

The 1957

Elysium

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Junior and Senior
Classes
Of
BLISSFIELD HIGH SCHOOL
Blissfield, Michigan



Blissfield High School from the corner of Jefferson and Giles.

Foreword

Hands--capable, willing, busy hands--have worked untiringly to prepare the 1957 Elysium with the hope that in years to come it will help in your reminiscing. It is our hope that the students whose activities are portrayed in this book will in the future be successful. Whether the success comes as a statesman, as an educator, as a businessman, as a housewife, or in whatever other capacity it may be is not significant. More im-

portant, however, than fame or fortune is sincerity to one's beliefs as in the words of Shakespeare:

"This above all—to thine own self be true; And it must follow, as the night, the day, Thou canst not then be false to any man!"



South Entrance.

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Dedication



JOHN RICHARD STRAYER

We, the Elysium staff of 1957, wish to dedicate our book to the memory of John R. Strayer, who lost his life in an automobile accident August 18, 1956.

John, our classmate, was a member of the science club, the varsity basketball team, and the band. He was a faithful member of the Methodist Church and Sunday School. He participated in all the activities of the Methodist Youth Fellowship and represented his church on the Youth Committee of the Blissfield Council of Churches.

John will always be remembered in the hearts of those who knew him for his quiet ways and his great scientific mind. His death was truly a great loss to his family, his church, his school, and his community.



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New High School Building Plans Approved

The past year was a very eventful one for the Blissfield Community Schools.

The Board of Education gave their approval to the plans for the new high school and made arrangements to insure that a supply of steel would be available when the time came to begin construction on the school. The construction of the building is expected to be started in May of this year and it is hoped that it will be completed by September 1958, if not completed by then it will be ready by January of 1959.

On September 7, 1956, the people of the school district approved the bond issue. The bond was sold December 13, 1956, at a very satisfactory interest rate.

F. J. Strayer, Superintendent, and Burdett Peebles, Principal, continued as administrative heads of the school. Mr. Strayer was assisted in his office by Miss Vada Luke and Mrs. Marjorie Lewis, the latter replacing Miss Margaret Sliker. Mr. Peebles was again assisted in his office by Miss Thelma Sheldon.



F.J. STRAYER, Superintendent



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Jeachers Guide Students

In Various Activities



MR. GRAHAM MILES, B.A. Michigan State University, Social Studies, Junior High Football Coach, Varsity "B" Club Advisor, Sophomore Advisor.



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Taylor University, Social Studies, Mathematics, Driver Education, Reserve Basketball Coach, Varsity "B" Club Advisor, Senior Advisor,



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MRS. EDNA PETEE, B.S. Eastern Michigan College, Junior High, Eighth Grade Advisor.



MR. ROBERT WELKE, M.A. University of Toledo, Junior High, Eighth Grade Advisor.



MISS LUELLA BURGHARDT,
M.A.
University of Michigan, Junior
High, Seventh Grade Advisor.



MRS. LOIS RICHARDSON, M.S. University of Minnesota, Homemaking, F.H.A. Advisor, Senior Advisor.



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



This year, 1956-1957, the faculty of Blissfield High School consisted of twenty-three well-trained members. Their interests were not limited to the academic work, but they were also active in various clubs and activities; not only in the school, but also in the community.

The Teachers Club chose Mr. Raymond Moore, high school sci-



MR. JACOB VENEMA, B.S. Michigan State University, Agriculture, F.F.A. Advisor, Junior Advisor.



MRS. HELEN KAFER, M.A. University of Michigan, English, F.T.A. Advisor, Sophomore Advisor.



MR. JAMES STRAYER, B.S. Eastern Michigan College, Biology, Science Club Advisor, Varsity Cheerleaders Advisor, Sophomore Advisor.



MR. RAYMOND MOORE, M.A. Michigan State University, Science, Science Club Advisor, Freshman Advisor.



MISS MARJORIE YODER, B.S. Bowling Green State University, Commercial, Senior Advisor.



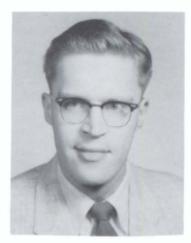
MR. ADRIAN WILLIAMS, B.S. Western Michigan College, Industrial Arts, Junior Advisor.

To Inspire Achieve Goals

ence teacher, to guide them.

In the fall a teachers reception, sponsored by the P.T.A., was held to welcome the new, as well as the old teachers back to school.

The faculty directed their efforts toward inspiring students to select a goal, and then work toward it.



MR. A.J. GEIERMAN, M.A. University of Toledo, English and Speech, Dramatics Coach, Freshman Advisor.



MRS. MARY CULHANE, B.S. Central Missouri State College, Commercial, Future Nurses Advisor, Freshman Advisor.



MR. VIRGIL EISENMANN, B.S. Eastern Michigan College, Mathematics, Bible Club Advisor, Eighth Grade Advisor.



MRS. DAPHENE ONOFRIO,
M.A.
Indiana State University, Library
and Latin, Latin Club Advisor,
Eighth Grade Advisor.



MR. WALLACE RIDGLEY, M.A. University of Michigan, Social Studies, Newspaper Advisor, Sophomore Advisor.



Students vote in mock election.

SEPTEMBER

- Teachers Meeting
- School Opened
- Dundee Football Game (there)
- Pittsford (there) 21
- School Closed for Lenawee Co. Fair
- Morenci (there) 28

OCTOBER

- Tecumseh Band Festival
- Onsted (there)
- Assembly Program
- M. E. A. Regional Meeting 11-12
 - 12 Addison (there)
 - 19 Hudson (here)
 - 20 U. of M. Band Day
 - 26 Clinton (here)

NOVEMBER

- Summerfield (there)
- Sophomore All School Dance
- Bedford (here)
- 15-16 Senior Play
- 22-23 Thanksgiving Vacation
 - Pittsford Basketball Game (here) 30

DECEMBER

- Assembly Program
- Morenci (there)
- 11 Onsted (here)
- Addison (here) 14
- Bedford (here) 18
- Band Concert 20
- 21 Hudson (there)
 - Christmas Vacation
- 28 Senior All School Dance

JANUARY

- School Resumed
- 8 Clinton (there)
- 11 Summerfield (here)
- End of First Semester 18 Pittsford (there)
- Beginning of Second Semester
- 25 Morenci (here)

Calendar Indicates An Eventful Year

FEBRUARY

- Onsted (there)
- Freshman Class Party
- Chorus Concert
- Addison (there)
- Assembly Program Hudson (here)
- Junior All School Dance 16
- 22 Clinton (here)

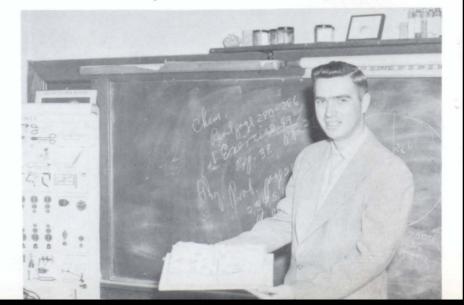
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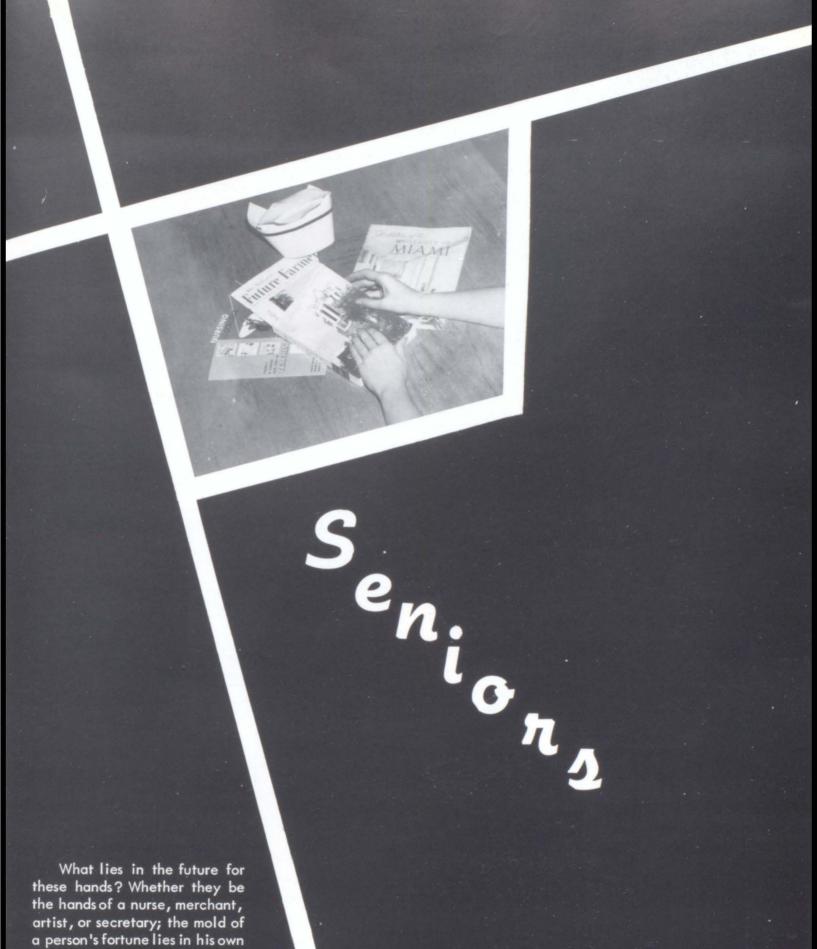
- Summerfield (there)
- District Basketball Tournament 6-9
 - Assembly Program
- District Band Festival 16
- 19 Chili Supper
- Junior Play 21-22

APRIL

- 8-12 Sponge Week
 - Addison Baseball Game (here) 12
 - Chorus Concert 14
 - F. H. A. Banquet
 - Clinton (there) 18
 - 19 Easter Vacation
 - School Resumed 23
- MAY
 - **Band Concert**
 - Pittsford (here)
 - 5-10 Senior Trip
 - LCAA Track Meet 14
 - 17 Hudson (here)
 - 26 Baccalaureate
 - 28 Class Night
 - 30
 - Commencement
 - 31 School Closed

Mr. Moore holds the farewell cake given to him by the third hour chemistry class.





hands.







SHELBY JEAN DOERFLER
Elysium Staff 3,4, Assistant
Editor 4; Band 1,2,3,4; Bible
Club 2,3,4; Latin Club 2;
F.T.A. 2,3,4, President 3;
Science Club 3; Junior Play;
Class Secretary 3, Treasurer 4.

KAY WILLIAMS
F.H.A. 1,2,3,4, Vice-President 3; F.N.A. 2,3,4, President 4; Band 1,2,3,4; Spanish Club 2,3,4; Bible Club 3,4; Junior Play; Class Treasurer 4.

Janis Tagsold was elected President of the Senior Class with Jerald Van Buren--Vice-President, Shelby Jean Doerfler--Secretary, and Kay Williams--Treasurer.

There were 118 members of the Class of '57 in the freshman year. This number decreased to 89 by the senior year.

The members of this class had varied plans for after graduation. About 25 per-cent will be going to college. Many boys will farm; while others will find factory jobs. Some of the girls hope to become nurses or teachers, but finally to become homemakers.

Janis Jagsold

JANIS TAGSOLD
FAR LEFT: Elysium Staff 3,4;
Assistant Editor 4; Student
Council 1,4; Band 1,2,3,4;
Bible Club 2,3,4, Treasurer 3;
Latin Club 2,3, Treasurer 3;
Chorus 2,3,4; Class President
1,4.

JERRY VAN BUREN
LEFT: Student Council 3; Bible
Club 1,2,3,4, Vice-President
3; Science Club 3,4; Football
1,2,3,4; Baseball 1,2,3,4;
Letterman's Club 2,3,4, Treasurer 4; Class Vice-President 4.

CLASS ADVISORS Below

Miss Yoder

Mr. Potter

Mr. Rupp

Mrs. Richardson









Leads Class Of '57

CAROL ABNER F.N.A. 2,3,4; Band 2,3,4; Bible Club 3, 4; Chorus 1, 2, 3, 4.

JACOUELINE ADRIAN RIGHT: F.H.A. 1,2,3,4; FAR RIGHT: Paper Staff 1; F.H.A. 1,2; Spanish Club 1; Bible Club 1: Chorus 1.





BETTY BARNHART RIGHT: Paper Staff 4; F.N.A. FAR RIGHT: Science Club 4; 2,3; Science Club 3; Chorus Basketball 1. 2.3.

JOHN BANGERTER













ROBERT BELMAN FAR LEFT: F.F.A. 1,2,3,4, LEFT: F.H.A. 1,2,3,4; Student Vice-President 3; Football 2,3, Council 3; Bible Club 2; Chorus 4; Track 3,4; Letterman's Club 2,3,

MARLENE BELMAN

WILLIAM BIERMAN BOTTOM ROW: F.F.A. 4; Sci-

RONALD BOWMAN BOTTOM ROW: F.F.A. 1,2, ence Club 4; Football 1; Track 3,4; Student Council 3,4; Football 2,3; Baseball 1,2; Track 2,3; Letterman's Club 1,2,3,4; Class Vice-President 2.

For their Senior Trip, the class chose a 6 day guided tour to Washington D.C. and New York City from May 5 through 10.

Second only to the Senior Trip, the biggest event during the high school years for the class was the annual Junior-Senior Banquet. The class very elaborately decorated the gym to carry out the theme of "Neptune's Court."







PEGGY BROOKS ABOVE: F.N.A. 2,3; Spanish Club 2; Chorus 1,2.

CLIFFORD BUEHRER
Paper Staff 4; F.F.A. 1,2,3,4;
Football 1,2,4; Baseball 1,2;
Track 3,4; Letterman's Club
3,4.

JUDY BROWNELLER
F.H.A. 1,2,3,4; Band 1,2,
3,4; Science Club 3; Chorus
1,2,3,4.

CHARLENE BROADWATER UPPER LEFT CORNER: F.H.A. 1.

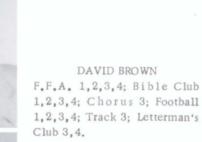
Seniors Work Hard



CHARLEEN BUEHRER
Paper Staff 4; Spanish Club 2,3,
Treasurer 2; Bible Club 3,4;
F.T.A. 2,3,4, Vice-President
4; Science Club 4; Science
Club 4; Chorus 1,2,3,4.

The Senior Class sponsored many money-making projects to help pay the expenses of the Senior Trip.

After school resumed in the fall the Seniors sponsored dances after some of the home football games and also sponsored the Homecoming Queen campaign and dance. In November the class held a very successful car wash and scrap-iron drive.

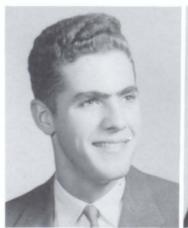


GORDEN CRANE F.F.A. 1,2,3,4, Secretary 3, Vice-President 4; Student Council 4; Track 3,4.

JOANNE CASE
Paper Staff 4; Bible Club 4;
Latin Club 2; Science Club 4;
Chorus 3.



YVONNE CUSINO







JOHN DERTHICK Paper Staff 4; Basketball 1,2; Baseball 1, 2, 4.



Baseball 1,2.



JOAN DANIELS Football 1,2,3; Basketball 1; Paper Staff 2,3; F.N.A. 2,3,4, Treasurer 2; Band 2, 3, 4; Bible Club 2,3,4, Secretary 4; Latin Club 2,3; Chorus 2,3,4.

CYRIL DESERANNO

UPPER RIGHT CORNER: Science

Club 3.





Jo Finance Trip

Before Christmas the class sold Christmas cards, wrappings, and fruit-cakes, besides selling at two baked food sales.

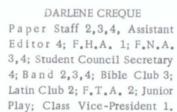
During Christmas vacation the "Snow Ball", which was a semi-formal dance, was sponsored.

Among other projects in the spring, the class sold newspaper subscriptions, held a chile supper, and sponsored the traditional Sponge Week and dance.

PATSY FATCHETT F.H.A. 1,2,3,4; Band 2,3,4; Bible Club 1; Senior Play.















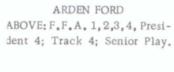
ROBERT FATCHETT RIGHT: F.F.A. 1,2; Student Council 4; Spanish Club 2, 3, 4; F.T.A. 4; Science Club 4; Chorus 3,4; Football 1,2,3,4; Basketball 2, 3, 4; Baseball 1, 2, 3,4; Letterman's Club 3,4.











KIMBALL FRYE ABOVE: F.F.A. 1,2,3,4: Band 2,3,4; Baseball 1.





Seniors Visit New York





CLARK FROHNAPFEL UPPER LEFT CORNER: Bible Club 2,3; Science Club 3,4; Chorus 2,3,4; Basketball 1,2; Track 1,2,3,4; Senior Play; Letterman's Club 4.

PATRICIA FROST UPPER LEFT: Paper Staff 3,4; Editor 4; F.H.A. 4; Bible Club 2,3,4; Science Club 3; Chorus 1,2,3.

LAWRENCE FISHER FAR LEFT, SECOND ROW: F.F.A. 1,2,3,4, Secretary 4; Football 1,2; Senior Play.

WILMA GRASLEY LEFT, SECOND ROW: F.N.A. 2,3,4; Band 3,4; Bible Club 2,3,4.





GARY GOOD FAR LEFT, THIRD ROW: Science Club 3,4; Basketball 2; Track 1,2,3,4; Letterman's Club 4.

JANET GEIB LEFT, THIRD ROW: Paper Staff 3,4; F.H.A. 1; Student Council 1; Bible Club 1,2,3,4, Treasurer 4; Chorus 1,2,3.

LAWRENCE GALLATIN FAR LEFT

CYNTHIA GREENE LEFT: Bible Club 1,2.

LAUREN GRINAGE RIGHT: Paper Staff 3; Student Council 2,4; Band 1,2,3,4; Spanish Club 1: Bible Club 3: Science Club 4; Chorus 2,3; Football 1, 2, 3, 4; Basketball 1,2,3,4; Baseball 1,2,3,4;

FAR RIGHT: F.F.A. 1,2,3,4; Student Council 2,4, Vice-President 4; Football 1,2,3,4; Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4; Baseball 1,2; Track 3,4; Letterman's Club 1, 2, 3, 4, Secretary 4; Junior Play; Letterman's Club Class President 2. 2,3,4, President 4.

MILDRED HOFFMAN F. H. A. 1, 2; Chorus 1.

SANDRA GREENE Bible Club 1, 2.

JAMES HOTTENSTEIN

NANCY KELLEY RIGHT, THIRD ROW: F.T.A. FAR RIGHT, THIRD ROW: 1: Chorus 1.

MARGARET HENNING F.H.A. 2; Chorus 1.

And Washington D.C.

MARILEE JACOB BELOW: Elysium Staff 3,4, Editor 4; F.H.A. 1,2,3,4, President 3; Band 1,2,3,4; Spanish Club 2, 3, 4; Bible Club 1, 2, 3, 4; F. T. A. 1, 2, 3, 4; Chorus 1,2,3,4; Senior Play.

JANET IKLE BELOW: F.H.A. 1,2,3, Secretary 2; F.N.A. 2,3,4, Secretary 2, Treasurer 4; Spanish Club 2,3,4; Bible Club 1,2,3, 4, Treasurer 2; Science Club 3,4, Secretary 3; Chorus 1,2, 3,4; Senior Play.

ALICE KARL THIRD PICTURE, BOTTOM ROW: Elysium Staff 3,4; Student Council 3; Spanish Club 2,3; Latin Club 1,2,3,4; F.T.A. 1,2, Secretary 1; Chorus 1,2,3,4; Senior Play.

RICHARD HEISER LOWER RIGHT CORNER: Elysium Staff 3,4; Football 1,2,3; Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4; Baseball 1,2; Junior Play.





















Seniors

ROBERT KLEINDIENST Letterman's Club 4.

MARIE KUHL RIGHT: Science Club 3; Basket- FAR RIGHT: Paper Staff 3,4; ball 4; Baseball 2, 3; Junior Play; F. H. A. 1; Bible Club 1, 2; Chorus 2, 3; Senior Play.



LAURALIE KING Paper Staff 3,4.



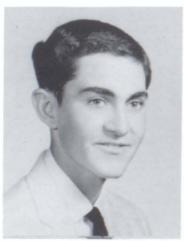
RUTH KUHL



ELONA KNOBLAUCH TURE.



ELAINE LA FOLLETTE TURE: Chorus 1,2,3,4.

























DONALD MILLER ABOVE,

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

Class of '57

SERGE MANN
UPPER LEFT CORNER: Paper
Staff 4; Science Club 3; Chorus 2,3,4; Junior Play.

SHARON MASON SECOND PICTURE, TOP ROW: Paper Staff 4; Band 1,2,3,4; Bible Club 1,2,3,4; Chorus 2,3,4.







LARRY MILLER
SECOND ROW: Football 1,2;
Basketball 1, 2, 3,4; Track 1,2,
3,4; Letterman's Club 4.

DATHEL NEVER
SECOND ROW: Paper Staff 4;
F. H. A. 1,2; F. N. A. 3,4;
Band 1,2,3,4; Bible Club 4;
Latin Club 4; Chorus 2,3,4.

DAVID PAPENHAGEN
THIRD ROW: F.F.A. 1,2,3,4;
Bible Club 4; Science Club 4,
President 4; Football 1,2,3,4;
Baseball 1,2,3,4; Track 4;
Letterman's Club 2,3,4, VicePresident 4.

PATRICIA MARKS
THIRD ROW: Paper Staff 4; Student Council 4; Spanish Club
2,3; Bible Club 2,4; F.T.A.
1,2,3,4, Vice-President 2,
Treasurer 3, President 4; Science Club 4; Chorus 1.

MERLE PAYDEN, JR.
BOTTOM ROW, FAR LEFT:
Student Council 2; Football
1,2; Baseball 1; Track 2; Class
Secretary 1.

ROBERT PFEIFER
BOTTOM ROW: F.F.A. 1,2;
Football 1,2; Baseball 1.















RUSSELL RUHL FAR LEFT: Elysium Staff 3,4; F.F.A. 1,2; Student Council 2,3,4, President 4; Science Club 4; Football 1,2,4; Track 3; Junior Play; Letterman's Club 4; Bible Club 4; Class Treasurer 2, Vice-President 3. ISABELL PIEPLOW SECOND ROW, FAR LEFT: SECOND ROW: F. H. A. 1,2,3; F. H. A. 1; Bible Club 1; Chorus F. N. A. 2, 3, 4, Secretary 4.

JAMES PFEIFER THIRD ROW, FAR LEFT. ball 1,2,3; Baseball 1,2,3,4; Letterman's Club 4.

ALFRED PRICE

Paper Staff 4; Student Council

4; Bible Club 4; Science Club

4; Chorus 4; Football 2; Basket-

JOANNE RITTNER

WILLIAM PRIELIPP THIRD ROW: Baseball 1,2,3,4.

Many Seniors Plan Jo

MICHAEL ROST 3,4; Band 1,2,3,4; Latin Club 1,2,3,4; Science Club 4: Chorus 2,3,4; Football 1; Junior Play; Senior Play.

BARBARA ROBERTS BOTTOM ROW: Elysium Staff SECOND PICTURE, BOTTOM ROW: Paper Staff 4; F.H.A. 1,2; F.N.A. 2,3,4; Bible Club 4; Chorus 2, 3,

JOYCE STROBEL ROW: F.H.A. 1,2,3,4; Chorus 1,2,3,4.

JANET STAUP THIRD PICTURE, BOTTOM FOURTH PICTURE, BOTTOM ROW: F.H.A. 1,2,3; Spanish Club 3.







MINETTA SAYLER ABOVE: Paper Staff 4; Chorus ABOVE: Baseball 1,2.

Continue Training





DONALD SPIEGEL









ALLEN SEBRING

THIRD PICTURE, TOP ROW.

WAYNE TRINKA 1,3,4; Band 1,2,3,4; Science Club 3; Basketball 1.

STANLEY SLUSARSKI

FOURTH PICTURE, TOP ROW.





MARJORIE THOMPSON THIRD ROW: Paper Staff 3,4; F.H.A. 1,2,3,4, Treasurer 2; Student Council 4, Treasurer 4; Band 1,2,3,4; Bible Club 1,2, 3,4, President 4; Latin Club 1,2,3, President 3: F.T.A. 3, 4, Treasurer 4; Chorus 1,3,4; Class Secretary 3.

ROBERT SCHALL THIRD ROW: Elysium Staff 3,4; Paper Staff 2; Student Council 3; Band 2,3,4; Bible Club 3,4; Science Club 3, 4; Chorus 2, 3, 4; Baseball 1; Junior Play; Senior Play; Class President 3, Secretary 2.





NORMAN WINTER BOTTOM ROW.

MERLIN WAHL BOTTOM ROW, FAR RIGHT: F.F.A. 1,2,3,4.



Top ten seniors in order of scholastic rank, STANDING: Janis Tagsold, Janet Geib, Ruth Kuhl, Shelby Jean Doerfler, Patricia Marks. SEATED; Marie Kuhl, Marilee Jacob, Darlene Creque, Sharon Mason, Marjorie Thompson, Pat Frost. ABSENT.

Honored Seniors



JANIS TAGSOLD Valedictorian

Through many hours of hard work and study, several seniors through their own individual talents, have achieved honors. Janis Tagsold, Valedictorian, had an all "A" record. Janet Geib, Salutatorian, had a 2.9 average. Marjorie Thompson, who was also among the top ten, received the D.A.R. Good Citizenship Award. The winner of this award is chosen by the senior class and by the faculty.

Several seniors were also honored by being elected president of various school activities.



JANET GEIB Salutatorian

STANDING, LEFT TO RIGHT: President of Student Council. Russell Ruhl; President of Science Club, David Papenhagen; President of F.F.A., Arden Ford; President of Letterman's Club, Lauren Grinage. SEAT-ED: President of Senior Class, Janis Tagsold; President of F.N.A., Kay Williams; President of Bible Club, Marjorie Thompson; President of F. T. A., Patricia Marks; Editor of Annual, Marilee Jacob; Editor of School Paper, Pat Frost, ABSENT.



Working, willing hands are an essential part of curricular and extra-curricular activities which comprise any well-round-ed school life.



FRONT ROW: B. DeMille, S. Brownell, M. Sayler, M. Jacob, J. Dunning, B. Chapin, J. Petee, B. Lora, L. Lips, J. Beagle, J. Hall, M. Robertson, R. Burgermeister, J. Hillman, N. Mehan, D. Sheldon. SECOND ROW: Mrs. Richardson, P. Frost, J. Walters, K. Coleman, P. Fatchett, P. Petee, V. Pfeifer, D. Knaggs, S. Ford, M. Bierley, A. Houttekier, S. Street, J. Stutzman, M. Crane, I. Aten, L. Neuman. THIRD ROW: S. Horky, D. Pfiefer, K. Bettis, B. Johnson, B. Palmer, L. Seegert, M. Smith, J. Browneller, S. Landis, K. Stock, J. Strobel, G. Knisel, J. Bierley, R. Miller, G. Stone, S. Robertson. FOURTH ROW: P. Knisel, S. Schall, J. Lipp, E. Stutzman, J. VanBuren, C. Abner, K. Williams, C. Fisher, L. Goetz, L. Schroeder, C. Christensen, K. Schaedler, S. Gould, M. Thompson, C. Setzler, K. Chapin, E. Sanchez.

F.H.A. Stresses Democracy

"Training ourselves to be more democratic in all phases of life," was selected by the 64 F. H. A. members as their goal for this year.

B. Lora completes initiation of D. Sheldon, Freshmen Class President, while other candidates wait their turn.

Mrs. Lois Richardson was the advisor with Mrs. Wade Lora and Mrs. Norman Gould as chapter mothers.

First on the year's program was the informal initiation, followed by the formal initiation. At Christmas, gifts were given to needy children. Other activities included a Valentine's party, a tour of Richland Furs, and a Family Night.



LEFT TO RIGHT: J. Beagle, Reporter; B. Lora, President; L. Lips, Secretary; J. Petee, Treasurer; J. Hall, Vice-President.



FRONT ROW: R. Thompson, J. Knisel, J. Walters, L. Hammons, H. Rouget, G. Crane, A. Ford, L. Fisher, R. Belman, L. Lipp, E. Knoblauch, H. Johnson. SECOND ROW: J. Darish, D. Ricker, W. Mitchell, R. Bierley, R. Rohrbach, N. Gentz, R. Daniels, C. Love, R. Garno, D. Brown, H. Speigel, R. Smith, F. Isley, K. Hull, Mr. Venema. THIRD ROW: K. Frye, M. Burkhart, L. Smoll, K. Kendall, W. Uckele, L. Brown, P. Rodesiler, N. Clough, R. LaRoy, G. Miller, L. Zimmerman, D. Bailey, L. Phillips, L. Goll, R. Mchan. FOURTH ROW: D. Andrews, J. Schaedler, J. Berry, D. Snyder, R. Bushrow, G. Ehlert, F. Hasen, N. Thompson, P. Marks, M. Wahl, W. Bierman, K. Neyrinck, T. Isley, J. Bartholomew, H. Miller, R. Fisher.

Jomorrow's Farmers Joday

Improvement of the farming conditions was the chief aim of the 57 F.F.A. members this year.

With Mr. Venema as advisor, the 1957 officers were, Arden Ford, President; Gordon Crane, Vice-President; Lawrence Fisher, Secretary; Larry Hammons, Treasurer. Arden Ford was also President of Region 2 of the state F.F.A. and was in charge of the district leadership training camp.

The club participated in many projects, among which were donating \$20 to the Polio Fund, selling pep shirts, selling garden seeds, and joining the farm pest drive.



F.F.A. officers G. Crane, L. Hammons, A. Ford, H. Rouget, and L. Fisher plan their next meeting.

The farm forum and the demonstration team won gold medals in district competition which gave them the chance to take part in regional competition.



Tom Isley, Larry Hammons, and Harold Rouget discuss their prize winning demonstration.



FRONT ROW: P. Smith, B. Roberts, D. Creque, J. Ikle, K. Williams, K. Ries, J. Rittner, J. Daniels, A. Swanson, SECOND ROW: S. Clampitt, L. Hadesh, J. Lidster, K. Knapp, P. Brooks, S. Gould, L. Rathbun, W. Grasley, Mrs. Culhane. THIRD ROW: C. Abner, J. Schwabland, J. Petee, S. McColl, D. Never, B. Palmer, G. Knisel, E. Stutzman, S. Fashbaugh.

Future Nurses Look Toward Days In White



Attending the Christmas Tea were Kay Williams and Sue McColl, standing; and Future Nurses Alumni Lou Ann Isley and Carolyn Bettis.

Activities and programs were provided by the Future Nurses Club for those students interested in nursing as a career. In October the club toured the State Hospital at Ypsilanti. The mothers of the members were guests at the November meeting. Lt. Margaret Gettle, an U.S. Navy nurse, spoke at this meeting as did Mrs. Donald Whitney, a public health nurse. On December 27 a Christmas party was held at the library. Former F. N. A. members who were presently in nurses training were guests and told of their training experiences.

Mrs. Culhane, one of the high school commercial teachers, was the advisor. The nurse consultants were Mrs. Burdette Peebles and Mrs. Carl Dunning, both registered nurses. The officers for the year were as follows: President, Kay Williams; Vice-President, Kay Ries; Secretary, Joanne Rittner; Treasurer, Janet Ikle.

The goal of the club was to better acquaint future nurses with their prospective careers.

Students who were interested in teaching had an opportunity to learn more about their chosen profession through the activities of the Future Teachers Club. Mrs. Berk, the third grade teacher, and Mrs. Kafer, a high school English teacher, were the coadvisors. The officers were as follows: President, Pat Marks; Vice-President, Charleen Buehrer; Secretary, Marcia Smith; Treasurer, Marjorie Thompson.

The club's officers were installed at the September meeting with Mr. F. J. Strayer performing the installation. During the Yuletide season the club exhibited a Christmas scene in the display case. For the first time this year, members of the club had an opportunity to qualify for a \$200 scholarship sponsored by the Patent-Teacher Association.

To gain first-hand experience several of the club's members worked as teachers' aides. By participating in the activities of the club the members were generally able to confirm their intentions to become teachers.



F.T.A. Officers M. Smith, M. Thompson, P. Marks, and C. Buchrer discuss club plans.

Scholarship Offered Future Teachers



FRONT ROW: B. Gilbert, P. Marks, C. Buehrer, M. Thompson, M. Smith, M. Jacob. SECOND ROW: Mrs. Berk, C. Sayers, S. Doerfler, L. Smoll, R. Fatchett, A. Bell, R. Kuhl, Mrs. Kafer.



FRONT ROW: R. Ruhl, R. Schall, M. Rost, J. Tagsold, M. Jacob, S. Doerfler, R. Heiser, A. Karl. SECOND ROW: Mr. Peebles, P. Smith, L. Hammons, S. McColl, M. Smith, J. Mason, A. Liewert, B. Lora, D. Bettis.

Hands Featured As 1957 Elysium Theme

The 1956-57 Elysium was edited by Marilee Jacob with Shelby Doerfler and Janis Tagsold as assistant editors. Mr. Peebles, high school principal, was the advisor.

Money for the publication of the annual was made by selling individual pictures, subscriptions, and advertisements.

A large amount of work was put into the year – book by the staff to get the pages completed by the deadlines. Sections of the annual were divided among the Seniors with juniors assisting them.

The Elysium this year was built around the theme "Hands" which was emphasized in the foreword and on the division pages.



Editor, M. Jacob; Business Manager, R. Ruhl; Assistant Editor, J. Tagsold; and Advisor, Mr. Peebles confer on progress of book.



FRONT ROW: A. Hoag, S. Mann, A. Price, D. Creque, P. Frost, J. Daniels, M. Thompson, W. Trinka, M. Mitchell. SECOND ROW: S. Goetz, P. Knisel, A. LaSotta, L. Derthick, B. Rodesiler, C. Fisher, J. Krause, J. Adrian, C. Buehrer, J. Geib, B. Roberts, S. Mason, L. King, M. Sayler, Mr. Ridgley. THIRD ROW: J. Dunning, R. Kuhl, L. Seegert, P. Marks, L. Schroeder, H. Haas, J. Derthick, R. Rathbun, D. Never, S. Fashbaugh, M. Smith, F. Isley, M. Kuhl, J. Case.

Sugar Scoop Honored In J.B. Project



Editor Pat Frost and assistant editor Darlene Creque work with Charleen Buehrer in preparing the next issue of the Sugar Scoop.

Early last spring Pat Frost was chosen editor of the 1956-57 school paper with Darlene Creque as assistant editor. The name was changed from "The School Daze" to "The Sugar Scoop." Some of the new features which were added this year were the Rival Record containing facts about our opponents in athletic competition, Club Cues giving a description of all the school's clubs, and Margie's Mews cleverly telling the humorous side of school life.

Twenty-seven members comprised the paper staff. The following were the department heads; News, Joan Daniels; Features, Marjorie Thompson; Sports, Al Price; Business Manager, Serge Mann. The staff members were chosen by individual tryouts in the spring. Mr. Ridgley, one of the social studies teachers, was the advisor. The paper was published weekly.

The Sugar Scoop staff participated in the School Press Project encouraging tuberculosis control. They were awarded a certificate of honor for their efforts.



FRONT ROW: M. Bateson, M. Jacobson, E. Sanchez, A. LaSotta, C. Jentoft, K. Glaser, M. Jacob, C. Lonski. SECOND ROW: J. Delker, S. Street, S. McColl, L. Seegert, P. Marks, M. Smith, B. Lora, R. Hall, V. Nichols, K. Williams, Mrs. McColl. THIRD ROW: C. Christensen, D. Bettis, A. Liewert, A. Hoag, L. Grinage, T. Paulson, J. Mason, C. Creger, L. Schroeder, J. Ikle.

Los Conquistadores Study Spanish Customs

The Los Conquistadores, the Conquerors, is the name which has been given to the Spanish Club. The clubs purpose is to become better acquainted with the Spanish people and their customs.

At the first meeting Mr. and Mrs. Clement Hoagland showed pictures of Mexico. At Christmas time a Pinata was made by Eva Sanchez. It was

E. Sanchez, Treasurer; A. LaSotta, Vice-President; K. Glaser, Secretary; C. Jentoft, President meet at Angeline's locker.



broken at the Christmas party and the contents were enjoyed by everyone. On January 14, 1957, the Spanish Club was invited to attend a party given by the Latin Club.

The Spanish Club has been functioning for nine years under the guidance of Mrs. Mary Jane McColl.

B. Lora attempts to break the Pinata.





FRONT ROW: J. King, M. Jacobson, L. Hadesh, S. Goetz, S. Gould, S. Fashbaugh, P. Petee, S. Adrian, J. Beagle, J. Clegg. SECOND ROW: Mrs. Onofrio, S. Sherman, B. Gilbert, S. Clampitt, L. Rathbun, J. Schwabland, S. Cory, J. Studenka, J. Eisenmann, A. Karl. THIRD ROW: J. Waigle, F. Birdsell, D. Never, T. Barratt, M. Rost, V. DeLoach, L. Kerentoff, K. Ries, J. James, P. Never. FOURTH ROW: S. Schall, J. Michael, D. Graser, J. Petee, J. Lidster, R. McVicker, J. Frost, B. Palmer, D. Case, K. Schaedler, L. Landis.

Latin Club Joins Junior Classic League

To start the year the Latin Club joined the National Junior Classic League. The league was organized to promote the development of Latin Clubs throughout the United States.

An initiation for new members was held in November. During December the members went Christmas caroling and the club also had a Christmas project. The project consisted of displays showing the similarities between Latin Christmas customs which were handed down and the customs of today. A display of the project was put in the windows of the Blissfield Advance and Tagsolds Furniture Store. In April the club had their Latin Banquet.

The motto of the Latin Club was to promote the idea that "Latin Lives Today."

S. Goetz, Secretary; P. Petee, Vice-President; S. Fashbaugh, President; and S. Gould, Treasurer; inspect treasurer's book.









FRONT ROW: L. Hammons, R. Rohrback, J. Hottenstein, J. Van Buren, L. Grinage, D. Papenhagen, D. Brown, L. Snyder. SECOND ROW: Mr. Swain, N. Hinshaw, T. Isley, A. Price, H. Martinez, H. Haas, R. Ruhl, C. Hahn, T. Hahn, T. Hall, Mr. Rupp. THIRD ROW: Mr. Miles, R. Andrews, C. Buehrer, A. Hoag, T. Paulson, R. Bowman, D. Frohnapfel, L. Miller, J. Mason, P. Rodesiler, M. Chenhall. FOURTH ROW: W. Hamann, D. Miller, A. Liewert, R. Belman, G. Bowman, G. Good, R. Fatchett, D. Bettis, D. Snyder, Mr. Lew.

Lettermen Construct Track Record Board



Lauren Grinage and Mr. Chenhall admire new lettermen's jackets.

Leading the Lettermen's Club during the 1956-57 school year were the following officers: President, Lauren Grinage; Vice-President, James Hottenstein; Secretary, Dave Papenhaven; Treasurer, Jerry Van Buren. The advisors for the club were the high school and the junior high coaches--Mr. Lew, Mr. Miles, Mr. Chenhall, Mr. Swain, Mr. Rupp, and Mr. Potter. For a money making project the club again sold popcorn at the home football and basketball games.

The club constructed and erected a board in the gym giving the track records and the names of the record holders. As an extra project this year the club decided to start a fund to raise money for purchasing glass backboards for the new school. For outside activities the club attended a football game at the University of Michigan in November, a basketball game at the University of Toledo in January, and a hockey game at Detroit in March.



FRONT ROW: S. Clampitt, J. Frost, B. Yurnikl, L. Maloney, J. Fraeyman, F. Isley, D. Papenhagen, D. Peebles, D. Graser, J. Case, J. Ikle, M. Crane, M. Robertson, J. Dunning. SECOND ROW: Mr. Moore, C. Sayers, S. Goetz, R. Burgemeister, J. Marks, B. Palmer, J. Petee, S. Fashbaugh, R. Hall, S. Gould, A. LaSotta, G. Knisel, A. Wellnitz, S. Cory, S. Street, Mr. Strayer. THIRD ROW: R. McVicker, L. Kerentoff, K. Ries, J. Hall, T. DeLoach, H. Haas, B. Fatchett, R. Rathbun, M. Rost, C. Frohnapfel, L. Grinage, J. Mason, J. Bangerter, L. Speigel, V. DeLoach, L. Beagle, P. Never. FOURTH ROW: J. Lidster, C. Buehrer, S. McColl, L. Seegert, R. Ruhl, R. Smith, M. Burkhart, M. Karl, D. Brubaker, B. Bierman, C. Jentoft, B. Schall, M. Smith, B. Lora, K. Stock, P. Marks.

Science Club Has Active Year

The purpose of the Blissfield High School Science Club was to arouse a keener interest in the field of science.

This year the club had a membership growth. The members enjoyed a variety of programs such as a trip to the observatory at the University of Toledo, a talk on the newly purchased mannequin, "Mergatroid," dissection of an unborn pig, experiments, and a trip to the museum at the University of Michigan.

The club had a highly successful year and was guided by Mr. Moore and Mr. James Strayer.

The officers for the year '56-'57 were: President, Dave Papenhagen; Vice-President, Dave Peebles; Secretary, Floyd Isley; and Treasurer, Darlene Graser.



Mike Rost demonstrates home made telescope to members of Science Club.

MIXED CHORUS



FRONT ROW: A. LaSotta, E. LaFolette, L. Hadesh, A. Coopshaw, R. Coopshaw, R. Bushrow, R. Garno, J. Ikle, S. Mason, M. Thompson, M. Saylor. SECOND ROW: S. Goetz, J. Beagle, J. Daniels, M. Mitchell, F. Birdsell, L. Maierle, A. Price, R. McVicker, M. McCarty, C. Baird, Y. Gritzmaker, S. Miller. THIRD ROW: C. Buehrer, B. Chapin, J. Rhinehart, J. Tagsold, R. Rathbun, M. Rost, C. Frohnaphfel, S. Mann, H. Haas, D. Never, J. Krause, J. Strobel, A. Karl. FOURTH ROW: M. Jacob, B. Palmer, C. Abner, B. Lora, L. Smoll, B. Fatchett, R. Payne, Mrs. Bond, Director; K. Lemely, D. Bettis, R. Schall, M. Smith, S. Gould, D. Grasser, R. Kuhl.

Community Enjoys Choral Concerts

FRONT ROW: N. Mehan, T. Krix, M. Bateson, C. Lonski, S. Dunbar, D. Mann, P. Smith, M. Robertson, J. Delker, K. Glaser, D. Case, A. Swanson, C. Spiegel. SECOND ROW: D. Faust, C. Trinka, B. Edgar, D. Long, J. Stutzman, S. Robertson, K. Chapin, G. Stone, M. Payden, K. Coleman, L. Neuman, P. Knisel, S. Parker. THIRD ROW: L. Rathbun, B. Rodesiler, K. Knapp, B. Johnson, J. Frost, K. Stock, J. Browneller, S. Landis, S. Schall, J. Schwabland, L. Knoblauch, J. Van Buren, L. Clough, L. Derthick. FOURTH ROW: M. Crane, S. Street, K. Cole, K. Schaedler, M. Phipps, B. Bierley, A. Clements, B. Clough, S. Sherman, J. Marks, A. Wellnitz, L. Landis, K. Isley, J. Walters, P. Holtz, Mr. Bond, Director.



GIRLS' CHORUS



FRONT ROW: E. Loveland, J. Walters, M. Payden, S. Goetz, B. Gilbert, J. Daniels, M. Thompson, J. Geib, A. Liewert, H. Gallatin, P. Knisel, M. Robertson, L. Neuman. SECOND ROW: Mr. Eisenmann, J. Ikle, B. Roberts, C. Buehrer, K. Williams, C. Abner, B. Palmer, A. Wellnitz, S. Doerfler, B. Lora, M. Jacob, J. Case, Shirley Robertson, Sharon Robertson, N. Buehrer, P. Payden. THIRD ROW: S. Pooley, P. Frost, C. Christensen, K. Ries, D. Brown, L. Hammons, R. Schall, L. Grinage, J. Van Buren, D. Papenhagen, R. Rathbun, R. Ruhl, J. Tagsold, L. Schroeder, S. Mason, J. Beagle. FOURTH ROW: Marion Sayler, C. Baird, J. Eisenmann, L. Knoblauch, B. Chapin, S. Fashbaugh, C. Fisher, M. Smith, L. Goetz, P. Marks, L. Seegert, S. Mc-Coll, J. Van Buren, J. Marks, W. Grasley, L. Maloney, S. Cory.

Bible Club Provides Spiritual Atmosphere

This year the Bible Club was led by Marjorie Thompson. The other officers assisting her were as follows: Vice-President, Arthur Liewert; Secretary, Joan Daniels; Treasurer, Janet Geib. In addition

M. Thompson, J. Geib, J. Daniels, and A. Liewert, Bible Club officers discuss future plans.

there were the following general chairmen: recreation, Sue McColl; refreshments, Janet Ikle; Publicity, Marcia Smith. The advisor was Mr. Virgil Eisenmann.

For the October meeting the executive committee arranged a get-acquainted program. Appropriately in November a special Election Eve meeting was held with "Get Out the Vote for Christ" as the theme. Later in the month the Bible Club in co-operation with the high school choruses presented a Thanksgiving assembly program. Marjorie Thompson arranged the Christmas assembly program which the members of the club presented.

The club's purpose was to serve teenagers by providing fun and Christian inspiration. The general agenda of the meetings was as follows: devotional period, business meeting, recreation, refreshments, and a friendship circle which provided an unique and inspiring closing.



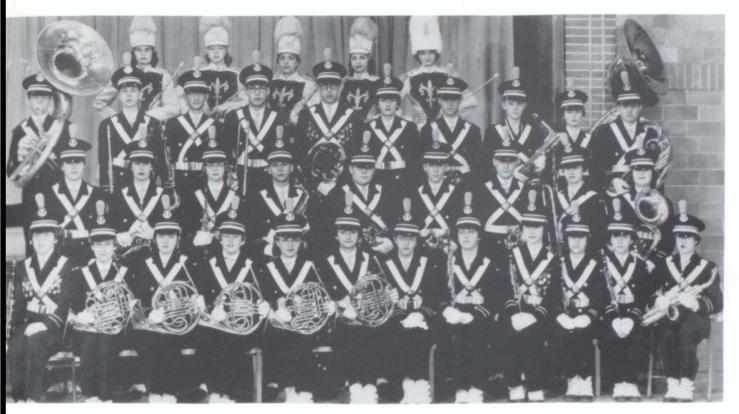
FRONT ROW: S. Goetz, J. Rohrback, D. Fischer, W. Grasley, K. Williams, S. Doerfler, M. Jacob, C. Sayers, P. Fatchett, S. Mason, S. Daniels, S. Miller. SECOND ROW: Y. Gritzmaker, S. Moestl, M. Fashbaugh, J. Schwabland, J. Lipp, L. Goetz, B. Rodesiler, S. Gould, R. Hall, C. Schaedler. THIRD ROW: C. Everett, M. McCullough, R. Schall, L. Knoblauch, C. Creger, D. Never, J. Browneller, B. Palmer, L. Kerentoff, L. Smoll. FOURTH ROW: Mr. Bond, S. Horky, A. Coopshaw, D. Creque, J. Bierley.

Band Proudly Displays New Uniforms



The B.H.S. Majorettes pose for photographer.

MAJORETTES
TOP ROW: Judy Bierley,
Betty Clough. MIDDLE
ROW: Alice Coopshaw,
Beverly Lora, Sharlene
Horky. BOTTOM ROW:
Carol Abner, Sherrie Cory,
Darlene Creque, Rosemary
Burgermeister.



FRONT ROW: C. Baird, K. Glaser, J. Delker, P. Smith, J. Beagle, M. Thompson, J. Marks, P. Petee, J. Petee, J. Pieh, D. Young, S. Dunbar. SECOND ROW: S. McColl, L. Seegert, K. Gibbons, W. Trinka, D. Price, D. Peebles, L. Peters, K. Knapp, K. Schaedler. THIRD ROW: P. Never, R. Culhane, R. Klauda, L. Grinage, M. Rost, J. Tagsold, D. Miller, C. Jentoft, L. Bischoff, K. Frye. FOURTH ROW: C. Abner, B. Clough, S. Cory, R. Burgermeister, B. Lora.

The 1956-1957 Band had another successful year under the direction of Mr. Howard Bond. Assisting him were student conductors Michael Rost and Charles Everett.

During the marching season the band performed for all home games and special occasions. The shows which were very well accepted emphasized dance routines.

On December 20, 1956, the first band con-

cert was held. The program was centered around Christmas music.

This year the band was proud to display the new uniforms which were dark navy blue with purple and gold capes, white cross-belts, and white spats. A gold citation cord was worn for concerts.

Other activities of the band were the magazine drive and a trip to a U. of M. football game.



The Band performs at the Tecumseh Band Festival.

"Almost Summer" Presented By Seniors



M. Jacob--Maid; M. Kuhl--Junior's girl friend; L. Fisher--Paul's young brother; Mr. Geierman--director; C. Frohnapfel--school principal; A. Ford--Paul's father; A. Karl--Paul's mother; R. Schall--Paul, a high school senior; J. Ikle--Paul's girl friend; P. Fatchett--Jack's girl friend; M. Rost--Jack, Paul's boy friend.

On November 15th and 16th the seniors presented "Almost Summer", a three act comedy. The play centered around Paul, a high school senior who was confronted with the necessity of getting a "B" average in order to get a recommendation to the University. As the plot thickened, Paul was entangled, with his unscrupulous pal, Jack, in a test snatching. To make matters

worse Paul's girl, Jane, became disgusted and threatened to date Paul's arch rival. This situation was made worse by Junior, Paul's young brother who found he could no longer keep his own love affair a secret. As the play drew to a climax, Paul was proven innocent, given the recommendation and won back his girl.

CAST

Paul						. Robert Schall
Jane						Janet Ikle
Mrs.	Jor	nes				Alice Karl
Mr.	Jone	es				Arden Ford
Mary						 Pat Fatchett
						Mike Rost
Junio	or.					 Lawrence Fisher
Lilah						 Marie Kuhl
						 Marilee Jacob
Mr.	Smu	dge	ely			Clark Frohnapfel



P. Frost makes-up M. Jacob as Anna, the maid.

Janis Jagsold Chosen Homecoming Queen



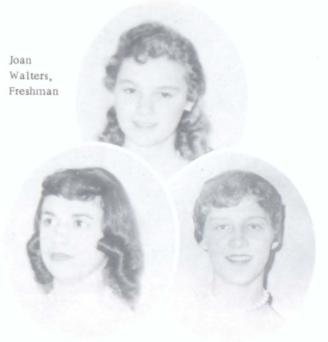
The queen and her court.

On the evening of October 19, 1956, the "Annual Homecoming" football game was held between Blissfield and Hudson at Ellis Playground. Angeline LaSotta, Rosemary Burgermeister, and Joan Walters, were the members of the queen's court and Janis Tagsold was honored by

being elected Homecoming Queen. Jim Hottenstein presented Janis with a lovely bouquet of red roses at the game. Jerry Van Buren crowned her queen of the B.H.S. Homecoming at the dance following the game.



Queen Janis greets the crowd from a Thunderbird.



Rosemary Burgermeister Sophomore

Angeline LaSotta Junior

Student Council Sponsors Clean-up Week



FRONT ROW: D. Sheldon, K. Brieschke, D. Creque, R. Ruhl, J. Hottenstein, M. Thompson, O. Sherman, M. Rittner. SECOND ROW: Mr. Peebles, B. Klump, P. Marks, J. Tagsold, A. Price, B. Fatchett, L. Hammons, B. Gilbert, J. Hillman. THIRD ROW: B. Fisher, L. Smoll, H. Haas, L. Grinage, R. Bowman, G. Crane, T. Barratt, J. Bartholomew.

The Student Council enjoyed another successful year under the following leaders: Russ Ruhl, President; Jim Hottenstein, Vice-President; Darlene Creque, Secretary; Margie Thompson, Treasurer; and Mr. Peebles, Advisor. Once again the Student Council voted to support Janina Bundalis, the Latvian war refugee.

In addition to the usual Student Council projects, the council also undertook a clean-up week, changing the constitution to allow for alternate home room representatives, the election of Reserve Cheerleaders, and spent some time discussing a Teen Center.



The Student Council waits for Russ Ruhl, President, to call the meeting to order.



Darlene Cregue, Secretary, reads the minutes of the previous meeting.

Cheerleaders Build School Spirit



R. Burgermeister, S. Gould, K. Glaser, S. Cory, J. Krause, J. Hillman

This years pep meetings were outstanding due largely to the enthusiasm of the cheerleaders and the many skits which they presented. In addition to planning and conducting the pep meetings the cheerleaders introduced many new yells and made posters inspiring the student body to support their teams. The many hours which they practiced showed in their excellent cheerleading at the

games and at the pep meetings.

This year, for the first time, the student body elected reserve cheerleaders which gave more students an opportunity to participate in this activity. Cheerleaders were again chosen to represent the Junior High grades. The cheerleaders deserve a 'cheer' of praise for the fine work they have done in upholding the school spirit.



JUNIOR HIGH CHEERLEADERS, FRONT ROW: P. Clements, S. Daniels, B. Hull. BACK ROW: C. Bunting, D. Knapp, R. Ebright.



RESERVE CHEERLEADERS, FRONT ROW: J. Walters, K. Knapp, J. Van Buren. BACK ROW: G. Knisel, L. Knoblauch, B. Palmer.

Important Day For Freshmen





Freshman boys do a good deed.

Isn't that delicious?



Steady, Mr. Strayer!

On September 24, the school year at Blissfield High got off to a good start with the traditional Freshman Initiation. Among the numerous other stunts each was asked to perform, every freshman received his quota of lipstick and every boy was sent through the "mill." Something new was added to the initiation this year; both the boys and the girls received an ample supply of mascara and all the boys became old men with the addition of a plentiful amount of talcum powder to their hair. On the serious side, many useful activities were performed. One of these was performed by a group of boys who went to Ellis Park and leveled off the ground where a trench had been dug across the football field to lay the new sewer. Another one was performed by a group of girls who picked up waste paper on the school ground and the football field.



Ouch!



K. Glaser, K. Neyrinck, R. Klauda, K. Knapp, L. Maierle, and J. Schwabland.

Variety Offered In Assemblies

First on the year's schedule of programs was Mr. John Dellavaux, who gave an interesting lecture on teenage behavior. A Thanksqiving

program was held on November 21. The choruses sang and several students talked about why we should be thankful.

Di Yip Loo talked about his native country of China on December 3. Some volunteers from the student body aided him in showing a few of the colorful garments worn in China. A Christmas program was given on December 21 consisting of a band concert and a Christmas pageant.

On February 15, Dr. Roland Myers gave a talk on the romance of words. William Haaker, a concert pianist, entertained the students on March 7. He varied his program with classical and popular music.



Mr. Haaker plays for K. Stock, J. Eisenmann, L. Lipp, and D. Brown.



Carol Abner lights Christmas candles.



Dale Slusarski models for Di Yip Loo.



Dr. Myers talks with J. Bartholomew and J. Frost.



Students Have Jo Prepare

Second year Latin students examine their projects.



Mr. Ridgley leads Civics discussion.

Second year shop boys operate metal lathe.

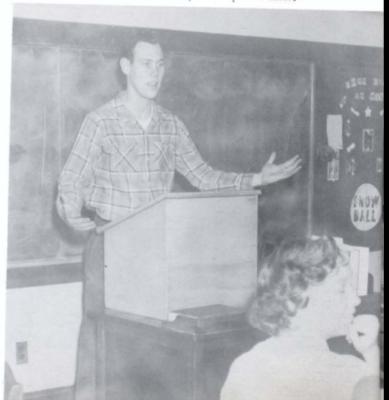


Students will enter many vocations after they have graduated. In preparing students for their careers, courses were given in college preparatory, commercial, general, and agricultural fields.

Students must have had two majors and two minors for college entrance. They could have obtained their majors or minors in English, mathematics, science, social studies, and minors in Latin or Spanish.

The program of courses included 6 English units, 8 units in social studies, 4 in science, 6 in commercial, 3 in home economics, 3 in

Clark Frohnapfel in speech class.



The Opportunity For Many Careers



Mr. Strayer explains biology mannequin to Susan Street, Ann Wellnitz, and Charles Hahn.

industrial arts, and 4 in agriculture.

In addition to these courses senior high school students could also participate in band for four years and also sing in one or the other of two choruses. There was also a junior high band and chorus.

Three years of English, one of American History, one of science, one of mathematics, and one semester of civics were required for graduation.

Blissfield High School was visited this year and was again accredited by the University of Michigan and the North Central Association.



Mr. Moore discusses physics experiment with Gary Good, Lauren Grinage, Jerry VanBuren, and John Bangerter.

Agriculture members at work on their projects.



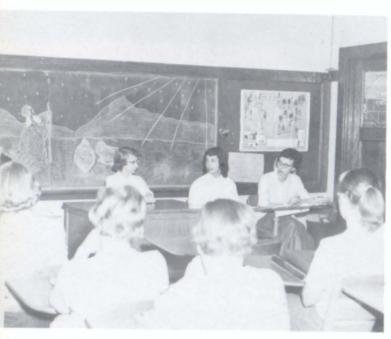
The mixed chorus sings as Mr. Bond conducts.





STUDENT LIBRARIANS

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Carol Sayers, Rosemary Burgermeister, and Marlyn Phipps conduct a panel discussion in world history.

This year the curriculum of Blissfield High was expanded so that the students would have a greater opportunity to take the subjects that would be of the most benefit to them. For the first time the students were able to take a full year of Advanced Algebra as well as Solid Geometry and Trigonometry each year. The students were also given an opportunity to take Latin I, Latin II, Spanish I, or Spanish II each year. In addition to these changes the students who desired to take only half a semester of typing for their own personal needs were given the opportunity to do so. This was a great asset to those who were planning on attending college.

Once again Driver Education was very much in demand as beginning with this year it became necessary that those students wishing to obtain licenses when they reached the age of sixteen to take Driver Education.

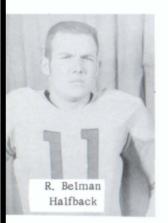


Jim Mason, Harold Clements, Tom DeLoach prepare hydrogen in chemistry class.





BACK ROW: N. Hinshaw, W. Kastel, A. Liewert, J. Pavelka, H. Martinez, T. Isley, D. Bettis, C. Love. MIDDLE ROW: Mr. Swain, Assistant Coach; G. Bowman, B. Hamann, A. Hoag, J. Mason, B. Uckele, T. Paulson, P. Rodesiler, B. Andrews, D. Snyder, Mr. Chenhall, Head Coach; Mr. Potter, Reserve Coach. FRONT ROW: T. Hall, Manager; D. Brown, R. Fatchett, L. Fisher, D. Papenhagen, J. VanBuren, L. Grinage, C. Buehrer, R. Belman, R. Ruhl, H. Haas, Manager. NOT PICTURED: J. Hottenstein, L. Hammons.



Seniors Lead Squad In Successful Season

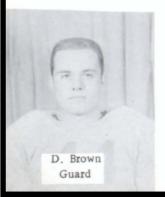
The Sugar Boys finished the season in third place in the L.C.A.A. standings with a 5-2 record. In other competition, they played two non-league games, losing one and winning one.

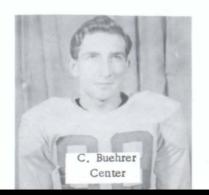
The 1956 edition of the Purple and Gold was made up of nine seniors, fifteen juniors, and two sophomores.

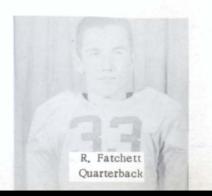
Jerald VanBuren was chosen as the

most valuable player on the Purple and Gold squad by the other members of the team. Gerald Bowman came in second for the honor of the most valuable player.

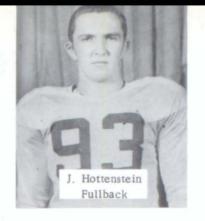
Jim Hottenstein and Jerald Van-Buren were chosen Co-Captains of the 1956 Purple and Gold squad by their team mates.

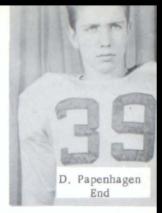












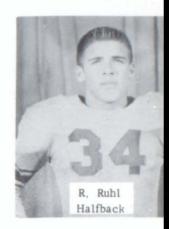
Reserves Show Promise

Ending the season with a 2-4 record, Coach Eugene Potters team gained valuable experience for play on the future Blissfield teams. This was shown as nine members of the team were moved up to the varsity for the last week of practice and for the last game of the season with Bedford.

The Junior Varsity just couldn't get started as they were beaten by the Bedford team 12-0 and by Tecumseh 40-7 in their first two tilts. The Pottermen came back strong by defeating the Morenci Bulldogs 13-0 in their third game of the season.

On the road for two games the reserves were handed two close defeats, 12-6 by the Hudson Tigers and 21-13 by Addison. They ended the season by roaring back to hand the Adrian Reserves a 34-7 defeat.

The Junior High, although not playing any outside games, learned the fundamentals of football under the direction of Coach Graham Miles. They played an exhibition game before the Blissfield-Clinton game.



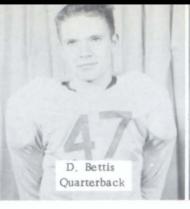


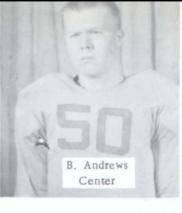
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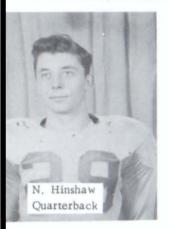












Important Part Played By

Blissfield 7 Dundee 0

Sparked by the offensive talents of Gary Bowman together with a solid defense, Blissfield won its season's opener against a strong Dundee eleven on the Dundee gridiron.

Blissfield 14 Pittsford 6

The Chenhallmen opened their L.C.A.A. schedule with a win over a determined Pittsford eleven at Pittsford.

Blissfield 13 Morenci 6

Blissfield couldn't get their offense rolling in the first half and left the field at half time with the score knotted at 6-6. They came back strong in the second half to score the needed touchdown for their second L.C.A.A. win.

Blissfield <u>27</u> Onsted <u>18</u>

Blissfield showed scoring potential in their third L.C.A.A. win at the latter's field. Onsted made a second half come back but Blissfield's four touchdowns were too much for the Wildcats.

Blissfield 41 Addison 6

On the Addison gridiron, the Sugar Boys ran up their highest score of the season by easily chalking up their fourth L.C.A.A. win of the season.

Blissfield 6 Hudson 38

Homecoming and Dad's Night were marred by Blissfield's loss to a powerful Hudson eleven, in their fifth L.C.A.A. contest of the season. In this game, as in last year's, the championship of the Lenawee County Athletic Association was at stake.

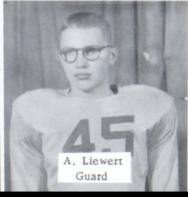
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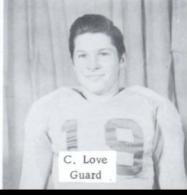
The Sugar Boys came back strong by defeating the Clinton Redskins for their sixth L.C.A.A. win of the season. Wanting to avenge their loss to Hudson the Chenhallmen played one of their best games of the season.

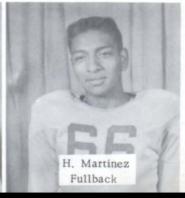


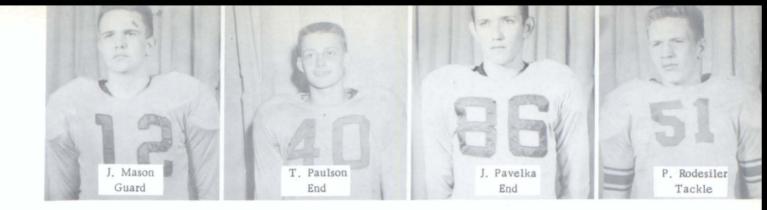
A. Hoag











Underclassmen In 6-3 Record

Blissfield 6 Summerfield 33

With second place at stake in the L.C.A.A., the Purple and Gold traveled to Summerfield for a league game. The Sugar-Boys couldn't get organized and scored their lone touchdown late in the fourth quarter.

Blissfield 7 Bedford 13

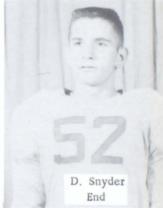
A pass in the last twenty seconds of play cost the Purple and Gold a chance for a 7-7 tie in the last contest of the season. This was also the last contest for nine seniors on the squad.

On September 21, the Blissfield High School team held its first meeting in the gym. At this time physical exams were given and uniforms were handed out.

The first practice started on Monday, September 23. Practice was held twice a day until school started. Their purpose was to get in condition and to brush up on the fundamentals of football.

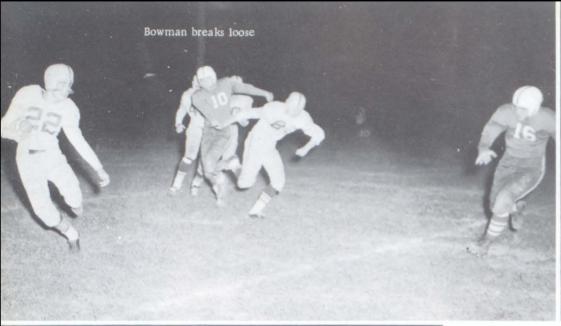
During the first week the team had a practice game with Adrian Catholic Central.



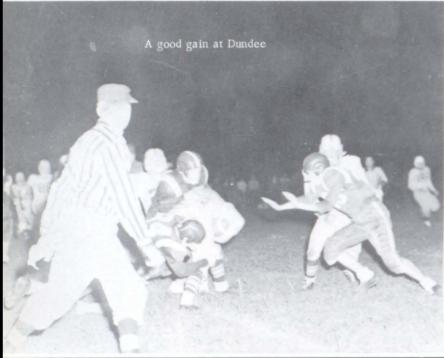


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Head Coach ROBERT CHENHALL

Assistant Coach JOHN SWAIN











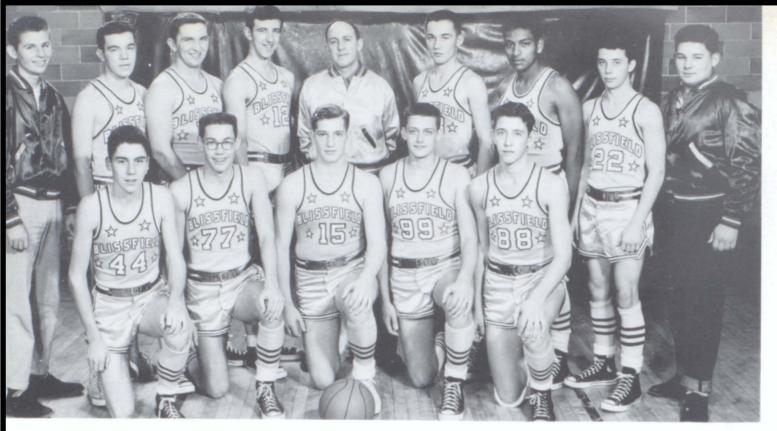


Jr. High Coach GRAHAM MILES









FRONT ROW: D. Heiser, L. Grinage, A. Hoag, T. Paulson, B. Kleindienst. BACK ROW: Manager, G. Good, A. Price, J. Hottenstein, L. Miller, Coach B. Lew, B. Fatchett, H. Martinez, N. Hinshaw, and Manager N. Gentz. MISSING: D. Glaser, J. Pavelka and Manager E. Smith.

Varsity Has A Successful Season Posting

The 1956–1957 purple and gold squad was composed of thirteen members, eight Seniors, three Juniors, and two Sophomores.

For ten members of the team it was their first year of Varsity ball. The three returning lettermen were B. Fatchett, J. Hottenstein, and L. Miller.

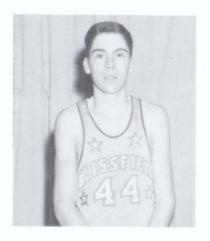
The Sugarboys getting off slowly lost three league and one non-league game in the first round of play. Coming back strong in the second round they won six games and lost one. After the last

game the squad members elected Tom Paulson and Dick Heiser as Co-captains.

The Sugarboys drew a first round bye in Class B tournament play at Tecumseh. In the second round the Sugarboys played a close hard fought contest with Monroe Catholic Central. The lead exchanged hands several times during the game. In the final seconds two foul shots decided the game in favor of Catholic Central, the final score being 57–56.



Varsity Coach Robert Lew



Co-Captain Dick Heiser



Co-Captain Tom Paulson

PITTSFORD

In their first L.C.A.A. game of the season the Blissfield Sugarboys played a good game in romping to an easy 79-39 victory.

MORENCI

Playing their second league game at Morenci the Blissfield five got off to a slow start. They made a determined try but couldn't catch the Bulldogs as they lost to Morenci 67-54.

ONSTED

The Sugarboys lost a one point decision to Onsted in their third L.C.A.A. game. The Wildcats sank a free throw in the last eight seconds to win 55-54.

ADDISON

The Sugarobys returned to the win column in their fourth L.C.A.A. game. Playing a steady game they defeated Addison by a score of 61–50.

BEDFORD

A see saw battle plus too many fouls gave Bedford a win in a non-league contest played at Blissfield. The score was 71-68.

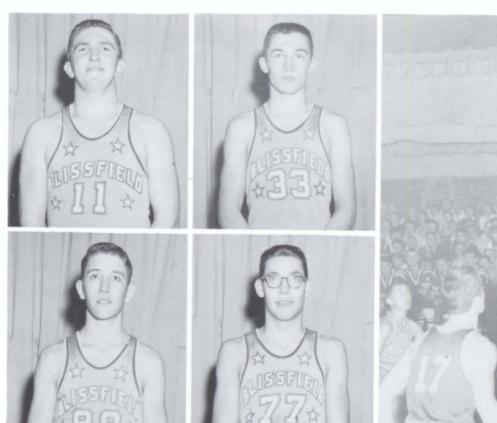


Heiser scores two more.

A 10 Won - 4 Lost Record In L.C.A.A.

J. Hottenstein

R. Fatchett





L. Grinage



Grinage waits for rebound



Grinage shoots jumpshot.

ADDISON

After a slow first half the Sugarboys put on a rally but were unable to overtake the Panthers losing their fourth league game in the closing seconds 43–42.

HUDSON

Playing one of their best games of the season the Sugarboys won a thrilling double overtime contest from the league leading Hudson Tigers 71-69.

CLINTON

In their second game of the year with Clinton the Lewmen completely dominated play by winning their ninth league game 68-46.

SUMMERFIELD

The Blissfield quintet held a commanding lead all the way winning their final league game by defeating Summerfield by a 60-44 score.

Blissfield Places Third In L.C.A.A.

HUDSON

The Sugarboys played their fifth league game at Hudson. After a close first half Hudson pulled ahead to win 55-43.

CLINTON

The Blissfield Sugarboys won their third L.C.A.A. game by defeating Clinton in the closing minutes of the fourth quarter 68-64.

SUMMERFIELD

The Blissfield five cut short a fourth quarter rally by Summerfield to win their fourth league victory 50-46.

PITTSFORD

The Lewmen romped over Pittsford to gain a lop-sided 92-70 victory in their eighth L.C.A.A. game.

MORENCI

Playing on their home floor the purple and gold regained the Kiwanis good will trophy by defeating the Bulldogs 67–56.

ONSTED

The Sugarboys using a fast break scored twenty-five points in the third quarter to gain a 68-55 victory over Onsted.

L. Miller



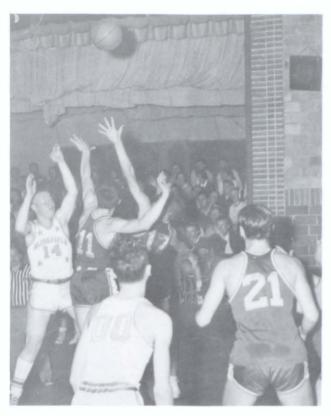






A. Hoag

H. Martinez



Andrews scores for reserves.

The Blissfield Junior Varsity coached by Mr. Rupp was composed of ten freshmen, seven Sophomores and two Juniors this year. They had a seven won eight lost record. Although not a winning season they played almost .500 ball and gained much valuable experience for future varsity play. This experience paid off well for four players as at the end of the reserve season they were moved up to play with the varsity during the tournaments.

At the March meeting of the L.C.A.A. the All-L.C.A.A. first and second basketball teams were selected by the representatives of the eight schools.

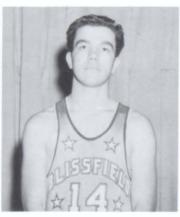
Richard Heiser and Tom Paulson, Sugarboy Co-captains, were placed on the second team. Both players were also in the top ten scorers in the L. C. A. A.

Reserves Win 7 Lose 8



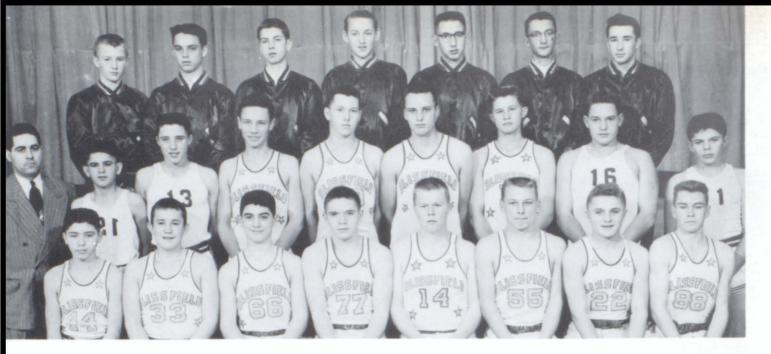
J. Pavelka (Left) R. Glaser (Below-Left) A. Price (Below)







Glaser tries for a tip.



FRONT ROW: T. Hall, D. Case, J. Michael, D. Bettis, B. Andrews, D. Bangerter, J. Waigle, D. Glaser. SECOND ROW: Coach C.L. Rupp, R. Coopshaw, B. Fisher, P. Marks, R. Breitner, L. Silberhorn, C. Backus, T. Barrett, L. Lipp. BACK ROW: D. Andrews, D. Miller, R. Culhane, F. Pavelka, L. Maierle, R. Klauda, and H. Miller. NOT PICTURED: J. Hinshaw.



Mr. Rupp, Reserve Coach

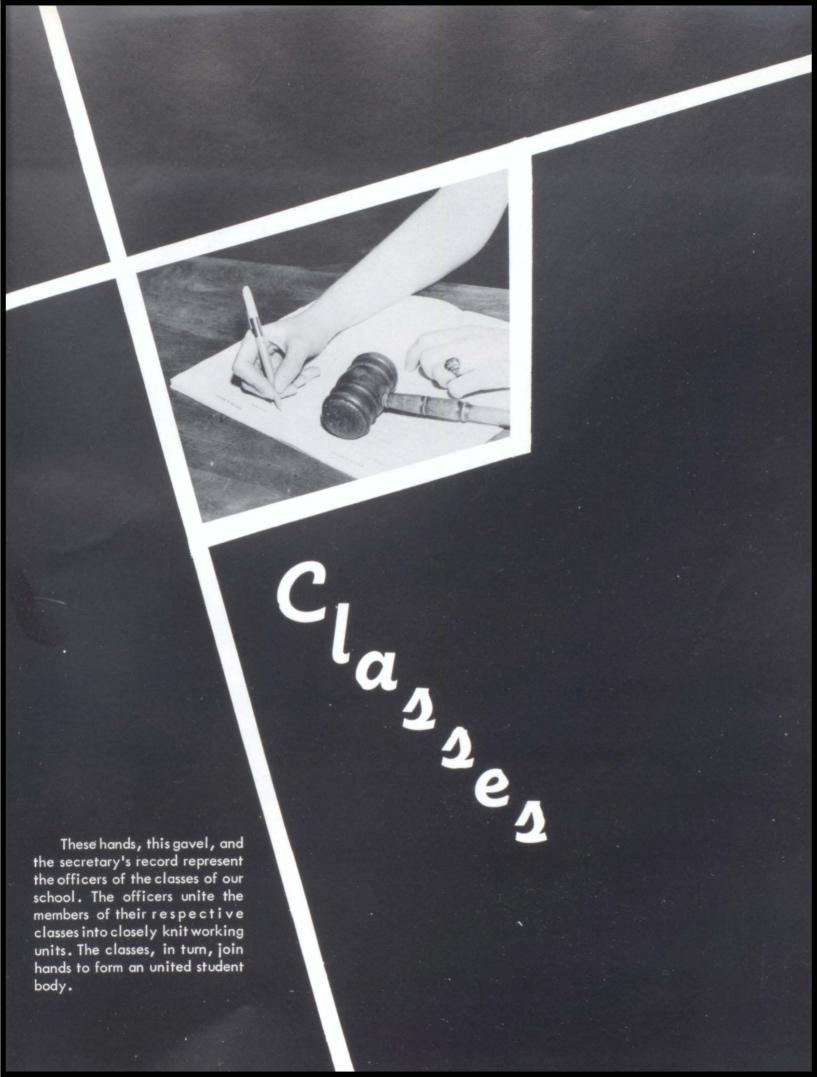
The Junior High squad was divided into two teams, the seventh and the eighth grades playing separately. Both, however, were coached by Mr. Chenhall who helped them develop the fundamentals needed for turning out future B.H.S. varsity squads. The eighth grade had an 8 won and 2 lost record and the seventh grade a 5 won and 5 lost record.



Mr. Chanhall, Jr. High Coach

FRONT ROW: K. Brieschke, J. Bishop, D. Schaedler, P. Anderson, W. Mason, T. Schneider, J. Uckele, R. Sanchez. SECOND ROW: Mr. Chenhall, K. Fick, R. Billington, R. Ruhl, T. Waigle, A. Brenke, D. Good, J. Fatchett, J. DeLoach, R. Marsk, R. Goetz, G. Sinclair. BACK ROW: N. Jentoft, G. Fischer, R. Lips, R. Clegg, R. Miller, J. Wilber, M. Baird, T. Tonneberger, K. Iffland, J. Rohrback.







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Carolyn Baird

Joann Beagle

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Dan













Bettis



Linda Bischoff



Nedra Buehrer



Robert Bushrow

















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Carol Christensen



Harold Clement













Lanny



Thomas



Vincent



Linda



Judy



Charles Creger



Richard

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Linda Goetz

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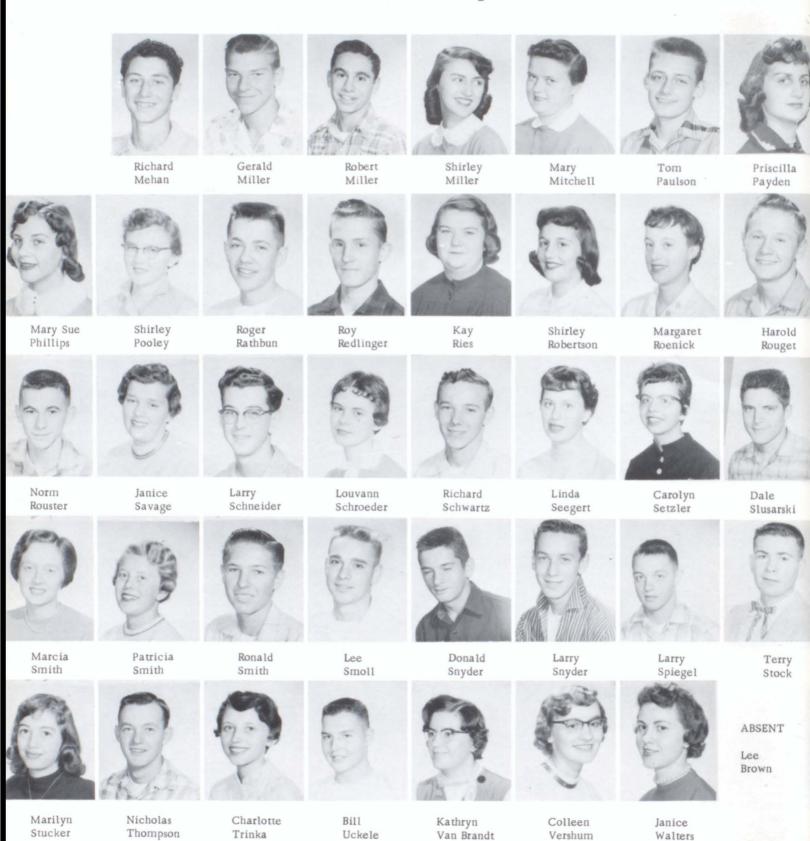


Sue McColl



Michael McCullough

Larry Hammons Chosen To Lead Junior Class



Class Of 1959 Orders Traditional Class Rings



Gilbert

Glaser

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Sandra Gunter



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Sharlene Horky



Larry Iffland



Mary Lee Jacobson



Howard Johnson



Eloise Kastel



Kenneth Kendall



Gerald Kerentoff



Gail Knisel



Larry Lipp



Linda Lips



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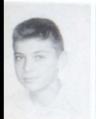
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Ronald Rohrbach



Eva Sanchez



Carol Sayers



James Schaedler



George Schroeder



Linda Schwartzwalder



Barbara Scott



David Shaeffer



Sandra Sherman



Lee Silberhorn



Barton Smith



Herb Spiegel



Gloria Spreeman



Karen Stock



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Janice Buchanan



Donna Case



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Cathryn Chapin



John Clegg



Alice Clements



Karen Cole



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Joseph Demusky



Raymond DeNudt



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Nancy Marine



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Vivian Pfiefer



Darrel Pifer

Freshmen Welcomed To Blissfield High By Traditional Initiation



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Mary

Warren

Janis Van Buren



Kathy Wegner

Wade

Wanda Williams

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Donald Marcus

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Betty Carrico



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Diane Damon



Susan Daniels



Luann DeGroff



Joe DeLoach



Nancy DeSeranno



Judee Dressler



Rosalie Ebright



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Danny Raymond



Marjorie Raymond





Ocie



Sharon





Henry Rodriquez



Kevin



Mickey Somes



Jackie Taylor



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Villegas





Robert



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Seniors Jake Part In Many Activities

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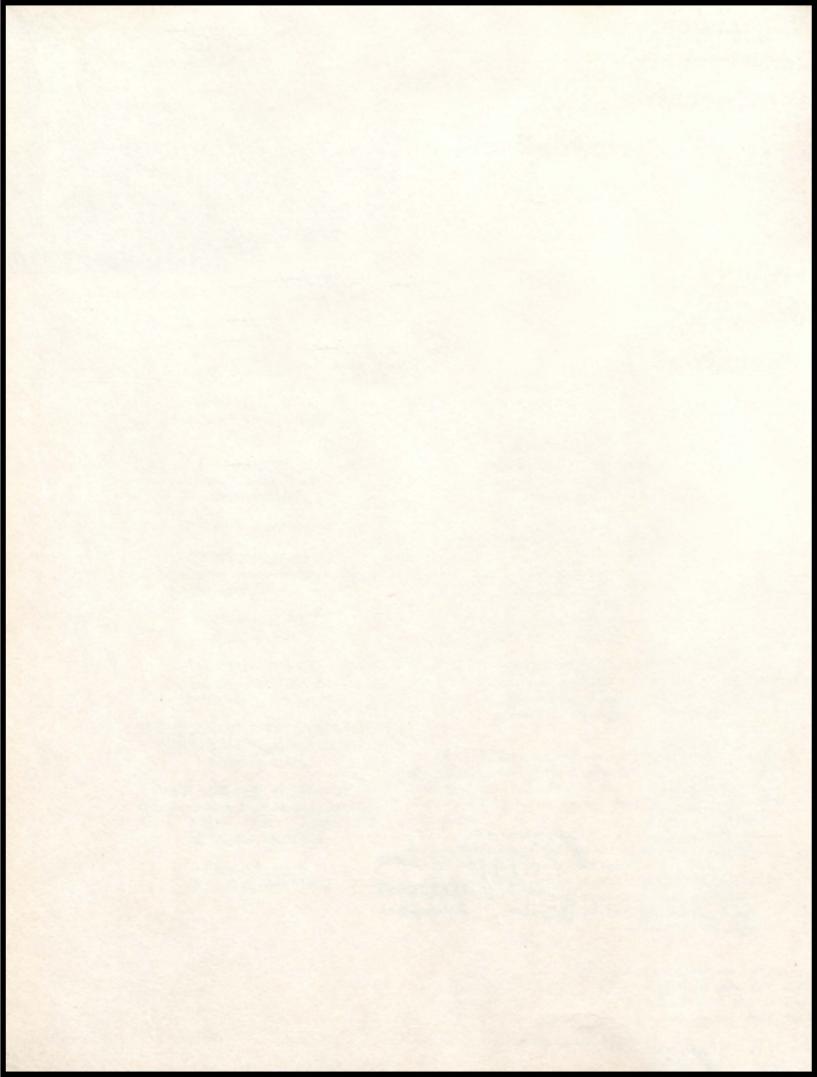
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The 1957 Elysium staff wishes to express their appreciation to all those who had a part in the making of our book. Due to the combined efforts of many willing hands we feel that the book is a success.

If, in the future, the 1957 Elysium provides a complete record of the activities of the 1956-57 school year and helps you to recall the atmosphere of Blissfield High, we have accomplished our purpose. Then the efforts of the minds and hands which compiled this record will not have been in vain.





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Members of the Board of Education, Faculty, Friends, and Classmates: On this memorable occasion we stand on the threshold of a new experience. If the signposts at the crossroads seem a bit confusing, remember the poet said:

To every man there openth a way, and ways, and a Way,

And the high soul climbs the highway, And the low soul gropes the low, And in between on the misty flats, The rest drift to and fro;

But to every man there openeth a highway and a low,

And every man decideth, the way his soul shall go.

So many widely separated paths, which one shall it be?

We cannot escape the realities of life—this particular occasion emphasizes the need to appraise our accomplishments thus far and to evaluate the prospects for future success.

Life is like a picture—it cannot become a masterpiece without conscious determination and sacrificial effort.

In the cross-currents of life, it takes no effort at all to drift. But with high resolve, none of us intend to drift, if we can only find the path that leads to the highway.

Valedictory

As an artist uses four basic colors to create a masterpiece, so we shall develop our life pattern by the fulfillment of four fundamental needs, namely; security, recognition, mastery or achievement and inspiration.

To fine security, we must search for more than material wealth. We must recognize and exemplify God's love and compassion to those about us. Our greatest security will come from our inner security as we realize that our lives are in His hands.

If our need for recognition be only social acceptance, we have small victory indeed. As we think of some of the greatest characters in history, we recall that recognition of their stature and influence on civilization came after death. So let us work and be patient as we try to make our mark in the world—always aware that all humanity is searching for the same recognition for which we strive. May we never forget that only divine recognition can give us true peace of mind.

There is more to mastery than the accomplishment of skills and knowledge. We must master our own character. Self-discipline and sense of duty are ideas that most of us would gladly delete from our thinking, but those who have been climbing the highway tell us that if we are to ever gain our dreams, we must master ourselves.

The secret of true power lies in dedication of self to a cause larger than oneself. It is the essence of the Eternal.

We are going forth into life aware of the efforts of our teachers and the sacrifices of our parents.

We are determined to climb the high road—and with God's help we shall arrive at our goals.

-Janis Tagsold-

Salutatory

Parents, Faculty, Classmates, and Friends.

Webster's dictionary tells us that "Salutatory" consists of speaking a welcome—extending a greeting. In behalf of the Class of 1957, it is indeed a privilege and a pleasure to welcome each of you who are present this evening.

We value the years spent in securing a high school education. First, may I, in behalf of this class, tell each parent that we know of the many sacrifices, large and small, that you have made to make this night a reality for us. We appreciate all that you have done to make the years a joyous privilege—a memory that we shall carry with us as long as we live.

To the faculty—the teachers who have worked with us for so long a time—may we say this, sincerely: "Thank you for the patience you have shown; for the unfailing goodwill you have always evidenced; for the help you have so sincerely given."

To my classmates: From this day forward the things we do, the things we accomplish, will stand as a tribute to our parents and the faculty. We realize that the events of this week represent no great victory, but open up the doors of real accomplishment in years to come. While we cannot predict, it is not beyond the realm of possibility that some of us may contribute, in a marked way, to the future of these United States. At least we shall try to show our gratitude through accomplishment, be it large or small.

To our friends: We hope that our many friendships will continue to grow and thrieve. Friendship is the mark of esteem, respect and goodwill. Your



JANET GEIB

friendship has given us encouragement, has added to our self-respect, has strengthened us over the years. May we be worthy—in coming years—of your friendship and that of others who will be friends of ours in seasons ahead. A good friend is wealth, to any and to all of us, to be cherished and held close to our hearts. We are glad you are with us tonight.

Finally, we wish to thank all of you who have come here. As we enter upon the program of the hour, we assure you of the hearty welcome that is yours—the joy that is ours in having you with us this evening.

Here is a thought I would like to leave with you:

"Above us all are those who need The gifts which we have power to give

We can be friendly while we live And by some thoughtful, kindly deed,

Can help another on his way And, that is service, come what may."

-Janet Geib-



Marilee Jacob sang a solo at Baccalaureate.



Alice Karl accompanied the singing at Baccalaureate.



The Seniors took their seats with the help of Angeline LaSotta and Larry Hammons.

Graduation is held

Baccalaureate Service was held on Sunday, May 26, 1957 in the B.H.S. gymnasium. The message, "Jesus Offers the Abundant Life," was presented by Reverend Alfred Price. Reverend Gordon Everett assisted in the program by giving the Invocation, Scripture Passage and Benediction.

The Mixed Chorus sang two selections entitled "Now Let Every Tongue Adore Thee" and "Deep River". Marilee Jacob sang the "Lord's Prayer" accompanied by Alice Karl on the piano.

On Tuesday, May 28, 1957, the Class of 157 presented Class Night entitled the Senior Merry-go-round. It took place in a garden scene. Around a lawn table sat Jerry Van Buren, vice-president of the class and Dr. Weinstein Grinage, played by Lauren Grinage. Dr. Grinage had brought his newest invention, the future viewer and with help of this machine they looked into the future of their classmates.

Shelby Doerfler read the Class Will and the Giftatory was read by Marilee Jacob and Sharon Mason.

Commencement took place in Ridge Auditorium on the Adrian College Campus on May 30, 1957.



Superintendent Strayer presented diplomas on a stage decorated by the Junior Class.

on Memorial Day

The B.H.S. band, directed by Mr. Howard Bond, presented a concert before the seniors took their seats in front of the stage. The band also played for the processional and recessional.

Dr. Guy H. Hill give the Commencement address, which was entitled, "Your Future is Fine if You Are Educated. Dr. Hill pointed out the qualities of an educated person.

Two members of the graduating class played solos on their respective instruments. Joan Daniels played "If Thou Be Near" on her trumpet. Shelby Doerfler played "Sonata Number 3" on the saxophone.

Reverend James Van Pernis gave the Invocation and the Benediction.

Principal Burdett Peebles presented the following awards; De Kalbaward to Arden Ford, Valedictory medal to Janis Tagsold, Salutatory medal to Janet Geib, and the Good Citizenship award to Jerry Van Buren.

Superintendent F.J. Strayer presented the diplomas of which there were eighty-seven.

The following graduates were awarded scholarships to various colleges: Lauren Grinage, Marilee Jacob, Patricia Frost, Patricia Marks, Ruth Kuhl, and Janet Geib.



Barker Clark Frohnapfel told jokes at Class Night.



Dr. Weinstein Grinage brought his future viewer to Class Night.



The speakers' table was the main attraction during the banquet.

Hawaii Welcomes Seniors

On the 17th of May the annual Junior-Senior Banquet was held in the high school gymnasium.

The evening's gaiety began with the traditional march around the school. Upon entering the gymnasium, a tropical paradise came into view, which was the setting for the theme, "Hawaiian Cruise". The banquet was prepared by the mothers

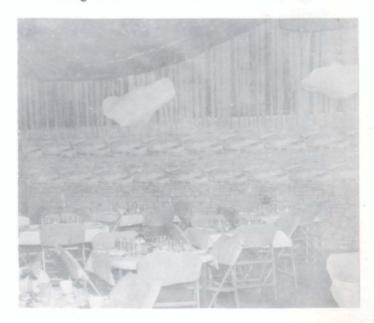
Joe Michael entertained during the intermission.



of the junior class and served by the members of the sophomore class who were dressed as beach-combers and Hawaiian girls. The after-dinner speech was given by Mr. D.N. Roberts, columnist from the Monroe Evening News.

During the prom, everyone enjoyed the music furnished by Bud Widmer of Pioneer, Ohio.

The guests were seated at small tables.





SEATED: B. Lora, P. Smith, P. Knisel, and S. Goetz. STANDING: D. Bettis, A. Hoag, Mr. Gierman, R. Rathbun, V. De Loach, and F. Isley.

"The Late Christopher Bean"

A romantic moment of the play.

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The Junior class of 1957 presented the play, "The Late Christopher Bean" on March 21 and 22. The play was directed by Mr. Alvin Gierman, speech teacher.

The setting took place in a New England farm district. The subject of the play was the pictures that Chris Bean painted of his surroundings before his death. Although the country doctor and his family, with whom Chris stayed during his illness, thought the paintings mere dabs of paint on canvass, the well-known art dealers considered them masterpieces. In the conclusion, the paintings were given to the maid in the doctor's household, who was the secret wife of Chris Bean.



Resting is a pleasure.



Jerry shows Janet how to blow a bubble.



Seniors stop for souveniers.



A group of seniors ready to tour the Capitol.

Seniors Visit New York

Sunday, May 5, at 7:30 P.M. there was plenty of excitement at Toledo train station. The seniors were leaving on their trip to Washington D. C. and New York.

Arriving in Washington D. C. at 8:10 A. M. Monday, a sightseeing tour of various buildings was taken. These included Bureau of Printing and Engraving, Washington Monument, U. S. Capitol Building, Congressional Library, and Supreme Court Building. At Night they went to "Cinerama-Seven Wonders of The World." The group stayed at the Congressional Hotel in Washington.

Tuesday the White House, Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, Iwo Jima Statue, Christ Church, Mount Vernon, and the Lincoln Memorial were visited. They left Wash-



Statue of Liberty



Hotel Congressional in Washington D.C.

And Washington D. C.

ington D. C. in the afternoon and arrived in Jersey City, N. J. where they ferried across the Hudson River and were delivered via B. & O. motor coaches to the Hotel Paramount. In the evening the National Broadcasting Company was toured.

A sight seeing tour to the Statue of Liberty, Lower New York and Chinatown were enjoyed on Wednesday.

Thursday morning a three hour cruise around Manhattan Island was completed. In the afternoon the United Nations Building was the last tour to be made by the seniors. They boarded the train for home at 8:00 Thursday evening.

May 10, Friday at 11:50 A.M. the train pulled into Toledo ending four and one half days filled with sight-seeing, tours, and fun for the senior class of 1957.



Playing cards helps to pass the time.



K. Williams finds time for a nap.



Dinner at the Old Club in Alexanderia



Did anybody get seasick?



TOP ROW: D. Fischer, E. Knoblauch, W. Mitchell, R. Garno, D. Pifer, J. Pavelka, W. Uckele, R. Rathbun, A. Liewert, D. Miller, D. Peebles, D. Andrews, N. Smith. MIDDLE ROW: Mr. Lew, Coach, L. Hammons, T. Hall, J. Michael, M. Karl, J. Waigle, J. Pavelka, H. Haas, K. Kendall, R. Culhane, T. Gordon, C. Hahn, E. Smith, F. Birdsell, D. Glaser. FRONT ROW: R. Rohrback, B. Hamann, A. Hoag, F. Hottenstein, L. Miller, C. Frohnapfel, G. Bowman, R. Bunting, R. Bushrow.

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The Blissfield Thinclads ended the season with a three win, three loss record.

For the sixth consecutive year the Blissfield thinclads won the L.C.A.A. meet by

scoring 54 3/4 points with Onsted coming in second.

During the L.C.A.A. meet two records were broken by Blissfield runners. The Medley relay team, consisting of Larry Miller, Arden Ford, Richard Garno, and Ronald Rohrback set a new record in that event, and Gary Bowman set a new 440 yd. dash record.



Coach Robert Lew

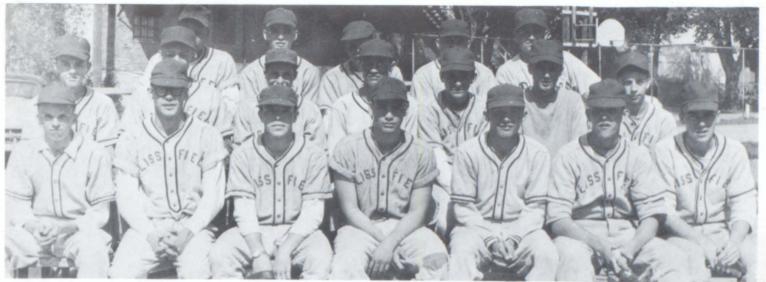
TRACK SCORES FOR 1957

Home Tea	ım		
Blissfield	38	Monroe Reserves	77
Blissfield	75	Morenci	34
Blissfield	67	Addison	42
Blissfield	44 1/3	Tecumseh	642/3
Blissfield	47	Hudson	62
Blissfield	73	Summerfield	36

Although the Sugarboys had a young team, they demonstrated their determination to win and showed depth in several different events.

Through graduation the thinclads will lose six seniors. They are Jim Hottenstein, Larry Miller, Clark Frohnapfel, Merle Payden, Bob Belman, and Dave Papenhagen.

This year there were two Blissfield Lewmen, Larry Hammons and Ron Rohrback, who entered the regional track meet at Ann Arbor. Larry placed fourth in the mile and Ron placed fourth in the 440 heat in which he ran.



TOP ROW: W. Prielipp, L. Grinage, A. Price, J. Derthick, B. Fatchett, R. Kliendienst, R. Heiser, MIDDLE ROW: C. Jentoft, T. Paulson, F. Isley, P. Marks, N. Rooster, M. McCullough, N. Hinshaw. FRONT ROW: H. Martinez, R. Marlett, L. Lipp, D. Price, Coach Swain.

Sugar Boys Have 5-2 Mark

The 1957 edition of the Blissfield Sugarboys, coached by Mr. Swain was composed of 18 members, seven seniors, seven juniors, and four sophomores. Blissfield placed third in the L.C.A.A. by compiling a 5-2 record. Leading hitter on the team was Bob Marlett. Henry Martinez was the leading pitcher with a 3-1 record.

Blissfield 4 - Clinton 2

The Sugarboys opened the regular season by defeating Clinton in an L.C.A.A. contest.
Blissfield 2 - Morenci 0

The Blissfield nine defeated Morenci for their second L. C. A. A. win of the season. Bob Fatchett pitched a no-hitter.

Blissfield Summerfield 3

B.H.S. defeated Summerfield in their third L.C.A.A. contest. Blissfield collected six runs in the 4th inning.

Blissfield 6 Pittsford

Pittsford scored two runs in the seventh inning to hand Blissfield its first L.C.A.A. loss of the season.

Adrian Reserves 3 and 7 Blissfield Reserves 1 and 5

The Blissfield underclassmen got some extra game experience by playing a home and home series with the Adrian reserves while the seniors were on their

Blissfield 1 - Hudson 2

Blissfield lost its second L.C.A.A. game of the season to Hudson. Bob Fatchett had a no-hitter going into the seventh inning when Hudson scored two runs on an error and four hits.

Blissfield 8 - Onsted 4

The Sugarboys scored four runs the seventh inning to break a 4-4 deadlock and defeat the Onsted nine. It was an L.C.A.A. contest.

Blissfield 7 - Addison 6

The Sugarboys had to score two runs in the seventh inning to defeat Addison in an L.C.A.A. game. Blissfield's batters collected eleven hits off two Addison pitchers.

The J.V.'s were coached by Mr. Potter this year. They played Adrian's J.V.'s twice and Whiteford's once. They won all three gaining much valuable game experience for future play with the varsity.



Coach Swain



Bill Prielipp is ready for one.



It's up and over for Bushrow.



Ron Rohrback tries hard in the Medley Relay.



Larry Miller breaks tape in the Medley Relay.



Dick Heiser takes batting practice.



John Derthick shows good form a bat.

