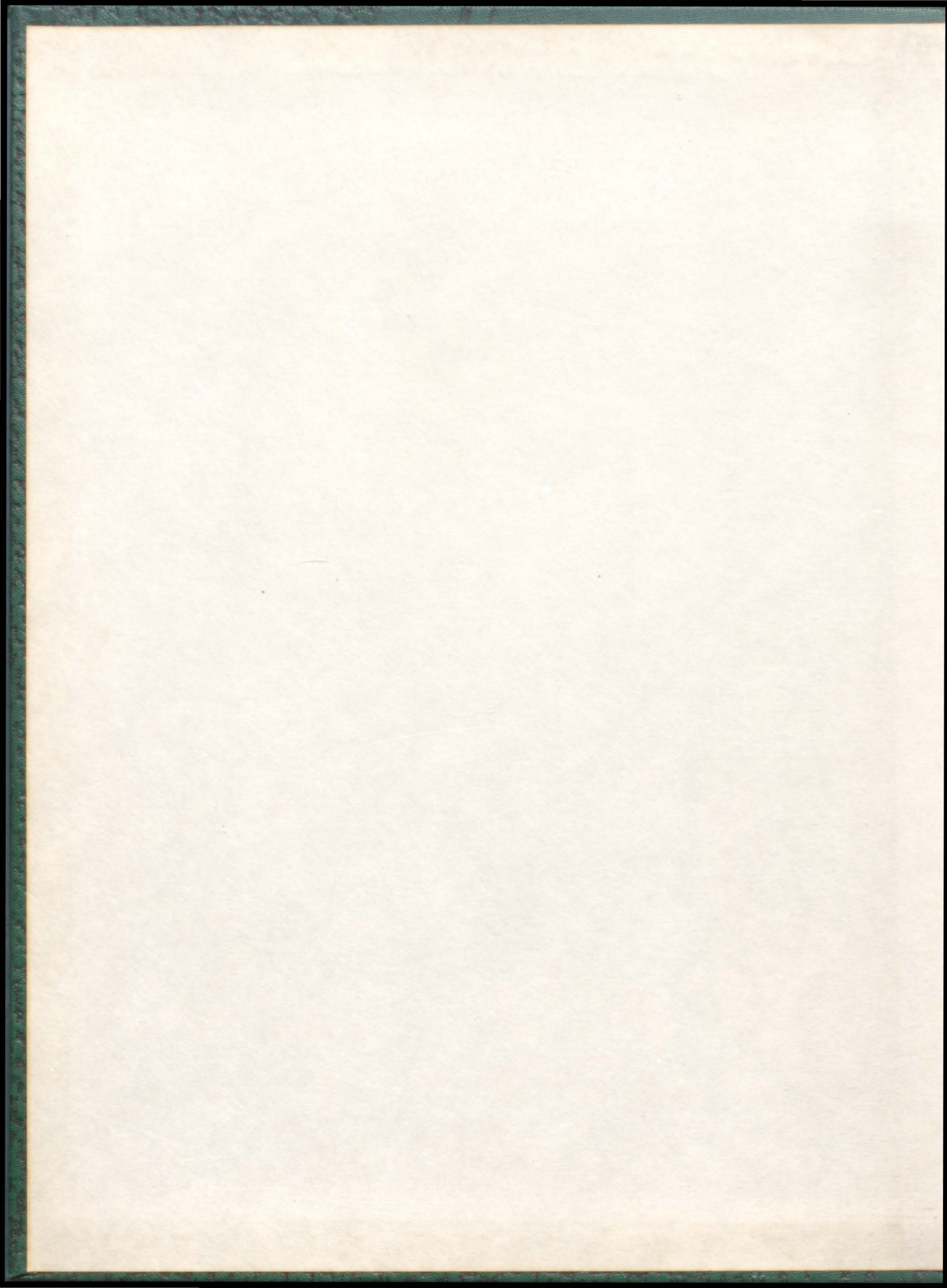


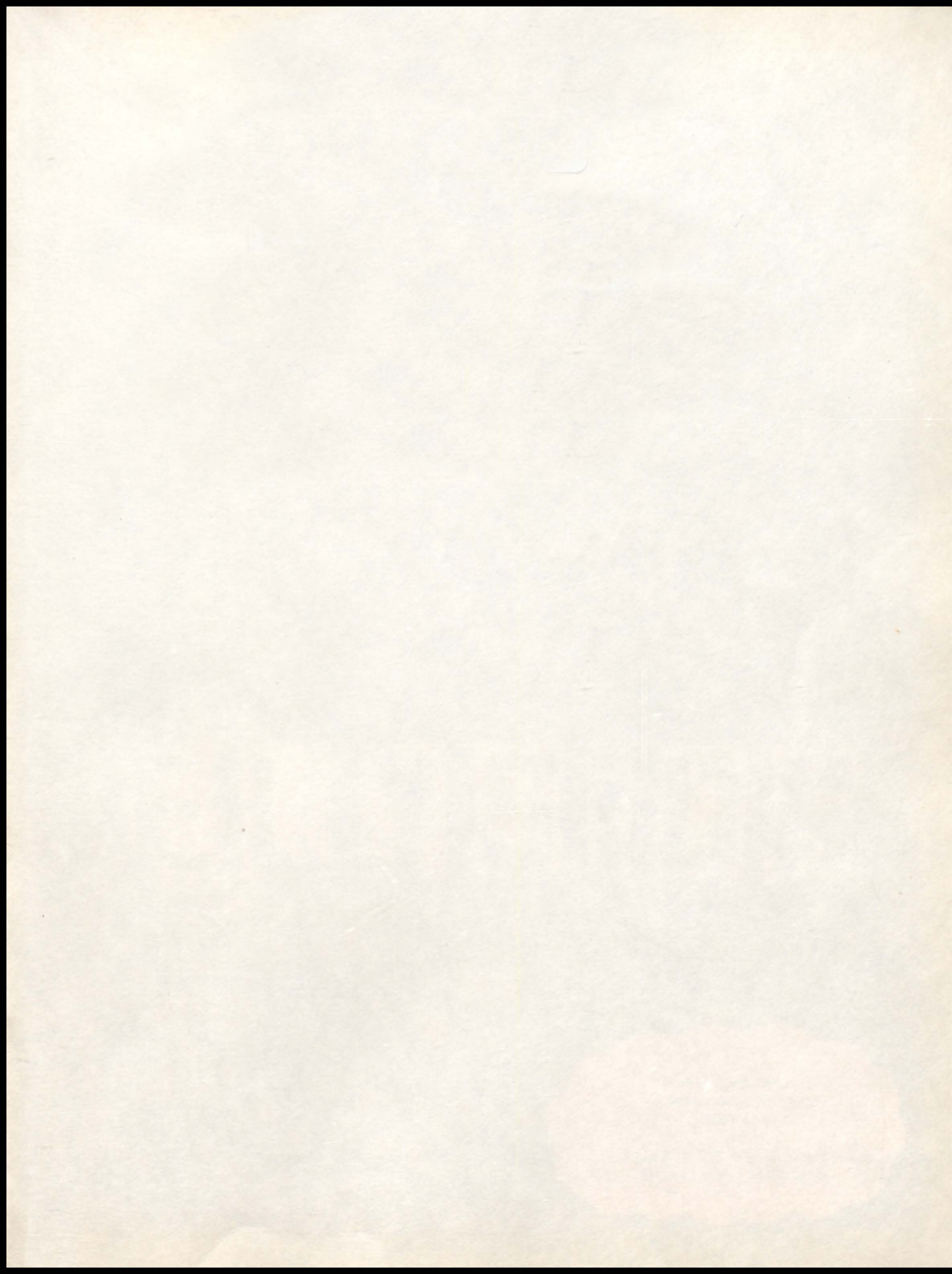


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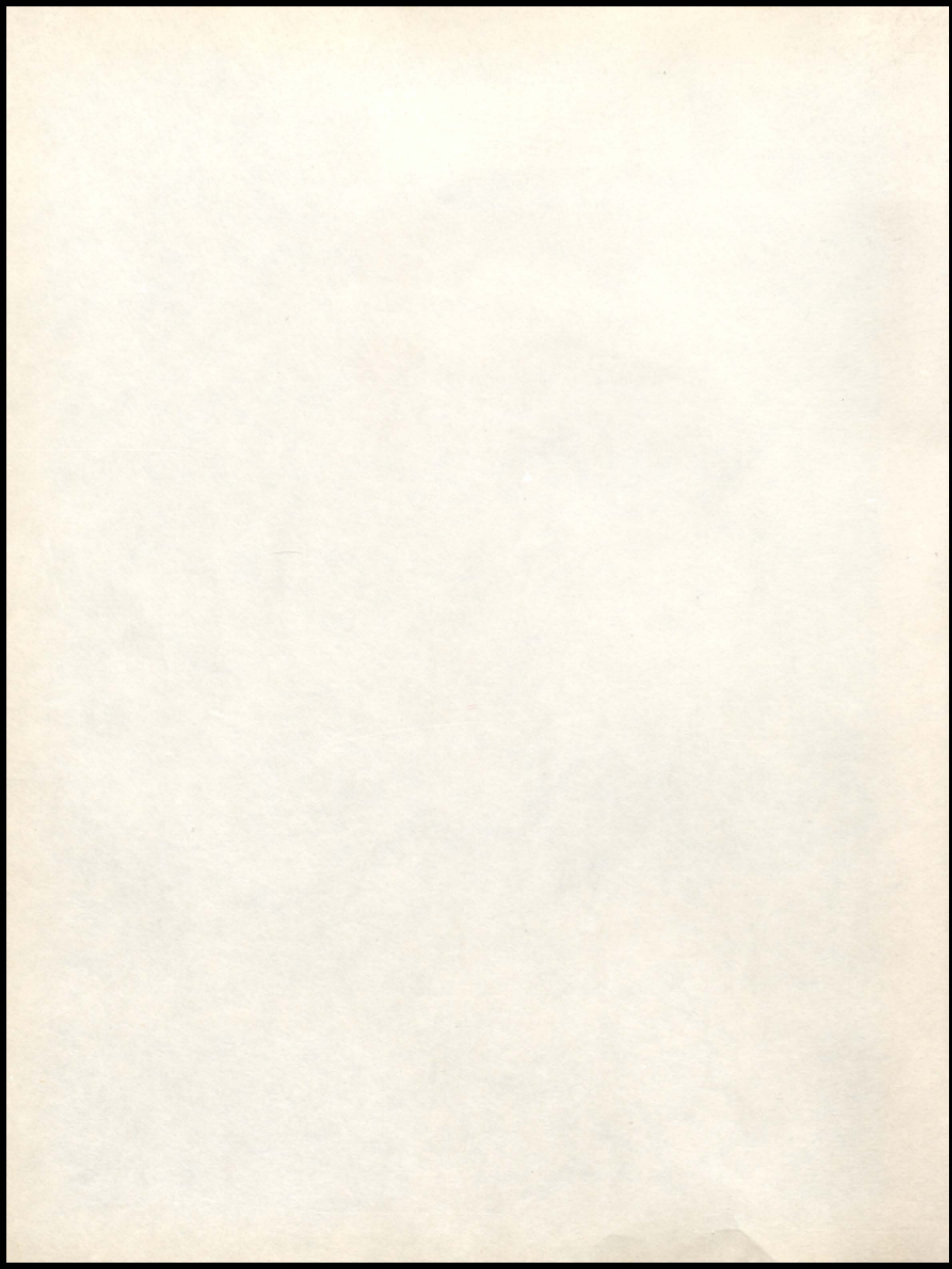
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Blissfield High School as seen from Giles Avenue

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Gymnasium entrance

Dear Susan,  
As you know I have been chosen to guide the Clysium staff in producing the 1955-56 yearbook. The members of the staff have been very cooperative and worked hard. Also our advisor, Mr. Peebles, has spent countless hours (and I mean countless) helping us. In the pages of the Clysium we will try to show the students the things that make Blissfield High school what it is. We hope those who own a yearbook will treasure and use it in the future to refresh their memory. Old yearbooks are interesting to look at, aren't they?



BOARD OF EDUCATION  
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## ADMINISTRATION

This was the first full year for the new Board of Education after the reorganization of the twenty-eight school districts under the name of Blissfield Community Schools. With the advice and assistance of the Citizens Committee, the Board decided on the plans for the new high school building. An architect was hired who began to draw preliminary plans of the new school. A site was selected for the new building and arrangements for the purchase

of the land were made. Besides having the regular monthly meetings of the Board, there were many special meetings held throughout the year. The members of the Board also visited many schools to help them formulate plans for the new school.

The Board was confronted with many problems and difficulties arising from the reorganization of the districts. Many hours were spent in working out solutions.

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Sophomore Advisor



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Junior High Football Coach  
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Senior Advisor



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Commercial  
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Senior Advisor



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

Our faculty consists of twenty-three well trained people in various academic areas; however their interests are not limited to just the academic side. Many of the teachers are advisors of our clubs and help us in many ways.

All the members of our faculty belong to the Teacher Club. This club was formed many years ago and is a chapter of the M. E. A. Meetings are held monthly with some in the form of parties and others educational discussion.





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



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Varsity "B" Club Advisor  
Sophomore Advisor



MR. ROBERT CHENHALL, M.S.  
Indiana State University  
Study Hall  
Physical Education  
Head Football Coach  
Varsity "B" Club Advisor  
Junior Advisor

## TEACHERS HELP WITH MANY ACTIVITIES



MR. WALTER GAREY, M.A.  
Ohio State University  
General Science and Biology  
Reserve Basketball Coach  
Baseball Coach  
Varsity "B" Club Advisor  
Senior Advisor

MR. EUGENE POTTER, B.P.H.  
Northland College  
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Driver Education  
Reserve Football Coach  
Varsity "B" Club Advisor  
Junior Advisor



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





# Seniors

This is a very busy year for many of us seniors. It seems that there is always something to do. Our class has completed many projects and have plans for others. In October we sponsored the annual homecoming at which a member of our class, Arlene La Jotta, was crowned queen. "Time Out For Ginger" a hilarious comedy was presented by members of our class in November. The play was a tremendous success and everyone played his part well. During the Yuletide season our class sold fruitcakes, which was a very successful project. The reason for these projects is to earn money for our senior trip. We chose Washington D.C. for our trip and expect to leave April 29th. This trip will be educational as well as enjoyable. I, as well as the other seniors, can hardly wait for this day.





JAMES BLACKFORD  
Class President 4; Senior  
Play; Junior Play; Elysium  
3, 4; Student Council 4;  
Chorus 4.



JANET KNOBLAUCH  
Class Secretary 4; School  
Paper 4.

MARY LOUISE SEEGER  
F. T. A. 2, Treasurer 2; F. N.  
A. 3, 4; Class Treasurer 4;  
Band 1, 2, 3, 4; Chorus 2, 3, 4.

## CLASS LED BY

ABLE SANCHEZ  
Basketball 1, 3, 4; Track 3, 4;  
Varsity Club 3, 4; Class Vice-  
President 4; Student Council  
4. (top)

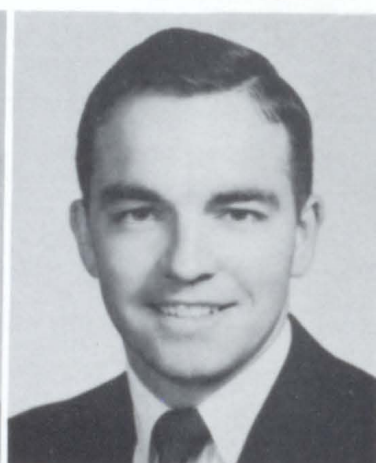
JUDY ADKINS  
Bible Club 4; F. H. A. 2, 3, 4.

JAMES ADRIAN  
Football 1, 2, 3, 4; Varsity Club  
3, 4.

### CLASS ADVISORS

MRS. KAHER  
MR. MOORE

MR. GAREY  
MRS. CULHANE



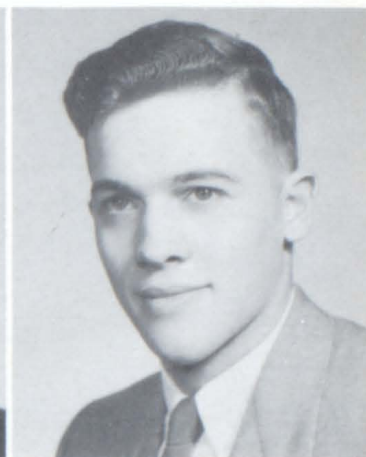




RONALD BATESON  
Football 1; Track 2, 3,  
4; Baseball 1, 2, 3, 4;  
F. F. A. 1, 2, 3, 4;  
Varsity Club 4; Junior  
Play (left)



JOE BACKUS  
Football 4; Baseball 1,  
2, 3, 4; F. F. A. 1, 2, 3;  
Varsity Club 3, 4.



ALBERT BRISKEY  
Track 2, 3, 4; Chorus 3, 4.  
(right)



EDWARD BAKOWSKI  
Football 2, 3, 4; Track 1,  
2, 3, 4; Varsity Club 4.  
(top)

# JIM BLACKFORD

SUSIE BETZ  
(below)

SHARON BECK  
Student Council 3, 4;  
Chorus 1, 2, 3, 4.  
(bottom)

SALLY BETZ  
Chorus 2, 3.  
(below)

ROSEMARY BISCHOFF  
Chorus 1  
(bottom)



CAROLYN BETTIS  
Spanish Club 1, 2, 3;  
Bible Club 3; F. N. A.  
3, 4; Science Club 4;  
School Paper 3, 4; Senior  
Play.

SUZANN BIERMAN  
Spanish Club 3, 4; Bible  
Club 3, 4; Science Club  
4; School Paper 3, 4; Band  
2, 3, 4.





MACKLIN BROWN  
Football 1, 2, 3, 4;  
Varsity Club 4.



ARLENE BRUBAKER  
Spanish Club 1; F. N. A.  
3, 4; Chorus 1, 2, 3, 4.

IRVING BROWN  
Basketball Manager  
2, 3, 4; Spanish Club  
1, 2; Bible Club 3; School  
Paper 3, 4; Junior Play;  
Chorus 3.



DONNA BIERLEY  
Bible Club 2, 3, 4;  
F. H. A. 1, 2, 3; School  
Paper 3, 4; Band 1, 2, 3;  
Chorus 2, 3.



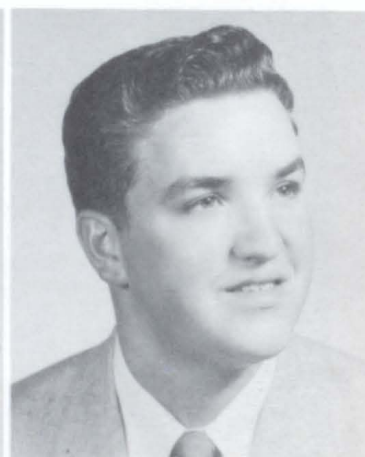
YVONNE BUSSING  
F. H. A. 1, 2; F. T. A. 3;  
Chorus 1, 2, 3, 4.

## SENIORS



LOIS CASWELL  
Spanish Club 1, 2, 3;  
Bible Club 3, 4, Secre-  
tary 4; F. H. A. 2, 3, 4;  
F. T. A. 2, 3, 4; Science  
Club 4; Junior Play;  
Chorus 1, 2. (right)

RONALD CAPRON  
(far right)



MARLIN CLINE  
Baseball 1, 2; Science  
Club 4. (left)



It surely doesn't seem possible that this is my last year of high school. Our class, of one hundred and twenty-four students, will have the honor of being the largest class to ever graduate from Blissfield. (We feel quite privileged.) Many of the seniors are planning to go to college next fall, each to prepare for his chosen career. After graduation, all of us will part and go our separate ways in this big world.





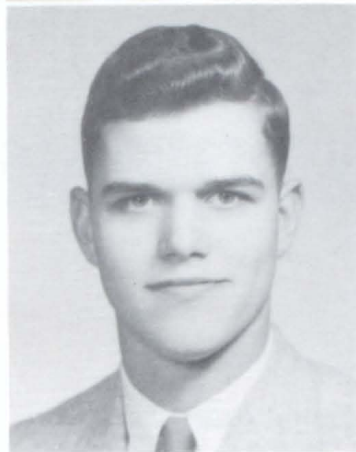
GEORGE COWDREY  
Spanish Club 3, 4; Bible  
Club 3; F. T. A. 2, 3,  
President 3; School Paper  
4; Junior Play; Student  
Council 2.



DOLORES COUSINO  
F. T. A. 2.



CAROL CURNOW  
Bible Club 4; Band 1, 2,  
3, 4; Junior Play.



RAYMOND CROTS  
Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4; Track  
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Bible Club 2, 3, Vice Presi-  
dent 3; Varsity Club 3, 4;  
Student Council 3.

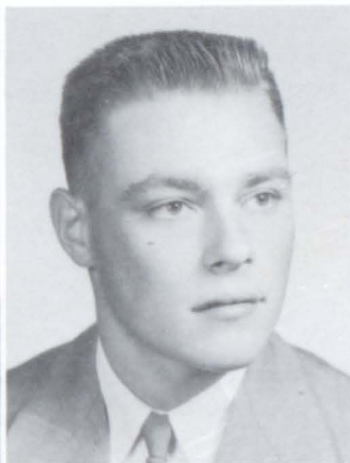
## SENIORS

JOSEPHINE CLEMENTS  
School Paper 2, 3; Junior  
Play; Student Council 4;  
Chorus 1, 2, 3, 4. (below)

JANET DRESSSEL  
Chorus 1. (bottom)



ROBERT DANIELS  
Track 3; Baseball 2, 4;  
Bible Club 3, 4; F. F. A.  
1, 2, 3, 4; Band 2, 3, 4;  
Chorus 4. (left)

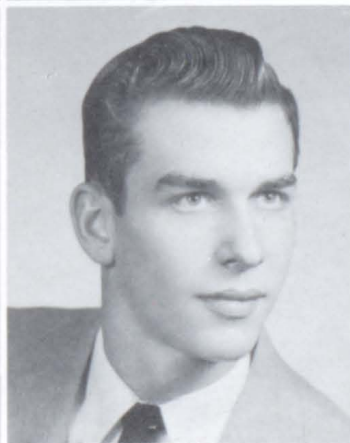


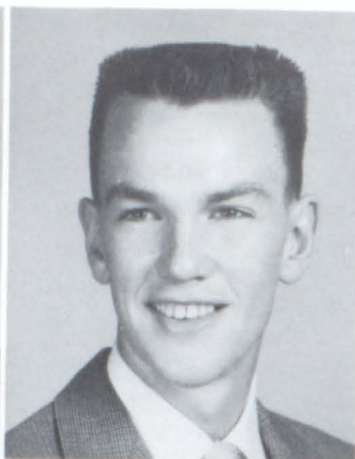
LYNN CROTS  
Track 1, 2, 3, 4; Bible  
Club 3, 4; F. F. A. 1, 2,  
3, 4; Varsity Club 4.  
(far left)



NELSON COWDREY  
(left)

ORIN DANIELS  
Track 2; Bible Club 3, 4;  
F. F. A. 1, 2, 3, 4, Treasurer  
3, 4; Band 1, 2, 3, 4; Student  
Council 1. (far left)





WILLIAM DERTHICK  
Football 2; Basketball 2, 3;  
Track 3, 4; Baseball 1, 2; Bible  
Club 4; School Paper 4; Junior  
Play; Elysium 4.



NANCY FASHBAUGH  
Spanish Club 1, 2; Bible Club  
4; F. H. A. 1; F. N. A. 3, 4;  
Class Secretary 1; School  
Paper 3, 4; Band 3, 4; Junior  
Play; Chorus 1, 2, 3, 4.



GREGORY ELLCEY  
Bible Club 2, 3, 4, President  
2, 3, 4; Junior Play; Chorus 3, 4.

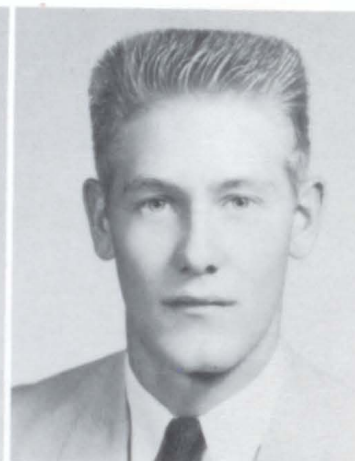
DONALD DETTMAN  
Track 2, 3, 4; Deerfield High  
School 1.

SALLY (Brown) DUSSEAU  
Bible Club 2; F. H. A. 1, 2, 3;  
F. N. A. 1, 2, 3; Chorus 1, 2.  
(top)

LAVERNE EHLERT  
Baseball 1, 2. (above)

EILEEN FINK  
F. T. A. 2; F. N. A. 3, 4;  
Class Secretary 3; School  
Paper 3, 4; Band 2, 3, 4;  
Chorus 1, 2. (below)

JOHN GANUN  
Football 1, 2, 3, 4; Basket-  
ball 1, 2, 3; Track 1, 2, 3, 4;  
Baseball 1, 2, 3, 4; Varsity  
Club 3, 4. Treasurer 3;  
Class Vice-President 1; Class  
President 2; Junior Play; Stu-  
dent Council 2, 3, 4. Vice-  
President 4. (above)



LARRY FINK  
(right)

RICHARD DELKER  
(far right)



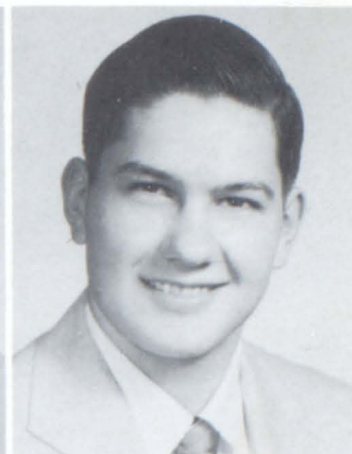
## CLASS CHOOSES





MARY GOBLE  
Spanish Club 1, 2, 3, 4, Secretary 2; F. H. A. 1; F. N. A. 3; Senior Play; Elysium 3, 4; Student Council 4, Secretary 4; Cheerleader 3, 4; Junior Play.

FRANK FISCHER  
Football 1.



## WASHINGTON D. C.

BETTY HANDY  
(below)

CAROL HARSH  
Science Club 4.  
(below)



KENNETH GOETZ  
Football 1, 2, 3, 4; Track 3, 4; F. F. A. 1, 2, 3, 4, Secretary 3; Varsity Club 3, 4; Class President 3; Student Council 3, 4, President 4.  
(above)

EARL GAFNER  
(top)

CORA JEAN GOETZ  
Bible Club 4; Chorus 1, 2.  
(above)

CAROLYN HULL  
Spanish Club 1, 2, 3, 4, Secretary 1, 3; Bible Club 4; F. H. A. 1; F. N. A. 3, 4, Vice-President 4; Class Treasurer 2; Band 2, 3, 4; Junior Play; Elysium 3, 4, Editor 4; Cheerleader 3, 4.



GENE HARTMAN  
(left)

GEORGE GRUBER  
Football 1, 2, 3, 4; Track 2, 4; Baseball 1, 2; F. F. A. 1, 2, 3, 4; Varsity Club 3, 4, Secretary 4; Student Council 2. (far left)





GERALD HALL  
Football 1; Basketball 1, 2,  
3, 4; Track 1, 2, 3, 4; Var-  
sity Club 3, 4.

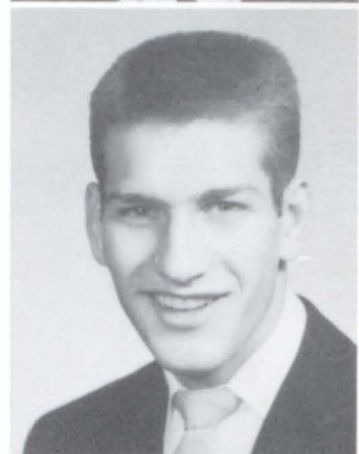


JOANN HENNING  
F. H. A. 2, 3; Band 1, 2, 3, 4.

LOREN ISLEY  
Football 3, 4; Track 3;  
Baseball 1, 2; Bible Club  
3, 4; F. F. A. 1, 2, 3, 4,  
Reporter 3, 4; Science  
Club 4; Varsity Club 4;  
Class Vice-President 3;  
School Paper 2, 3, 4;  
Junior Play.



DWIGHT KLUMP  
Football 1, 2, 3, 4; Basket-  
ball 1, 2, 3, 4; Track 1, 2, 3,  
4; Baseball 1, 2, 3, 4; Bible  
Club 3, 4; Varsity Club 3, 4;  
President 4.



CAROLYN ISLEY  
Bible Club 3. (below)

NORMAN JOHNSON  
Football 2, 3, 4; Track 2, 3;  
Baseball 1, 2; Varsity Club  
3, 4; Junior Play. (bottom)

## CLASS OF 56



DELIGHT KLUMP  
Bible Club 2, 3, 4; Senior Play;  
Cheerleader 1, 2, 3, 4. (right)

MELANIE JACQUES  
Latin Club 2; F. N. A. 3;  
Chorus 1, 2. (far right)



ALAN KING  
Latin Club 4; Bible Club 3, 4.  
(right)

LEE KELLER  
Football 1, 2, 3; Track 1, 2, 3,  
4; Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4; Varsity  
Club 3, 4. (far right)







HUBERT LENNARD  
Football 1, 2, 3, 4; Basket-  
ball 1, 3, 4; Track 1, 2, 3, 4;  
Baseball 1, 2, 3, 4; F.F.A. 1;  
Varsity Club 2, 3, 4, Vice-  
President 4.



MELVIN KLOCK



JOE KUHL  
Baseball 1, 3, 4; F.F.A. 1, 2,  
3, 4, President 4.



MARVIN LONG  
Football 1, 2, 3, 4; Basketball  
Manager 3, 4; Spanish Club 1;  
Varsity Club 3, 4.

## CLASS OF 56

SHARON LOVE  
F.T.A. 2; School Paper 4;  
Band 2, 3, 4. (below)

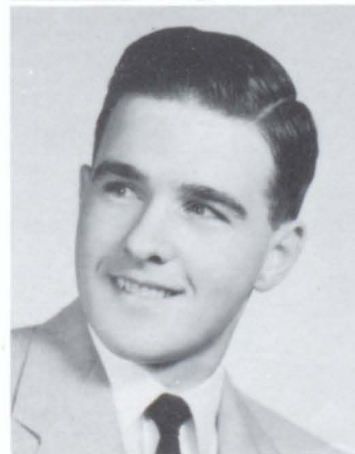
ARLENE LASOTTA  
School Paper 4; Senior Play;  
Student Council 4, Treasurer  
4. (bottom)



RICHARD KRAHN  
Football 1; Basketball 1, 2;  
Baseball 1, 2; Chorus 4.  
(left)



EDWARD KNISEL  
Football 1, 2, 3, 4; Basketball  
1, 2; Varsity Club 2, 3, 4; Band  
1, 2, 3, 4. (far left)



JANE KOMSTELLER  
Bible Club 4; F.H.A. 1, 2;  
Band 1, 2, 3, 4; Junior Play;  
Chorus 3. (left)



ROBERT LOMBARD  
Football 1, 2, 3, 4; Basketball  
1, 2, 3; Varsity Club 2, 3, 4.  
(far left)

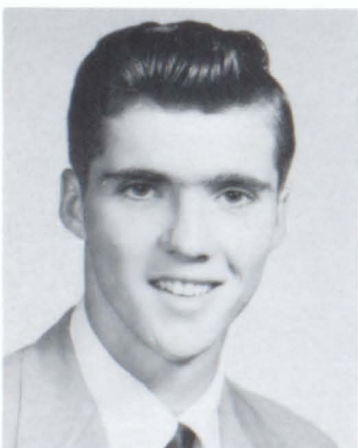




GENE LUCE  
Football 1; Band 1, 2, 3, 4.  
(top)



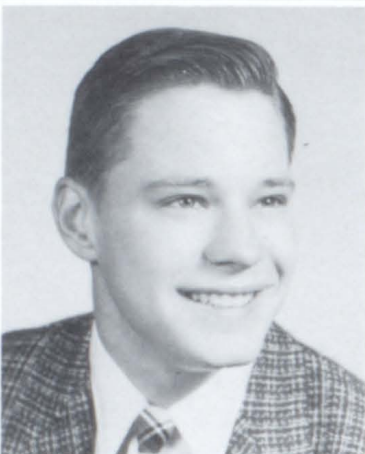
FRANKLIN LEMLEY  
Baseball 1, 2, 3, 4. (above)



DUANE McCARTY  
Track 4. (below)



NED NEWLIN  
Track 3, 4; Spanish Club 1, 2,  
3; Science Club 4, President;  
Varsity Club 4; Junior Play;  
Elysium Photographer 3, 4;  
Chorus 2.



DORIS MILLER  
F.N.A. 3, 4; Science Club 4;  
School Paper 3, 4; Band 1, 2, 3,  
4; Senior Play; Chorus 1; Debate  
4. (right)

LEE McCORMICK  
Basketball 2, 3, 4; Track 2, 3, 4;  
Varsity Club 3, 4; Senior Play.  
(far right)

JACQUELINE MARSH  
Spanish Club 1, 2, 3; Chorus 1.  
(left)

JAMES McCOLL  
Football 1, 2, 3, 4; Basketball  
1, 2, 3; Track 2, 4; Spanish  
Club 1, 2, 3, 4, President 3;  
Science Club 4; Varsity Club  
2, 3, 4; Class President 1;  
Senior Play; Junior Play;  
Elysium 3, 4; Student Council 1.



## CLASS OF 56 BIGGEST

MARY LIPS  
Bible Club 4; Junior Play.



BEVERLY McVICKER  
Chorus 1, 2.







BARRY PEEBLES  
Football 1, 2, 3, 4; Basketball  
1, 2, 3; Track 1, 3, 4; Baseball  
1, 2; Spanish Club 1, 2, 3, 4,  
President 1; Science Club 4;  
Varsity Club 3, 4, Secretary 3;  
Class Treasurer 1; School Paper  
1, 2, 3, 4, Editor 3, 4; Junior Play;  
Elysium 3, 4. (left)

THOMAS OLSON  
Football 1, 2, 3, 4; Varsity Club  
3, 4. (right)



THOMAS ROMSEK  
Football 1; Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4;  
Track 4; Spanish Club 1, 2, 3, 4,  
Vice-President 3; Varsity Club  
3, 4, Treasurer 4; School Paper  
4. (above)

MARVIN NINE  
(top)

GERALD NEYRINCK  
Football 1, 2, 3, 4; Basket-  
ball 1, 2; Track 1, 2, 3, 4;  
Varsity Club 3, 4. (above)

EUGENE ROUTSON  
Football 1, 2, 3, 4; F. F. A. 1, 2,  
3, 4. (below)

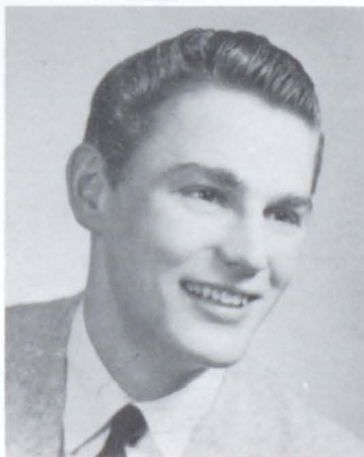


ALTON ROBERTSON  
F. F. A. 1, 2, 3, 4. (left)

MILO PHIPPS  
Baseball 1, 2, 3, 4. (far left)



LE ROY PRIELIPP  
Football 1, 2, 3, 4; Track 3;  
Baseball 1, 2, 3, 4; Varsity Club.  
(below)



## IN BLISSFIELD HISTORY

VIVIAN PERRY  
Bible Club 3; Chorus 2, 4.





JUNE SAILER  
Bible Club 2, 3. (far left)



ELAINE SCHMITZ  
Spanish Club 2. (left)



JANE SEBRING  
Bible Club 2, 3, 4; Science Club 4; Class Treasurer 3; School Paper 3, 4; Junior Play; Student Council 1; Cheerleader 1, 2, 3, 4; Chorus 3, 4; Debate 4; Senior Play. (right)



SHIRLEY SCHWARTZWALDER  
Spanish Club 1, 2, 3; Bible Club 3; F. N. A. 3, 4; Science Club 4; School Paper 3, 4; Chorus 1, 2, 3, 4.

## COLLEGE CHOSEN



SALLY SEEGER  
Bible Club 4; F. H. A. 1, 2; Class Secretary 2; School Paper 4; Band 3, 4; Student Council 1; Chorus 1, 2, 3, 4. (left)

GARRY SEIZERT  
Track 2, 3; Bible Club 2, 3, 4; F. F. A. 1; Science Club 4, Vice-President; Baseball 1; School Paper 4; Band 2, 3, 4, President 4; Chorus 4. (bottom left)



SOLON SHELTON  
F. F. A. 1, 2, 3, 4. (right)

GENE SILBERHORN  
Football 1, 2; Track 2, 3, 4; Science Club 4, Treasurer; Varsity Club 4. (far right)



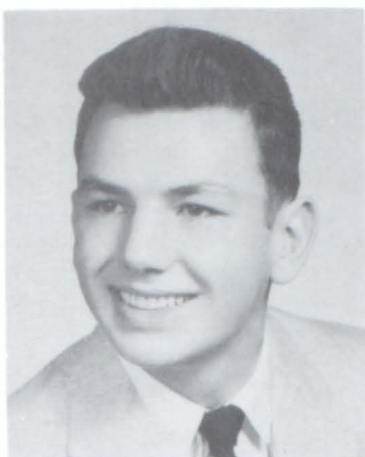
MARYLOU SEEGER  
F. H. A. 1, 2; Chorus 2, 3, 4.



RICHARD SETZLER  
Band 1, 2, 3, 4; Junior Play; Elysium 4.



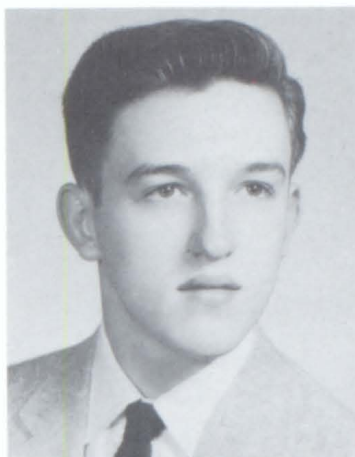




DEAN SOMMERS  
Football 1, 2, 3, 4; Track 2, 3, 4;  
Spanish Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Varsity  
Club 3, 4; School Paper 4; Sen-  
ior Play; Elysium 3, 4; Student  
Council 4; Chorus 4. (left)

DuWAINE SPIEGEL  
(right)

THOMAS SPIEGEL  
Track 3; Baseball 3; Varsity  
Club 4. (far right)



## BY MANY SENIORS

LOUANN VAN LOOCKE  
Band 1, 2, 3, 4.

SUSANN VAN LOOCKE  
Band 1, 2, 3, 4.



DENNIS TRAVIS  
Football 1, 2, 3, 4; Basketball  
1; Track 1, 2; Baseball 1, 2;  
Varsity Club 3, 4; Class Vice-  
President 2; School Paper 3, 4;  
Junior Play; Student Council  
3. (right)



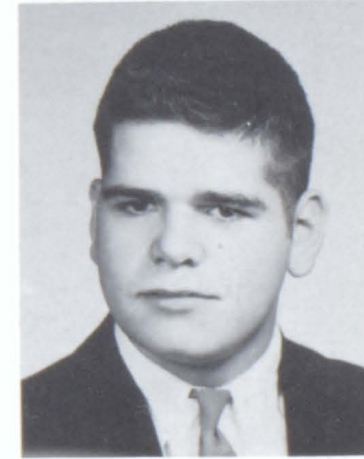
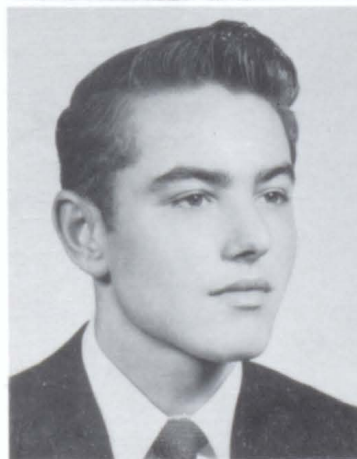
JOSEPH SVETKA  
Latin Club 2, 3; Senior Play.  
(right)

WILLIAM SNYDER  
Football 3, 4; Baseball 1, 2;  
Varsity Club 3, 4. (bottom  
right)



GEORGE SONEFF  
Football 1, 4; Track 3, 4;  
Varsity Club 4; Junior Play  
(far left)

CHARLOTTE SOUTHWARD  
School Paper 4; Chorus 1, 2,  
3, 4. (left)



# "TIME OUT FOR GINGER". CLASS PLAY



SHIRLEY VAN LOOKE  
Chorus 1.



MARGARET WEBSTER  
F. T. A. 2; F. N. A. 3, 4, President 4; Band 2, 3, 4; Elysium 3, 4.



LILA WALTERS



NAOMA WILSON  
Spanish Club 1.



MEREDITH WILSON  
Spanish Club 1, 2, 3, 4;  
Bible Club 2, 3, 4; F. H. A.  
1; F. T. A. 2, 3, 4, Vice-  
President 4; Science Club  
4; School Paper 3, 4,  
Assistant Editor 4; Band  
1, 2, 3, 4.

During the school year many seniors are honored in various ways. This year nine members of our class were honored by being leaders of various clubs and organizations and ten were honored scholastically. Four senior boys, through their effort and hard work were honored with the positions of co-captains for football and basketball. It is really a pleasure to be honored in some way!

ARTHUR WINGERD



BARBARA WILKINS



CHARLES WESTGATE  
Football 1; Baseball 1.



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





# SENIORS GIVEN HONORS FOR ACTIVITIES



SCHOLASTIC HONOR STUDENTS, FRONT ROW: N. Fashbaugh, J. Sebring, E. Fink, A. LaSotta, J. Knoblauch. SECOND ROW: M. Seegert, J. Clements, B. Peebles, M. Phipps, D. Sommers.

This year many seniors were honored in various ways. For the first time in many years, this year's Valedictorian, Eileen Fink, achieved an all "A" average. The Salutatorian, Jane Sebring, had a 2.9 average. Eileen was also chosen D.A.R. Good Citizen.

Many members of the senior class were honored by being chosen as presidents or leaders of different organizations. (Bottom right)

Five senior boys were chosen as co-captains of the football and basketball teams. They were chosen by their teammates through secret ballot.

In preparing for college many senior class members applied for scholarships, and some received this aid to be used to help finance their college training.



J. Sebring, E. Fink.



FOOTBALL CO-CAPTAINS: D. Klump, H. Lennard. BASKETBALL CO-CAPTAINS: T. Romsek, L. Keller, L. McCormick.



FIRST ROW: G. Seizert, C. Hull, M. Webster, B. Peebles. SECOND ROW: K. Goetz, G. Ellcey, J. Blackford, J. Kuhl, D. Klump, N. Newlin.



# AS THE MONTHS WENT BY

## SEPTEMBER

- 6 Teachers Meeting
- 7 School Opened
- 16 Dundee Football Game (there)
- 23 Addison (there)
- 30 Morenci (there)

## OCTOBER

- 4 Tecumseh Band Festival
- 7 Hudson (there)
- 14 Summerfield (here)
- 15 U. of M. Band Day
- 17-18 M. E. A. Regional Meeting
- 21 Pittsford (here)
- 28 Tecumseh (here)

## NOVEMBER

- 4 Clinton (there)
- 10-11 Senior Play
- 16 Choral Concert
- 24-25 Thanksgiving Vacation

## DECEMBER

- 2 Addison Basketball Game (here)
- 6 Band Concert
- 8 Senior Government Day
- 9 Sophomore All School Party
- 13 Morenci (here)
- 15 Assembly Program
- 15 Debate at Adrian
- 15 Clinton (there)
- 20 Tecumseh (here)
- 23 Christmas Assembly Program
- 23 Christmas Vacation

## JANUARY

- 2 School Resumed
- 6 Hudson (here)
- 10 Bedford (there)
- 13 Summerfield (there)
- 17 Pittsford (here)
- 18-20 Semester Exams
- 20 Addison (there)
- 23 Beginning of Second Semester
- 24 Lyons (here)
- 26 Debate at University of Detroit High School
- 27 Junior All School Party

## FEBRUARY

- 3 Debate at Ypsilanti
- 3 Morenci (there)
- 7 Tecumseh (there)
- 10 County Teachers Institute
- 10 Clinton (here)
- 11 State Solo and Ensemble Festival
- 14 Hudson (there)
- 17 Summerfield (here)
- 18 Senior All School Party
- 20 Athletic Banquet
- 27 Pittsford (there)
- 28 Senior Chili Supper

## MARCH

- 8-10 District Tournament at Adrian
- 16-17 Regional Tournament at Albion
- 17 District Band Festival
- 22-23 Junior Play
- 30 Easter Vacation

## APRIL

- 2 School Resumed
- 4 Senior Style Show
- 6 F. F. A. Banquet
- 12 Choral Concert
- 13 Senior Sponge Week Dance
- 15 F. H. A. Banquet
- 23 Assembly Program
- 23 All County Band Festival
- 25 Band Concert
- 29-3 Senior Trip

## MAY

- 4 Sophomore All School Party
- 18 Junior-Senior Banquet
- 27 Baccalaureate
- 29 Class Night
- 30 Memorial Day
- 31 Commencement Day

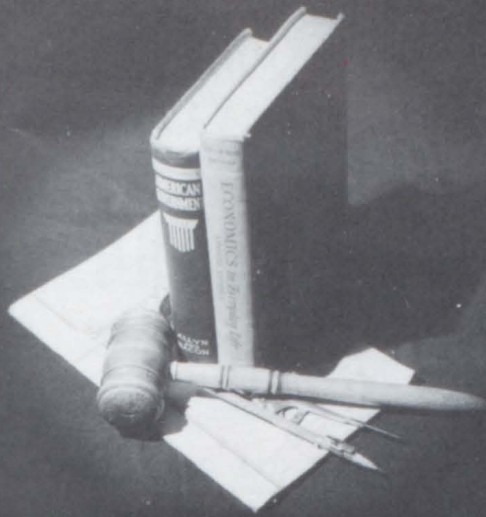
## JUNE

- 1 School Closed



TOP: Ouch!  
CENTER: Cheerleaders relax during half-time.  
BOTTOM: Is it Delight or Dwight?





# SCHOOL LIFE

The school life at Blissfield High includes much more than the academic side. There are many clubs and organizations to which one may belong, depending on his interests. For those interested in science, there is the newly formed Science Club. The Bible Club, formed a few years ago, has the largest membership of any other club at Blissfield High. Girls choosing nursing as a career may belong to the "Future Nurses Club." Since I am planning nursing in my future, I really enjoy this club. During the school year various individuals are engaged to give assembly programs before the student body. (These programs are very interesting.) I feel that the extra-curricular activities at B.H.S. are enough to keep any student busy.





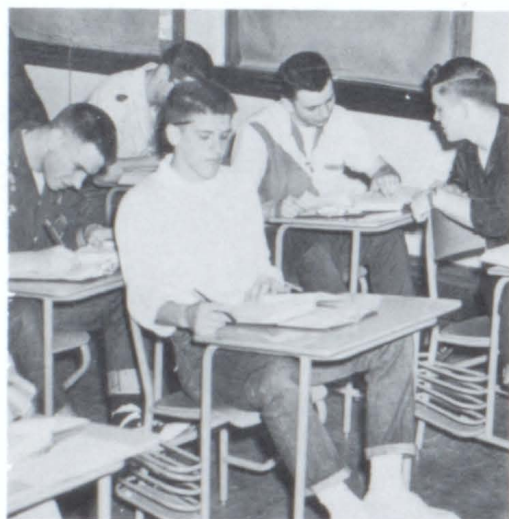
# TRAINING FOR TOMORROW

TOP: Mr. Bond directs mixed chorus

CENTER LEFT: Trig. is hard but interesting.

BOTTOM LEFT: L. Grinage and R. Kleindienst prepare hydrogen in chemistry.

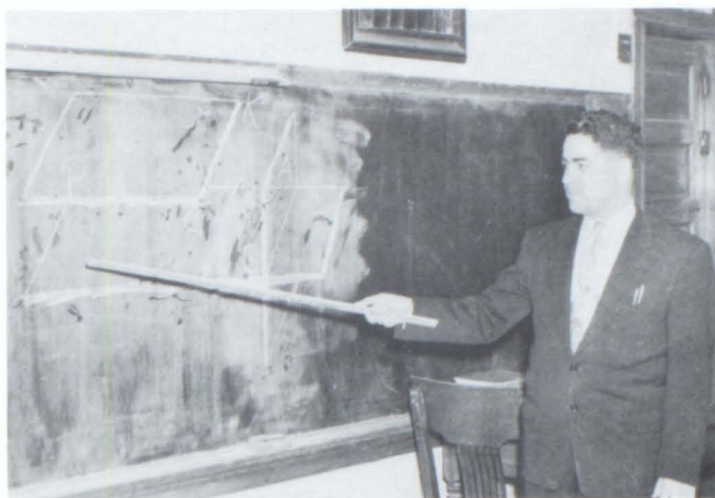
BELOW: Second year typing.





There are forty-five courses from which students may choose the sixteen subjects which they will take in their four years at Blissfield High School. One year of science, three years of English, one year of American History, one year of mathematics, and one semester of civics are required. College Preparatory English was added to the curriculum this year to better prepare students going on to college.

Blissfield High School is accredited by the University of Michigan and the North Central Association.



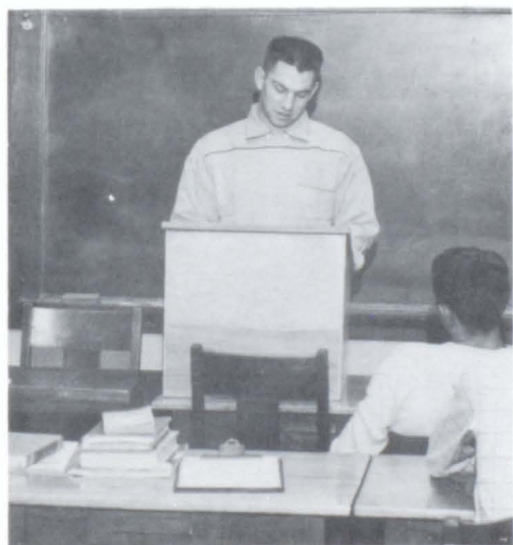
## BY WORKING TODAY

TOP: Mr. Rupp explains solid geometry problem.

CENTER RIGHT: Semester exams.

BOTTOM RIGHT: L. Redlinger and R. Glaser work in metal section at new shop.

BELOW: J. McColl in speech class.



# STUDENTS CHOOSE

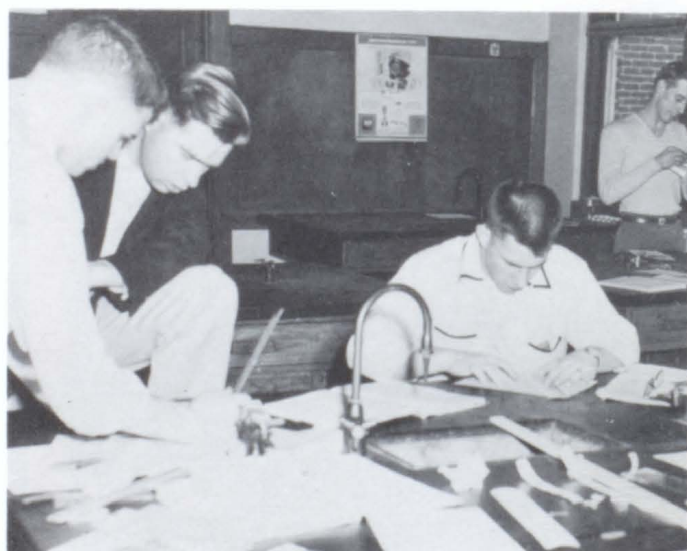


LEFT: Bookkeeping students concentrate while typing students listen.

LOWER LEFT: Volleyball in gym class.

BELOW: Yvonne Cousino, Joyce Strobel, and Jacqueline Adrian in Home Economics.

BOTTOM: Ray Crots, Mr. Moore, Jim McColl, and George Cowdrey working in Physics Lab.





# MANY SUBJECTS

RIGHT: Mr. Garey demonstrates in  
Biology class.

LOWER RIGHT: Gordon Crane, Loren  
Isley, and Lee Keller testing milk in  
Ag. class.

BELOW: Mr. Potter shows testing equip-  
ment to Drivers' Training class.

BOTTOM: College Preparatory English  
Class at work.



# UPPERCLASSMEN INITIATE FRESHMEN



Charleston anybody?



Mothers for a day.



Sharon Hillman, Sherrie Cory, Rosemary Burgermeister, Sandy Gould.

On September 22, the freshmen and new faculty members were officially made members of Blissfield High School by the traditional initiation. The initiation committee had many stunts for the victims. The boys were run through the traditional "mill." All of the initiates were painted with lipstick and told to wear their clothes backwards for the rest of the day. Even the new teachers were put through many stunts. When all was finished, the freshmen and new teachers felt that they were members of Blissfield High School.



Please, Tom, don't hit too hard.



Mr. Blake and Mrs. Kafer tell us a bed-time story.



A word from Mr. Swain.



# ASSEMBLIES

The first of the assembly programs was presented by the Band and the mixed and girl's choruses just before Christmas. Featured at this program were the soloists, Robert Schall, Dean Sommers, Lauren Grinage and Marilee Jacobs.

Next on the schedule on December 15, was a talk on world affairs given by Dr. Kurt Singer.

On February 9, a lecture accompanied by colored slides was shown by Mr. Nestle of Toledo. He showed pictures of birds, possums, flowers and other outdoor scenes.

On Dec. 5 a band concert was presented. At the conclusion, the football captains presented a trophy to Mr. Chenhall.

The last program of the year was on April 23. The program featured "The Gray's" and their Marimba Music.



Mr. Nestle, Naturalist



Pep Meeting



Band Concert



SOLOISTS: M. Jacobs, L. Grinage, R. Schall, D. Sommers.



Dr. Kurt Singer

# SENIORS PRESENT "TIME OUT FOR GINGER"



STANDING: Mr. Thayer, D. Sommers, L. McCormick, C. Bettis J. Blackford, J. Svestka. SEATED: M. Goble, A. LaSotta, D. Klump, J. McColl, D. Miller.

A selected group of seniors presented the rib-tickling Senior Play, "Time Out for Ginger" on November 10th and 11th in the high school gym. The director was Mr. Fred Thayer. Rehearsals were held almost every night for a month.

Mr. Carol's speech on manners and Ginger's desire to be equal to everyone, even the boys, keys a hilarious situation. Because Ginger wanted to play football the town, school, and family were thrown into confusion. After several differences with her boyfriend and the principal of the school, Ginger finally ends the situation by making a touchdown in the last two minutes of play. Mr. Carol got to keep his job as a banker and Ginger was again satisfied with being just a girl.



Tommy Green (Joe Svestka surprises Eddie Davis (Dean Sommers) by knocking him down.

Lizzie . . . . .	Carolyn Bettis
(the maid)	
Agnes Carol . . .	Arlene LaSotta
Howard Carol . .	James McColl
Joan . . . . .	Mary Goble
(their daughter, age 18)	
Jeannie . . . . .	Doris Miller
(their daughter, age 16)	
Ginger . . . . .	Delight Klump
(their daughter, age 14)	
Eddie Davis. . .	Dean Sommers
(an athlete, Joan's boyfriend)	
Tommy Green . .	Joseph Svestka
(Ginger's boyfriend)	
Mr. Wilson. . .	Lee McCormick
(the high school principal)	
Ed Hoffman. . .	James Blackford
(bank president, Howard Carol's boss)	



# ARLENE LA SOTTA CROWNED QUEEN



Homecoming Queen, Arlene LaSotta, was presented in a convertible at halftime.

Homecoming and Dad's Night were celebrated on October 28 at the Tecumseh-Blissfield football game. The queen, Arlene LaSotta, who had been elected earlier in the week was presented at halftime with a bouquet of roses by Carmen Yurnikl, last year's queen. The players dads were also introduced. After the game the evening was climaxed by the Homecoming Dance at the gymnasium. At the dance, Arlene was crowned by the co-captains. Her court members were Darlene Creque, Betty Clough and Linda Lips.



Introducing the fathers of the football players.



D. Creque, Junior; B. Clough, Sophomore; L. Lips, Freshman; A. LaSotta, Senior



FIRST ROW: A. Karl, J. Blackford, W. Derthick, D. Sommers, C. Hull, M. Webster, N. Newlin, B. Peebles, M. Goble.  
SECOND ROW: Mr. Peebles, S. Doerfler, J. McColl, R. Ruhl, M. Rost, R. Heiser, R. Schall, R. Setzler, J. Tagsold, S. Seeger.

## ELYSIUM PROVIDES YEAR'S RECORD



S. Seeger, B. Peebles, C. Hull, M. Goble,  
S. Doerfler, J. McColl, D. Sommers con-  
centrate on meeting a deadline.

The 1956 Elysium was edited by Carolyn Hull with Margaret Webster as assistant editor. Mr. Peebles, high school principal advised the staff.

The staff was divided into committees with a senior chairman. Each committee was assigned to a certain number of pages. Ned Newlin was the head photographer with Mike Rost, Bill Derthick, Dick Setzler as his assistants. Business affairs of the Elysium were managed by Dean Sommers with Russell Ruhl assisting him.

Money for financing the Elysium was received from the sale of pictures, from subscriptions, and from advertising. While the Elysium was not published to make a profit, it was necessary to plan carefully so that there would not be a deficit.

In December the staff attended a Yuletide party at the home of Carolyn Hull.

The completion and success of the 1956 Elysium was due to the many hours spent before each deadline. In spite of these last minute rushes all the pages were completed on time.





FIRST ROW: J. Knoblauch, J. Clements, P. Frost, D. Travis, J. Sebring, B. Peebles, M. Wilson, G. Cowdrey, A. LaSotta, C. Bettis, S. Schwartzwalder. SECOND ROW: R. Kuhl, G. Seizert, C. Southward, J. Daniels, B. Wilkins, N. Fashbaugh, S. Seeger, M. Smith, L. Grinage, T. Romsek, Mr. Blake, B. Derthick, D. Eierley, D. Sommers, M. Thompson, D. Creque, S. Love, S. Bierman, E. Fink, J. Geib, L. King, J. Brown, M. Kuhl.

## "SCHOOL DAZE" PUBLISHED WEEKLY

Under the direction of Barry Peebles, editor, and Mr. Blake, advisor, the School Daze was improved in several ways this year. This included publication on a weekly basis and the selling of subscriptions. A year's subscription of 25 issues was sold for 40 cents to nearly 300 students.

It was decided by publishing on a weekly basis it would give the students a better paper.

A number of ideas were used to make the paper more enjoyable and really make it "The Student's Voice." Among these were: printing in multi-colored inks, using colored paper, better news coverage, livelier features and student interviews.

Assistants to the editor were: Meredith Wilson, assistant editor; Pat Frost and Joann Bischoff, feature editors; Jane Sebring, news editor; Dennis Travis, sports editor; and George Cowdrey, business manager.



Editor, Barry Peebles, helps typists, Wayne Trinkka, Joann Henning, and Arlene LaSotta.





FRONT ROW: J. Adkins, L. Caswell, P. Knisel, M. Robertson, C. Horky, B. Wilkins, S. Adrian, B. Fletcher, M. Pieplow. SECOND ROW: Mrs. Richardson, L. Lips, I. Aten, J. Hillman, J. Dunning, M. Belman, S. Robertson, C. Sayers, R. Burgemeister, J. Beagle. THIRD ROW: L. Schroeder, M. Smith, J. Krause, J. Browneller, J. Hall, S. Landis, C. Holtz, L. Seegert, S. McColl, J. Strobel. FOURTH ROW: J. Rittner, L. Clough, M. Thompson, J. Lipp, R. Miller, K. Stock, L. Goetz, B. Lora, C. Abner, E. Sanchez. FIFTH ROW: M. Crane, A. Wellnitz, J. Studenka, S. Gould, B. Palmer, J. Petee, C. Setzler, P. Fatchett, J. Ikle, K. Williams.

## F. H. A. STRESSES RESPONSIBILITIES

The F. H. A. had a membership of 51 this year. Informal initiation for 19 girls was held at the first meeting and formal initiation at the succeeding meeting.

The goal of the members was "Teaching ourselves to realize and accept our responsibilities in our homes." To reach this goal all F. H. A. members worked diligently together.

This year a new point system was inaugurated with members earning points for various accomplishments.

All the officers, their advisor, Mrs. Richardson, and the chapter mothers, Mrs. Luther Hall and Mrs. Richard Stock attended the officers training meeting in Ypsilanti in the fall. Marjorie Thompson was elected regional reporter.

The group was led by Marilee Jacobs, Pres.; Kay Williams, Vice-Pres.; Linda Seegert, Sec'y; and Sue McColl, Treas.

Features of the year's program were: caroling and distributing fruit baskets in December, a Valentine Party, a tour of Richland furs in March and a Family Night in April.



F. H. A. OFFICERS: M. Jacob, L. Seegert, K. Williams, S. McCool.



Kay Williams takes part in F. H. A. discussion.





FIRST ROW: R. Bierley, R. Fisher, A. Robertson, Robert Daniels, E. Routson, J. Kuhl, G. Miller, L. Crots, O. Daniels, S. Sheldon, F. Isley. SECOND ROW: H. Spiegel, P. Never, R. Smith, J. Schaedler, L. Hammons, T. Isley, R. Rohrback, Richard Daniels, D. Andrews, M. Burkhardt, Mr. Venema. THIRD ROW: D. Ricker, N. Thompson, K. Kendall, D. DeMille, N. Clough, R. LaRoy, P. Rodesiler, L. Smoll, C. Crowdrey, P. Marks, L. Goll. FOURTH ROW: L. Lipp, K. Frye, J. Hottenstein, D. Papenhagen, G. Ehlert, D. Snyder, G. Frye, W. Uckele, R. Mehan, K. Goetz, L. Fisher. FIFTH ROW: D. Brown, F. Hasen, J. Bartholomew, L. Phillips, G. Gruber, L. Brown, C. Buehrer, R. Belman, R. Bateson, D. Bailey.

## F. F. A. PREPARES FOR LEADERSHIP



F.F.A. Officers make plans.



Joe Kuhl presides at F.F.A. meeting.

The Future Farmers of America had a membership of 53 this year. The primary aim of each member was to develop agricultural leadership, cooperation, and citizenship.

The officers, led by Mr. Venema, advisor, were Joe Kuhl, Pres.; Bob Belman, Vice-Pres.; Gordon Crane, Sec'y.; Orin Daniels, Treas.

The club carried out many projects successfully. Among these were: selling garden seeds, soliciting for C. R. O. P., and selling pep shirts. In the spring, a Parent and Son Banquet was held with the F. H. A. serving.

A demonstration team and a parliamentary procedure team were organized this year. They won honors at the district and regional contests.

In the F. F. A. as in the F. H. A., a point system was set up to give individuals an inspiration to perform well the duties assigned to them besides giving them credit for the work well done. A canoe trip was planned for the boys having the most points.





F. N. A. OFFICERS: M. Perry, Treasurer; K. Williams, Secretary; Mrs. Hart; B. Barnhart, Reporter; M. Webster, President. ABSENT: C. Hull, Vice-President.

## FUTURE NURSES

At another meeting the girls participated in the making of cancer bandages. A film on physical therapy was shown at a third meeting.

At the Christmas party Sally Blake, who was training at St. Joseph Hospital in Ann Arbor, and LouAnn Isley, who was training at Wayne University in Detroit, told about some of their training school experiences. LouAnn graduated in 1954 and Sally in 1955.

The Future Nurses of America was continued this year with the purpose of informing the girls interested in the nursing profession about the duties and responsibilities of registered nurses.

Meetings were held monthly with a variety of programs. At one meeting several Blissfield registered nurses presented demonstrations. Included in the demonstrations were taking blood pressures, taking temperatures, giving hypodermics and other hospital techniques.

FRONT ROW: B. Fletcher, N. Fashbaugh, J. Daniels, J. Ikle, B. Barnhart, A. Brubaker, L. Derthick, K. Williams. SECOND ROW: Mrs. Culhane, E. Loveland, C. Hull, D. Miller, S. Schwartzwalder, W. Grasley, M. Crane, M. Seegert, P. Smith, M. Perry, L. Hadesh, S. Gould, S. Porter, K. Ries, B. Palmer, S. Fashbaugh, G. Knisel, D. Creque. FOURTH ROW: E. Fink, B. Roberts, J. Lidster, J. Lintner, J. Rittner, M. Webster, S. Clampitt, P. Brooks, C. Abner, C. Bettis.





# STUDENT COUNCIL



FRONT ROW: M. Crane, J. Ganun, K. Goetz, A. LaSotta, M. Goble, J. Michael. SECOND ROW: Mr. Peebles, S. Beck, M. Belman, L. Hammons, J. Clements, L. Lipps. THIRD ROW: D. Peebles, R. Ruhl, J. VanBuren, A. Sanchez, R. Schall, J. Blackford. FOURTH ROW: J. Krause, R. Schwartz, W. Mason, D. Sommers, N. Hinshaw.

The Student Council of Blissfield High School was established to provide a method for the students to express themselves and give their opinions on school affairs. Each home room had one representative except for band and study hall which had two and four respectively making a total of 23 members. The council met once a week to discuss current school problems.

This year, as in previous years,

the council supported Janina Bundulis, a Latvian girl who was made homeless during the war. A Christmas Decoration Contest in which nearly every home room participated was sponsored by the Council during the Yuletide season.

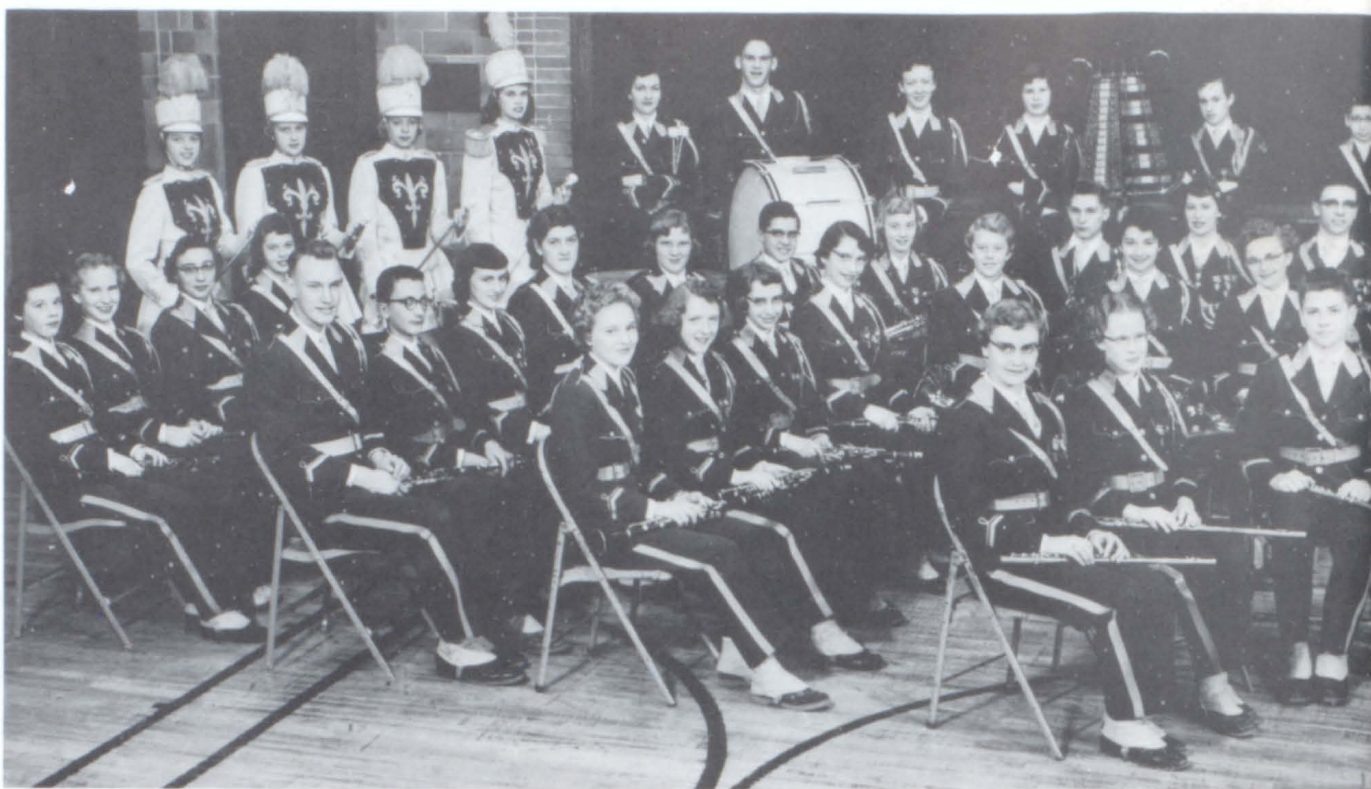
Once during both the football and basketball seasons the student council sponsored an exchange of students with Morenci. This was done to create better feeling between the students of the two schools.

**STUDENT COUNCIL OFFICERS**  
 President . . . Kenneth Goetz  
 Vice President . . . John Ganun  
 Secretary . . . Mary Goble  
 Treasurer . . . Arlene LaSotta

RIGHT: Kenneth Goetz leads discussion at student council meeting.







FIRST ROW: E. Fink, S. Goetz, R. Culhane. SECOND ROW: M. Webster, C. Baird, C. Sayers, J. Petee, P. Smith, M. Thompson, J. Beagle. THIRD ROW: E. Knisel, R. Klauda, S. Miller, J. Henning, S. Mason, S. Moestl, S. Seeger, W. Trinka, L. Seegert, R. Setzler. FOURTH ROW: L. Bischoff, J. Komsteller, P. Fatchett, S. Gould. FIFTH ROW, STANDING: C. Hull, J. Bierley, B. Clough, C. Curnow, J. Tagsold, J. Strayer, J. Browneller, S. McColl, R. Hall, M. Fashbaugh.

The 1955-56 Blissfield High School Band had another successful year.

During the football season, the band was organized as a marching unit. At the end of the season the concert band began to prepare for various performances.

The band presented a different show at each of the home football games. Featured at these shows were: the Charleston and dances to the tune of the Yellow Rose of Texas and Five Feet Two. A tribute to Glenn Miller was performed at the annual Tecumseh Band Festival on October 4. The audiences showed great appreciation for the efforts of the band at all the performances.

On October 15 the band participated in the annual Band Day at the University of Michigan. This year the University's conductors, Dr. William D. Revelli and George Cavender, led 11,500 members of 182 high school bands in several stirring musical numbers.

## BAND STARTS DRIVE

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







FIRST ROW: B. Palmer, P. Petee, C. Gibbons. SECOND ROW: M. Seegert, K. Williams, S. Doerfler, S. VanLooke, D. Never, M. Wilson. THIRD ROW: D. Fisher, D. Peebles, W. Grasley, L. Peters, D. Price, S. Bierman, S. Daniels, B. Schall, D. Miller, M. McCullough, G. Seizert. FOURTH ROW: C. Evertt, L. VanLooke, S. Love, J. Lip, O. Daniels, M. Rost, L. Smoll, L. Grinage, G. Luce. FIFTH ROW, STANDING: Mr. Bond, D. Creque, C. Abner, B. Lora, R. Burgermeister, S. Cory, N. Fashbaugh.

## FOR NEW UNIFORMS

BELOW: Tuxedo Junction formation of Glenn Miller Show at the Tecumseh Band Festival.



On February 11, many band members performed in the District Ensemble and Solo Contest at Okemos. 13 of these 41 who participated at Okemos took part in the state contest which was held at Ann Arbor in March.

The concert performances of the band included programs on December 6 and April 25, the district band festival on March 17 and the All-County Band Festival on April 23.

In addition to the musical activities, the band members spent considerable time and effort in helping to raise money for new uniforms.

David Peebles and Judy Browneller were the salesmen with the highest totals in the annual magazine subscription drive.

Once again the Blissfield High School Band, conducted by Howard Bond and with student conductors, Charles Everett and Michael Rost, proved that it was one of the finest bands in the state.





FRONT ROW: L. Caswell, M. Wilson, C. Baird, K. Williams, A. LaSotta, J. Ikle, S. Schwartzwalder, C. Bettis. SEC-  
OND ROW: P. Marks, L. Seegert, R. Fatchett, J. McColl, D. Bettis, M. Smith, S. McColl, Mrs. McColl. THIRD ROW:  
A. Hoag, G. Cowdrey, L. Grinage, T. Romsek, T. Paulson, S. Fairbank, J. Mason, A. Liewert, D. Sommers. FOURTH  
ROW: S. Bierman, C. Hull, B. Lora, J. Bierley, N. Newlin, C. Buehrer, R. Hall, B. Clough, M. Goble, B. Peebles.

## SPANISH CLUB

BELOW, OFFICERS: S. McColl, Secretary; G. Cowdrey, Sergeant-at-Arms; A. Liewert, Vice-President; D. Bettis, President; M. Smith, Treasurer.



The purpose of the Spanish Club this year was to promote a better understanding of the languages and customs of the Spanish and Latin-American peoples.

Investing in Spanish-speaking records (to teach members how to speak Spanish more fluently) and a few Spanish dictionaries were the main projects of the year. The club also invited speakers to talk on various South American countries to give the members a better background for understanding our southern neighbors.

At the Christmas party all the "muchachos" and "muchachas" attempted to break a pinata while blindfolded. The pinata is a bag containing candy and gum. This game is a favorite of girls and boys in Latin America.

Early in April a Spanish dinner was served to the club. The meal, consisting of spicy Spanish dishes, was cooked and served in the home economics room.

Mrs. Mary Jane McColl, the Spanish teacher, has been the club's sponsor since its organization in 1948.





FIRST ROW: L. Caswell, J. Adkins, J. Daniels, S. Robertson, R. Burgermeister, S. Mason, C. Sayers, P. Frost, S. Cory, M. Belman, J. Hillman, J. Walters. SECOND ROW: Mr. Eisenman, J. Geib, D. Klump, J. Schwabland, S. Schäll, B. Lora, C. Abner, S. Doerfler, M. Phillips, S. Bierman, B. Palmer, S. Schwartzwalder, C. Hull, S. Seeger. THIRD ROW: A. King, K. Ries, R. Schall, C. Everett, L. Grinage, R. Crots, C. Frohnappfel, J. VanBuren, S. Fairbank, A. Liewert, G. Elcey, J. Tagsold. FOURTH ROW: C. Buehrer, L. Schroeder, D. Bierley, C. Goetz, J. Sebring, P. Marks, L. Seegert, M. Smith, D. Sommers, J. Krause, C. Curnow, D. Creque, M. Thompson. FIFTH ROW: S. Goetz, M. Wilson, C. Baird, K. Williams, G. Seizert, L. Hammons, W. Grasley, P. Knisel, J. Ikle, S. Greene, C. Greene, N. Fashbaugh, J. Beagle, P. Smith.

## BIBLE CLUB

The Bible Club which was organized last year, completed another successful year. With a membership of about sixty, it had the largest membership of any school organization.

It's purpose was to make it possible for high school students of different denominations to meet together and to get better acquainted. The Club was inter-denominational with membership open to all.

Regular meetings were held once a month. Generally the meetings consisted of an inspiring talk of filmstrip, a song service, recreation, refreshments and a closing ceremony. At one of the meetings, Bob Daniels who took a church sponsored trip to Europe last summer, gave a talk about his trip which he illustrated with colored slides he had taken.

This year, as it did last year, the club planned a student World Day of Prayer Service.

BELOW, OFFICERS: J. Daniels, Pianist; M. Jacob, Song Leader; J. Tagsold, Treasurer; J. VanBuren, Vice-President; G. Elcey, President; L. Caswell, Secretary.







FRONT ROW: B. Fletcher, M. Pieplow, M. Thompson, J. Tagsold, J. Daniels, S. Dunbar, M. Jacobson. SECOND ROW: Mrs. Onofrio, S. Goetz, J. Beagle, B. Gilbert, L. Hadesh, J. Marks, S. Cory, N. Buehrer, S. Adrain. THIRD ROW: A. Wellnitz, A. Bell, S. Gould, J. Schwabland, K. Ries, M. Rost, K. Stock, B. Palmer, M. Phipps, J. Petee, J. Frost. FOURTH ROW: J. Porter, J. Lintner, M. Perry, J. Lidster, P. Never, L. Kerentoff, M. Lehman, G. Knisel, S. Fashbaugh, S. Clampitt, J. Studenka.

## CAESAR'S CONQUEROR'S HOLD ROMAN BANQUET

The purpose of the Blissfield High School Latin Club was to show that "Latin Lives Today."

At the first meeting of the year the club was officially named "Caesar's Conquerors."

The main project this year was the annual Roman Banquet.

The Roman Banquet was planned for April twenty-eighth, in the gym. Several members of the club and their friends were dressed as typical Roman slaves to do the serving. The club members and their guests came appropriately attired in authentic Roman fashion with flowing white togas on bright colored robes and quantities of jewelry. Upon arrival each was given a laurel wreath for his head and was shown to his reclining place upon the floor.

Since only the fingers were used in partaking of this most delectable five course banquet, finger bowls were brought in after each course. The entire menu was composed of foods which might have been found in a Roman house many centuries ago.



OFFICERS: S. Gould, S. Goetz, M. Thompson, J. Tagsold.



The purpose of the F. T. A. club this year was to give future teachers a better understanding and knowledge of the teaching profession's duties and responsibilities. Mrs. Berk, third grade teacher, and Miss Murbach, first grade teacher, supervised the activities of the club. This year's planned projects included putting a display in the show case, a trip to some educational institution, learning to do finger painting, and other similiar activities that are enjoyed by young children. Some of the members worked as teacher's aids in order to earn merit points and to gain practical, everyday experiences in their chosen profession. In the line of just plain fun the members enjoyed both a Christmas party and a Valentine's Day party.



ABOVE: J. Bierley, L. Caswell, M. Thompson, Mrs. Berk, Visitor--Miss French, Miss Murbach, M. Wilson, and S. Doerfler enjoy refreshments at the Christmas meeting.

## FUTURE TEACHERS GAIN EXPERIENCE

FRONT ROW: S. Doerfler, Mrs. Kellerman, Mrs. Berk, M. Wilson. SECOND ROW: P. Knisel, C. Buehrer, M. Thompson, L. Caswell. THIRD ROW: A. Beli, P. Marks, M. Smith, J. Bierley.



F. T. A. OFFICERS  
 President . . . . . S. Doerfler  
 Vice-President . . . . . M. Wilson  
 Treasurer . . . . . P. Marks  
 Secretary . . . . . A. Bell





FRONT ROW: J. Lehman, G. Seizert, P. Frost, L. Peters, B. Peebles, D. Case, B. Barnhart, M. Wilson, T. Hall, J. Clegg. SECOND ROW: Mr. Moore, J. Michael, C. Hoag, S. Schwartzwalder, C. Bettis, S. Bierman, J. Ikle, S. Slusarski, D. Peebles. THIRD ROW: S. Fairbank, C. Everett, J. VanBuren, R. Kleindienst, J. Strayer, G. Silberhorn, C. Frohnafel, J. McColl, S. Mann, M. Cline. FOURTH ROW: D. Miller, S. Schall, D. Sommers, T. Barratt, G. Good, N. Newlin, R. Schall, C. DeSeranno, W. Trinka, S. Doerfler.

## SCIENCE CLUB ORGANIZED THIS YEAR

The Science Club was organized this year for the students who were interested in science activities. Membership in the club was limited to those who took one of the science courses.

Photography, a field trip to the

weather station at the Toledo airport, electricity, and a talk on fossils were some of the topics featured in the programs for the year. As a climax to this year's activities, a Parents' Night was planned for the last meeting.

Mr. Moore was the club's advisor.



OFFICERS: J. Ikle, S. Bierman, N. Newlin, G. Silberhorn, G. Seizert.



Science Club Demonstration.



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# CLASSES

Our senior class this year is the largest to ever graduate from Blissfield and it seems that it will be the largest for some time to come, since the up-coming classes are already smaller in number.

Most of the parties and dances held during the school year are sponsored by the different classes to earn money. At the beginning of the year the available dates are determined for each school party. Then representatives from each class meet and choose the dates which they prefer. (Seniors having priority.)

Last night our class sponsored an all school dance, carrying out the theme of the Mardi Gras. The gym was decorated with balloons of bright colors. I surely had a nice time!



John  
Bangerter

Betty  
Barnhart

Clarence  
Bates

Marlene  
Belman

Robert  
Belman

Carol  
Abner  
William  
Bierman

Jacqueline  
Adrian  
Ronald  
Bowman

# CLASS OF 1957



JUNIOR OFFICERS: Russell Ruhl, Vice-President; Robert Schall, President; Marjorie Thompson, Secretary; Shelby Doerfler, Treasurer.



Melvin  
Briskey  
Joanne  
Case

Charlene  
Broadwater  
Yvonne  
Cousino  
Betty  
Dickerson

Peggy  
Brooks  
Gordon  
Crane  
Shelby  
Doerfler

David  
Brown  
Darlene  
Creque  
Charles  
Everett

Judy  
Browneller  
William  
Crist  
Sandra  
Fairbanks

Charleen  
Buehrer  
Joan  
Daniels  
Patricia  
Fatchett

Clifford  
Buehrer  
John  
Derthick  
Robert  
Fatchett





Lawrence  
Fisher



Arden  
Ford



Clark  
Frohnapfel



Patricia  
Frost



Gerald  
Frye



Kimball  
Frye  
Janet  
Geib



Lawrence  
Gallatin  
Gary  
Good



JUNIOR CLASS ADVISORS: Mr. Ridgley, Mr. Potter, Mrs. Richardson, Mr. Rupp, Mr. Chenhall

## CLASS OF 1957

*This year the Juniors, again will have the job of planning the Junior - Senior Banquet. It is a traditional event and the high point of the year. After the banquet dancing is enjoyed by all. I surely had a wonderful time, last year!*



William  
Governo  
Rudy  
Hilton  
Nancy  
Kelley



Wilma  
Grasley  
Mildred  
Hoffman  
Lauralie  
King



Cynthia  
Greene  
James  
Hottenstein  
Robert  
Kleindienst



Sandra  
Greene  
Janet  
Ikle  
Elona  
Knoblauch



Lauren  
Grinage  
Marilee  
Jacob  
Sharon  
Koester



Richard  
Heiser  
David  
Jacobs  
Marie  
Kuhl



Margaret  
Henning  
Alice  
Karl  
Ruth  
Kuhl





Elaine  
LaFollette  
Lee  
Mason  
James  
Piefer

Jeanette  
Lidster  
Sharon  
Mason  
Robert  
Pfeifer

Rodney  
Lipp  
Larry  
Miller  
Isabell  
Pieplow

Barbara  
Luce  
Ruth  
Miller  
Eugene  
Porter

William  
MacBeth  
Dathel  
Never  
Alfred  
Price

Serge  
Mann  
David  
Papenhagen  
William  
Prielipp

Patricia  
Marks  
Merle  
Payden  
Joanne  
Rittner

## JUNIORS CLASS OF 1957



Absent  
Donald Miller  
Russell Ruhl  
Janet Gibson



Barbara  
Roberts  
Stanley  
Slusarski  
Wayne  
Trinka

Michael  
Rost  
Donald  
Spiegel  
Jerald  
VanBuren

Minetta  
Saylor  
Janet  
Staup  
Merlin  
Wahl

Robert  
Schall  
John  
Strayer  
Ruth  
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Richard  
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Janis  
Tagsold  
Kay  
Williams

Marjorie  
Thompson  
Norman  
Winter





Robert  
Andrews  
Gerald  
Bowman  
Roberta  
Bushrow

Carolyn  
Baird  
David  
Brieschke  
Michael  
Case

Joann  
Beagle  
Daniel  
Brown  
Carol  
Christensen

Agatha  
Bell  
Lee  
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Shirley  
Clampitt

Daniel  
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Betty  
Clough

Judy  
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Richard  
Bunting  
Alice  
Coopshaw

Linda  
Bischoff  
Robert  
Bushrow  
Joanne  
Cousino

## CLASS OF 1958 SOPHOMORES

Absent  
James  
Cilley  
Sandra  
Gunter



Linda  
Derthick  
Violet  
Greenwald

Charles  
Creger  
Judy  
Dunning  
Yvonne  
Gritzmaker

Richard  
Daniels  
Gerald  
Ehlert  
Lana  
Hadesh

Lanny  
Dean  
Beverly  
Fick  
Janice  
Hall

Thomas  
DeLoach  
Helena  
Gallatin  
Roger  
Hall

Vincent  
DeLoach  
Linda  
Goetz  
William  
Hamann

Dennis  
DeMille  
Sue  
Goetz  
Larry  
Hammons



Fred  
Hasen  
Floyd  
Isley

Judy  
Hillman  
Thomas  
Isley

Sharon  
Hillman  
Margaret  
Jacques

Norman  
Hinshaw  
Clyde  
Jentoft

Allen  
Hoag  
Willard  
Kastel



#### CLASS OFFICERS

Vice President

Thomas Isley

President

Norman Hinshaw

Secretary

Angeline LaSotta

Treasurer

Lee Smoll

Carol

Holtz

Patricia

Knisel

Sharon

Landis

Patricia

Holtz

Judith

Krause

Robert

LaRoy

## CLASS OF 1958



Angeline  
LaSotta  
Larry  
MacBeth  
Richard  
Mehan

Kenneth  
Lemley  
Henry  
Martinez  
Charles  
Miller

Arthur  
Liewert  
James  
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June  
Lintner  
Myrla  
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Joan  
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McCarty  
Shirley  
Miller

Beverly  
Lora  
Susan  
McColl  
Mary  
Mitchell

Cletus  
Love  
Michael  
McCullough  
Thomas  
Paulson





Shirley  
Pfeifer  
Shirley  
Robertson

Mary Sue  
Phillips  
Margaret  
Roenick

Shirley  
Pooley  
Harold  
Rouget

Roger  
Rathbun  
Janice  
Savage

Lee Roy  
Redlinger  
Ralph  
Sayers

Priscilla  
Payden  
Jerry  
Reyome  
Larry  
Schneider

Mary Lou  
Perry  
Kay  
Ries  
Louva Ann  
Schroeder

CLASS ADVISORS  
Mrs. McColl  
Mr. Swain  
Mr. Williams  
Not present  
Mr. Lew



## CLASS OF 1958



Richard  
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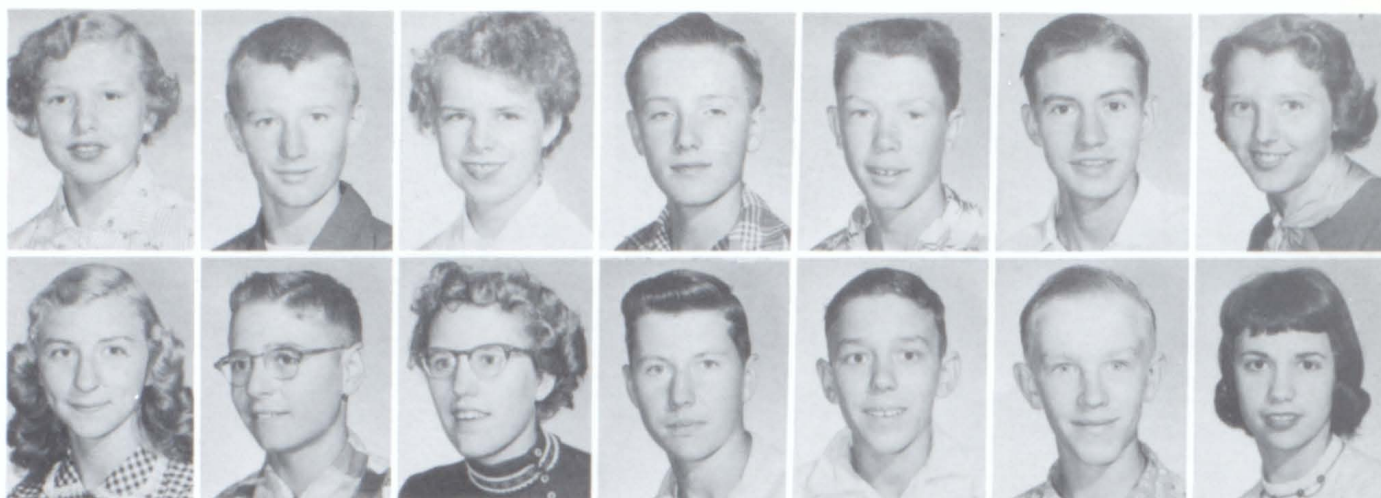
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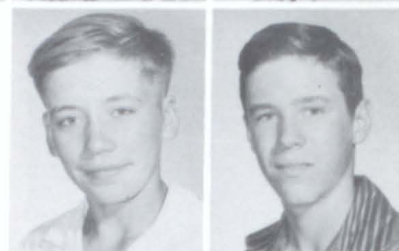
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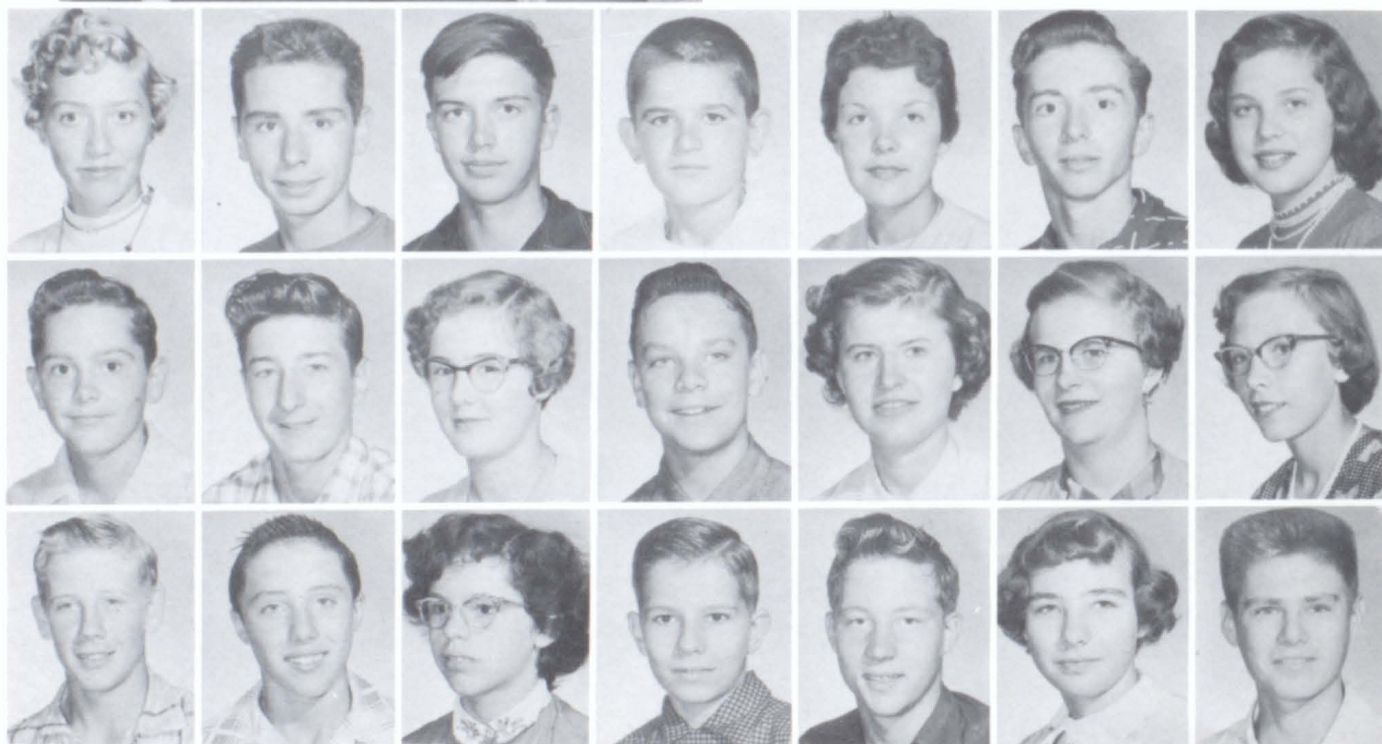
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#### CLASS OFFICERS

Treasurer  
Sherrie Cory  
President  
David Peebles  
Secretary  
Sandra Gould  
Vice President  
Linda Lips

## CLASS OF 1959



Linda  
Clough  
Ronald  
Crist  
Darrell  
Figy

Nelson  
Clough  
Raymond  
DeNudt  
Robert  
Fisher

Ronald  
Cole  
Sharon  
Dunbar  
Barbara  
Fletcher

Richard  
Coopshaw  
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Ebright  
James  
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Sherrie  
Cory  
Sally  
Fashbaugh  
Richard  
Follis

Clarence  
Crowdrey  
Doris  
Faust  
Julie  
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Marlene  
Crane  
Connie  
Fick  
Richard  
French





Philip  
Garrity  
Charles  
Hahn

Bonnie  
Gilbert  
Floyd  
Handy

Richard  
Glaser  
Ronald  
Harris

Lavern  
Goll  
Eugene  
Henning

Sandra  
Gould  
Robert  
Hockin

JoAnn  
Frost  
Eleanor  
Greenwald  
Ila  
Hoffman

Albert  
Garcia  
Carl  
Haas  
Sharlene  
Horky

CLASS  
ADVISORS  
Mr. Venema  
Mr. Thayer  
Miss Yoder



## CLASS OF 1959



Mary  
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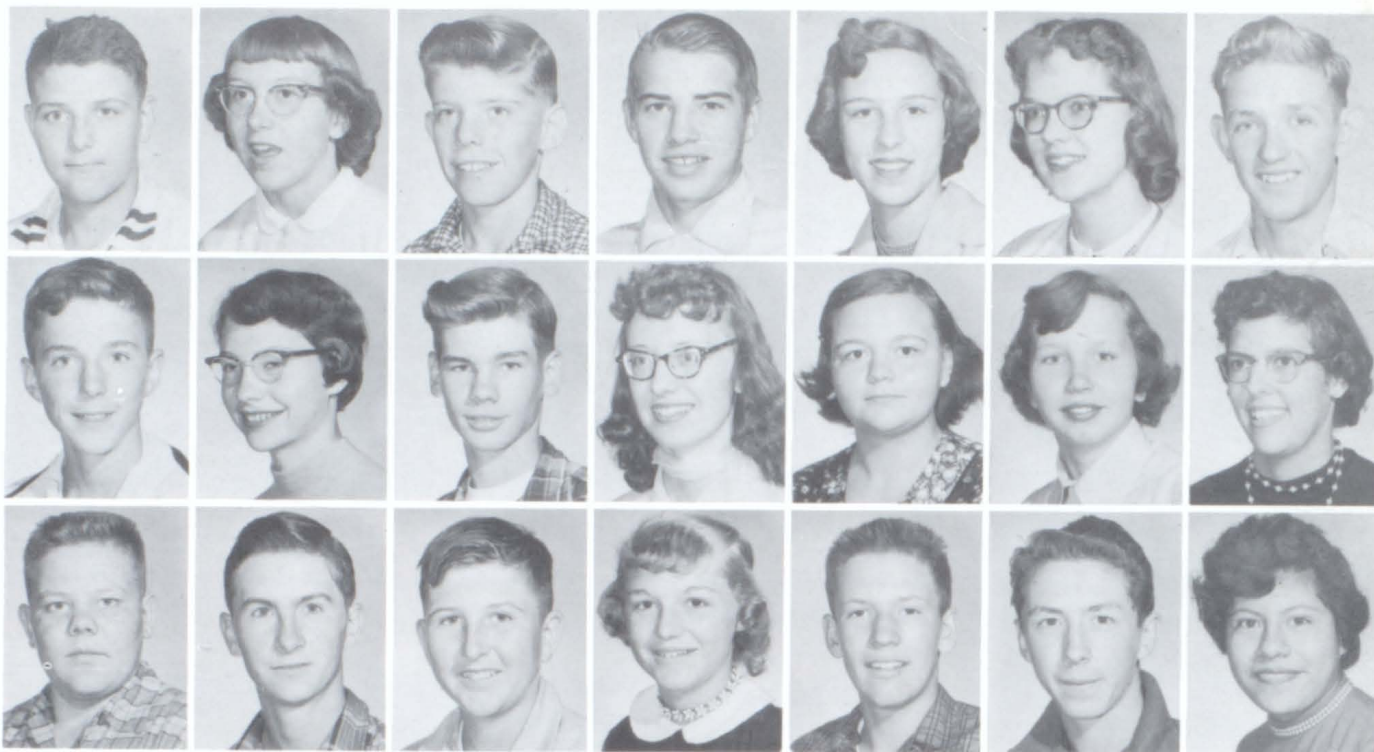
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McVicker

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Richard  
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Pieplow  
Paul  
Rodesiler

Brenda  
Palmer  
Joan  
Porter  
Ronald  
Rohrbach

James  
Pavelka  
Sandra  
Porter  
Eva  
Sanchez

## FRESHMEN CLASS OF 1959

The Freshmen feel they are a part of Blissfield High after being initiated. Even though the Freshmen are just beginning high school they have a feeling of importance. I remember when I was a Freshman



Lee  
Silberhorn  
Charlotte  
Trinka

Carol  
Sayers  
Herbert  
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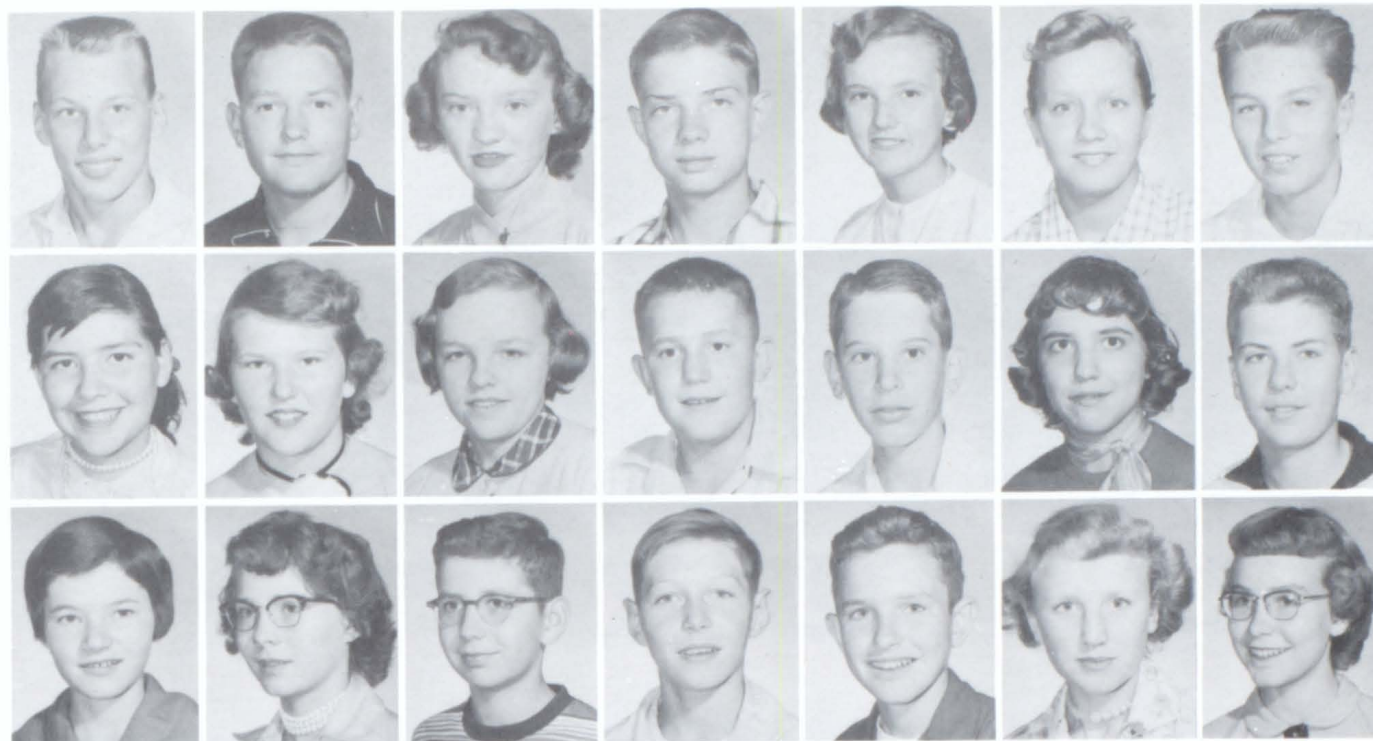
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Studenka  
Beverly  
Yurnikl

Ronald  
Svestka  
Larry  
Zimmerman





Dennis  
Bangerter  
Sharon  
Brownell  
Jill  
Delker

Thomas  
Barratt  
Janice  
Buchanan  
Bonnie  
Edgar

Marilyn  
Bateson  
Donna  
Case  
Mickey  
Fashbaugh

David  
Bay  
Douglas  
Case  
David  
Fischer

Lindalee  
Beck  
John  
Clegg  
Barney  
Flaherty

Mary Ellen  
Boldery  
Alice  
Clements  
Sarah  
Fox

Jeffrey  
Brown  
Richard  
Culhane  
Karen  
Glaser

## CLASS OF 1960 EIGHTH GRADE



James  
James  
Diane  
Long

Thomas  
Hall  
Barbara  
Klauda  
Christine  
Lonski

Carl  
Hoag  
Ronald  
Klauda  
Janet  
Luce

Kent  
Hull  
Karen  
Knapp  
Denise  
Mann

Alice  
Houttekier  
Theresa  
Krix  
Paul  
Martinez

Ronald  
Iffland  
Linda  
Landis  
Joey  
Michael

John  
Lehman  
Sebastian  
Moestl



Linda  
Neuman



Vicki  
Nichols  
Janyce  
Schwabland



Dewey  
Nine  
Joel  
Smith



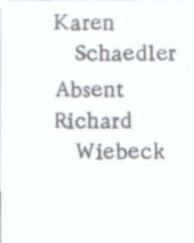
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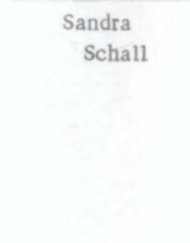
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Dale  
Taylor



Louise  
Schaarschmidt  
James  
Waigle



Karen  
Schaedler  
Absent  
Richard  
Wiebeck



Sandra  
Schall

# EIGHTH GRADE ABOVE SEVENTH GRADE BELOW



CLASS OFFICERS AND ADVISORS: Mrs. Onofrio, Secretary, D. Case; President, J. Michael; Vice-President, J. Delker; Treasurer, K. Glaser; Mr. Eisenman.



Melvin  
Baird  
Betty  
Carrico



Robert  
Beard  
Larry  
Clough



Larry  
Bennett  
Diane  
Damon



Larry  
Berger  
LuAnn  
Digroff



Judith  
Betz  
Joseph  
DeLoach



Sally  
Brieschke  
Nancy  
DeSeranno



Thomas  
Brown  
Judy  
Dressler



Carol  
Bunting  
Rosalie  
Ebright





Thomas  
Frohnappfel  
Donald  
Luce

Kathleen  
Gibbons  
Ronald  
Marks

Mary  
Haas  
Nemencio  
Martinez

Allen  
Hassen  
Margaret  
Mason

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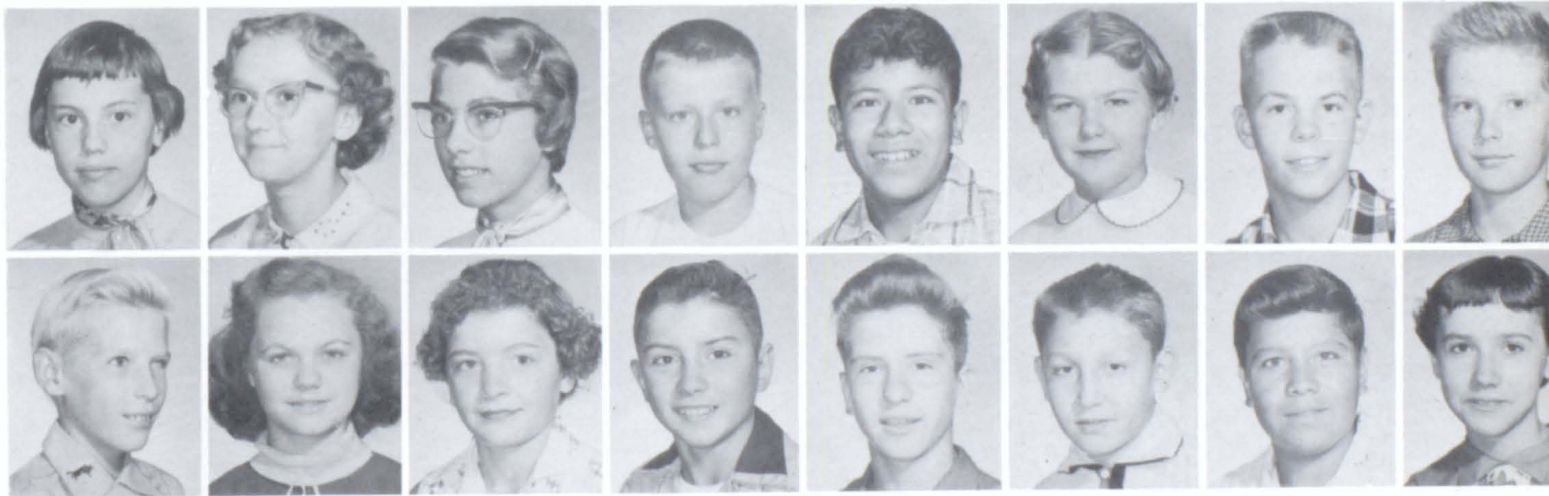
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Richard  
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Robert  
Flore

## SEVENTH GRADE



CLASS OFFICERS AND ADVISORS: President, W. Mason;  
Treasurer, J. Rohrback; Secretary, C. Schaedler; Miss  
Burghardt, Mr. Blake, Absent: Vice-President, A. Hassen.

*The seventh grade is now getting adjusted to the atmosphere and routine of high school life, which is very different for them. At the present there are forty-nine students in the class, but when they enter high school as Freshmen, it will be much larger. This increase is due to students coming in from rural areas.*



Judith  
Pieh  
Lynn  
Southward

Shirley  
Pirkl  
Suzanne  
Stateler

Carol  
Ploehn  
Susan  
Stock

James  
Rohrback  
Thomas  
Tonneberger

Ruben  
Sanchez  
Ronald  
Trinka

Carol  
Schaedler  
James  
Uckele

Thomas  
Schneider  
Julio  
Valdez

Gary  
Sinclair  
Darlene  
Young

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# SPORTS

We had very good football and basketball teams this year, but it seems we couldn't quite win a championship. In football we lost the championship game to Hudson 12-0. (What a game!) Now basketball is almost over and the "Sugarboys" have lost one horrible game to Morenci.

As you know I am a cheerleader and surely enjoy it. We cheerleaders work hard to make our pep rallies and games a success.

The "new look" has been given to both cheerleaders and basketball team with new uniforms. We are very proud of our purple jumpers and the new gold uniforms worn by the basketball team. I will surely miss cheerleading and sports next year.



# BLISSFIELD FINISHES SEASON

THE 1955 BLISSFIELD

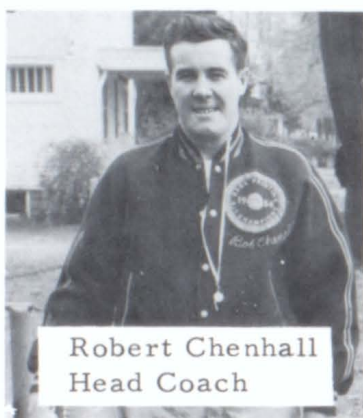


Dwight Klump  
Halfback

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FIRST ROW: D. Bettis (Manager), T. Olson, J. Ganun, M. Long, B. Peebles, D. Sommers, M. Lehman (Manager). SECOND ROW: B. Snyder, M. Brown, J. McColl, D. Klump, H. Lennard, J. Neyrinck, R. Bowman, N. Johnson, G. Bowman. THIRD ROW: Coach John Swain,



Robert Chenhall  
Head Coach

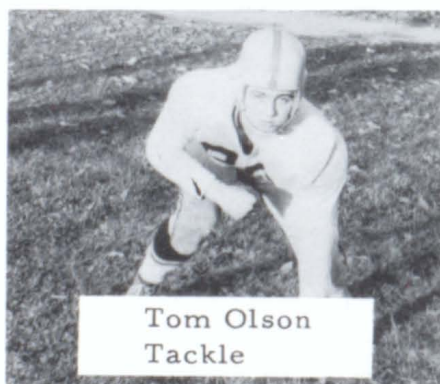
The Blissfield High School football team finished first in the L.C. A.A. statistics by scoring 272 points in 8 games while giving up an average of only 3.8 points per game but were second in the final standings behind the champion Hudson Tigers. The Tigers handed Blissfield their only defeat by a 12-0 score in the "game of the year."

Eight Blissfield players were honored with position on the mythical ALL-L.C.A.A. team at the end of the season. The football players in the league select the team.

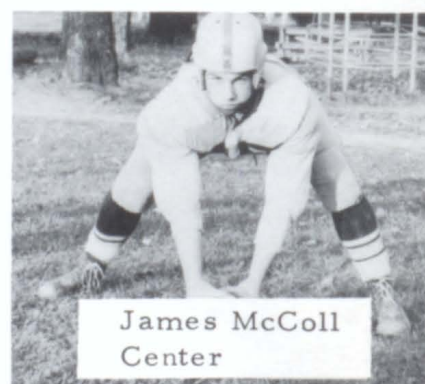
Dwight Klump, halfback; Bill Snyder, tackle; and Jim McColl, center, received first team positions.



Norman Johnson  
Fullback



Tom Olson  
Tackle



James McColl  
Center



# IN SECOND PLACE IN L. C. A. A.

## HIGH FOOTBALL TEAM



K. Goetz, B. Belman, D. Papenhagen, J. Van Buren, L. Grinage, J. Hottenstein, G. Gruber, L. Isley, E. Knisel, Coach Bob Chenhall. FOURTH ROW: J. Backus, D. Brown, B. Lombard, D. Travis, E. Bakowski, B. Fatchett, A. Liewert, E. Routson, L. Prielipp, J. Adrian.

Jim Hottenstein, halfback; Hubert Lennard, quarterback; Barry Peebles, guard; Ron Bowman, defensive guard; and Gerald Neyrick, guard, won second team positions.

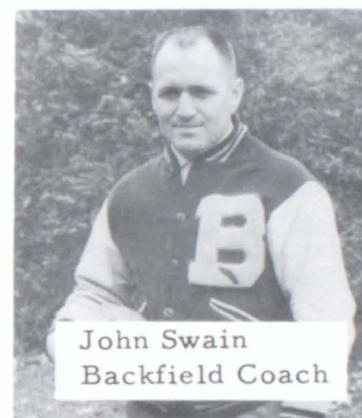
Blissfield scored another first when Dwight Klump, fleet-footed halfback, led the entire county in individual scoring with 128 points. His 20 touchdowns and 8 extra points put him 26 points ahead of his nearest rival.

Hubert Lennard was selected as the most valuable player by his teammates at the end of the season. He received the annual MVP trophy.

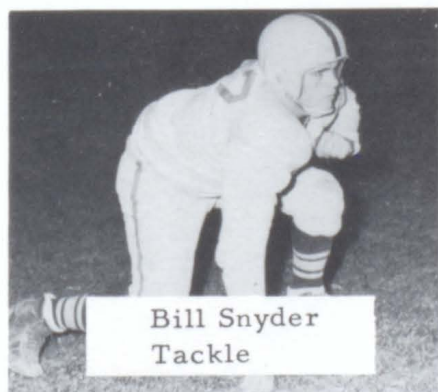
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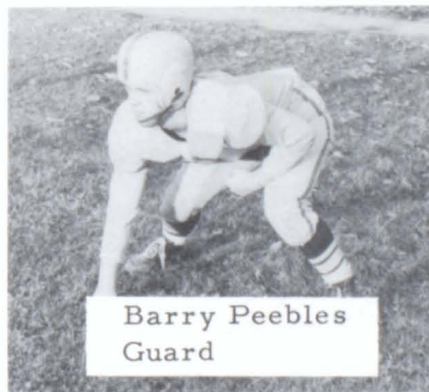
Hubert Lennard  
Quarterback



John Swain  
Backfield Coach



Bill Snyder  
Tackle



Barry Peebles  
Guard



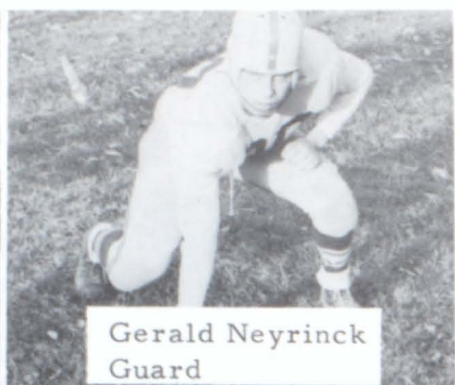
Jack Ganun  
Halfback

We really had a good football team this year. The games were well attended by large crowds and everyone enjoyed them. Even though we lost the championship by one hour, we are still proud of our football team.

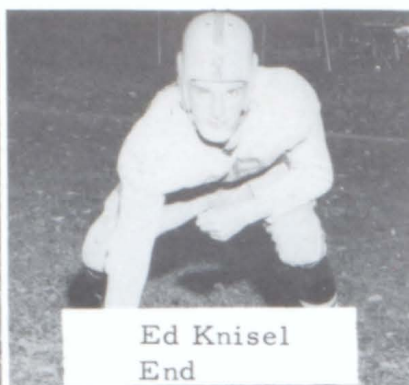




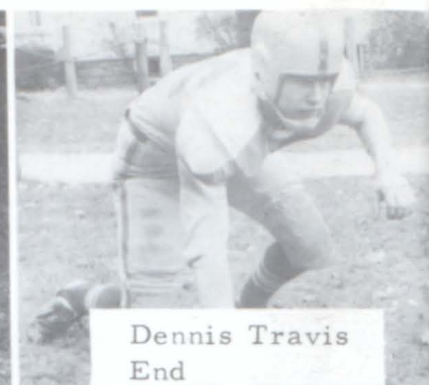
Dean Sommers  
Halfback



Gerald Neyrinck  
Guard



Ed Knisel  
End



Dennis Travis  
End

## 24 SENIORS LEAD THE PURPLE

The Sugar Boys ended the season with a 4-1 league record and 3 non-league victories for a 7-1 overall mark.

In the opening game Jim Hottenstein raced 21 yards on a reverse over left tackle for a touchdown and a 6-0 victory over Dundee. Blissfield's defensive unit was the bright point of the game. They continued this heads up play the entire season.

Addison invaded Blissfield for the second game only to be soundly trounced, 39-0, by the rampaging Chenhallmen.

Morenci jumped off to a 6-0 half-time lead in the third game to give the Blissfield fans a scare. Blissfield was a different team in the second half, however, as they scored 39 points for an easy victory.

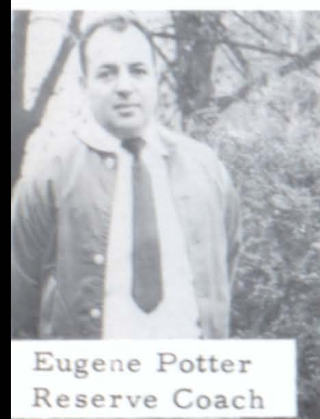
The championship was at stake as the Sugar Boy eleven trotted onto a rain soaked field to meet Hudson in "the game." When Blissfield's offense got stuck in the mud Hudson won the game, 12-0, and the championship.

Blissfield was not to be denied, however, and bounced back to average 47 points per game in the last four tilts as they walloped Summerfield 31-6, Pittsford 54-0, Tecumseh 53-0, and Clinton 50-6.

The Tecumseh game was not only the last home game for 24 seniors but also Dad's Night, and the annual Homecoming game. Blissfield lived up to the occasion by playing their best game of the season.



Bob Lombard  
End



Eugene Potter  
Reserve Coach

FIRST ROW: N. Hinshaw, T. Isley, B. Hamann, J. Mason, A. Hoag, R. Andrews, N. Tompson, D. Snyder. SECOND ROW: L. Hammons, R. Daniels, J. Schneider, F. Hasen, P. Rodesiler, B. Uckele, B. Crist, C. Hahn, W. Kastel, Coach Potter. THIRD ROW: R. Wilkins, J. Bartholomew, E. Henning, R. Svestka, D. Peebles, D. Andrews, F. Isley, L. Lipp.



## RESERVES





Ron Bowman  
Guard



Kenneth Goetz  
Linebacker



Marvin Long  
Center



Ed Bakowski  
Halfback

## AND GOLD GRIDDERS TO 7-1 MARK

The Junior Varsity ended their season with a 1-3-1 record.

Under the direction of Coach Eugene Potter the Reserves beat Boysville in a closely fought game, 6-0.

The JV's lost to Adrian Reserves, 18-0; Tecumseh, 18-0; and Morenci, 12-6 while tying Hudson, 0-0.

Junior High football marked its

fourth year at B.H.S. in 1955. Coach Duane Blake headed the Jr. High group this year.

The Junior High team played an intra-squad during halftime of the Pittsford game. The Junior High teams of today will be the varsity teams of tomorrow.

### VARSITY UNDERCLASSMEN

Bob Belman	Fullback	Junior
Dave Papenhagen	End	Junior
Gerald VanBuren	Tackle	Junior
Loren Grinage	End	Junior
Jim Hottenstein	Halfback	Junior
Art Liewert	Guard	Sophomore
David Brown	Guard	Junior
Bob Fatchett	Quarterback	Junior

FIRST ROW: J. Valdes, R. Culhane, T. Barrett, P. Martinez, W. Mason, T. Schneider,  
SECOND ROW: T. Brown, L. Berger, D. Case, B. Beard, T. Hall, J. Uckele, L.  
Clough, Coach Blake. THIRD ROW: L. Bennett, J. Clegg, R. Sanchez, J. Lehman,  
G. Sinclair, R. Marks, J. Rohrback, M. Baird.



George Gruber  
Fullback



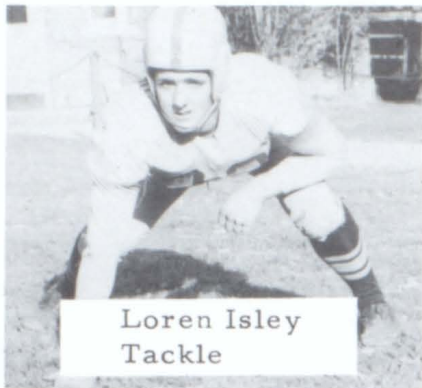
Duane Blake  
Jr. High Coach

## JR. HIGH

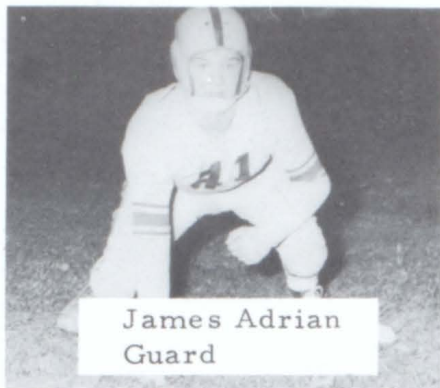




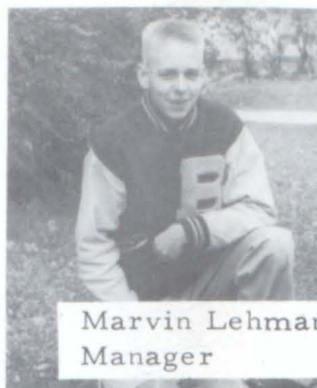
Dan Bettis  
Manager



Loren Isley  
Tackle



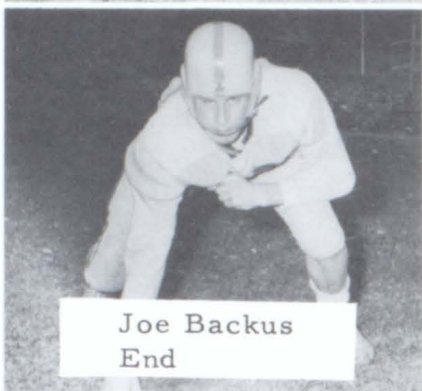
James Adrian  
Guard



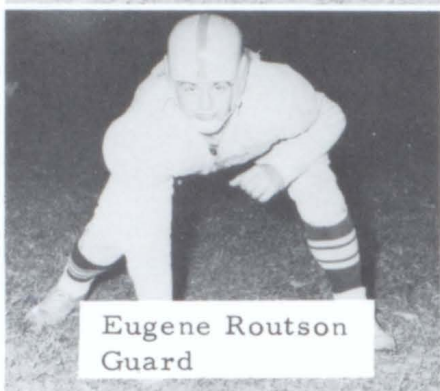
Marvin Lehman  
Manager



Macklin Brown  
Tackle



Joe Backus  
End



Eugene Routson  
Guard



LeRoy Prielipp  
Halfback

## SUGARBOY SHOTS



Dwight Klump breaks through the line for touchdown.







Jim Hottenstein outraces Clinton defenders.



Dwight Klump outraces Summerfield tackler.



Joe Backus reaches for pass.

#### 1955 SEASON RECORD

Blissfield	6	Dundee	0
Blissfield	39	Addison	0
Blissfield	39	Morenci	6
Blissfield	0	Hudson	12
Blissfield	31	Summerfield	6
Blissfield	54	Pittsford	0
Blissfield	53	Tecumseh	0
Blissfield	<u>50</u>	Clinton	<u>6</u>
TOTALS 272			31

WON: 7, LOST: 1, TIED: 0



Gary Bowman skirts right end for long gain.



# CHEERLEADERS ADD PEP TO GAMES



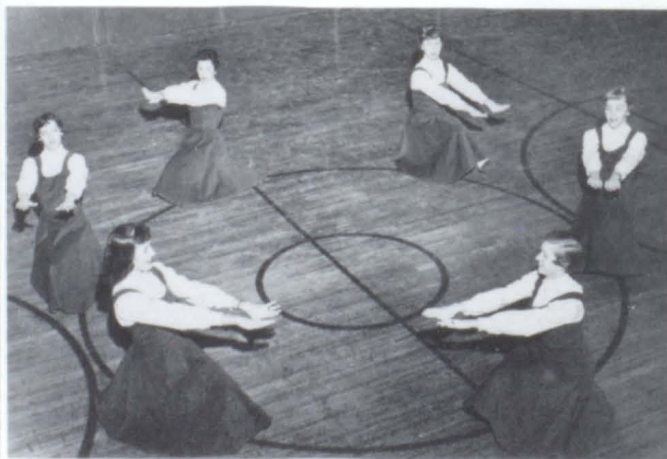
FIRST ROW: Judy Hillman, Delight Klump, and Carolyn Hull. SECOND ROW: Jane Sebring, Judy Krause, and Mary Goble.

K. Knapp, C. Bunting, J. Schwabland, R. Ebright,  
A. Clements J. Pieh, K. Glaser.



The cheerleaders did an excellent job of planning and running the pep meetings, cheering at the games, and generally keeping the school spirit at a high pitch. Like the athletic teams the cheerleaders put in countless hours of practice before the game.

Varsity cheerleaders in action.





# VARSITY CLUB AIDS SPORTSMANSHIP



FIRST ROW: J. Ganun, D. Travis, K. Klump, N. Johnson, L. Grinage, R. Bowman, G. Van Buren, J. McColl, B. Peebles. SECOND ROW: Mr. Potter, M. Lehman, D. Sommers, A. Liewert, G. Bowman, E. Bakowski, N. Newlin, B. Fatchett, D. Bettis, R. Bateson, Mr. Swain. THIRD ROW: Mr. Garey, D. Derthick, G. Hall, A. Sanchez, T. Romsek, L. Keller, L. McCormick, E. Knisel, R. Crots, J. Backus, Mr. Lew. FOURTH ROW: B. Lombard, B. Synder, K. Goetz, M. Long, G. Neyrick, G. Silberhorn, H. Lennard, M. Brown, T. Olson, L. Prielipp, Mr. Chenhall.

M. Long, D. Sommers, L. Isley, and J. McColl sell popcorn at a basketball game.

In only its second year the Varsity "B" Club emerged as one of the largest and most active of the B. H. S. organizations.

Last year's money-making project of selling popcorn at the basketball games was continued this year. The project also was broadened to include selling at the football games.

Leading the club in 1955-56 were the following officers:

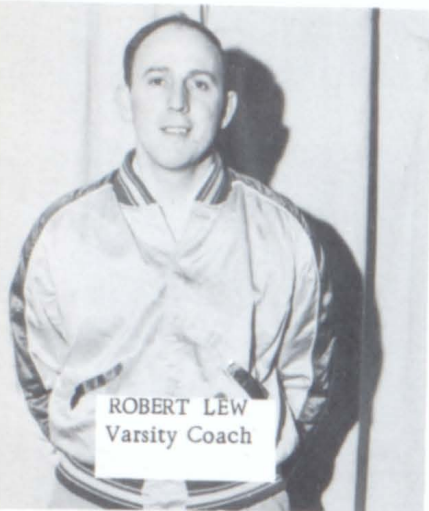
President . . . . .	Dwight Klump
Vice-President . . .	Hubert Lennard
Treasurer . . . . .	Tom Romsek
Secretary . . . . .	George Gruber

The advisors were the high school coaches, Mr. Lew, Mr. Swain, Mr. Chencall, Mr. Potter, and Mr. Garey.





# CAGERS TOP L. C. A. A.



ROBERT LEW  
Varsity Coach



DWIGHT KLUMP  
Guard

Coach Bob Lew's Blissfield Sugar Boys completely dominated basketball in Lenawee County during the 1955-56 cage season.

Blissfield tied for the L. C. A. A. championship with Morenci and their overall mark of 15-1 was the best in the county. The Purple and Gold swept to their third district tournament crown in five years but lost their first game in the regionals after leading powerful East Lansing most of the game.

Blissfield also topped the L. C. A. A. in offense (982 points), defense (614 points), individual scoring and practically all other statistics.

Blissfield's only other loss came at the hands of Morenci, 70-68. However, the Lewmen topped the Bulldogs, 78-63 when they met earlier in the season. With the exception of that one game the local quintet met only token opposition in league play. Twice Blissfield rolled over the century mark with scores of 108 and 107 against Pittsford and Clinton, respectively.

In the Class "B" District tournament the Sugar Boys easily beat Monroe Catholic Central in the opener by a 78-20 margin. In the finals Blissfield was pitted against their arch rivals, the Adrian Maples.

For several years Blissfield and Adrian have alternated as tourney winners. This year it was Blissfield's turn and they soundly whipped the Maples 76 to 53.

At Albion Blissfield took an early 10-2 lead over a tough East Lansing five and led at halftime 38-36. A tight pressing defense ended Blissfield's state championship hopes as they fell before East Lansing, 62 to 57.

## 1955-56 L. C. A. A. BASKETBALL CO-CHAMPIONS

FRONT ROW: J. Brown (manager), D. Klump, G. Hall and M. Long (manager).  
BACK ROW: J. Hottenstein, J. Strayer, L. Keller, R. Crots, Coach Bob Lew, T. Romsek, L. McCormick, H. Lennard, and A. Sanchez. MISSING: B. Fatchett and L. Miller.





# WITH 15-1 RECORD

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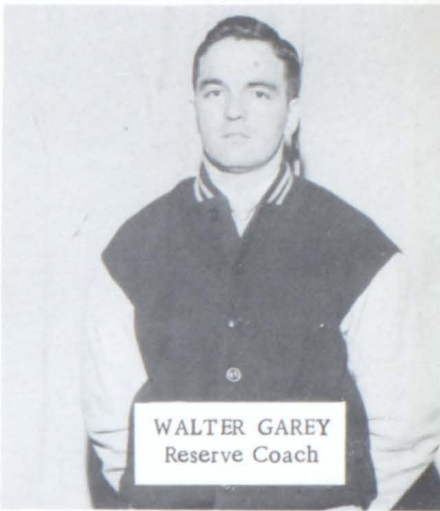
## BLISSFIELD'S 1955-56 RECORD

Blissfield	74	Addison	55
Blissfield	98	Morenci	63
Blissfield	87	Clinton	39
Blissfield	61	Tecumseh	53
Blissfield	94	Hudson	59
Blissfield	51	Bedford	29
Blissfield	63	Summerfield	42
Blissfield	108	Pittsford	37
Blissfield	62	Addison	51
Blissfield	94	Lyons	41
Blissfield	68	Morenci	70
Blissfield	53	Tecumseh	51
Blissfield	107	Clinton	68
Blissfield	58	Hudson	51
Blissfield	72	Summerfield	41
Blissfield	91	Pittsford	38

WON 15, LOST 1

## UNDEFEATED 1955-56 JUNIOR VARSITY TEAM

FRONT ROW: C. Creger, D. Bettis, L. Grinage, D. Heiser, T. Paulson, H. Martinez, A. Price, BACK ROW: Coach Walter Garey, D. Glaser, B. Fisher, R. Breitner, L. Silberhorn, F. Handy, C. Jentoft, N. Hinshaw, R. Coopshaw.



WALTER GAREY  
Reserve Coach



ABLE SANCHEZ  
Guard





# JUNIOR VARSITY ROMPS

As a team the 55-56 Sugar Boys will go down as one of the best in Blissfield's history but taken individually they were probably the greatest collection of basketball players at Blissfield in many years.

In Lee Keller, Ray Crots, Lee McCormick, and Tom Romsek the Lewmen had height to spare. Keller copped the L. C. A. A. scoring title for the second straight year with 302 points for a 25.1 average. McCormick was ninth in league scoring, Romsek was fourteenth, Dwight Klump was fifteenth, and Able Sanchez was sixteenth.

At guard Sanchez, Klump, and Jim Hottenstein constantly kept the opposition alert with their ball-hawking on defense. On offense they could hit from outside or fake and drive in for jump shots.

At the end of the season Keller was named to the All-L. C. A. A. first team. McCormick and Romsek were selected for the All-L. C. A. A. second team.

Keller and Sanchez were named to the District All-Tournament Team for their play in the tourney.


Romsek, Keller, and McCormick were elected honorary co-captains by their teammates at the conclusion of the season.

## L. C. A. A. STANDINGS


	W	L
BLISSFIELD	11	1
Morenci	11	1
Addison	7	5
Hudson	6	6
Clinton	5	7
Pittsford	2	10
Summerfield	0	12



TOM ROMSEK  
Co-Captain  
Forward



LEE KELLER  
Co-Captain  
Center



LEE MCCORMICK  
Co-Captain  
Forward



HUBART LENNARD  
Guard

## JUNIOR LETTERMEN

In addition to the seniors shown in individual pictures on these pages the following juniors were also varsity lettermen.

Jim Hottenstein, guard  
John Strayer, forward  
Larry Miller, forward  
Bob Fatchett, guard



# TO UNDEFEATED SEASON

Coach Walter Garey's Junior Varsity did even better than the varsity this year by winning 16 straight games for an undefeated season.

Like the varsity the J. V. 's led the L. C. A. A. reserve teams in scoring (739 points) and in defense (481 points).

Last years Junior Varsity under Coach Garey lost only one game. That was a record that wasn't expected to be topped very soon but Coach Garey came up with a top-flight ballclub that tromped everybody in sight by wide margins. Only once did anybody come close to beating them.

## JUNIOR VARSITY'S 1955-56 RECORD

Blissfield	55	Addison	21
Blissfield	67	Morenci	39
Blissfield	81	Tecumseh	65
Blissfield	57	Clinton	20
Blissfield	76	Hudson	69
Blissfield	41	Bedford	33
Blissfield	44	Summerfield	39
Blissfield	72	Pittsford	34
Blissfield	53	Addison	31
Blissfield	64	Lyons	53
Blissfield	63	Morenci	33
Blissfield	57	Tecumseh	54
Blissfield	62	Clinton	49
Blissfield	58	Hudson	49
Blissfield	60	Summerfield	55
Blissfield	72	Pittsford	42

FRONT ROW: R. Marks, J. Waigle, D. Case, R. Klauda, B. Mason, T. Barrett, B. Flaherty, R. Sanchez, T. Hall, M. Baird, SECOND ROW: K. Ifland, J. Rohrbach, G. Sinclair, J. Uckle, R. Culhane, J. Michael, L. Clough, B. Beard, T. Tonneberger, Coach Chenhall.



RAY CROTS  
Center



GERALD HALL  
Guard

## JUNIOR HIGH





# SUGAR BOYS IN ACTION



ABOVE, LEFT: Jim Hottenstein drives in for a layup against Addison.

ABOVE, CENTER: Lee McCormick shoots as Hottenstein and Summerfield players watch.

RIGHT: Blissfield and Pittsford players wait for rebound.

BELOW, LEFT: Hottenstein drives in again, this time against Clinton.

BELOW, CENTER: Lee Keller "dunks" one as Blissfield warms up before the game.

BELOW, RIGHT: Ray Crots scores in Addison tilt.





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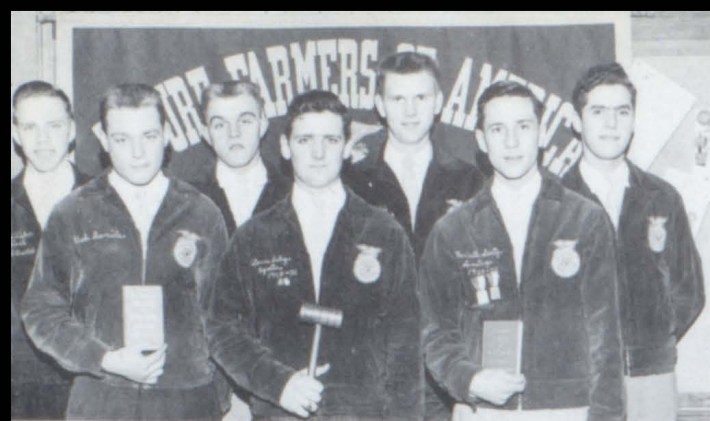
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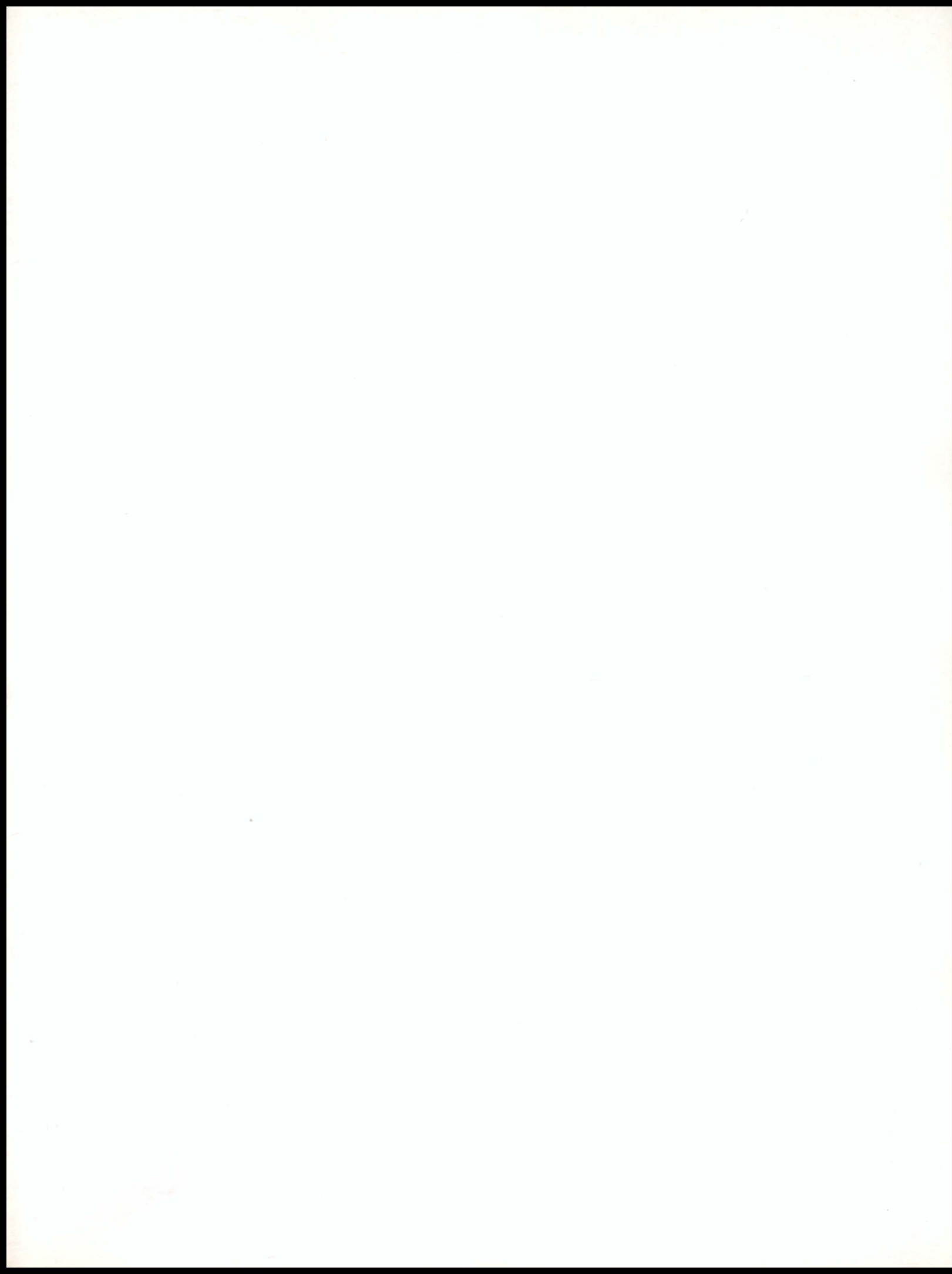
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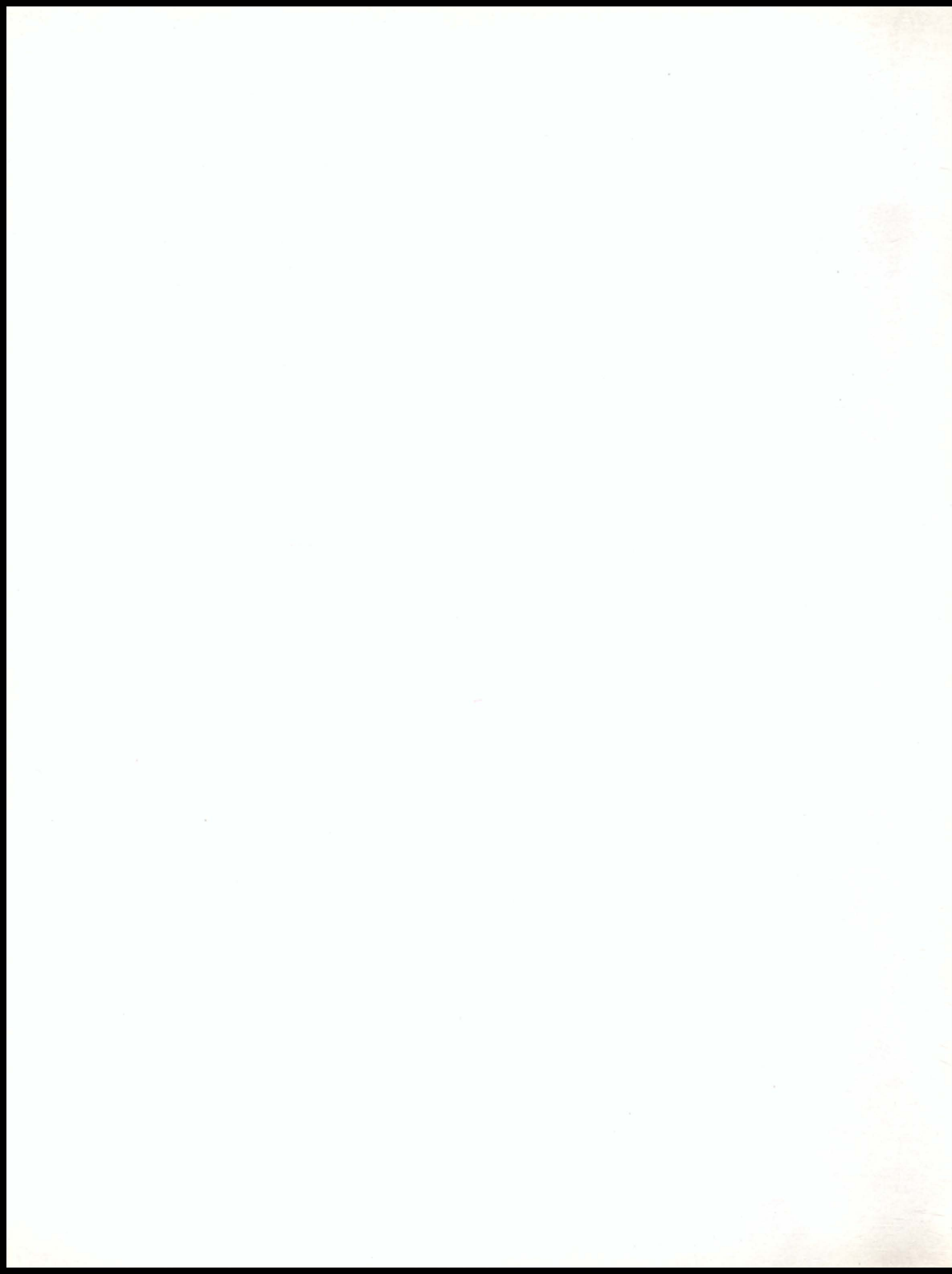
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As the school year is drawing to a close, so is the work of the annual staff. The members of the staff have worked many long and countless hours in order to produce this yearbook. Looking into the past I am sure all staff members will agree that even though it was a lot of hard work, it was fun. We, the staff members, hope everyone will treasure and use this as a record of the past year at Blissfield High School. I feel that the staff has done an excellent job in making this a complete and interesting record.

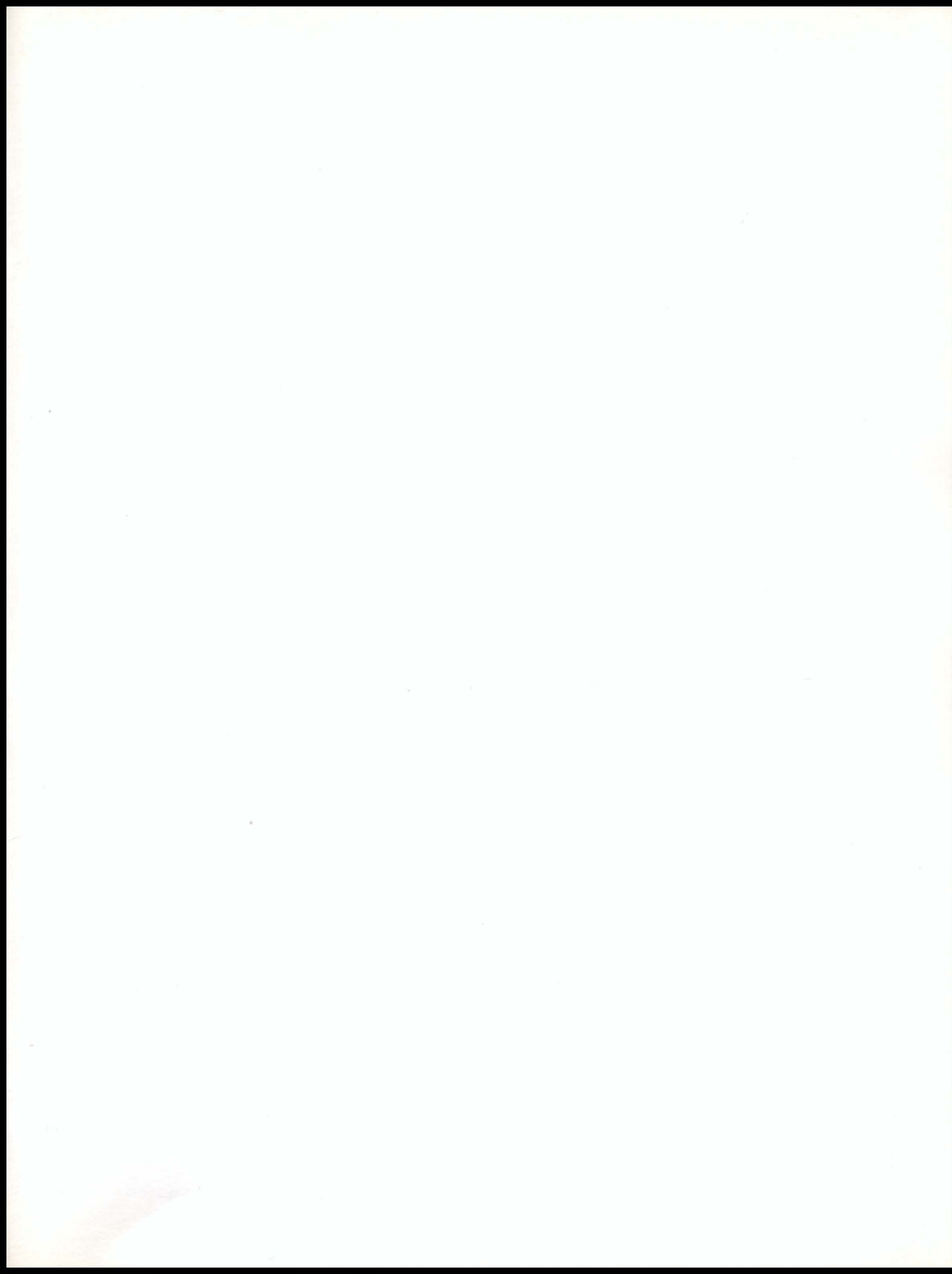
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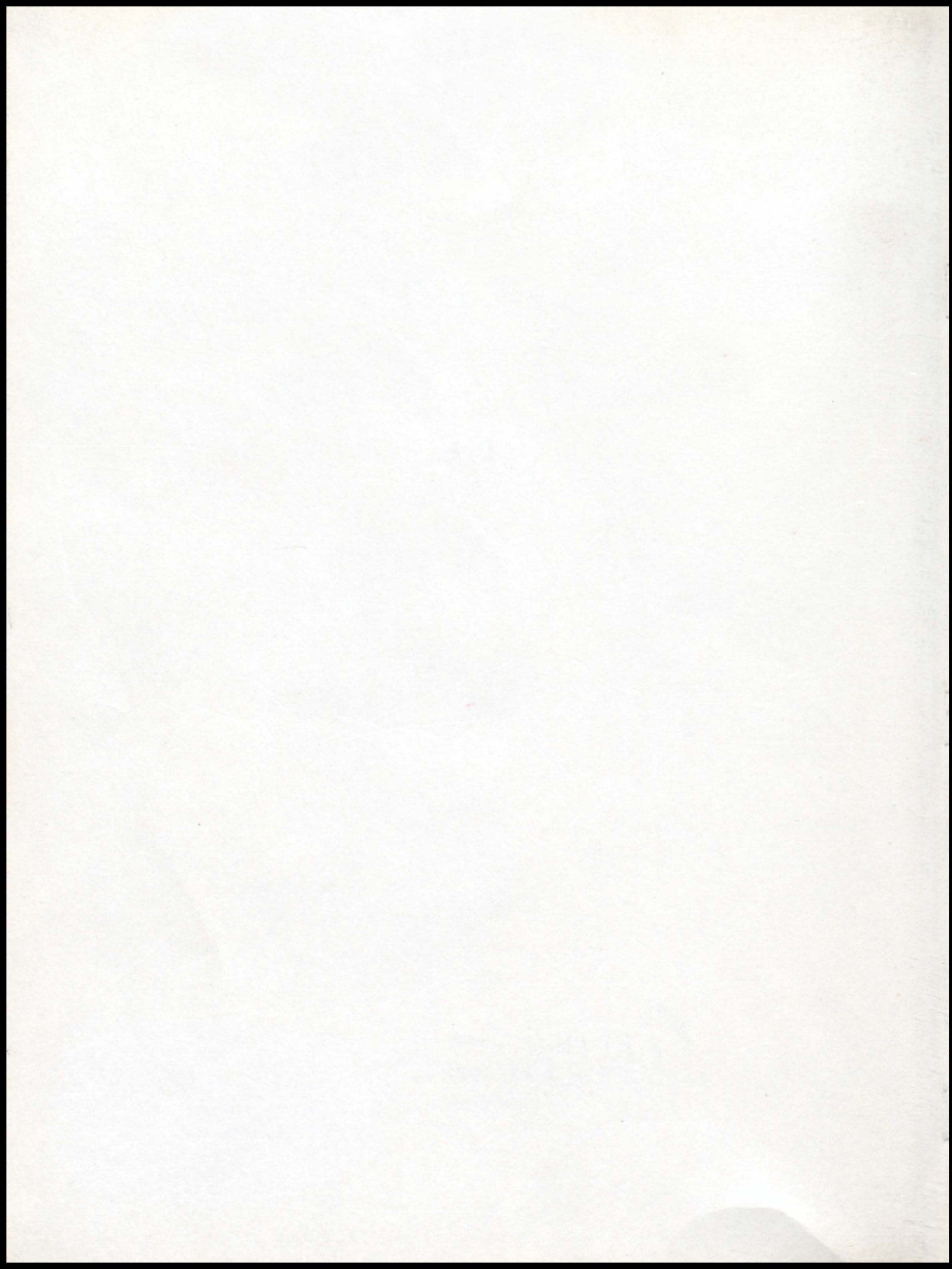






*Myers*  
**YEARBOOKS**  
*in deep tone*









# 1956 GRADUATION SUPPLEMENT

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# SALUTATORY

Members of the Board of Education, parents, faculty, classmates, and friends.

I have been asked to bid you welcome. Welcome is sometimes a mere word, but it can be a sincere word--the best in the English language. So I say with deep sincerity: We, the Class of 1956, welcome you!

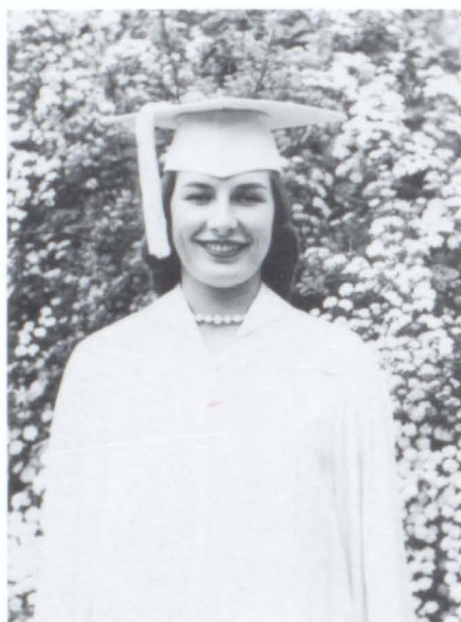
We feel pride and pleasure in having reached this point in our education. However much we may have fallen short of what we should have accomplished, we have run a race and gained a prize. But along with our prize, we realize that we still have a long, long way to go--that we have only begun. We must be students for as long as we live; for when we cease to learn, we cease to grow; and when we cease to grow, decay sets in.

There was a time when we thought that Commencement was the end or the completion of our task; now we see that it is merely a step along the way--a point in life that marks the beginning of something else. Our education has been only a preparation to go on. In this preparation, we have been highly favored by many who have given unselfishly--who have had the larger part in our victory.

To our mothers and fathers here tonight, we say "Welcome" and "Thank you." We have reached this step on the ladder only through your assistance and encouragement. There may have been times when you forced us to go to school. We were probably rebellious then; but now, tonight, we are glad and grateful that you did.

We could not have learned many things without our teachers, who have patiently, or impatiently, guided us in our pursuit of learning and of making life adjustments. In years to come, when some of us have succeeded, our teachers may say, "I had her in one of my classes in high school. I'm proud of her." We hope that pride may give them joy, as it will give us happiness.

To the many friends of the graduates, I extend a warm welcome. May this occasion bring pleasant memories of your own class day.



Included among these friends are those public spirited citizens who have willingly given of their resources to provide an educational system and a community where we could learn and thrive.

The graduates here tonight claim no credit for the heritage that has come to us from the past. When we look at Commencement for what it really is, we see it not as a triumph for graduates, but rather as a community project in

which we, the graduates, have been permitted to take part. In welcoming you here tonight, we realize that we play only a minor role in a long process of tradition.

And so in closing, I want to thank all of you for coming. In behalf of the entire class of '56, I extend our most grateful and sincere welcome. Accept it, for we cannot say, much as we would like to, "Come again."

---Jane Sebring



# VALEDICTORY

Parents, teachers, classmates, and friends. The journey of life is along a road of many windings. We graduates, as travelers on the road of learning, pause tonight at a bend in the way. We have reached a milestone from which we take many paths as individuals. We have been looking forward to this time with anticipation. Ever since we began our studies, our eyes have been turned to our graduation as a goal of our ambition. Now that the graduating time has come we rejoice. Yet there is the sadness of farewell. For four years we have traveled hand and hand along this sheltered pathway. We must now unclasp our hands, and as individuals make our own decisions, for good or ill: our coming and going untimed by the bell; our only discipline, our conscience.

Our school-life has been a happy, inspiring life to each of us; of course, we have had times of depression and anxiety--examination days, competitive activities, and social problems. We have learned many lessons, and realize that the most important are not in text books. We have received many practical and moral benefits. Now we are stepping out of school-life into life's school, where the hardest lessons are yet to come.

To our instructors, we say in farewell: We may forget much of our textbook knowledge but we shall never forget the part you have played in developing our character. What a task you have had! What patience, tolerance and perseverance you have shown!

To the Board of Education, we extend our heartfelt thanks for the educational privilege we have been able to enjoy. We trust that our careers may prove that your efforts for us were not without profitable results.

To our parents we express our deepest gratitude for your endless devotion, your encouragement, and your wise and helpful guidance. All through our high school days you have been patient and understanding; this is a debt we can never repay, but we shall sincerely try to apply what we have learned that you will rejoice with us.

And now, what of the future? We face it with optimism, with courage, with determination. We know life won't be a level road, but let us determine to live each day slowly and steadily as we might climb a mountain and keep our eyes toward the top as our goal. On our way may we marvel at new scenes, take time to laugh, and to lend a hand to a fellow climber who finds the going rough. When clouds of uncertainty

are cast over us and chill winds blow, may we stop also for moments of sincere prayer.

May we travel humbly, cheerfully, with awareness of all about us, confident that the peak in all its glory will be a worthy climax to the long steep journey of the years.

---Eileen Fink







Rev. G.D. Everett delivered the Baccalaureate sermon.



Gregory Ellcey presented a look into the future.

## RIDGE AUDITORIUM ACCOMMODATES



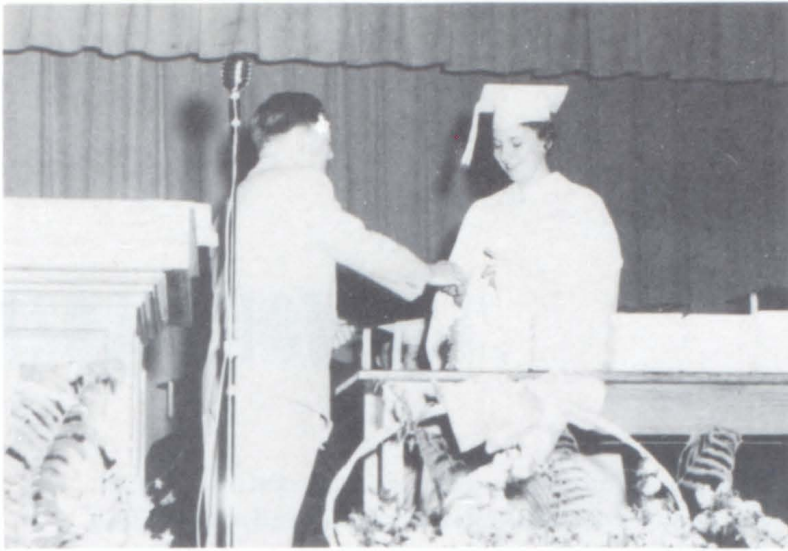
Gary Seizert played a cornet solo at Baccalaureate.

The graduation activities of the class of 1956 began Sunday, May 27, with Rev. G.D. Everett delivering the Baccalaureate message, "Facing the Future with a Sustaining Faith." Rev. Everett challenged each graduate to accept the Christian way as an aid in living and to maintain a clean and undefiled life. Gary Seizert played a cornet solo, "How Lovely are Thy Dwellings" and the Mixed Chorus sang "Jesus, Joy of My Endeavor" and "God of Our Fathers."

At the class night activity on Tuesday, May 29, the seniors presented a short play, "On the Double," which took place on the planet Mars. During the evening the seniors cleverly portrayed the past, present, and future of their class.

The graduation exercises were held Thursday, June 1, in Ridge Auditorium in Adrian, because of the limited seating capacity of the high school gymnasium. This was the first time in the history of Blissfield High School that the graduation





Arlene LaSotta was awarded the good citizenship medal.



Dr. Purdom addressed the seniors.

## RECORD GRADUATION ATTENDANCE

was held outside of Blissfield. Rev. Dalton Bishop opened the program with the invocation. Eileen Fink and Margaret Webster played a flute and clarinet duet, "Calm as the Night." Dr. Luther Purdom of the University of Michigan delivered the address, "Some Things Graduates Should Consider." They are being courteous, responsible, ambitious, and not neglecting the Christ. Marilee Jacob sang a vocal solo, "Where'er You Walk." Diplomas were presented by Mr. Strayer and awards by Mr. Peebles. Medals were presented to Eileen Fink, the valedictorian, and Jane Sebring, the salutatorian. The good citizenship medal was presented to Arlene LaSotta and Loren Isley received the DeKalb Award. It was also announced that the following people were the recipients of scholarships: Jane Sebring, Suzann Bierman, Barry Peebles, Loren Isley, Delight Klump, George Cowdrey, Eileen Fink, and Nancy Fashbaugh.



Eileen Fink gave the valedictory speech.



S. Van Looke and J. Marsh viewing the sights of Washington.



L. McCormick and H. Lennard enjoy playing cards on train.



Susie Betz, S. Seeger, and M. Goble wait on bus to go on a tour.

## SENIORS GO TO

It was wonderful. New and exciting experiences were packed into four and one half short days.

The Seniors left from Toledo Sunday evening, April 29, about 8:15 P.M. After riding all night and Monday morning, they arrived at Charlottesville, Virginia, where they had their luncheon at the Monticello Hotel. They visited Monticello, the home of Thomas Jefferson and toured the University of Virginia grounds. Then they boarded a bus and completed the remaining 114 miles to Washington through the mountains by way of the "Skyline Drive." They arrived in Washington about 9:00 P.M. that evening, which completed the first day of the trip.

Tuesday they went sightseeing via bus. In the morning they visited the Washington Monument, the Lincoln Memorial, the



This monument was erected in memory of the men who died at Iwo Jima.



# WASHINGTON D. C.

Jefferson Memorial, Arlington Cemetery, and the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. That evening was divided as to preference between a baseball game and a moonlight cruise on the Potomac.

Wednesday they toured the Capitol, the Bureau of Printing and Engraving, the White House, the Pan-American Union, and the Archives Building. That evening, dinner and a floor show was enjoyed at a night club featuring the Rover Boys. The balance of the evening was free until curfew at 12:30 A. M.

The Smithsonian Institution was the last link in the chain of visits. The Seniors toured this Thursday morning and around noon boarded the train for home. They pulled into Toledo Friday morning about 6:00 A. M., very weary but very happy.



The Seniors enjoyed singing on the train.



T. Romsek and D. Klump stand outside the hotel where the seniors stayed.



Seniors enjoyed a tour through the Capitol building.



C. Goetz, S. Van Looke, and J. Clements have dinner in the Hotel Annapolis.



Mike Rost as toastmaster gets the evening's program started.

## 'NEPTUNE'S COURT' IS BANQUET THEME

The annual Junior-Senior Banquet was held May 18 in the high school gymnasium. The gymnasium had been transformed by long hours of work into an underwater scene representing "Neptune's Court."

The evening's festivities began with the customary march from the front entrance of the school to the gymnasium entrance.

Members of the sophomore class, dressed in pirate costumes, served the banquet. Mr. Otis Stroud, director of Adrian Y. M. C. A., who was the banquet speaker, was introduced by Mike Rost, toastmaster. The prom was held after the banquet in the same "murky deep" atmosphere.



M. Rost, R. Ruh1, and L. Mason worked on decorations.



Guests danced to the music of the Tecumseh Chieftains.





SEATED: B. Kleindienst, M. Rost, L. Grinage. STANDING: S. Mann, R. Heiser, D. Creque, R. Schall, K. Williams, R. Ruhl, S. Doerfler.

## THREE ANGELIC CONVICTS ARE STARS

CAST

Felix Ducotel . . . . . Robert Schall  
 (trusting shopkeeper)  
 Emilie Ducotel. . . . . Kay Williams  
 (his faithful wife)  
 Marie Louise Ducotel . . . Darlene Creque  
 (charming young daughter)  
 Mme. Parole . . . . . Shelby Jean Doerfler  
 (scatter-brained customer)  
 Naval Officer . . . . . Russell Ruhl  
 (dashing young man)

Joseph . . . . . Michael Rost  
 (ex-forgery and ex-promoter)  
 Three Angels Jules . . . Robert Kleindienst  
 (one-time murderer)  
 Alfred . . . . . Lauren Grinage  
 (ex-playboy, murderer)  
 Henri Trochard . . . . . Richard Heiser  
 (hard-hearted creditor)  
 Paul Trochard. . . . . Serge Mann  
 (play boy nephew)

The Junior Class presented their class play, "My Three Angels," March 22nd and 23rd. Mr. Fred Thayer, speech teacher, directed the play.

A penal colony in French Guiana was the background for the play's action. The "three angels" were really three convicts who stole with cunning innocence, embezzled with infinite grace, and murdered in a sober and systematic fashion. When they obligated themselves to save a shopkeeper and his family from the clutches of a creditor, the plot began to thicken. In the end only two murders were committed accidentally on purpose before the situation was untangled.



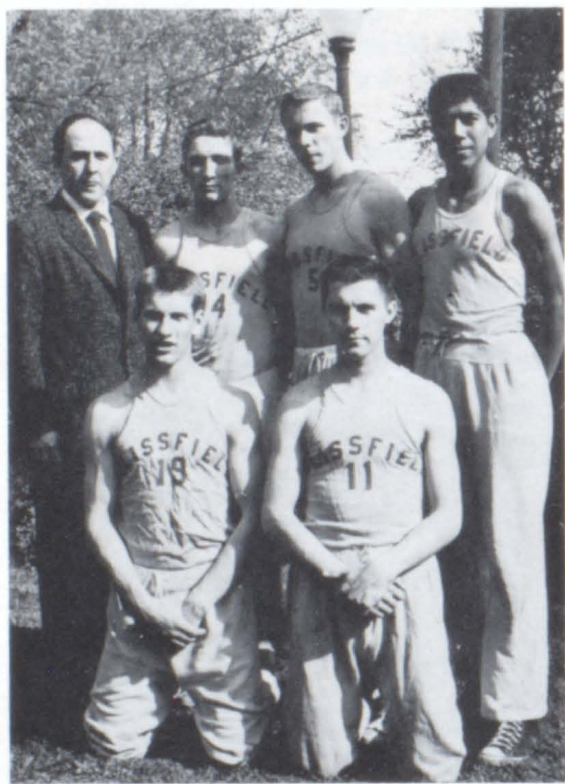
TITLE ROLE CHARACTERS: Jules (R. Kleindienst), Joseph (M. Rost), and Alfred (L. Grinage).





TOP ROW: D. Dettman, D. McCarty, E. Bakowski, A. Sanchez, D. Jacobs, B. Derthick, G. Silberhorn, M. Brown, L. Keller, G. Hall, D. Klump, D. Sommers, N. Newlin, G. Soneff. MIDDLE ROW: L. Hammons, J. Bartholomew, D. Bettis, J. Mason, R. Ruhl, J. Hottenstein, L. Miller, C. Frohnafel, G. Good, R. Bushrow, D. Andrews, C. Buehrer, R. Belman. FRONT ROW: C. Hahn, Mgr.; R. Brietner, K. Kendall, R. Rohrback, G. Mason, R. Andrews, L. Snyder, R. Schwartz, D. Miller, D. Peebles, J. Palvelka, D. Brown.

## BLISSFIELD PLACED SECOND IN STATE REGIONAL



STANDING: Coach Robert Lew, C. Buehrer, G. Silberhorn, A. Sanchez. KNEELING: Dwight Klump, G. Hall. These boys plus Lee Keller competed in the State Track Finals.

The Blissfield track team coached by Robert Lew, completed a very successful season. They won 5 meets and lost 1.

For the fifth consecutive year the Blissfield thinclads won the L.C.A.A. meet. Blissfield scored 68 points while Hudson took second place with 42 1/2 points.

In the course of the meet two L.C.A.A. records were broken by Blissfield. Dwight Klump broke the pole vault record and Lee Keller bettered the mark he set last year in the shot put.

In the Regional Track Meet at Ann Arbor, Blissfield placed second with 34 points. Albion won the meet over Blissfield by only 2 points.

Cliff Buehrer, Gene Silberhorn, Able Sanchez, Dwight Klump, Gerald Hall, and Lee Keller were the six Blissfield track men who competed in the state track meet at East Lansing. This was the first time in the school's history that any of the track men advanced to state competition.

### TRACK SCORES FOR 1956

Home Team	Opponents
Blissfield . . 60 1/3	Monroe . . 52 11/12
	Airport . . 21 3/4
Blissfield . . 80	Addison . . 22
Blissfield . . 62	Morenci . . 46
	Addison . . 19
Blissfield . . 34	Milan . . 74





BACK ROW: G. Sinclair, Mgr.; D. Papenhagen, D. Spiegel, W. Prielipp, H. Lennard, J. Kuhl, J. Bakus. MIDDLE ROW: T. Paulson, G. VanBuren, L. Grinage, L. Prielipp, R. Fatchett, B. Peebles, Scorekeeper. FRONT ROW: W. Garey, Coach; R. Crots, M. Phipps, J. Ganun, R. Bateson, H. Martinez.

## SUGARBOYS TIED FOR SECOND IN LCAA

The Blissfield baseball team finished the 1956 season with a fine record of four wins and two losses in league play. Several non-league games were played with the nearby schools of Deerfield, Milan, and Catholic Central. The team was coached by Walter Garey.

Two of the year's outstanding players were Joe Bakus who had a pitching record of three wins and no losses in league play and Henry Martinez who led the Sugarboys at the plate with a .379 batting average. The outstanding game of the year was with Hudson when Joe Bakus pitched a no hitter.

Seven lettermen will be lost via the graduation route. They are: Joe Bakus, Raymond Crots, Hubert Lennard, Jack Ganun, LeRoy Prielipp, Milo Phipps, and Ron Bateson. The nucleus of next years team will be the returning lettermen who are Alfred Price, Robert Fatchett, Henry Martinez, and Lauren Grinage.

### BASEBALL SCOREBOARD FOR 1956

Home Team		Opponents	
Blissfield	5	Hudson	0
Blissfield	10	Addison	4
Blissfield	4	Morenci	5
Blissfield	1	Clinton	4
Blissfield	7	Summerfield	1
Blissfield	5	Pittsford	2

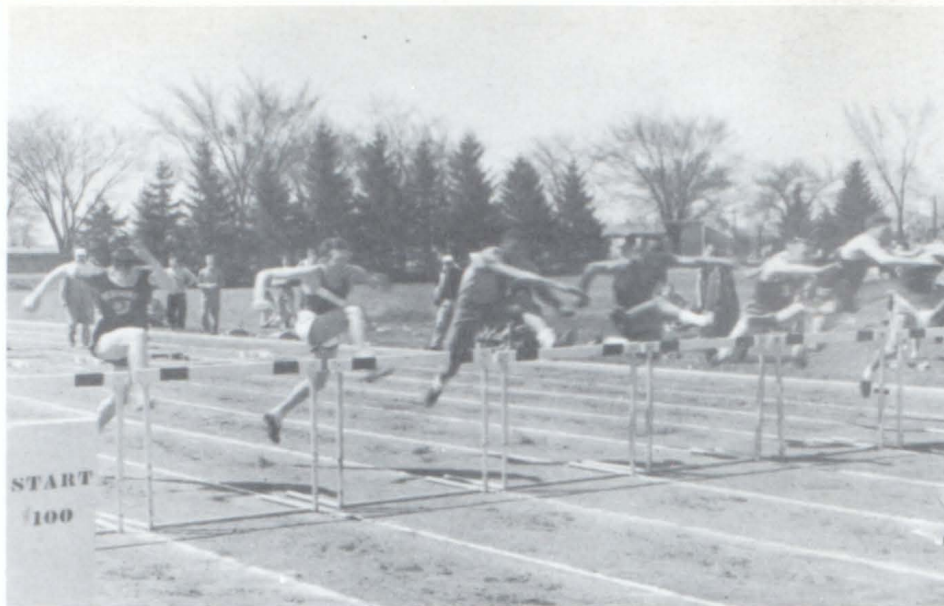


Walter Garey, Baseball Coach





J. Ganun-Four year letterman.



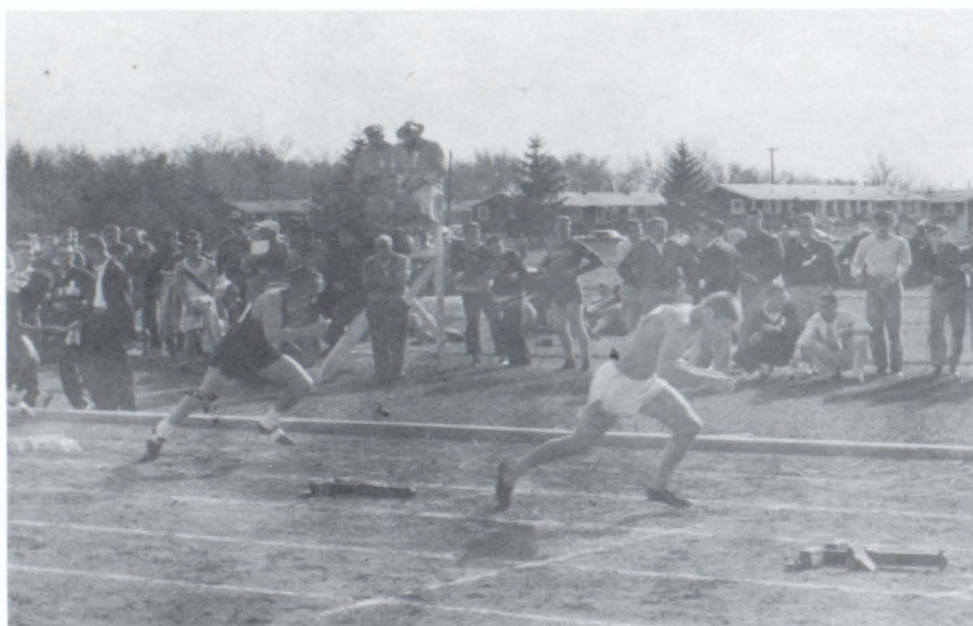
High hurdles--State Finals.



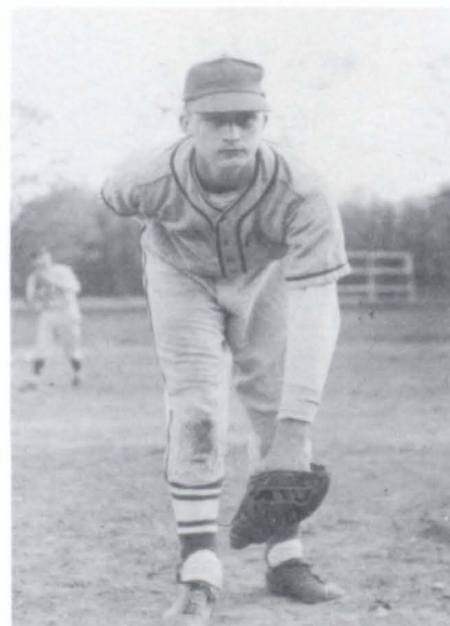
440 yard final--State Finals.  
Able Sanchez 8th from left.



Medley relay--State Finals.



Dwight Klump starts 880 relay at State Finals.



Joe Bakus--Pitched no hitter.



