Adrian, J. Krause.

GIRLS' CHORUS



Christmas chorus concert entrance.

The forty-five members of the girls' chorus have presented parts of concerts. Among other numbers they sang, As Joseph Was A' Walking, What Child Is This, Hark The Vesper Hymn Is Stealing, America, Our Heritage, and Star Song.

Both choruses have worked long and hard with many outside practices to make their concerts some of the best heard at Blissfield High School.

Mr. Bond conducts a rehearsal.





1ST ROW: Joe Kuhl, R. Bateson, O. Daniels, R. Jacob, J. Adkins, K. Goetz, G. Bischoff. 2ND ROW: Mr. Venema, V. Snyder, L. Hammons, L. Brown, C. Love, M. Wahl, R. Mehan, F. Hasen, R. Smith, A. Robertson, F. Isley. 3RD ROW: S. Sheldon, D. Brown, H. Rouget, R. Cline, L. Snyder, R. Bellman, R. Bushrow, G. Ehlert, T. Isley, Richard Daniels. 4TH ROW: N. Thompson, W. Uckele, G. Crane, K. Frye, G. Frye, L. Smoll, R. Ruhl, G. Miller, R. Andrews, R. Fatchett. 5TH ROW: A. Ford, L. Crots, C. Buehrer, D. Papenhagen, G. Gruber, J. Bakus, John Kuhl, J. Hottenstein, L. Fisher, Robert Daniels, E. Routson.

RONALD JACOB LED FUTURE FARMERS

Leaders of the F. F. A.



The Future Farmers of America advised by Mr. Venema, successfully carried out many projects during the 1954-1955 school year. Members mimeographed programs and sold them to spectators at the home football and basketball games and also sold F. F. A. pens to raise money for their treasury. Garden seeds were sold early in the spring. Two members were sent to the state convention at Lansing. An annual Parent and Son Banquet late in the spring marked the close of a profitable and educational year.



1ST ROW: J. Wingerd, J. Browneller, D. Never, S. Fairbank, D. Bierley, L. Richardson, C. Karl, J. Henning, J. Hall. 2ND ROW: Mrs. Richardson, P. Knisel, B. Wilkins, J. Beagle, S. Robertson, M. Bellman, M. Berry, L. Caswell, J. Adkins. 3RD ROW: B. Roberts, J. Ikle, K. Williams, J. Lintner, L. Derthick, J. Bierley, C. Yurnikl, J. Hillman. 4TH ROW: J. Dunning, J. Rittner, C. Abner, C. Setzler, B. Lora, S. Brown, M. Hoffman, M. Jacob, S. Pfeifer. 5TH ROW: M. Henning, B. Cowdrey, S. McColl, J. Adrian, C. Holtz, A. Bell, I. Isley, M. Thompson, P. Fatchett. 6TH ROW: L. Seegert, S. Blake, L. Eisenmann, R. Miller, J. Strobel, S. Landis, M. Smith, J. Staup, P. Lintner, S. Brubaker.

CAROLYN KARL CHOSEN F. H. A. PRESIDENT

The goal of the Blissfield Future Homemakers of America is: "To teach ourselves to realize and accept our responsibilities in our homes. To give emphasis to: The need for family planning in use of family income, work, and time and our part in harmonious family living." During the summer the officers attended an F. H. A. camp at Battle Creek and Carolyn Karl and Carmen Yurnikl went to the state convention at Michigan State College. Mildred Hoffman was elected regional secretary-treasurer at a meeting at Ypsilanti. Mrs. Richardson advised the organization.

Mrs. Richardson and F. H. A. members.



TWENTY-SIX DISTRICTS UNITE



PALMYRA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
on Palmyra Road
Built 1951
(above)



WEST ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
on Franklin Street
Built 1954

On December 3, 1954, Blissfield and the surrounding area voted to reorganize into one large school district. A new school board, from the areas concerned, was elected to shoulder the responsibility for putting the new district into operation. They took office on January 19. Elected as President was H. J. Hoenig, as Secretary, Carl Knapp, and as Treasurer, Howard Driggs. Robert Stutzman and Andrew Thompson were also elected members of the board.

The townships taking part in this reorganization were Riga, Blissfield, Ogden, and Palmyra. The Lovewell district, in Monroe County, had voted to annex at an earlier date. The total number of districts was twenty-six.

The present Blissfield High School

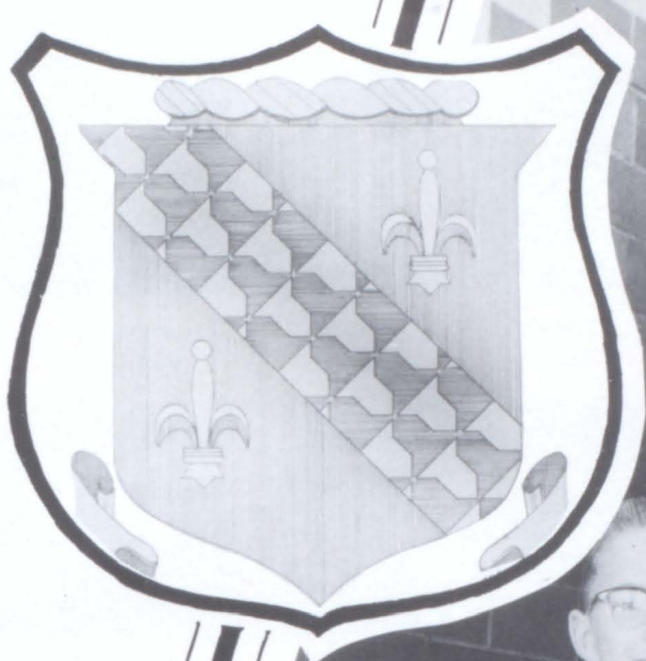
A typical rural elementary school.

was built in 1906, with an addition being completed in 1927. While the number of students attending the high school increased through the years, the amount of room available remained the same.

The accomplishment of the reorganization did not solve the problem of overcrowding which had plagued the high school. The main problem confronting the new school board was the construction of a new building, but before this could be done, a site had to be selected and a bond issue passed. Meanwhile, overcrowded conditions existed, but the people of these united districts felt that a worthwhile step had been taken toward the solution of a problem common to many high schools today.

Blissfield High as seen from Cherry Street.





CLASSES



The diagonal scaling ladder, represents the step-by-step progress in scholarship and in social development which is the aim of each student in his high school life. It might be said that each class is a rung in this ladder of progress.



Judy
Adkins

James
Adrian

JUNIORS-CLASS OF 1956



Edward
Bakowski



Joe
Bakus



Ronald
Bateson



Sharon
Beck



Dennis
Berger



Carolyn
Bettis



Sally
Betz



Susie
Betz



Donna
Bierley



Suzanne
Bierman



Robert
Billington



Joanne
Bischoff



Rosemary
Bischoff



James
Blackford



Albert
Briskey



Jack
Brown



Sally
Brown



Macklin
Brown



Arlene
Brubaker



Yvonne
Bussing



Donna
Campbell



Ronald
Capron



Lois
Caswell



Josephine
Clements



Marlin
Cline



Ray
Cline



Dolores
Cousino



George
Cowdrey



Lynn
Crots



Raymond
Crots



Carol
Curnow



Orin
Daniels



Robert
Daniels



Richard
Delker



Bill
Derthick

CLASS OF 1956



JUNIOR OFFICERS

Secretary Eileen Fink
 Treasurer Jane Sebring
 President Kenneth Goetz
 Vice President Loren Isley



Donald Dettman Janet Dressel LaVern Ehler Gregory Ellcey



Nancy Fashbaugh Eileen Fink Larry Fink Frank Fischer Earl Gafner John Ganun Mary Goble



Cora Jean Goetz Kenneth Goetz George Gruber Gerald Hall Carol Harsh Gene Hartman Joanne Henning



Pat Hilton Carolyn Hull Carolyn Isley Loren Isley David Jacobs Melanie Jacques Norman Johnson



Lee Keller Alan King Melvin Klock Delight Klump Dwight Klump Marlene Knierim Edward Knisel



Janet
Knoblauch

JUNIORS-CLASS OF 1956



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



Jacqueline
Marsh



Beverly
McVicker



Wendell
Mason



Doris
Miller



Sylvia
Murbach



Ned
Newlin



Gerald
Neyrinck



Marvin
Nine



Thomas
Olson



Barry
Peebles



Vivian
Perry



Milo
Phipps



Willis
Potter



LeRoy
Prielipp



Bernita
Roberts



Alton
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Gail
Knisel



Marvin
Lehman



Linda
Lips



Leonicia
Martinez



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Mason



Ronald
McVicker



Douglas
Miller



Paul
Never



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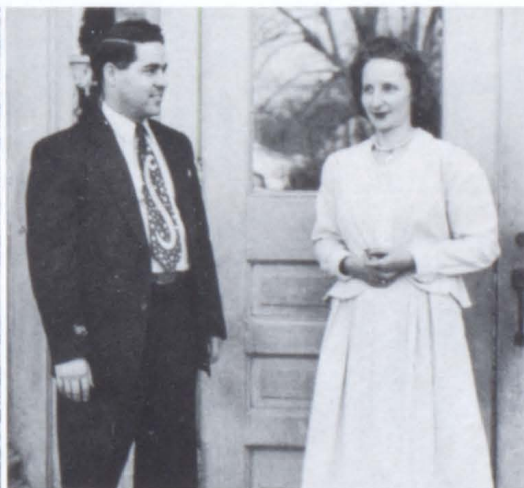
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Westgate



Robert
Wilson

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Bangerter



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David
Bay



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Ronald Iffland	James James	Barbara Klauda	Ronald Klauda	Theresa Krix	Linda Landis	John Lehman	Diane Long
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Christine Lonski	Donald Luce	Janet Luce	Denise Mann	Paul Martinez	Edward Michael	Sebastian Moestl	Linda Neuman
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SEVENTH GRADE-CLASS OF 1960



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SPORTS

This arm characterizes the might and power which are so necessary for achievement in any sport. It is also a symbol of sportsmanship which is even more essential for real success.



Lyle Crots
Halfback



Donald Brown
End



Ronald Jacob
Guard



Lee Keller
End

BLISSFIELD ENDS SEASON'S

After a slow start the Blissfield Sugar Boys broke loose near the end of the season with the potential they had shown several times earlier in the year to win their last three games. Blissfield finished fourth in the L. C. A. A. with a 2-3-1 record. The Sugar Boys had a 3-4-1 over-all record.

The Sugar Boys showed a tremendous defense in the opening game but Blissfield's inexperience aided Dundee to a 7-0 victory.

In their first L. C. A. A. game of the season Blissfield lost to the Clinton Redskins, 20 to 6. The power laden Redskins went on to win the league championship without a defeat. Playing before a Dad's Night crowd Blissfield scored on a Dwight Klump to Lee Keller pass. Co-Captain Gerald Long was injured and was lost for the rest of the season.

Blissfield had to come from behind in the last quarter with a 35 yard sprint by Dwight Klump to hold the Addison Panthers to a 7-7 tie in the third game.

In the Homecoming Game Blissfield pushed Morenci all over the field but could score only once in a 12 to 6 Morenci victory. Jack Ganun scored Blissfield's lone score on a quarterback sneak.

The season's fifth tilt saw Blissfield hold a strong Hudson eleven on even terms during the first half but in the second half Hudson broke the game wide open. They went on to win by a 27 to 7 margin. Hudson's Steve Sweezy accounted for 21 of the Hudson tallies. George Gruber scored for the Purple and Gold on the last play of the game.

The Sugar Boys surprised everybody when they romped to their first victory over a supposedly strong Summerfield team by a 52 to 6 score. The Blissfield eleven scored 19 points in the first half and then scored 33 more points in the second half.



Richard Governo
Co-Captain
Tackle

Barry Peebles
Guard



Dwight Klump
Halfback



James McColl
Center



Hubert Lennard
Quarterback





Kenneth Goetz
Tackle



George Gruber
Fullback



Edward Knisel
End



Robert Lombard
End

PLAY IN FOURTH PLACE

Blissfield fought through mud, rain and snow to roll over Pittsford, 14 to 0, in the Purple and Gold's final league game. Dwight Klump and Jim Hottenstein each scored a touchdown and an extra point.

In the final game of the season for Blissfield and the last for 5 seniors, the Sugar Boys squeaked past Tecumseh, 7 to 6, to make it three straight. George Gruber scored and Hubert Lennard converted for Blissfield's 7 points. Tecumseh's extra point try was wide by inches. Playing their final game for the Purple and Gold were Co-Captain Richard Governo, Lyle Crots and Ronald Jacob. Two other seniors, Gerald Long and Don Brown were injured earlier in the season.

VARSITY SQUAD

SENIORS

Gerald Long	Tackle	Richard Governo	Tackle
Ronald Jacob	Guard	Lyle Crots	Back
Don Brown	End		

JUNIORS

Lee Keller	End	Bob Lombard	End
Jim McColl	Center	Barry Peebles	Guard
Marvin Long	Center	Jim Adrian	Guard
Eugene Routson	Guard	Edward Knisel	End
Leroy Prielipp	End	Hubert Lennard	Back
George Gruber	Back	Norman Johnson	Back
Dwight Klump	Back	Kenneth Goetz	Tackle
William Snyder	Tackle	Dean Sommers	Back

SOPHOMORES

Jim Hottenstein	Back	Bob Fatchett	Back
Ronald Bowman	Tackle	Clifford Buehrer	Center
Jerald Van Buren	Tackle	Lauren Grinage	Guard

FRESHMEN

Gerry Bowman	Back	Richard Bunting	Back
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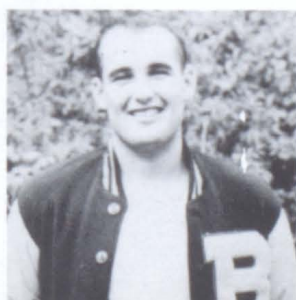


Gerald Long
Co-Captain
Tackle

James Hottenstein
Halfback



Ronald Bowman
Tackle



Norman Johnson
Fullback



Lauren Grinage
Guard





Michael Rost
Manager



James Adrian
Tackle



Marvin Long
Center



Dean Sommers
Halfback

SEVENTEEN LETTERMEN

Richard Governo, 1954 co-captain was voted the most valuable player by his team mates at the end of the season. In addition to being a capable leader, Dick was a consistent blocker at his offensive right tackle position, Dick was the bulwork of the defensive line and was a consistent blocker at his offensive right tackle position. Dick was also named to the All-County team.

Three Blissfield girders were honored by winning positions on the All-County first team while two others were named to the second team. Ron Bowman, guard; Lee Keller, end; and Dick Governo, tackle; all were placed on the first team. Center Jim McColl and halfback Dwight Klump won second team positions. The All-County team is selected by all the players in the league.

At the end of season the returning lettermen elected Dwight Klump and Hubert Lennard Co-Captains for the 1955 season. Lennard plays quarterback and Klump runs from the left halfback position.

FRONT ROW: H. Rouget, A. Liewert, B. Crist, D. Papenhagen, L. Miller, L. Fisher, R. Heiser, R. Ruhl, L. Isley. MIDDLE ROW: D. Brown, N. Thompson, R. Belman, R. Pfeifer, A. Price Jr., B. Hamann, M. Payden, J. Mason. BACK ROW: L. Hammons, N. Hinshaw, T. Isley, F. Hasen, R. Smith, C. Love, L. McBeth, F. Isley.



Mr. Hassen
Varsity Coach



Mr. Luce
Asst. Varsity Coach

RESERVES





William Snyder
Tackle



Jerald VanBuren
Tackle



Gerald Bowman
Fullback



Lee Mason
Manager

RETURN TO VARSITY SQUAD

Coach Eugene Potter's Junior Varsity squad ended the season with a 2 won, 3 lost record. With a number of freshmen on the team this year Coach Potter stressed fundamentals in many of the practice sessions. This practice paid off when fourteen boys were brought up to play on the varsity the last two weeks of the season.

Blissfield	0	Tecumseh	7
Blissfield	34	Addison	0
Blissfield	8	Morenci	7
Blissfield	6	Sand Creek	25
Blissfield	18	Hudson	21

In its third year at Blissfield the junior high football team was very successful in teaching the junior high boys the main points of football. Coach Richard Engle was in charge of the Junior Highers. Several scrimmages were held with the Junior Varsity and the season was ended with an intra-squad game.

(FRONT ROW): L. Ifland, J. Brown, D. Nine, C. Hahn, M. Flaherty, D. Peebles, R. Coopshaw. (MIDDLE ROW): D. Olrich, P. Martinez, R. Garcia, T. Barratt, D. Bangerter, R. Culhane. (BACK ROW): J. Clegg, M. Fashbaugh, D. Fisher, T. Hall, B. Flaherty J. Ford.



Mr. Engle
Jr. High Coach



Mr. Potter
Reserve Coach

JR. HIGH



Coach Hassen instructs team at practice session.



G. Gruber circles end in Summerfield game.

ACTION SHOTS OF SUGARBOYS



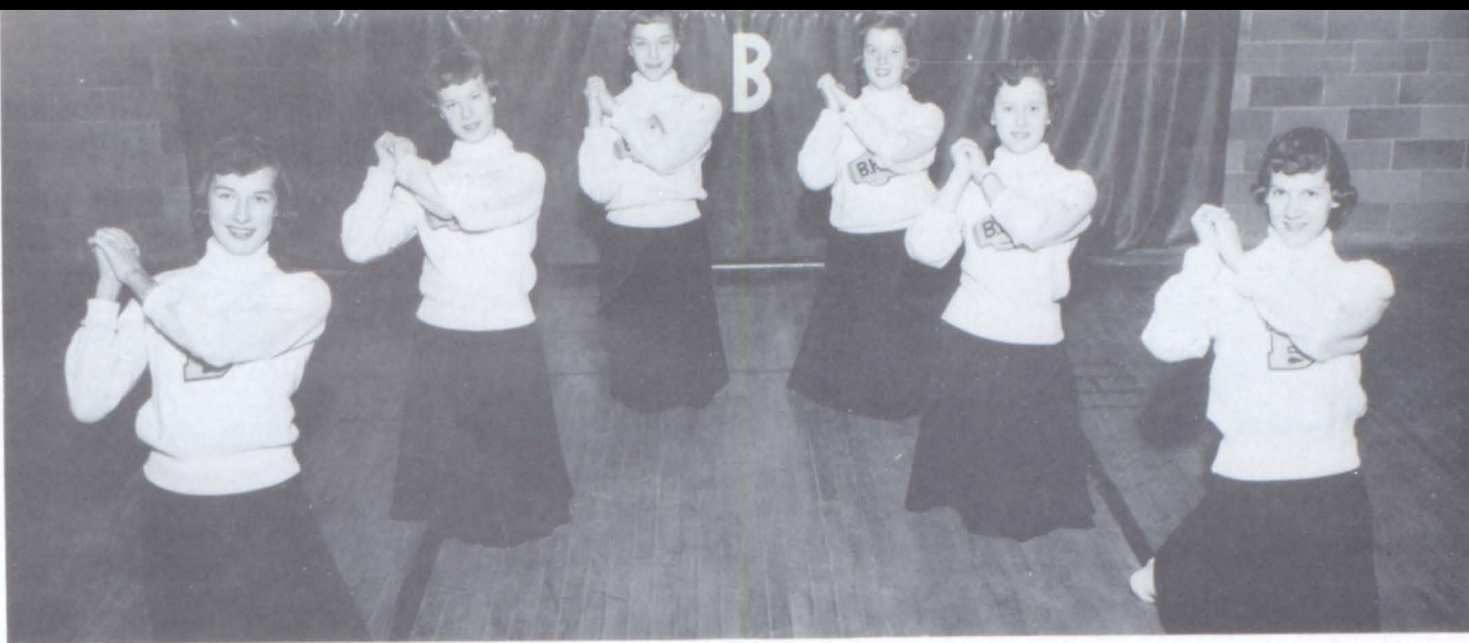
J. Ganun carries the ball for a first down against Morenci.



D. Klump breaks through Pittsford's line for a touchdown.

Plenty of action in Summerfield game. G. Gruber makes a gain.





Jane Sebring

Marjorie Gentz

Mary Goble

Carolyn Hull

Janet Geib

Delight Klump

CHEERLEADERS BOOST SCHOOL SPIRIT

The varsity cheerleaders were elected by the student body a week before our first football game. The cheerleaders consist of one senior, four juniors, and a sophomore. They are Marjorie Gentz, Jane Sebring, Mary Goble, Carolyn Hull, Delight Klump, and Janet Geib.

The cheerleaders added pep, yells, and color to all the high school athletic contests. They spent much time in building school spirit plus aiding the athletes to play better games.

For our Junior High basketball teams we also had Junior High cheerleaders. In Junior High they learned the yells, motions, and precision that are needed to lead a good yell and to make a good cheerleader. This year we had three seventh graders, and three eighth graders as cheerleaders for the Junior High.



JUNIOR HIGH CHEERLEADERS

Janyce Schwabland

Rosemary Burgermeister

Karen Glaser

Sherrie Cory

Gail Knisel

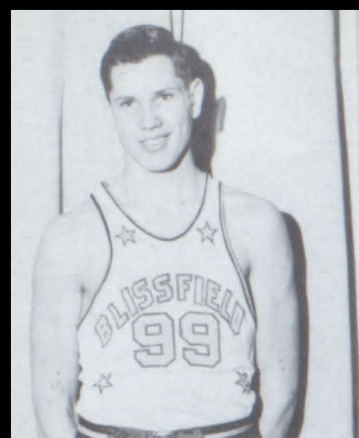
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Cheerleaders relax at half-time.



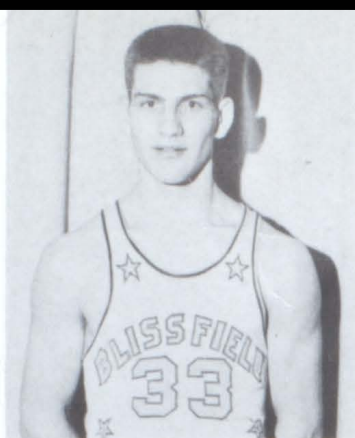
Cheerleaders rejoice over victory.



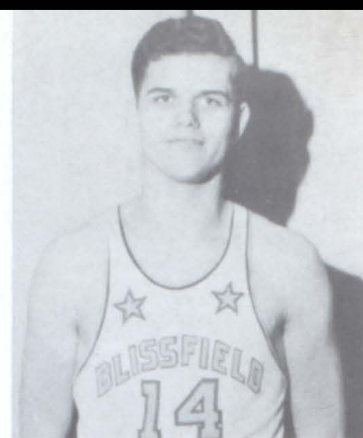


Lee Keller
Center

Dwight
Klump
Guard
(right)



Raymond
Crots
Forward
(right)



BLISSFIELD ENDS L.C.A.A.

The Blissfield High School basketball team ended the 1954-55 season with an impressive 14-4 record. They missed the L. C. A. A. championship by only five points.

Although the Sugar Boys finished in second place they led the league in scoring with 827 points, more than 150 points ahead of their nearest rival. In all games played Blissfield amassed a total of 1171 points.

Lee Keller, Blissfield's phenomenal scoring ace, copped the league scoring title with 221 points. At the season's end Keller was named to the All-L. C. A. A. team while Don Brown was honored on the second team. Keller and Bob Williams also won places on the All-Tournament team.

Jim Zimmerman and Don Brown were named honorary co-captains for the 1954-55 season by their teammates.

Here is a brief look at Blissfield's 1954-55 season record.

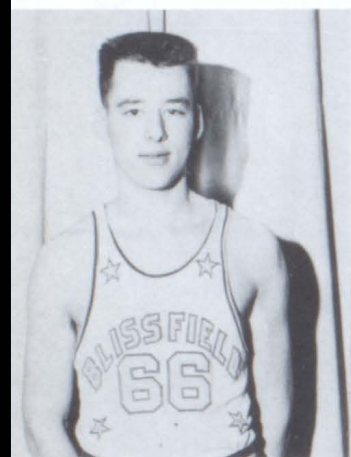
Blissfield 71, Pittsford 32--
The Sugar Boys started the season off with an easy victory.

Blissfield 48, Addison 27--
Blissfield won their second league game with little trouble.

Blissfield 54, Tecumseh 51--
The Indians came close in this non-league game but the Lewmen won their third in a row.

Morenci 63, Blissfield 58--
Blissfield lost a heartbreaker to the Bulldogs.

Blissfield 70, Clinton 48--The Purple and Gold upset the favored Redskins by 22 points.

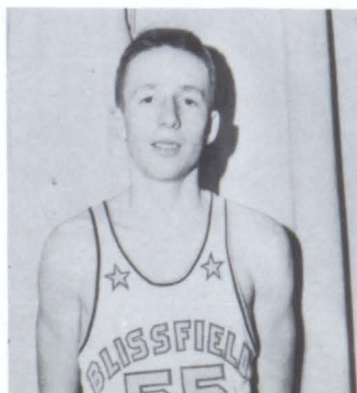


Lee McCormick
Forward

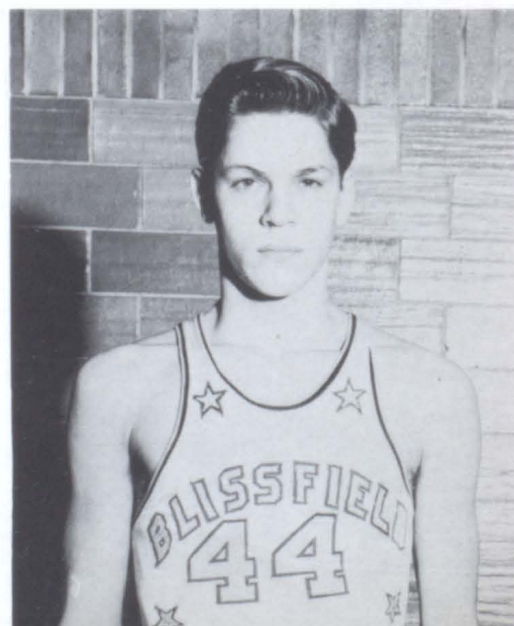
James Zimmerman
Co-Captain
Guard



Robert Williams
Guard

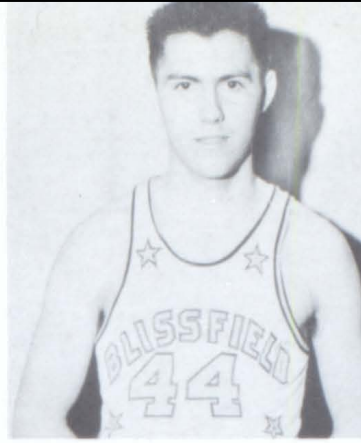


Donald Brown
Co-Captain
Center





Gordon
Hull
Guard
(left)



Gerald
Hall
Guard
(left)



John Ganun
Guard

EASON IN SECOND PLACE

Blissfield 56, Hudson 46--The Sugar Boys easily rolled over the clawless Tigers.

Blissfield 75, Summerfield 72--Summerfield came close to upsetting the Beetmen.

Blissfield 98, Pittsford 51--Brown tallied 25 as Sugar Boys neared century mark.

Blissfield 74, Addison 55--Blissfield wins fifth in a row.

Monroe C. C. 89, Blissfield 47--Sugar Boys stunned by the fighting Falcons in a non-league tilt.

Blissfield 66, Tecumseh 49--Five Sugarmen scored in double figures in this impressive victory.

Blissfield 66, Lyons 61--Blissfield won a close tilt.

Blissfield 72, Morenci 61--Sugar Boys avenged earlier defeat and won Morenci-Blissfield Kiwanis Club's trophy.

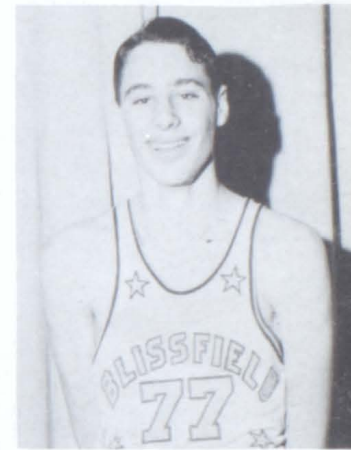
Clinton 60, Blissfield 55--Redskins won the championship in the "game of the year."

Blissfield 70, Hudson 57--Hudson offered little opposition as Keller dipped 36 points.

Blissfield 80, Summerfield 49--The Blissfield cagers ended the regular season on a happy note.

Blissfield 68, Monroe C. C. 53--Sugar Boys won first round game in district tourney.

Adrian 67, Blissfield 46--Maples proved too strong for Lewmen in district championship game.

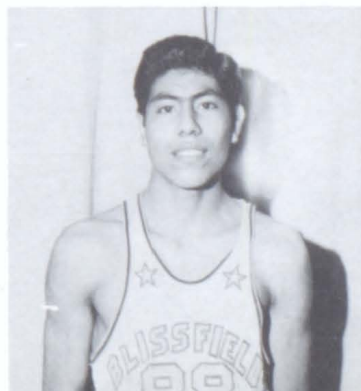


Thomas Romsek
Forward

Varsity Coach
Robert Lew

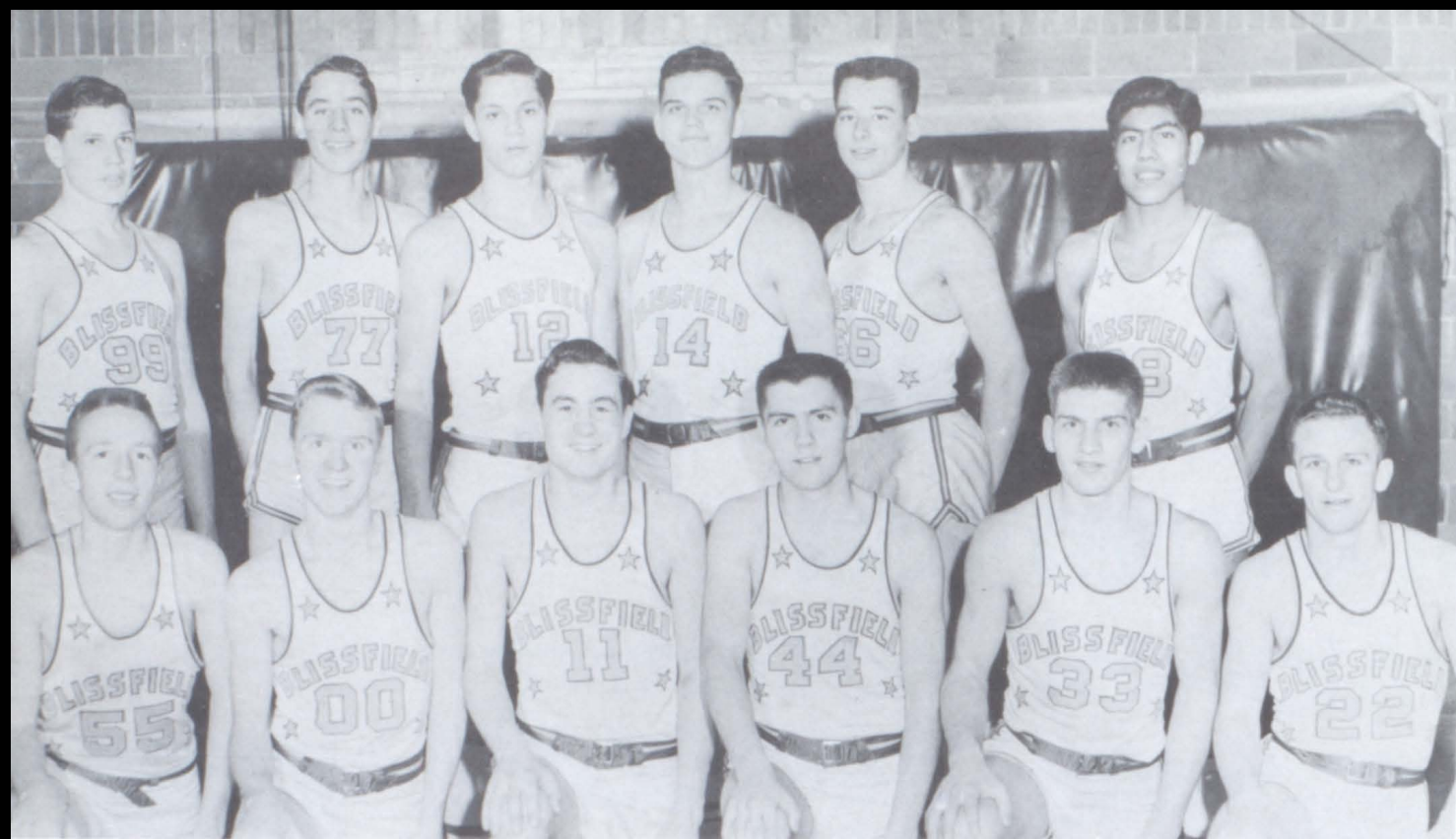


Able Sanchez
Guard



Jr. Varsity Coach
Walter Garey





FRONT ROW: Robert Williams, Gordon Hull, James Zimmerman, Gerald Hall, Dwight Klump, John Ganun. BACK ROW: Lee Keller, Thomas Romsek, Donald Brown, Raymond Crots, Lee McCormick, Able Sanchez.

VARSITY WINS FOURTEEN; LOSES FOUR

FRONT ROW: B. Peebles, C. Creger, D. Bettis, J. Reyome, R. Hall. SECOND ROW: Mgr. M. Long, R. Fatchett, H. Martinez, G. Good, Mgr. R. Glaser. THIRD ROW: Coach Walter Garey, A. Price, J. Derthick, R. Heiser, R. Lombard, A. Hoag. FOURTH ROW: H. Lennard, L. Grinage, W. Derthick, L. Miller, J. McColl. BACK ROW: T. Paulson, J. Strayer, C. Frohnapfel, M. Sisson, J. Hottenstein.



JR. VARSITY

The Junior Varsity under the coaching of Walter Garey compiled a fifteen won-one lost record, which is one of the most impressive records compiled by a Junior Varsity team in a number of years at Blissfield. The only team that defeated them was Clinton. They turned back the Junior Varsity by a score of 47-46. The squad was composed of seven juniors, eleven sophomores, and five freshmen.

JR. HIGH

The Junior High basketball squad was coached this year by Robert Luce. The team played a full schedule, winning about half of their games. The boys gained much experience from their practice sessions and games that will help to build the varsity teams of the future here at Blissfield. The team was composed of seventh and eighth grade boys.



BACK ROW: C. Haas, R. Crist, L. Iffland, D. Miller, T. Barratt, F. Handy, D. Bang-
erter, J. James, R. Wiebeck, K. Browneller. SECOND ROW: Mr. Luce, R. Glaser, R.
Price, J. Sisson, R. Klauda, M. Lehman, R. Culhane, C. Hahn, J. Michael, M. Fash-
baugh, D. Case. FIRST ROW: J. Waigle, J. Clegg, J. Lehman, W. Westgate, G. Ford,
T. Hall, B. Flaherty, D. Fisher, D. Peebles.

JR. VARSITY WINS FIFTEEN; LOSES ONE

L. Grinage scores at Tecumseh.

JR. VARSITY SCORES

Blissfield	73	Pittsford	30
Blissfield	39	Addison	37
Blissfield	64	Tecumseh	50
Blissfield	63	Morenci	49
Blissfield	45	Clinton	37
Blissfield	60	Hudson	33
Blissfield	75	Summerfield	48
Blissfield	71	Pittsford	19
Blissfield	54	Addison	31
Blissfield	86	Monroe Cath. Cen.	37
Blissfield	49	Tecumseh	31
Blissfield	53	Lyons	41
Blissfield	63	Morenci	38
Blissfield	46	Clinton	47
Blissfield	62	Hudson	58
Blissfield	51	Summerfield	44



SUGARBOYS IN ACTION



Sugarboys in action. Yes, we had plenty of that this year. We were the first and only team to defeat the champion Clinton team. In the upper left hand picture, D. Brown sinks a basket which surprises a Clinton player. In the upper right hand picture, J. Zimmerman sneaks out from under the basket after making two points in the Summerfield game. D. Klump shows his grace as he passes over the heads of two Tecumseh players, (lower left.) After finishing county play the Sugarboys moved into the Tournaments. In the center picture below L. McCormick is closely guarded by a Monroe Catholic player. In the final game of the season, (lower right hand picture,) L. Keller, Blissfield's high scoring center, adds two more points to his season's total.



Managers: Marvin Long, Jack Brown.





HOMEcomings QUEENS: Janet Geib, Carmen Yurnikl, Mary Goble, Judy Hillman.

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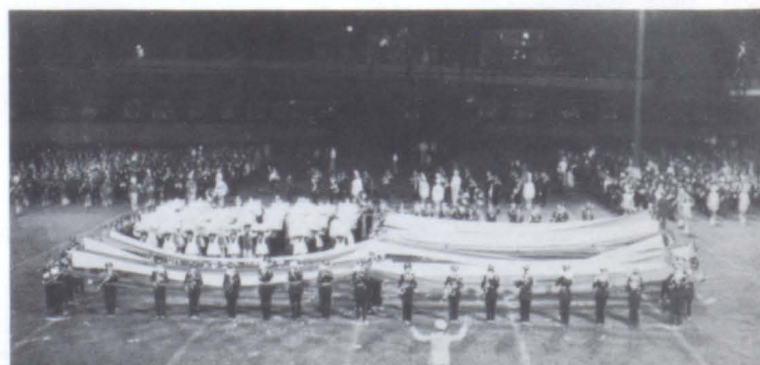
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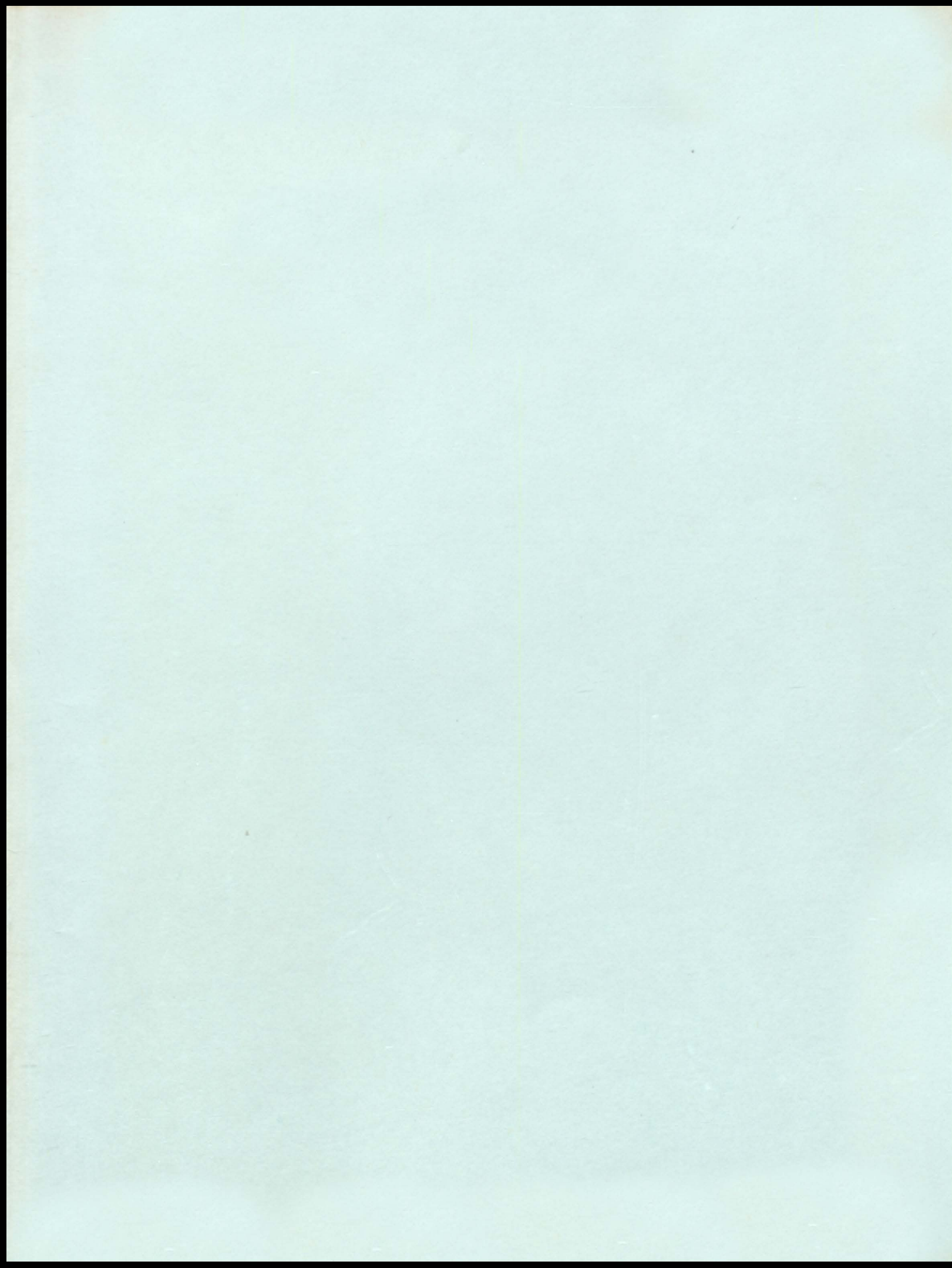
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VALEDICTORY

Parents, Faculty, Classmates, and Friends,

This week marks the end of an important period for us. During the time we have been in school, we have been preparing for this week. We have had many enjoyable experiences together. Through these experiences we have been developing ourselves so that we may be ready to meet the challenge which lies ahead.

We have received much guidance from our parents and teachers, and, although we may have felt that we didn't need it, usually we later realized that our interests had been served. Our teachers have worked to give us the knowledge which we will soon find essential. Both our parents and the faculty have taught us to think clearly and open mindedly.

In addition to gaining knowledge, we have been developing attitudes toward work, play, and the social and economic problems of our times. It is upon this matter of attitudes which I wish to dwell for a moment. It is true that knowledge is of little value if you don't possess the proper attitude toward applying it.

Have you ever noticed how hard a job becomes when you tell yourself you can't do it? By nature, man doesn't like to be shown that he is wrong. If he tells himself that he cannot do a job, he won't prove himself wrong by working hard to show that he can do it. But if he thinks he can do it, he doesn't stop to worry about minor problems. Instead, he works to solve his difficulties, knowing that each one eliminated brings him a step closer to the completion of the task he feels he can do.

So let's remember that there is power in positive thinking. If you want to make your work easier, cultivate an attitude which will give you the faith and courage to do well at it.

Now, let's look toward the future. Of course, we'll meet situations which will be new to us. But if we have taken advantage of our opportunities to prepare ourselves, and if we think before we act, most of those problems can be successfully handled.

As for the outlook concerning our economy and the standard of living, there are few who can find cause for pessimism. Great advances in science have been made in recent years. A few years ago such things as jet aircraft, television, polio vaccine, and atomic energy were in the science fiction category, much as space travel is today. Yes, and some of these things which we have today challenge us to stop, think, and choose the right way to use them in order to utilize their benefits to the best advantage.

All these developments and our growing population have brought increasing job opportunities for the young man or woman who is prepared. So, classmates, opportunities abound. Will you be ready? Your future lies in your hands.

Richard Blackford

SALUTATORY

Members of the Board of Education, Faculty, Parents,
Classmates, and Friends,

We the Class of 1955, welcome you to our class night.

We have come to one of the most important steps in our lives--graduation. Graduation is a word that may have two meanings; one that is different for each of us because it means going out into our separate walks of life; another that is alike for all of us because it is the end of our studying, laughing, and living together for four years.

How can we measure the success of our high school years? Does success include educational advancements alone or rather is it not to be measured by the capacity we have gained to live, work, and share with other people.

The basic aim of our school life should be character building; the bringing out of the very best qualities that lie in a student. We as seniors, about to step into a new era of our lives, must remember the fundamental truths we have learned here in school.

We must learn to go the narrow way of discipline and sacrifice to discover the path of freedom and peace in our lives. Communism professes to follow the cause of liberty, but instead in pursuing its totalitarian methods it enslaves the human soul. That right of the individual to enjoy liberty is a divine right.

To our parents, teachers, and friends, in appreciation for the sacrifices and guidance you have given, we would say, as Daniel Webster, "If you work upon marble, it will perish; if you work upon brass, time will deface it; if you rear temples, they will crumble into dust; but if you work with immortal minds, and imbue them with principles, with the just fear of God and love of fellow men, you engrave on these tablets something that will brighten for all eternity."

Classmates, we have had four wonderful years together, the memories of which we will never forget. As we part, may we remain together in purpose and in the quality of our goals. May we continue to be "all for one" and "one for all" as we search diligently to find our place of service.

As expressed by an unknown author,

To live well in the quiet routine of life;
To fill a space because God wills it;
To go cheerfully with a petty round of little
duties, little avocations,
To smile for the joy of others when the heart is
aching,
Who does this, his works will follow him.
He may not be a hero to the world, but he is one
of God's heroes.

As we go on to explore an unknown trail we must abide in faith, hope, and love, these three, but the greatest of these is love.

Marilyn Luse



SENIORS VISIT WASHINGTON



Just resting a minute



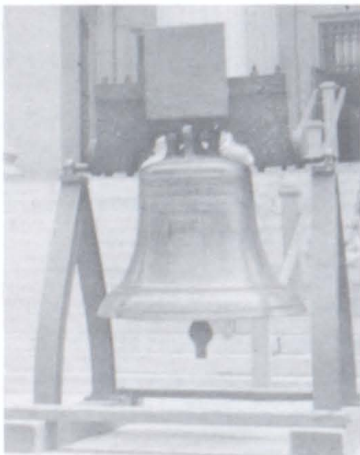
Seniors stayed here



Our nation's Capitol

Seventy-five seniors, with their advisors, left Union Station in Toledo at 8:05 on May 8 on their way to Washington.

On Monday noon, May 9, the class reached Charlottesville, Virginia. From Charlottesville they went to Monticello. A drive through Shenandoah National Park and the Skyline Drive, began in late afternoon. Several stops were made in the Blue Ridge territory at various points of interest. The Seniors, arriving in Washington at 9:30 p. m., were given a good view of the lighted city.



Freedom Bell

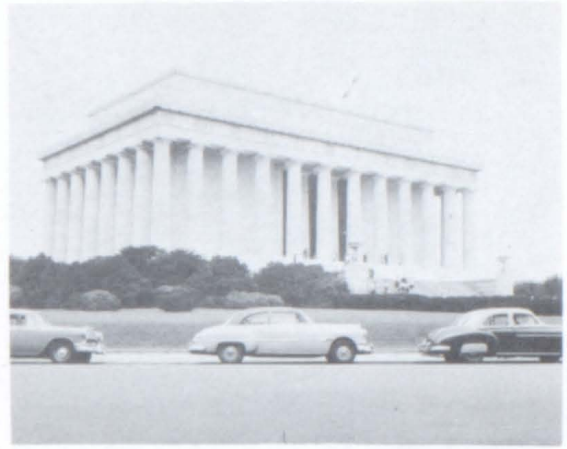


Iwo Jima Statue

SIGHTS IMPRESS SENIORS



And so to sleep again!



Lincoln Memorial

The next day's schedule started with a tour of public buildings, including the Capitol, White House, Pan-American Union, Bureau of Printing and Engraving, and the Archives Building. After a free afternoon during which many went to see the House of Representatives in session, the class divided, some going to the theater others to a Detroit-Washington baseball game.

Wednesday morning was spent climbing the Washington Monument, viewing the embassies, visiting the Lincoln Memorial, Lee's Mansion, and Alexandria, Virginia. The class, saw the impressive "Changing of the Guard" at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier.

After lunch at the Old Club in Alexandria, they visited the Washington Masonic Memorial, and Mount Vernon.



Monticello



Viewing Monticello



Anybody hungry?

SENIORS HAVE INTERESTING TRIP



Viewing the Sky-Line Drive



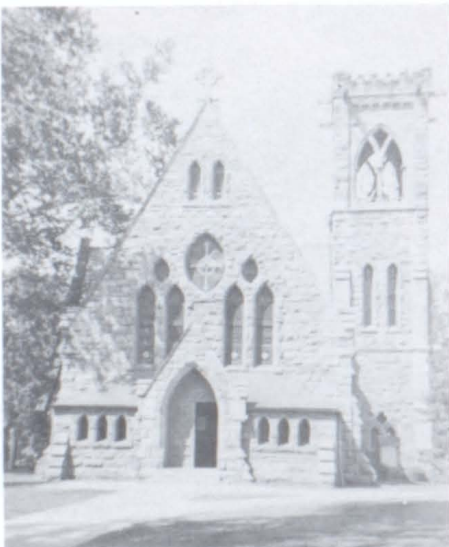
Tomb of the Unknown Soldier



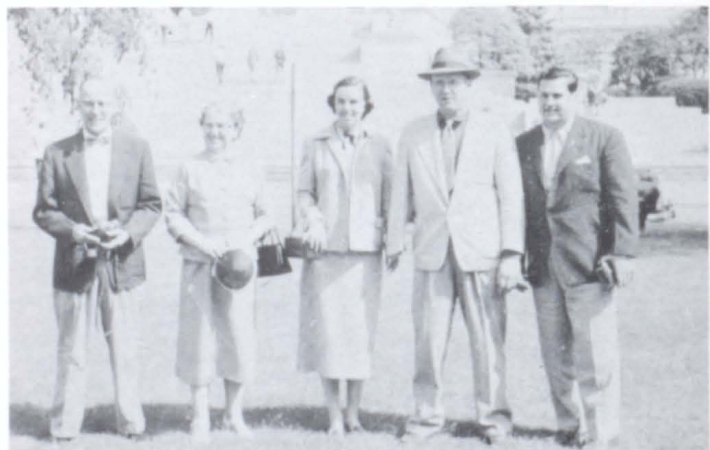
Mount Vernon

Dinner at the Casino Royal where Frankie Laine was featured climaxed the day.

Thursday morning a visit was made to the Smithsonian Institute, Museum of Natural History, and the National Art Gallery. Boarding the train at 11:00 a.m. the Seniors amused themselves by playing cards, talking, and perhaps even catching a little sleep as a last resort. At 5:30 a.m. the train reached the Toledo station ending the trip and seventy-five Seniors clambered off, happy to be home, but each with his own memories of a week enjoyably spent.



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GRADUATION ACTIVITIES



Ira M. Smith

The class night program was a short play entitled "Seniors at the "Bar" in which each class member participated. During this play the humorous will and prophecy was read for everyones enjoyment.

The commencement exercises opened with the invocation by Rev. Gordon Everett. A saxophone trio and a bass quartet, both consisting of seniors provided the music. The address was given by Ira M. Smith, Registrar Emeritus at the University of Michigan. His address was entitled "Education for Service". Diplomas were presented by Mr. Strayer and awards by Mr. Peebles.

An outstanding member of this years senior class was Gitta Meyer a native of Ingolstadt, Germany. Gitta made her home while in Blissfield with Mr. and Mrs. Parker Tagsold. She enjoyed the many senior activities including a visit to the nation's capitol as part of the senior trip. Gitta was among the eighty-five students to receive a diploma from Blissfield High School. All of the students and teachers enjoyed Gitta and will remember her friendly smile and inquiring mind.



Brass Quartet
P. Hall, L. Brown, G.
Goetz, J. Zimmerman.



Presenting his case



Gitta Meyer



STANDING, LEFT TO RIGHT: J. Bischoff, Mr. Thayer, J. McColl, D. Travis, B. Derthick, N. Newlin, L. Caswell, N. Fashbaugh. SITTING: J. Blackford, R. Setzler, C. Hull, J. Sebring, B. Peebles, G. Cowdrey.



You see, it's like this.

Oh! It can't really be you, Joe.



'HEAVEN CAN WAIT'

March 30 and 31st 1955, was the date of the traditional Junior Play. This years cast presented a comedy-fantasy entitled "Heaven Can Wait". The leading role, a boxer who was mistakenly taken to heaven before his time was played by Barry Peebles. The play involved many other interesting characters around while the boxer made heaven wait during his search for a new body.

The cast did a fine job under the excellent direction of English and speech instructor, F.J. Thayer.

CAST

Joann Bischoff	Mrs. Ames
Jim McColl	Max Levene
Dennis Travis	Plain Clothesman
Bill Derthick	Inspector Williams
Ned NewlinLefty
Lois Caswell	Susie
Nancy Fashbaugh	Ann
Jim Blackford	Messenger 7013
Richard Setzler	Tony Abbot
Carolyn HullJulia Farnsworth
Jane Sebring	Bette Logan
Barry PeeblesJoe Pendleton
George Cowdrey	Mr. Jordan

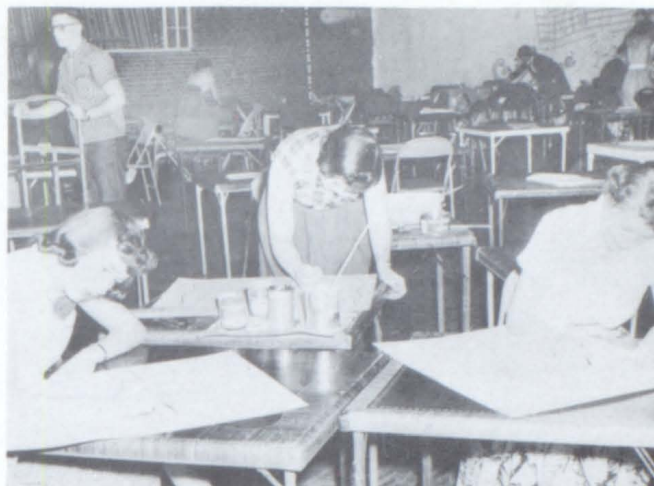
JUNIOR-SENIOR BANQUET USES PARIS SETTING

The Juniors chose "Evening in Paris" for the theme of the Junior-Senior Banquet.

Murals of bars of music, the Eiffel Tower, and Arch of Triumph; cafes on the sides of the gym; and streamers of crepe paper with stars all added to the thought of an outdoor Paris Cafe.

George Cowdrey acted as master of ceremonies, and the invocation was given by Gregory Ellcey. The welcome was given by Kenneth Goetz, and Jim Hoenig responded. Mr. Kenneth Moore, guest speaker, spoke on "How To Part Your Hair".

The Tecumseh Chieftons furnished the music for the prom. During the intermission "Two Old Crows", Jim McColl and Jim Blackford, presented a humorous skit and the barbershop quartet consisting of Jim Zimmerman, Jerry Goetz, Bob Schall, and Lauren Grinage sang.



Preparing for the Banquet

What's so interesting?



Enjoying their short stay in Paris





1955 BLISSFIELD HIGH SCHOOL BASEBALL TEAM

FRONT ROW: J. Ganun, H. Lennard, G. Olrich, R. Crots, T. Mason, G. Long, G. Hull, D. Klump, M. Phipps, R. Bateson. SECOND ROW: F. Lemiey, J. Hottenstein, L. Grinage, J. Bakus, D. Brown, J. Kuhl, T. Spiegel, H. Martinez, L. Prelipp, and D. Price.

BASEBALL NINE ENDS SEASON WITH WIN

Weak hitting and faulty fielding coupled together to get the Blissfield baseball nine off to a slow start and it was the last game before they hit their stride with an 11-2 triumph over Pittsford.

The Sugar Boys dropped five league tilts plus two non-league encounters to finish the season in sixth place in the L. C. A. A.

Senior Ted Mason, pitching his last high school game, hurled the Sugar Boys to victory in that last game to become Blissfield's top pitcher for the season.

Mason and Jack Ganun led the team at the plate with season averages of .400 and .333 respectively.

Blissfield	2	Deerfield	6
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Blissfield	1	Summerfield	4
Blissfield	5	Addison	8
Blissfield	6	Morenci	13
Blissfield	0	Deerfield	4
Blissfield	1	Clinton	10
Blissfield	11	Pittsford	2



Gordon Hull starts his swing



Jack Ganun scores standing up

BHS COPS FOURTH STRAIGHT TRACK CROWN



SUGAR BOYS SET THREE LEAGUE RECORDS

LEFT TO RIGHT: Lee Keller who set shot put mark, Dwight Klump breaks 28 year old pole vault record, and Lyle Crots runs the anchor lap for the record-setting medley relay team of Dale Eisenmann, Gene Silberhorn, Jerry Long, and Crots.

The Blissfield High School track team romped to an unprecedented fourth consecutive LCAA track championship by a margin of 25 points over their nearest rival.

Led by Dwight Klump, a triple winner, the Sugar Boys took eight first places plus a number of seconds and third for a total of 77 points as compared to 52 for second place Hudson.

The league meet marked the end of an undefeated season for Coach Bob Lew's thinclads. In the opening meet of the season Blissfield topped Tecumseh by 20 points. Delta and Swanton fell before the Sugar Boys in a triangular meet as did Bedford and Toledo Libbey freshmen a week later. In other duel meets the Blissfield romped over Hudson, Adrian reserves and Morenci.



1955 BLISSFIELD HIGH SCHOOL CHAMPIONSHIP TRACK TEAM

FRONT ROW: D. Hahn, A. Sanchez, G. Hall, J. Ganun, D. Klump, R. Williams, L. Synder, G. Soneff, N. Newlin, D. Sommers, L. Crots, G. Hull, J. Long, B. Peebles. SECOND ROW: G. Silberhorn, H. Lennard, L. Crots, L. Miller, D. Eiselmann, L. Keller, R. Crots, B. Derthick, N. Johnson, R. Bateson, and R. Bowman.



Lynn Crots wins his heat of the 440



Jack Ganun finishes second in the 880

CAMERA VIEWS FINISH LINE AT L C A A MEET



Able Sanchez, center, takes fifth



Dean Sommers places third in the 440

Dwight Klump wins 100 yard dash as G. Silberhorn, second from left, tries hard.



